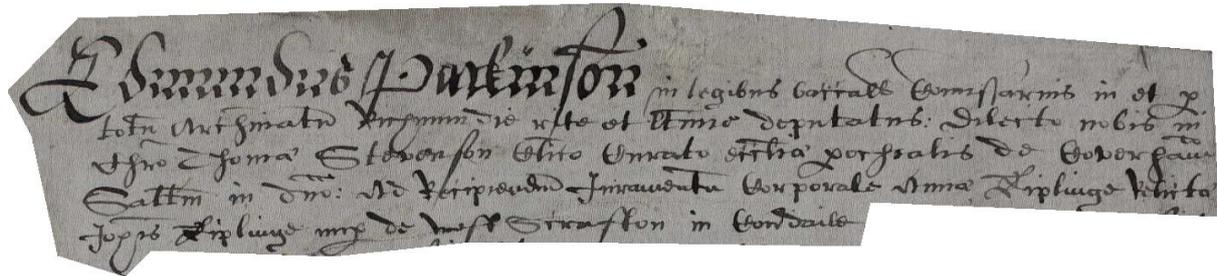


## The Kiplings of Coverdale and Wensleydale

In 1570, the chancery patent rolls record a “*pardon for John Kipling of Scrafton, County York, and Reginald Kiplinge of Hudswell for all treasons, rebellions, etc committed between 1st November 11 Elizabeth and the 31st January following on reports of their penitence for their part in the Rebellion of the North testified before Commissioners of the Queen*”.

(West) Scrafton is in the parish of Coverham in Coverdale, which is itself a branch of Wensleydale.

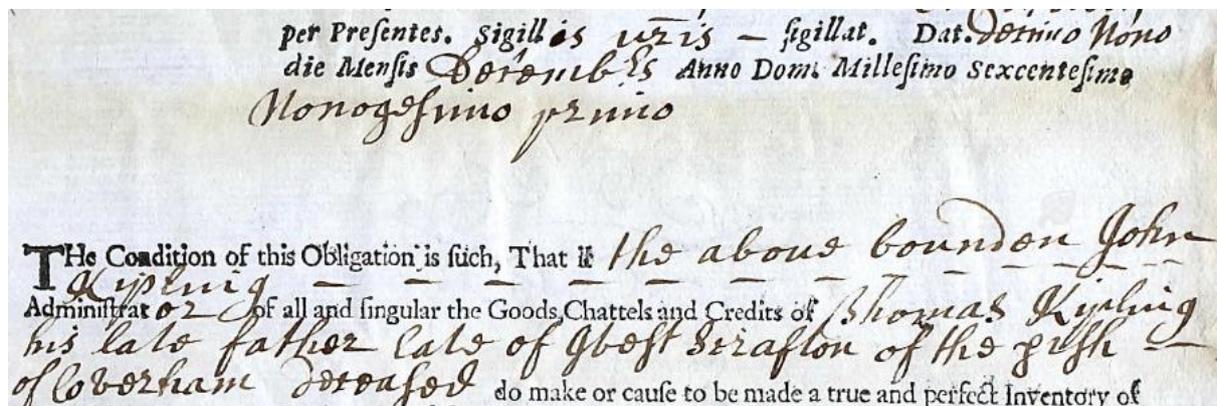
In 1592, John Kipling died and a commission was issued to Thomas Stevenson, the curate of Coverham, to administer an oath to his widow, Ann, to administer his estate.



Thommas Stevenson in legibus Cantuarum Commissarius in et p[ro]  
totu[m] iurisdictione in omni re iure et tempore deputatus. In iure meo in  
Jure Thomae Stevenson Curato[rum] iurisdictione iurisdictione de Coverham  
Sattm in dno: de Coverham iurisdictione iurisdictione de Coverham  
Jure Kipling in dno: de West Scrafton in Coverdale

Unfortunately, Coverham parish records only survive from 1707, so nothing is known of the family after this until, in 1673, a Thomas Kipling paid tax on one hearth at West Scrafton.

Thomas Kipling died in 1691 and his son John was appointed administrator.



per Presentes. sigillis v[est]ris - sigillat. Dat. Anno Nono  
die Mensis Octobris Anno Domini Millesimo Sexcentesimo  
Nonagesimo primo

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden John  
Kipling Adminitrat of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of Thomas Kipling  
his late father late of West Scrafton of the parish  
of Coverham do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of

An inventory was prepared, showing limited possessions but £20 in bills and bonds.

An inventory of Thomas Kipling's household goods and money, written in 1706. The items listed include:

- His surt and apparel One pound
- His under and brass Corn shillings
- Calles and Bodes — one pound
- Chairs and stools six shillings
- One meale rest & distaff four shillings
- Cart and wheel and husbands gear one pound
- Working with all other instruments one pound
- Alles and bonds Twenty pounds

John married Ruth Stoney in 1706, as the following licence and register entry show.

A Latin marriage licence for John Kipling and Ruth Stoney, dated 1706. The text includes the names of the couple and their parents, and is signed by the Bishop of Exeter.

An English translation of the marriage licence, dated 1706. It states that the condition of the obligation is such that wherever the above conditions John Kipling and Ruth Stoney of East Witton are aged twenty-four or thereabouts.

John Kipling



John Kipling of Scrafton and Ruth Stoney of Midwicks were married July 7 1706 in

1706 East Witton



Interestingly, a terrier of Redmire in 1764 still refers to “Kipling’s lands”.

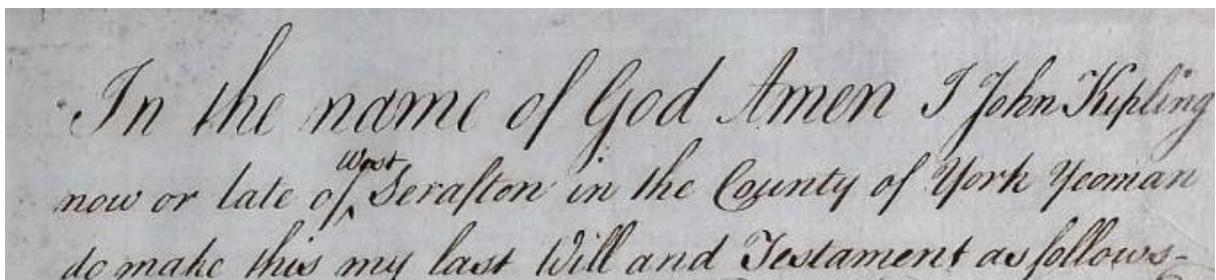
*A true & examin'd Copy of ye Terrier of ye Chapelry of Redmire, in ye Diocese of Chester & ye County of York, first made out in ye Yr 1764, no Augmentation being made to this sixteenth Day of June, 1774.*

*The Lands belonging to ye sd Chapelry, being Freehold, but subject to a King's Rent of ye yearly Value of One Pound, thirteen shillings & four Pence, situate in the Township of West Scafton in ye Parish of Coverham, in ye sd Diocese & County, purchas'd by Queen ANne's Bounty are, 1st, one Meadow Field call'd Sour [ torn ]ning three Acres, one Rood & thirty six Perches (a Cow [ torn ]ing therein) adjoining upong Lord Litchfield's Lands [ torn ]last, upon Christopher Horner's Lands upon ye West, upon Sour Ing Lane on ye North, & upon West Scafton East Pasture on ye South: 2d, one Pasture call'd Ripley Thoroughgill, seven Acres one Rood & six Perches, with a Cowhouse therein; & 3d, one Meadow Field, call'd West Newhouse Field, three Acres, & twenty three Perches, wth a Cowhouse therein, adjoining upone ye sd Pasture bounded on ye East by Lands belonging to ye Chapel of Castle Bolton on ye West by Mrs Forster's Lands, on ye North by Anne & Sarah Craven's Lands & East Low Newhouse Field, & on ye South by Sour Ing Land; 4th, West Low Newhouse Field, a Cowhouse standing therein & East Low Newhouse Field, & ye Spring, laying together & contain- ing four Acres, three Rood, & thirty seven Perches, adjoining upon Anne & Sarah Craven's Lands on ye East, upong Mrs Forster's & **Kipling's Lands** & ye Lane to ye River on ye West & North & upon Mrs Forster's Lands & West Newhouse Field on ye South, 5th, the Hill End or Little Spring, adjoining upon Lord Litchfield's Lands on ye East, upon Anne & Sarah Craven's Lands on ye West, upon ye River Cover on ye North & upon Lands belonging to ye Chapel of Castle Bolton on ye South, 6th, Four Cattle Gates in West Scafton East Pasture, & 7th, Twelve Pounds & ten Shillings paid annually by ye Rector of Wensley to the Curate of Redmire.*

*Thos. Heslop, Curate*

*Richd. Jackson, Chapel Warden*

In 1772, John Kipling of West Scafton died and left all his assets to his nephew Robert Stoney of Roomer in Masham parish.



*In the name of God Amen I John Kipling  
now or late of <sup>West</sup> Scafton in the County of York Yeoman  
do make this my last Will and Testament as follows.*

in the year of Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy two  
signed sealed published and declared  
by the Testator at his last Will and  
testament in our presence and attested  
by Us in his Presence

D. K. R.  
Kipling

  
20. Sep. 1777.  
Robert Stoney Nephew and Executor named in the last Will and  
Testament of John Kipling late of West Scafton in the County of  
York Yeoman Deceased appeared personally and was sworn truly and  
faithfully to execute and perform the said Will and so forth before me  
Tho. Greenbank Surrogate

John and his wife Ruth had conveyed closes at West Scafton to Robert Stoney the younger of Middleham in 1747 (P/306/487). John conveyed further property to Robert, at West Scafton in 1772 (BD/180/270) and a cottage at Larton aka Laverton (in the parish of Kirkby Malzeard) in 1772 (BD/180/270). He had also conveyed property to Ellen Chapman at West Scafton in 1777 (BC/-/-).

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Possibly unrelated, a John Kipling of Watlass Hall was baptised at Bedale in 1719.

John son of John Kiplin Yeoman of Watlass Hall Oct. 12

A daughter Elizabeth was born in 1721 and died in 1722

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Also, an Elizabeth Kipling of Crackhill (Crakehall, north west of Bedale) had an illegitimate child baptised at Bedale in 1777. He died the next day.

Francis son of Elizabeth Kipling Crackhill  
a Spurious Child the 28<sup>th</sup>

Francis son of Elizabeth Kipling March  
of Crakehall a Spurious Child the 31<sup>st</sup>

Finally, a John Kipling of Spennithorpe in Wensleydale married at Middleham in 1795.

N <sup>o</sup> 88.	John Kipling, Bachelor	of the Parish
	of Spennithorpe, and Ann Downes of this Parish	
		were
Married in this Church by Banns		
this <del>thirteenth</del> Day of May	in the Year One Thousand seven Hundred	
and ninety five	By me J. Cocheroff Curate	
This Marriage was solemnized between Us	{ The Mark of John Kipling	
	{ The Mark of Ann Downes	
In the Presence of	{ Roger Holt Sarah Holt	
	{ Tho. Abelson P. Clerk	