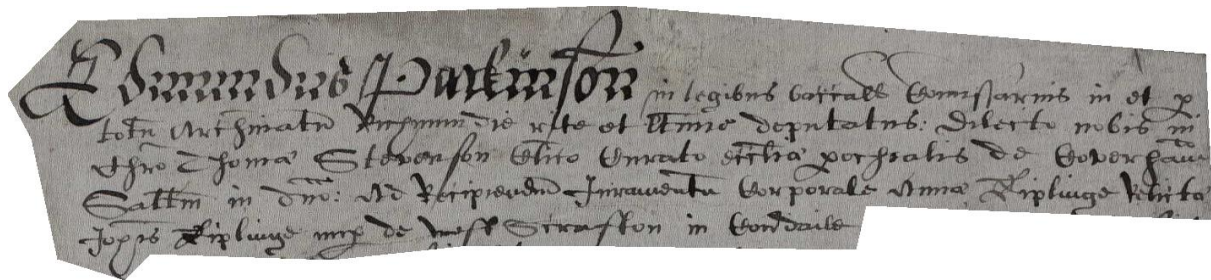


The Kiplings of Coverdale and Wensleydale

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*”.

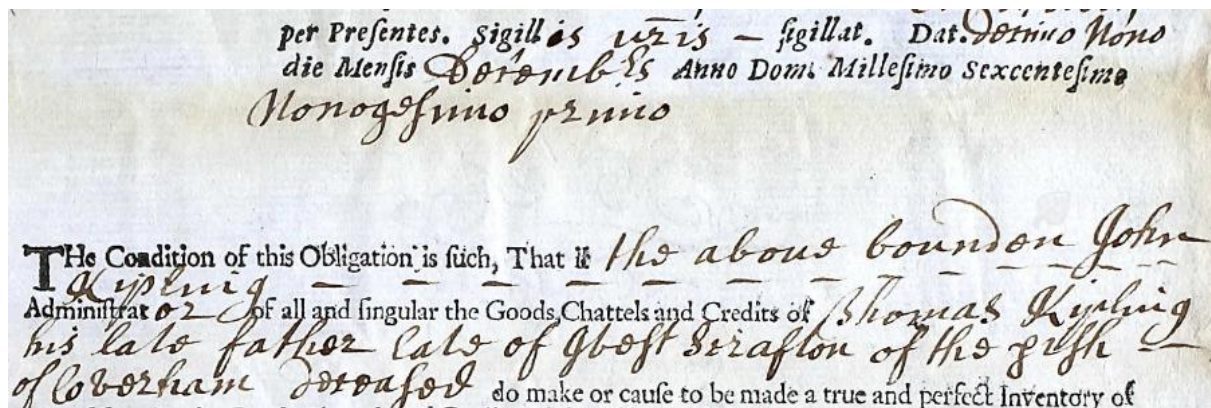
(West) Scrafton is in the parish of Coverham in Coverdale, which is itself a branch of Wensleydale.

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.



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.



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 surcoat and apparel One Pound
- His under and brass Corn shillings
- Calles and Bedes — one Pound
- Chairs and stools five shillings
- One meale rest & disked four shillings
- Cart and Wheel and Husband's gear one Pound
- Working with all other Instruments one Pound
- Alleg and bonds Twenty Pound

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.

A handwritten note in English, dated 1706, describing the condition of the marriage obligation. It states that the condition is such that wherever the above bond is on John Kipling and Ruth Stoney of East Witton, aged twenty-four or thereabouts.

John Kipling



John Kipling of Scrafton and Ruth Stoney of Midwicks were married July 2, 1706

1706 East Witton

Widow Jane Kipling of West Scafton died in 1709. She left all her estate to her own (Thompson) family apart from nominal legacies to two Kipling relatives.

In the name of God Amen Jane Kiplin of West Scafton in
the parish of Gootham in County of Yorks Widow

Item I do give unto my brother in law John Kiplin
one Shilling Item I do give to my nephew in law John Kiplin one Shilling.

It's unclear exactly how Thomas, his son John, Jane and the two Johns she names relate to each other.

In 1737 there was a bill in chancery (C11/365/26 Coates v Kipling) by the Dean of Middleham against...

John Kipling of Braithwaite

.. (Braithwaite being slightly lower down Coverdale than West Scafton in the parish of East Witton) for non-payment of tythes in respect of crops gathered and animals pastured on land..

Called by the name of ^{the} Crosspark

formerly part of Middleham Westpark

We can see from the 1741 poll book that John was a freeholder at West Scafton.

Freeholders Names,	Where Freeholds Lye,	Places of Abode	Cand.
Kipling John	West Scafton	Braithwaite	F.

In 1743, John Kipling of Braithwaite and others transferred land to Christopher Other. The land was described as "1½ acres by estimation on the lane leading from Redmire & other lands". Redmire is in Wensleydale proper. (North Riding Deeds N/126/138).

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

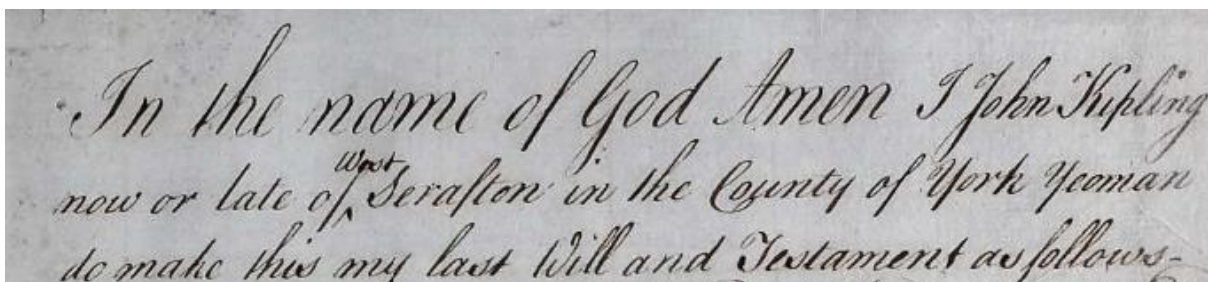
A true & examin'd Copy of ye Terrier of ye Chapelry of Redmire, in ye Diocese of Chester & ye County of York, first made out in ye Yr 1764, no Augmentation being made to this sixteenth Day of June, 1774.

*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 ^{West} 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 28th

Francis son of Elizabeth Kipling March
of Crakehall a Spurious Child the 31st

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

N ^o 88.	John Kipling, Bachelor	of the Parish
	of Spennithorpe, and Ann Downes of this Parish	
		were
Married in this Church by Banns		
this thirteenth 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	