

The Kiplings of Holderness

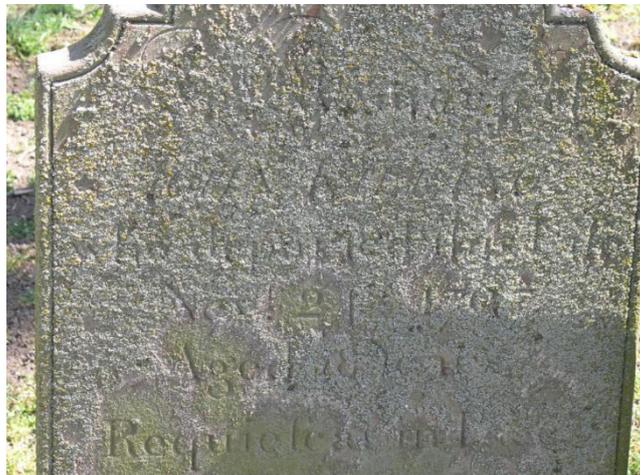
There are four Kipling gravestones in Marton Catholic churchyard in the parish of Swine in Holderness, East Yorkshire. The first appear to date to 1700 and is the earliest surviving Kipling gravestone yet identified.



William Kipling d 1700 aged 40 (or 49)

[GENUKI: Photograph of Kipling grave/plaque, Marton. \(blunham.com\)](#)

The second may date to 1707 (or possibly 1797)



John Kipling (d 1707?, aged ?8)

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The other two are from the beginning of the 19th century (see later).

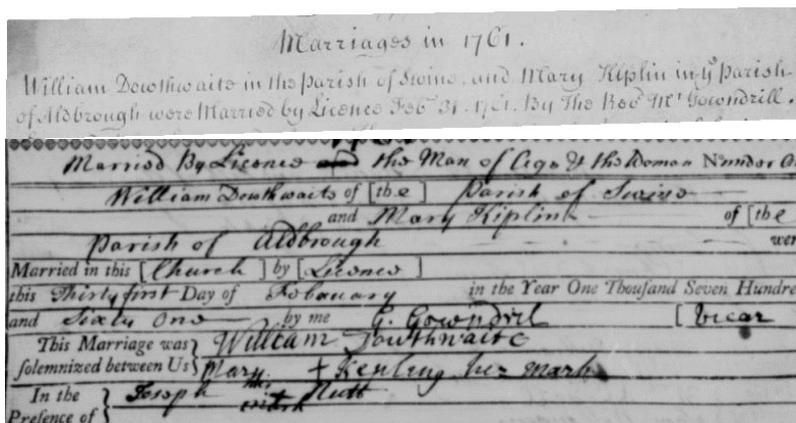
In 1743 and again in 1744, a William Kipling of nearby Sproatley refused to take the oath of allegiance at the local quarter sessions.

From the 1750s, an Elizabeth Kipling was in service at nearby Burton Constable Hall. A researcher notes “*Elizabeth Kipling, for example, entered William Constable's service 1754 as undercook and received three pounds a year. In 1758 she received a sum combining the salaries of three pounds a year as chambermaid, and eight pounds as cook. Thereafter she*

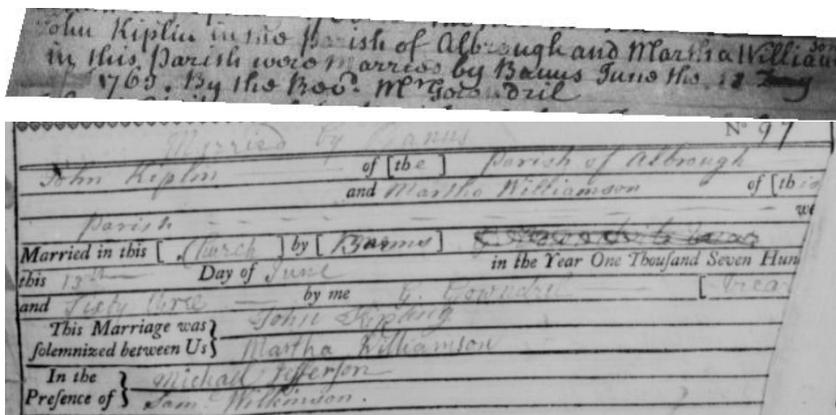
received eight pounds as cook, which rose to twelve pounds in 1764. She served the Constable family for about twenty-four years, disappearing from the wage books after 1778.”
[DX091186_1_0001.tif \(whiterose.ac.uk\)](#)

The catholic Constable family had intermarried with the Tunstalls of Thorpe in Wycliffe in North Yorkshire, where catholic Kiplings also lived from early in the eighteenth century. It is possible that the Kiplings came to Marton from Wycliffe in the service of the Constables as there is no evidence of the name in the Holderness area prior to 1700.

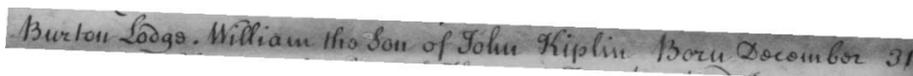
Catholic marriages were not legally recognised at this time, so Catholics had to marry their local Anglican church as Mary Kipling did in at Swine in 1761.



And John Kipling in 1763.



A son, William, was baptised at Swine Anglican church in 1766.



A tragedy befell a Mary Kipling in 1772

Abstract of Inquests delivered at York Lent Assizes taken by Richard Manby Coroner for the East Riding and the Liberty of Holderness (Aug 1772-Feb 1773)
 Contains details of places taken at, times when, dead bodies and verdicts as follows:
 Burton Constable in Holderness, 2 Sep 1772, Mary Kipling hanged herself - lunacy
[ERA QSF/259/D/7](#)

Marton Catholic chapel registers survive from only the mid-1770s, so there are no paper records corresponding to the two memorial stones above. The first Kipling entries are from 1775 of servant Elizabeth acting as a godmother.

June 29 1775
 This day June the twenty ninth one thousand seven hundred and seventy five was baptised Edward, born the twenty first of the same month, son of Thomas Jackson labourer of Sproatley, and of Martha of the Church of England, but since reconciled to the Catholic Faith, Godfather Thomas Harker labourer of Mabley Godmother Elizabeth Kipling servant of Burton Constable. by me at Marton. Charles Howard Chaplin

This day June the twenty ninth one thousand seven hundred and seventy five was baptised Edward, born the twenty first of the said month, son of Francis Jackson and his wife Martha; Godfather John Harker Godmother Elizabeth Kipling by me at Marton. Charles Howard Chaplin

The same year, Mary Dowthwaite (nee Kipling) had a son baptised.

Sept 24 1775
 Godmother Ann (nee Kipling) was
 This day September the twenty fourth one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, was baptised James (born the twentieth of the same month) son of William Dowthwaite the labourer of Mabley and of Mary (Kipling) his wife, Godfather John Paley of West Newton Farmer, Godmother Dorothy Sanders wife of George Malt labourer of West Newton; by me Charles Howard Chaplin.

Three years later, Martha Kipling, probably the wife of John, stood as a godmother.

This day April 8-48 were baptised James and Jane (son and daughter) of George Harrison of West Newton in the Parish of Aldbrough Farmer, and of Jane Rogers on his wife, Godfather for James, William Godmother Mary Shaw, for Jane Godfather Vull Godmother Martha Kipling 18

In 1780, John Kipling of West Newton, glazier, was recorded in the returns of papists, it being noted that he had a wife and a son and daughter. [BORTHWICK INST, YORK; Bp.Rec Ret.1780/208; PAPISTS RETURNS 1780]. The son was the William mentioned above but the daughter is unidentified (although see later).

Elizabeth, who had left the Constables' service in 1778, probably married in 1782.

Marriages for 1782 and 1783.
 July 10. William Gascoigne & Elizabeth Kipling were married.

Sproatley (Bishop's Transcripts).

Martha again stood as a godmother in 1786.

This Day Sunday the twenty seventh, the
one thousand seven hundred and eighty six,
was baptised Martha (born the twenty second
of the same Month) Daughter of George
Salvidge and of Mary Brooks his Wife, of Marton
in the Parish of Swine Holderness, Farmers
Godfather John Taylor, Godmother Martha
Kipling: Charles Howard. M. A. —

And in 1793, an Amy (short for Amelia, see later) did likewise for another child of the same family.

1793 58
July the twenty eight one thousand
seven hundred and ninety three, was
baptised Cornelius (born the seventeenth
of the same Month) Son of George
Salvidge of Marton in the Parish
of Swine Holderness, Farmer, and
of Mary Brooks his Wife.
Godfather Thomas Lamb
Godmother Amy Kipling
By me Charles Howard M.

A Sarah Kipling was a godmother the same year.

1793- 58
December the eight, one thousand
seven hundred and ninety three, was
christened, being baptised before,
William, born the twenty second
of November in the same year, son,
of Thomas Nicholson of Waxham in the
Parish of South Holderness and of Mary
Douthwaite of West-norton in the
Parish of Adborough his Wife —
Godfather Charles Caley — Godmother
Sarah Kipling: by me.
Charles Howard
M. A. Min. of the Prov.
Cath. Chap. at Marton
in the Parish of Swine
Holderness —

It is possible that either Amelia or Sarah was the second child of John the glazier and Martha mentioned in 1780. But it is unlikely that both are, for if the recusant record is correct, a second daughter born after 1780 would probably be too young to stand as a godmother in 1793.

John's son, William, had followed his father as a glazier, and was living in Hedon a few miles away when he married at Hull in 1796.

No. ~~567~~ *William Kipling* of the Parish of *Hedon* *Glazier*
and Jane Watson of his Parish *Spinners* were
 Married in this Church by *Licence*.
 this *Thirteenth* Day of *January* in the Year One Thousand *Seven* Hundred
 and *Ninety Six* By me *Robt Webster Curate*
 This Marriage was solemnized between Us { *William Kipling*
Jane Watson
 in the Prefence of { *George Watson*
Mary Parry

Holy Trinity, Hull.

Later that year, their first child was baptised at Marton. William can be seen to have added plumbing (then probably still meaning a general craftsman in lead e.g. for roofing as well as piping)

July the ¹⁷⁹⁶ thirty first one thousand seven
 hundred and ninety six, was baptised
 Elizabeth (born the twenty fourth of the
 same month) Daughter of William
 Kipling of Hedon *Glazier, Plumber*
 and *Glazier* and of Jane Watson his
 Wife = Godfather *John Taylor Godmother*
Amelia Kipling. By me *Charles Howard*
 R.M.

Around this time, William was listed as living in Hedon but not holding a settlement certificate.¹

List of inhabitants of Hedon not having certificates. nd. [18th century-19th century]

John Keld; Mrs Shields; Rebecca Jaram; Thomis Milnor; Mrs Lilley; widow Robinson; James Elliott;
 exciseman; Matthew Brown; Geo: Ayres senior; Geo :Ayres jun; Edward Taylor; William Bryan; Geo. Jaques;
 Elizabeth Ayres; Tho Jackson senior; John Jaram; Tho Jackson jun; Hannah Macklin; Tho Boynton; Abraham
 Batty; Miss Kidd; John Pinder; Mrs Gibson; Mr **Kipling**; Mrs Barker; Ezekiel Twilton; William Nelthorp; Miss
 Smith; John Rawson; Mrs Hobson; Benjamin Farbotan; Mrs Mitchinson; John Mitchell; Robert Mells

DDHE/17/9/44

Sarah again stood as godmother in 1799.

¹ Such a certificate informed a parish that a person or family was the responsibility of a different parish should they fall into financial difficulty. Before 1795, unless they held such a certificate, someone could be sent back to their parish of origin at any time unless they could demonstrate a certain wealth or their services were needed in the parish. After 1795, this could only be done if and when they actually needed financial support. That William was allowed to stay in Hedon without a certificate was an indication that he was welcome there.

1799

February the twenty fourth one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine was christened Thomas, born the twenty first of January in the same year, son of Thomas Hodgson of Sprouthley Labourer and of Elizabeth Ford his Wife =
 Godfather Joseph Williamson
 Godmother Sarah Kipling
 By me Charles Howard A. M.

The same year, William and Jane's second daughter was born. Grandmother Martha was sponsor. The family was now living at West Newton.

Hodgson. Godmother Alice
 By me Charles Howard A. M.
 March the twenty fifth of the one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, was christened Ann, born the third of January in the same year, daughter of William Kipling of Watercuseon in the Parish of Aldborough Hamber and Gracie and of Jane Watson his Wife. Godfather John Jackson
 Godmother Martha Kipling

In 1800, William and Jane had a third daughter baptised, named Martha like her grandmother.

1800 83

May the fourth was christened Martha born the twenty first of March, one thousand eight hundred, daughter of William Kipling of West Newton in the Parish of Aldborough Hamber and Gracie and of Jane Watson his Wife.
 Godfather Robert Bird
 Godmother Ann Williamson
 Charles Howard A. M.

Sarah, who it seems was also a servant at Burton Constable, had an illegitimate child in 1801. What happened to him afterwards is not known.

1801 85

March the eight one thousand eight hundred and one was christened John Barker, born the twenty second of December last, son of Sarah Kipling, of Burton Constable Parish of Swine Holders, Servant House Maid, a Bastard.
 Godfather Robt. MacHerman
 Godmother Dorothy ~~Smith~~ ~~White~~
 By me Charles Howard

Amelia stood as a godmother in 1802.

1802
June the seventeenth one thousand eight hundred and ~~eight~~^{two}, was christened George, Son of Thomas Caley of West Newton, in the Parish of Aldbrough Tarnmer, and of Ann Headley his Wife. — Godfather Thomas Caley jun. Godmother Amelia Kipling the Child was born ~~before~~ ^{on} the eight in the year as above. — by me Charles Howard A.M.

In 1803, William took up the tenancy of a property in West Newton

Reference:	DDCC/111/70
Title:	Tenancy agreement
Description:	William Kipling property: West Newton and Carlton.
Date:	5 July 1803
Held by:	East Riding of Yorkshire Archives and Local Studies Service

William's wife Jane then died and was buried at Marton. The date is unclear, and I can find no record of the burial in the registers. However, as will be seen, it was before William's death.



Jane, wife of William Kipling d March 31 [1808?] Age [31?]

William himself died in 1808.

Yesterday morning at West-Newton, in Holderness, aged 42, after a very long and tedious illness, Mr. Wm. Kipling, plumber and glazier at Barton-Constable. ...

Hull Packet 1808

1808 26
May the twenty fourth one thousand eight hundred and eight, was interred the Body of William Kipling of West Newton in the Parish of Aldbrough Plumber and Glazier, in the burying ground of the Roman Catholics at Marton in the Parish of Surin, ⁴² Holderness. By me Charles Howard A.M.



William Kipling (d M... Aged [41?])

His mother was appointed administratrix of his estate and was given responsibility for her three granddaughters.

Date and Status sworn.	Name and Description of the Intestate.	Name and Place of Abode and Degree of Kindred of Administrator or Administratrix.
<p>1808</p> <p>27 August</p> <p>Wm J</p> <p>£450</p> <p>9.10.11</p>	<p>William Kipling of West Newton Parish of Aldborough in the Co. of York</p>	<p>Martha Kipling of West Newton Co. Widow</p> <p>(The grandmother of Tutina of Wm. Kipling Ann Kipling & Eliza Kipling Minors, his child.)</p> <p>Administratrix</p>

The same year, Amelia was once again a godmother.

Calcut by me (curator) -
 November the 12th one thousand eight hundred and eight was christened Robert, son of Robert Bird of Boston Farmer and of Sarah Jenkins on his Wife. Godfather John Jenkins Godmother Amelia Kipling The Child born Oct 6th 1808 same year

In 1812, Amelia was married at Sproatley to a John Walton. Both lived at West Newton.

Marrriages solemnized in the Parish Church of Sproatley in the Co. of York in the Year 1812.

John Walton of that Parish in this Parish and Amelia Kipling of the same Place.

Wm. Murray in the presence of Parson, Minister, and Justice of Peace, they in the presence of the said Parson, Minister, and Justice of Peace, before the said Justice of Peace, did solemnly and lawfully contract and plight themselves to be true and faithful to each other in Holy Matrimony according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England.

This Marriage was solemnized in the Parish of Sproatley in the County of York.

Wm. Murray

Elizabeth Kipling stood three times as a godmother in 1813. This may have been William & Jane's daughter who would have been 16 at the time. One of the children was a daughter of

Amelia Walton (nee Kipling), from the record of which we see that her husband John was also a glazier and plumber.

Feb: 5 1813 was christened Maria, born
the eight of January in the same year
Daughter of Ambrose Caley and Ann Foster
of Westmeaton Labourer in the Chapel of the
Roman Catholics in presence of the Sisters
Godfather Henry Caley Godmother Elizabeth
Kipling - by me Charles Howard St. M.

November the first one thousand eight
hundred and thirteen was christened James
Daughter of John Walton of Westmeaton Glazier
and Glazier and of Amelia Kipling his wife
in the Chapel of the Roman Catholics at Millston
Godfather Edward Howard - Godmother Elizabeth
Kipling - Charles Howard - at one thousand eight

November the seventh
one thousand eight hundred and thirteen was
christened Sara, born October the third in the
same year, Daughter of John Whetton of
Haltham Farmer and of Sarah Teak his wife in
the Chapel of the Roman Catholics at Millston
in the Parish of Lismore. Godfather Robert Marks
man, Godmother Elizabeth Kipling by me
Charles Howard St. M.

In 1816, Martha Kipling stood godmother to Another of the Walton's children. This may have been William and Jane's daughter, although she would have only been 15, or it may have been the older Martha.

Martha daughter of John Walton and Amelia
Kipling his wife born December 21st baptiz'd
Jan^y 1st 1816 Godfather William Gaveoigne
Godmother Martha Kipling by me
Joseph Sivenburn

One of the Marthas again was a godmother in 1820.

May the 14th 1820 was baptiz'd James son
of John Thompson of Westmeaton
Labourer & Ann Hewison his wife
Geo. Harker } sponsors. By me J. Harker
Martha Kipling }

In the same year, two Kiplings were listed as parishioners at Marton, Martha and Elizabeth.

The Marton Congregation Anno Domini 1820

*Kipling Martha
Elder*

Rear of Vol III of registers.

One of the Marthas died in 1828, presumably the elder.

*Martha Kipling died on the 13th of Aug.
and was buried at Marton on the 17th Oct: 28.*

1828

From 1829 to 1831, Anne Kipling (presumably the daughter of William and Jane) joined Elizabeth in the register of parishioners. No Kiplings were shown after 1831, although Elizabeth was buried at Marton in 1836.

*1836.
Elizabeth Kipling was buried at Mar-
ton on the 10th of November. Oct: 39.*

No trace of the family can be found after this.