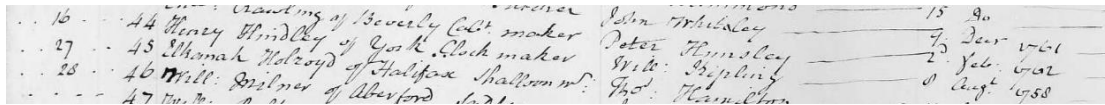


## The Stafford Kipling Clockmakers

A William Kipling was apprenticed to Henry Hindley, Clock maker of York, in August 1758.



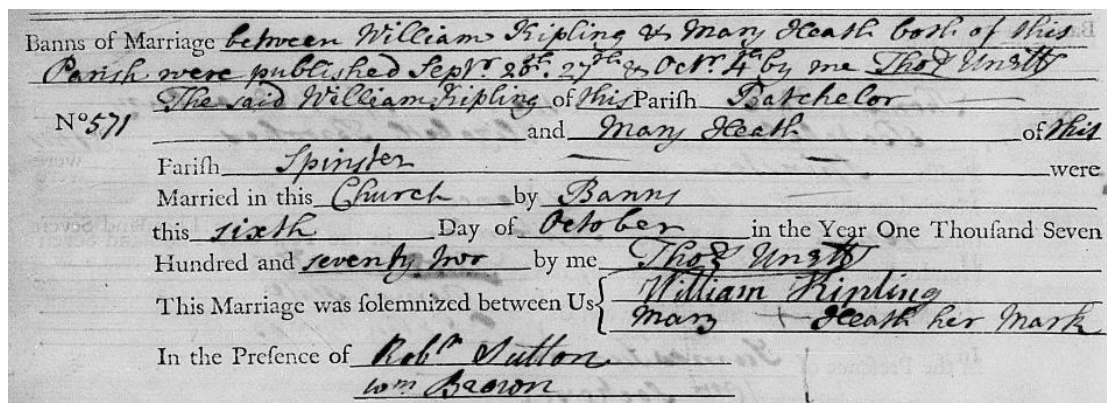
Henry Hindley is recorded in Loomes' *Yorkshire Clockmakers* as being active in York 1731-1771.

A William Kipling married Mary STABLER in 1768 at St Mary Bishophill Senior, York. Was it him?

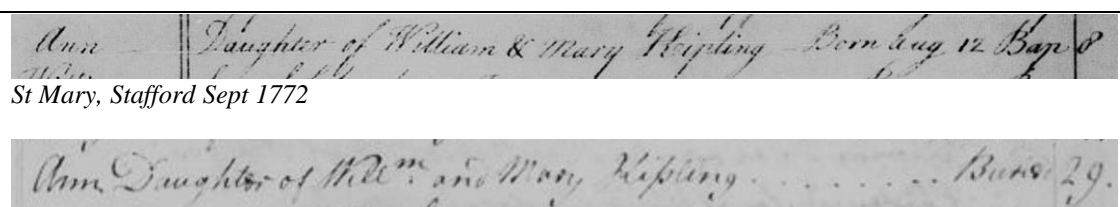
Did he then move to Stafford to set up his own business?

William Kipling	
<b>Dates:</b>	1776-1800
<b>Location:</b>	Stafford
<b>Occupation(s):</b>	silver smith watch maker jewellery/precious metals(m) watch/clock making(m)
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Address(es):</b>	Stafford
<b>Source Date:</b>	1784
<b>Source Info:</b>	Listed in Bailey's British Directory [for 1784]; or, Merchant's and Trader's Useful Companion for the year 1784 ...

More likely he did not marry in York.

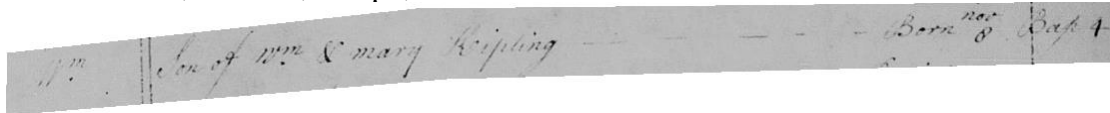


Interestingly, Anne's birth precedes William and Mary's marriage by a few weeks.



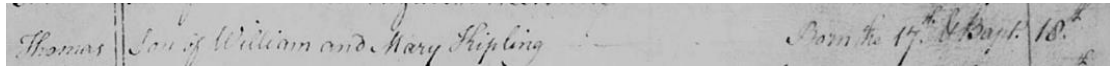
St Mary, Stafford Jan 1774

Sons William, Thomas, Joseph, James and Samuel followed.



Handwritten church record for William Kipling, son of William and Mary Kipling, born the 8<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1774.

St Mary, Stafford Dec 1774



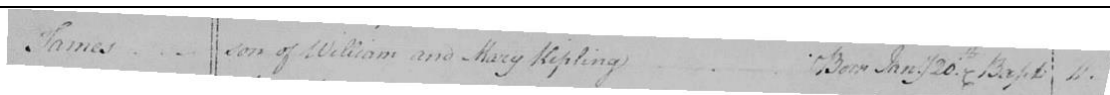
Handwritten church record for Thomas Kipling, son of William and Mary Kipling, born the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1774.

St Mary, Stafford Jul 1777



Handwritten church record for Joseph Kipling, son of William and Mary Kipling, born the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1777.

St Mary, Stafford Jul 1780

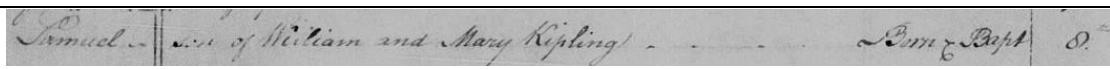


Handwritten church record for James Kipling, son of William and Mary Kipling, born the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1780.



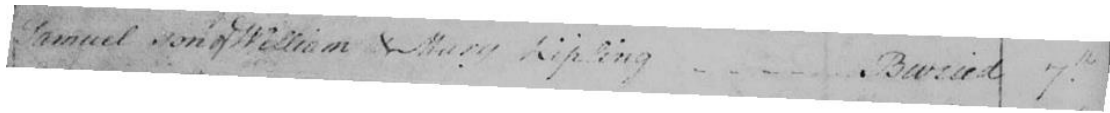
Handwritten church record for James Kipling, son of William and Mary Kipling, buried the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1782.

St Mary, Stafford May 1782



Handwritten church record for Samuel Kipling, son of William and Mary Kipling, born the 8<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1784.

St Mary, Stafford May 1784



Handwritten church record for Samuel Kipling, son of William and Mary Kipling, buried the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1785.

May 1785

Mary (widow) died at Stafford in 1807 but there is no record of William prior death, nor have I found any record of son Thomas.

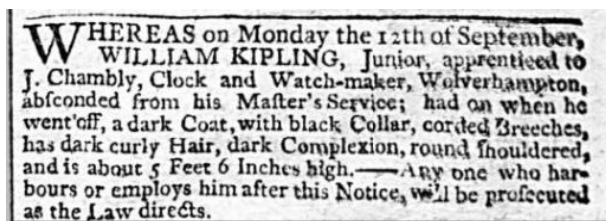


Handwritten church record for Mary Kipling (Widow), buried the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1807.

St Mary, Stafford 1807

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Son William was initially apprenticed to his father's trade but then absconded.



WHEREAS on Monday the 12th of September, WILLIAM KIPLING, Junior, apprenticed to J. Chambly, Clock and Watch-maker, Wolverhampton, absconded from his Master's Service; had on when he went off, a dark Coat, with black Collar, corded Breeches, has dark curly Hair, dark Complexion, round shouldered, and is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high.—ANY one who harbours or employs him after this Notice, will be prosecuted as the Law directs.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette - Monday 21 September 1795

He had enlisted in the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, seemingly over a year earlier, and served until at least 1801 when he was promoted corporal.

Name	Age		Size		Service		Where Born			Trade	
	Years	Months	Feet	Inches	Years	Months	Parish	Town	County	Kingdom	Calling
William Kipling	25	6	5	6 1/2			Stafford	Stafford	Stafford	England	Watch Maker

Enlisted		Description			
When	By	Complexion	Stature	Eyes	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 1794	John Smith	Dark	Long	Blue	

Promoted		How Disposed of					
To	By	Reduced	Dead	Disch <sup>d</sup>	Survives	Received	
						Recruits or Grants kept	Dates when received
Coin	Corporal	Sergeant					10 <sup>th</sup> April 1801
Black	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct						

William married in Wolverhampton in 1796, suggesting that his service was home-based at this time.

No. 207 } William Kipling of this Parish  
 Bachelor & Mary Taylor of the Same  
 Spinsters } were  
 Married in this Church by Banns  
 this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of December in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred  
 and Ninety Six By me Tho<sup>s</sup> Walker Min  
 This Marriage was solemnized between Us } William Kipling  
 } The Marchant Mary Taylor  
 In the Presence of } Samuel Salt  
 } Joseph Mercey

Wolverhampton, St Peter

Mary daughter of Wm Kipling 21

St Peter, Wolverhampton March 1798

This death may have been of a son (as the military record shows William himself was alive in 1801) or even possibly of his father.



St Peter, Wolverhampton March 1799

William's death has not yet been identified. but was it his widow Mary who remarried in 1826?

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Wolverhampton  
in the County of Stafford in the Year 1826

John Evans of this Parish  
Widower  
and Mary Kipling of this Parish  
Widow

were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of  
this twelfth Day of  
September in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty six

By me M. Tisdall Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us { John Evans + Mark  
Wm. Walker & Mary Kipling + Mark

In the Presence of { John Bidwell

No. 886.

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Son Joseph married at Brewood in 1809 (Brewood is about 10km north of Wolverhampton).

N<sup>o</sup>. 40 { Joseph Kipling Bachelor of the Parish  
and Mary Hobbs, Widow

were

Married in this Church by Banns  
this twentieth Day of May in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and Nine By me John Guller Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between Us { The Mark of Joseph Kipling  
The Mark of Mary Hobbs

In the Presence of { Francis Post John Post  
Zach: Boyden

They had four children baptised at Chillington catholic church.

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1810  
Was bap: William Kipling. son of  
Joseph by Mary Stubbs alias Roden  
his wife by Fr Tho: Preston - & M<sup>r</sup>  
Mary Whitehouse.  
The child was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> Inst

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1812  
Was bap: Jane Kipling. Daughter of  
Joseph by Mary Stubbs alias Roden his wife  
by Fr. James Tait & M<sup>r</sup> Eliz Stubbs

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1814  
Was bap: Winifred Kipling. Daughter of Joseph  
by Mary Stubbs his wife by Fr Will: Whitehouse  
& M<sup>r</sup> Winifred Whitehouse

Sep<sup>br</sup> 22 1816  
Was bap: John Kipling son of Joseph by  
Mary Stubbs his wife by Fr Will: Thomas & M<sup>r</sup>  
Martha Stubbs

Joseph himself was confirmed into the church in 1814 (taking the additional name of William).

Confirmed by Bishop Milner  
April 10<sup>th</sup> 1814  
Joseph Kipling - William

Joseph died at Brewood in 1823.

Joseph Kipling	Brewood	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	45
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No. 573.

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John Kipling may also have been a son of William, but no records of his birth can be found. He was a clockmaker in Stafford by 1791.

## Kipling John, Clock and Watch Maker

1791 Universal British Directory

1793

Banns of Marriage between John Kipling & Sarah Beardmore.  
were published Dec<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 6 & 13 Sem. con. p<sup>r</sup> H. Rathbone

No. 1296 John Kipling of this Parish and Sarah Beardmore of this Parish were

Married in this Church by Banns  
this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of January in the Year One Thousand Seven  
Hundred and Sixty three by me H. Rathbone Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between Us } John Kipling & his mark  
Sarah Beardmore & her mark

In the Presence of Johna Cragg  
James Off Brown

St Mary, Stafford

Mary Dau<sup>r</sup> of John & Sarah Kipling - - - Bapt: 20

St Mary, Stafford 1795

Mary Dau<sup>r</sup> of John & Sarah Kipling - - - Buried 23

St Mary, June 1795

John (son of John & Sarah Kipling born - 16<sup>th</sup> Bapt 28

St Mary, 1806

**A** Convenient Dwelling House, called the Thatched Tavern, with a Stable and Brewhouse behind the same, in the occupation of Thomas Allen; and two Dwelling Houses adjoining, in the several occupations of John Kipling and ——— Bullock, the whole situate in Saint Martin's Lane in Stafford aforesaid, and measuring in front about 50 feet, and in depth about 36 feet.

Also two substantial Brick and Tile Stables, with a Coach House and Garden, situate near St. Chad's Church in Stafford aforesaid, in the several occupations of John Wilkes and Barnit J. Bradshaw, and measuring in front about 53 feet, and in depth about 73 feet.

N. B. The Stables, Coach House and Garden lie very convenient for occupation with the Houses, or the Buildings may be converted into Dwelling Houses at a small expence.

The respective Tenants will shew the Premises, and further information may be had from Mr. CRUTCHLEY, in Wolverhampton, Mr. F. LEE, or Mr. SECKERSON, Attorney, in Stafford.

*Staffordshire Advertiser - Saturday 16 February 1799*

Process papers comprising writ of venire facias to sheriff to summon jury, list of jurors, copy of record of traverse:

/93 Case against John Kipling of Tixall, clockmaker, charged with assaulting Thomas Lee, [Jan 1801]

SRO Q/SB 1801 A/93

**Kipling John, clock and watch maker, Eastgate-street**

*1818 Parson and Bradshaw - Staffordshire - Volume 2*



**WATCH & CLOCK MAKERS.**

Corker Thos. Greengate st  
 Evans Henry, Fore bridge  
 Kipling John, Eastgate st  
 Whiston Geo. Gaol square

1828 Pigot's Directory of Staffordshire

Company at the Cock Inn, (including Mr. Ward  
 2s. 6d., Mr. Pickin, 2s. 6d., Mr. Kipling 2s. 6d.,  
 and Mr. Sutton. 1s.).. 1 1

Donations from Stafford to those affected by the cholera epidemic at Bilston. Staffordshire Advertiser - Saturday 08 September 1832

**PIREHILL, SOUTH.**

SAINT MARY, SAINT CHAD, and TILLINGTON.

No.	Christian and Surname of each Voter.	Place of Abode.	M	B	R
5630	Kipling John	Stafford	..	1	1

1832

**WATCH & CLOCK MAKERS.**

Corker Thomas, Greengate st  
 Kipling John, Eastgate st  
 Whiston George, Gaol square  
 Wright & Bentley (& silversmiths  
 and jewellers) Market square

1835 Pigot's Directory of Staffordshire

5634 Kipling John .. Stafford .. Freehold house and garden .... Eastgate-street

Electoral register 1835



{photos by David Wood a longcase clock c1825 signed "Kipling. Stafford"}

TO THE HIGH SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD.

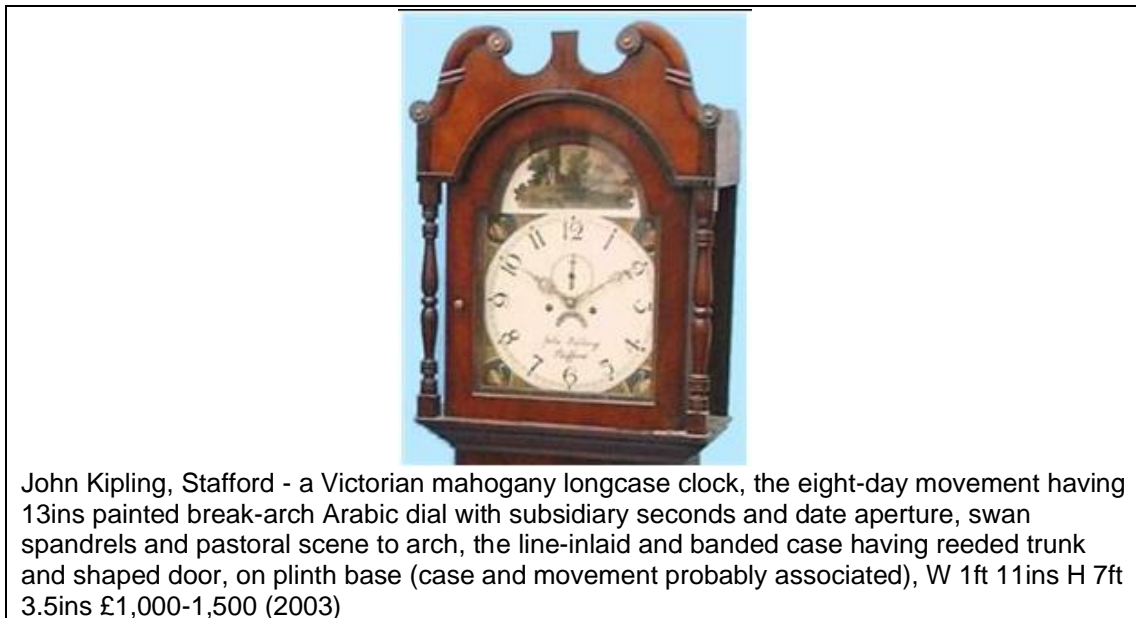
WE, the undersigned, FREEHOLDERS and LANDOWNERS in, and INHABITANTS of, the COUNTY of STAFFORD, which the REJECTION of the REFORM BILL, by the HOUSE OF LORDS, has placed his Majesty's Government and people have entire confidence; and to adopt such measures as may now be necessary to secure a full, free, and uncorrupt representation, do request you to convene, with as little delay as possible, a COUNTY MEETING, to address the KING upon the critical situation in the Kingdom: to implore his Majesty to continue the services of his present Ministers, in whose wisdom and integrity the mass of the people.

Joseph Pickin,  
John Kipling,  
William Taylor,  
John Pickin

In compliance with the above REQUISITION, I do hereby appoint a MEETING of the FREEHOLDERS, LANDOWNERS, and INHABITANTS of the County of Stafford, to be held in the MARKET-PLACE, in STAFFORD, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of OCTOBER instant, at twelve o'clock at noon precisely.  
Wynnton Park, 14th October, 1831.

THO. FITZ HERBERT, SHERIFF.

Staffordshire Advertiser - Saturday 22 October 1831

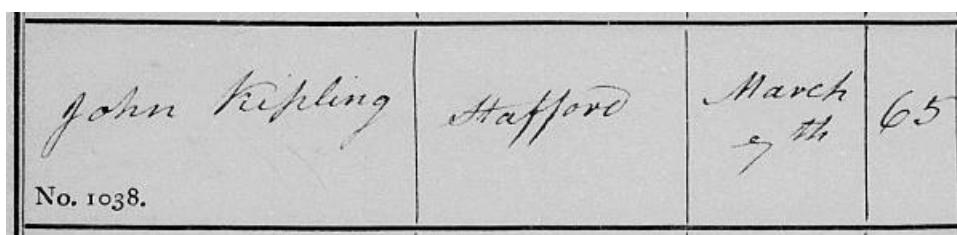


On Thursday last, Mr. John Kipling, watch and clock maker, of this town, aged 63.

Staffordshire Advertiser - Saturday 05 March 1836



(Thanks to Marian Hall for this picture)



Assuming the MI and the death notice are correct, he would have been born between March 1772 and March 1773 or possibly March 1774.

He left a will, probate of which was granted in September of that year.

*This is the last Will and Testament of  
me John Kipling of Stafford in the County  
of Stafford Watchmaker*

*Staffordshire, Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry wills and probate. 1836*

In the will proper, he mentions two properties. The first was at Park Gate Street occupied by a Joseph Birch and the second was at East Gate Street, in which he resided. He left everything to his wife, Sarah, and his daughter, Jane.

The will carried a codicil mentioning his brother Joseph and niece Jane.

*I Give and bequeath out of my personal Estate the  
Sum of Ten Pounds to my Niece Jane Kipling the  
Daughter of my Brother Joseph Kipling*

Probate was granted in September of that year.

WILL.

In the *Bishops* Court of *Lichfield*

In the Goods of *Solun Kipling*  
Deceased.

Appeared Personally *Solun Kipling of Stafford in*  
*the County of Stafford* Minister one of  
the \_\_\_\_\_

Executors named in the last Will and Testament of the said *Solun*  
*Kipling* late of *Stafford*  
in the County of *Stafford*  
*Watchmaker* Deceased;

Insert the Name, Residences and Professions of the Persons making the Affidavit.

**SARAH KIPLING**, Widow of the late **JOHN KIPLING**, CLOCK and WATCH MAKER, Eastgate-street, **Stafford**, begs to return her sincere thanks for all favors conferred for so many years on her late husband, and to inform her friends and the public generally, she has engaged a steady clever workman, and it is her intention to carry on the business, and humbly begs for a continuance of their patronage and support.

Watches, Clocks, and Jewellery neatly repaired.

Staffordshire Advertiser - Saturday 12 March 1836

**MISS KIPLING** begs to acquaint the Ladies of Stafford and its vicinity, that she is now in London, selecting **FASHIONABLE MILLINERY** for the ensuing season, which will be ready for their inspection on Wednesday, the 16th instant, when the honor of a call is respectfully solicited.

Two or three **APPRENTICES** wanted immediately.  
Eastgate-Street, Stafford.

Saturday 12 May 1838, [Staffordshire Advertiser](#),

**FASHIONS.**

**MISS KIPLING** begs respectfully to acquaint her Friends in **STAFFORD** and its vicinity, that she is now in London, selecting **FASHIONS** suitable for the approaching season, which will be ready for inspection on **Monday**, the 13th instant, when a call will be esteemed a favor.

London, May 1st, 1839.

Staffordshire Advertiser - Saturday 11 May 1839

Daughter Jane married John Jackson, also clockmaker, in 1840. Was he the workman engaged by Sarah?

1840 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St Mary Staffs in the County of Stafford

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
190	September 28 <sup>th</sup> 1840	John Jackson	34 <sup>yr</sup>	Bachelor	Watchmaker	East Gate Street	John Jackson	Sailor
		Jane Kipling	34 <sup>yr</sup>	Spinster		East Gate Street	John Kipling	Watchmaker

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by License by me, W. C. Donald, Pastor

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Jackson and Jane Kipling in the Presence of us, J. D. Jackson, Secy and Wm. South, Secy

1	Sarah Kipling		55		
	John Jackson		20	Watchmaker	
	Jane do		30		
	Deanna Poole		15		

1841 Census Eastgate, Staffs

	Samuel Stokes	Head	Wife	40		
78 Eastgate Street	John Jackson	Head	Wife	32		Black Malver do
	Jane do	Wife	Man	24		Milliner & Dressmaker do

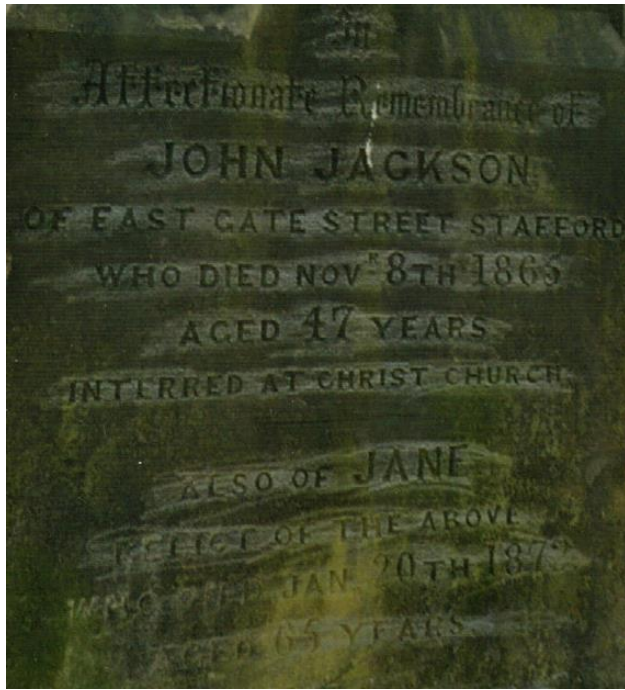
78 Eastgate Street	Jane Jackson	Daughter		4		Schooler Stafford
	Mary Jane do	Daughter		7		Schooler do
	Sarah Jane do	Daughter		5		Schooler do
	Eliza do	Daughter		4		Schooler do
	Sarah Kipling	Watchmaker	Wife	25		Watchmaker Malver do

1851 Census, Stafford

Sarah died in 1859.

Sarah Kipling East Gate March 26 1859.

No. 644.



(Thanks to Marian Hall for these pictures)

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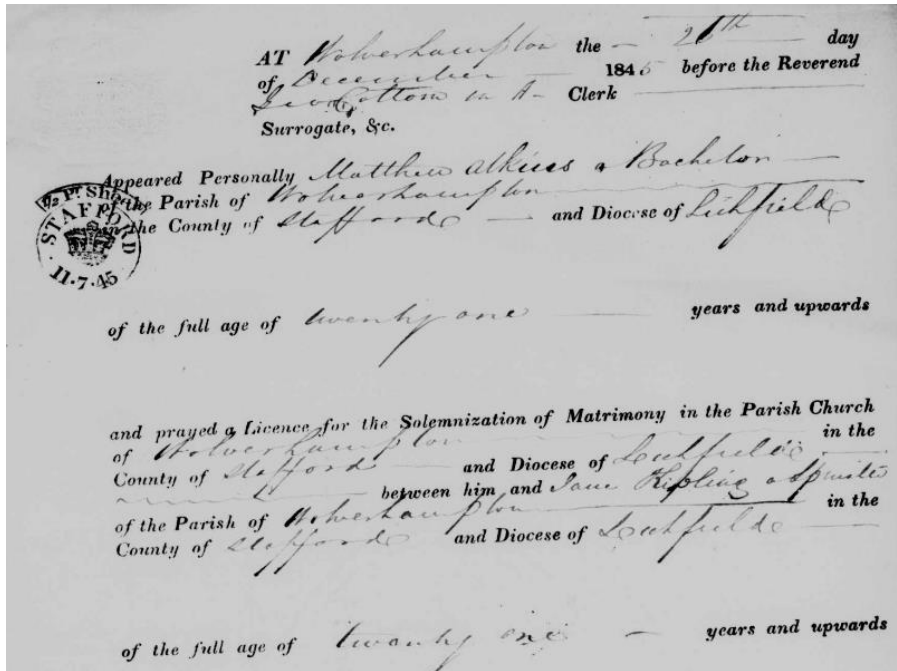
John's niece, Jane, married in 1845, showing that her father Joseph was a cordwainer.

1845. Marriage solemnized at St. Margaret Church in the Parish of Wolverhampton in the County of Stafford

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
120	Dec 27	M. Matthew Atkins - Jane Hopkins	24 20	Single Single	Woolen Cordwainer	Wolverhampton do	J. Atkins J. Hopkins Jr.	Woolen Cordwainer

Married in the St. Margaret Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by James Atkins by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Matthew Atkins & Jane Hopkins in the Presence of us, James Atkins & Matthew Atkins



In the 1861 census, she gave her birthplace as Brewood.

Matthew Atkins	Head	Mar.	47	Wolverhampton	Staffordshire
Jane Ripley	Wife	Mar.	46	Brewood	Staffordshire

1861 Wolverhampton.

She was probably the servant recorded in Wolverhampton in 1841.

Jane Ripley	35	27	1	19
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Bridgenorth Road, Wolverhampton.

But then which Jane had banns published at Stone in 1829?

Banns Published in the Parish Church of Stone.

NAMES.	PARISH.	PUBLISHED FIRST TIME.	PUBLISHED SECOND TIME.	PUBLISHED THIRD TIME.
John Tucker	of Stone Parish	by S. Stone Minister this 24 day of Sep 1829	by S. Stone Minister this 7 day of May 1829	by S. Stone Minister this 15 day of May 1829
Jane Ripley	of Stone Parish	this 24 day of Sep 1829	this 7 day of May 1829	this 15 day of May 1829

Joseph's son John married Hannah Grice in late 1860 at West Bromwich.

John Ripley	Head	Mar.	45	Wolverhampton	Staffordshire
Hannah Grice	Wife	Mar.	37	West Bromwich	Staffordshire
Thomas Ripley	Son	Un.	10	West Bromwich	Staffordshire
Mary	Daughter	Un.	8		
William Grice	Son	Un.	6		

1861 Haigate Lane, West Bromwich

Their son William had been born in 1855. Further children Harriet (1861) and Sarah Jane (1866) were born. Rather oddly, Harriet was in Durham in 1871 with others from Staffordshire.

Joseph Bonner	Head	Mar	29	Agricultural Labourer	Bedford, Bedford
Sarah Bonner	Wife	Mar	29		Lidfield, Staffordshire
Emily Ann Bonner	Daughter	Unm	8		West Bromwich, Staffordshire
Joseph Bonner	Son	Unm	5		West Bromwich, Staffordshire
John Haswell	Head	Mar	27	Agricultural Labourer	West Bromwich, Staffordshire
Kate Haswell	Wife	Mar	34		do do do
Harriet Kipling	Wife	Unm	9		do do do

Escombe, Durham 1871

**COAL DEALERS.**

**Kipling John, Lyndon, West Bromwich**

1872 Kelly's Directory of Staffordshire

John died in 1882, aged 65. I don't know what happened to son William.

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Winifred Kipling, daughter of Joseph, married in Manchester in 1846. She gives her father as William Kipling, farmer, at her first marriage but correctly as Joseph at her second, although claiming him to be a smith. It is possible, as he had died when she was young, that she simply did not remember, and William was his confirmation name).

Name of the Occupier.	Description of Property.	Street No.	Street or Place.	No. of Votes.	Owner of Property.	No. of Votes.	Weekly Rent.	Amount of Assessment.
Robert Fildes	House	5	Stanley Street		Samuel Stanley			9 0
Winifred Kipling						1/6		8 10

Rates assessment, Manchester 1839

**Kipling Winifred, straw bonnet maker, 31 Ann st, Hulme**

Pigot and Slater's directory of Manchester and Salford 1841

On the 3d inst., at the Collegiate Church, by the Rev. C. Richson, M.A., Mr. John Drinkell to Miss Winifred Kipling, both of this town.

Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser - Saturday 07 November 1846

1846. Marriage solemnized at the Coll. Parish Church in the Parish of Manchester in the County of Lancashire

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
246	November 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1846	John Drinkell	30	Bachelor	Drapery	29 Tib. street	John Drinkell	Farmer
		Winifred Kipling	30	Spinster		29 Tib. street	William Kipling	Farmer

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, after Drumms by me, Ch. Richson, Clerk in Holyday

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Drinkell in the Presence of us, William Brooks Winifred Kipling Mary Brooks

245	Manchester	John Drinkell	Head	Mar	30	Green	Lancashire	Burton
		Winifred Kipling	Wife	Mar	30		Staffordshire	Burton

Hulme, 1851

Robert Drinkell	Wife	Mar	43		Coventry	Lineal Union Boston
John	Wife	Mar	21			Staffordshire Broomfield
Samuel Wright	Wife	Mar	28			Staffordshire Broomfield

Hulme 1861

1861. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church of Hulme in the Parish of Manchester in the County of Lancaster

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
482	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 1861	John Whittle	64	Widower	Yarn	68 Church Street Hulme	Thomas Whittle	Yarn
		Minifred Drinkell	35	Widow		68 Church Street Hulme	Joseph Whipling	Smith

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by William Thomas Deane or after Banns by me, H. Smith M. Cur.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Whittle in the presence of us, William Thomas Deane Minifred Drinkell George Deane

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And who were?

*Matrimonio conjuncti fuerunt Josephus & Anna Whipling 17<sup>mo</sup> Aprilis 1684*

Rocester, St Michael, Staffordshire, England

Joseph Whipling	35	29 Lac	no
Anna	40		no
John	10		no
William Spence	20	29 Lac	no

1841 Canwell, Tamworth

William Whipling	30	1	
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1841. New Invention, Wolverhampton.