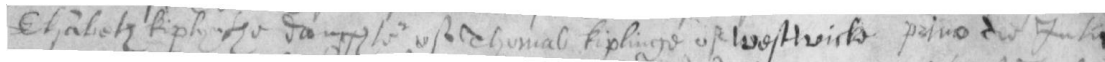
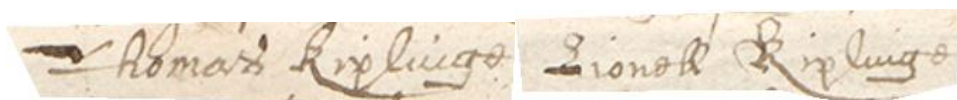


The Kiplings of Westwick

Westwick is a township of Barnard Castle, immediately to the east of the town. The earliest explicit record of Kiplings there is in 1632, when an Elizabeth Kipling, daughter of Thomas of Westwick was baptised at Bedale.¹

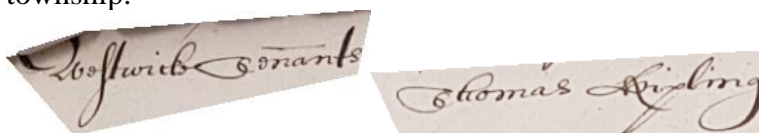


In 1641/2, Thomas and a Lionel Kipling sign the Protestation returns. There is no evidence that they are closely related (Thomas's origins are not known).

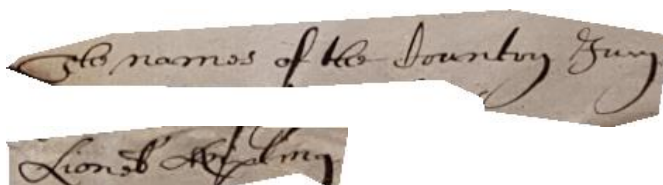


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In 1659, Thomas was recorded in the manor roll of BC as a free tenant of Westwick township.



In the same roll, Lionel was listed as a member of the 'Country' jury.²



He had also been a country juror in 1653.

Lionel and Thomas are also recorded as paying the 1666 Hearth Tax at "Gainford, Westwick". BC was a chapelry of Gainford at the time (as was Whorlton; Westwick lying between the two of them).

Lionel and family

Lionel had children Arthur (1638) and Ann (1643) baptised at BC.

In 1668, Lionel Kipling of Eglesburn left 10/- in his will to "my godson Lionell Kipling of Westwick".

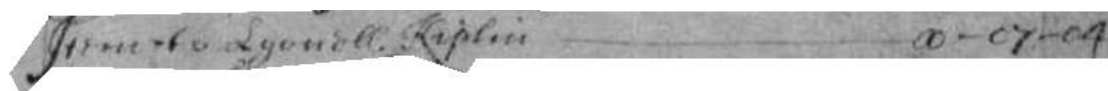
Lionel Kipling, yeoman of Westwick, died in 1673, leaving a substantial gross estate of £314. Mary his widow was executrix. His inventory included 120 sheep, a number

¹ I have not seen the BC baptismal records to see if 'Westwick' appears explicitly in them for the birth of earlier children. It is possible that the Kiplings may have been at Westwick as far back as the 1620s.

² There was a town jury which dealt with issues within BC itself and a country jury with dealt with the outlying townships and other lands of the manor (including Westwick).

of cows and three horses. There was also 40 stone of wool. He was clearly mainly a sheep farmer, although had £140 in 'his purse and apparel' and debts owing to him of £63. He left £150 to his daughter, Anne, and "three score" pounds to his son Arthur (but under the control of Mary, to be "*put forth into such good hands as that my said son Arthur shall not be dampnified thereby*").

Lancelot Newby, butcher, died the same year, owing to 7s 4d Lionel and £1 to Thomas



Lionel was the son of Arthur Kipling of Pitcherhouse in Baldersdale and was baptised at Romaldkirk in 1603. Arthur had married a Margaret Kipling in 1594. It is possible that she was a sister of Lionel of Eglesburn (Lionel senior's mother was Margaret), hence Lionel senior standing as godfather.

Son **Arthur** was later involved in a number of land transactions (the last one relates to the fact that his sister Ann married a George Blenkinsop at Gainford in 1674 and had a daughter Frances (BC, 1680) who married William Vint at BC in 1702).

21 April 1682

(1) Joseph Percivall of Exeter, Devon, gentleman
(2) Arthur Kipling of Westwick, yeoman
Feoffment of land in the North Field, Barnard Castle
Consideration: £46
(Parchment, 1 membrane) - [Acc: 2883(D)]

Ref: D/HH 2/2/285

22 - 23 July 1684

(1) John Percivall, gentleman, son and heir of John Percivall of Barnard Castle, tanner, deceased
(2) Arthur Kipling of Westwick, yeoman
Lease and release of land in the North Field, Barnard Castle
Consideration: £10
(Parchment, 2 membranes) - [Acc: 2883(D)]

Ref: D/HH 2/2/286

4 February 3 James II [1688]

(1) John Hutchinson of Barnard Castle, cordwainer
(2) Arthur Kipling of Westwicke, yeoman
Feoffment of land in the North Field, Barnard Castle
Consideration: £8 10s.
(Parchment, 1 membrane) - [Acc: 2883(D)]

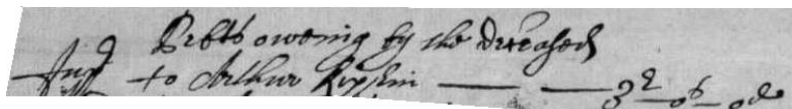
Ref: D/HH 2/2/287

24 June 1728

(1) William Vint of Barnard Castle, weaver and Frances his wife (daughter and heir of George Blenkinsop of Barnard Castle, yeoman, deceased, and niece and sole heir of Arthur Kipling of Westwick, yeoman, deceased); and William Vint the

younger of Barnard Castle, weaver (eldest son and heir of William the elder)
(2) Ambrose Edwards of Barnard Castle, esquire
Lease [and release] of land in the North Field, Barnard Castle
(Parchment, 1 membrane) - [Acc: 2883(D)]

In 1682, Arthur had been owed £3 by Nicholas Hullock.



Arthur is noted as a resident in Westwick in the 1678 BC manor court roll, as a 'landholder' at BC in 1686 and as a free tenant there in 1688.

Arthur died "a bachelor of Westwick" in 1694.

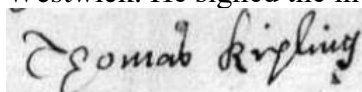
Thomas Kipling

In addition to Elizabeth above, Thomas had children baptised BC: Jane (1628), Margaret (1630), Mary (1635), John (1638), Thomas (1641), Richard and William (1645) and Phillis (1647). In 1650, a daughter Grace was baptised at Whorlton nearby.³

Sept. 21. Grace, d. Thomas Kipling, Westwicke.
Register of Whorlton, Durham 1650

Finally, a son Ambrose was baptised at BC in 1653.

In 1666, Thomas was one of the appraisers of the estate of Gabriel Appleby of Westwick. He signed the inventory thus...



Thomas died in 1674, leaving £114. He requests to be buried in the church at Barnard Castle "as near John Kipling my son late departed as conveniently may be" (John had died in 1668 aged 30).

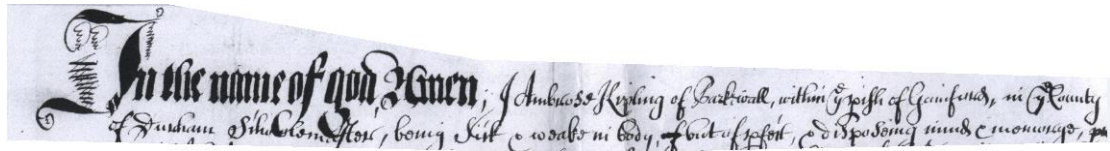
He gives to his son **Thomas** some land in Boldron to pass to his grandson John (b 1670) or failing him Henry (b1672) when they reach twenty-one. He also leaves property at Boldron, one called Northfields, to each of his sons Richard and William. William was to pay £20 to fifth son Ambrose, whom his wife Ann was to feed and cloth from that sum, He also left £25 to each of his daughters Grace and Phillis and 2/6 to grandchildren George Appleby, Henry Kipling and the children of Lancelot Newby (married to daughter Mary Kipling). He also leaves an interest in his lease at Westwick to eldest (surviving) son Thomas and to Ann. His farming interests see to have been more mixed, having four oxen (as typically used for ploughing) six horses, 15 cows and only 26 sheep).

³ D&VM suggest that a first wife Mary died at BC in 1631 and that Thomas married Ann Robinson in 1632. I have not verified this.

John (1670) may have married Dorothy Mowbray in 1688 or Anne Sowerby in 1694 (or even an Elizabeth Dalton at Gilling in 1692). He had a son, Christopher (1696) who was mentioned in the will of Elizabeth Ling in 1701. He may also have had a son Henry (1699-1700), possibly daughters Jane (1701) and Margaret (1703) and maybe other children, too.⁴

Henry (1672) married Isabel Hornsby at BC in 1692 and had son Thomas in 1693 and a daughter Ellina in 1695.⁵ Henry died in 1696.

In 1686, **Ambrose** died. He was a schoolmaster, of Parkwall (today there are farms Low and High Park Wall north of Barnard Castle). He left small legacies (20/- to his mother, 5/- each to brother Richard and sisters Phillis Smailes, Elizabeth Lyng and Mary Newby (widow), 2/- to each of Mary's four children, to nephews John and Henry Kipling and John and Thomas Heighley (children of late sister Grace, who had married Timothy Heighley at BC in 1675). The balance of his estate is left to his brother William who is his executor. His inventory was £20, the amount owing to him from his father's will.



Son **William** was a BC [country] juror in 1675.



He was also a voter in the 1679 general election (the only Kipling in Westwick so to be).

He died in 1686. He bequeathed the property at Boldron left to him by his father to his daughter Elizabeth, to be held during her minority by his sister Elizabeth and her husband William Ling (who are to bring up Elizabeth). Should Elizabeth not survive to 21, the property is to pass to brother Richard. He also left small legacies to his mother, siblings and nieces and nephews. His inventory totalled £46, showing him to have been a small, mixed farmer. His son, William (b 1680), must not have survived.

⁴ Another John was also having children around this time and it is not possible to distinguish between them.

⁵ D&VM suggest son Thomas may have married Jane Harrison in 1718 and had children Joseph (1718, d 1740), Philip (1722), Thomas (1725, d 1725) and Mary (1727, d 1728), although the names Joseph and Philip are not familial.

Ann Kipling, Thomas's widow, was recorded in the BC manor rolls in 1678 as a free tenant at Westwick.

Westwick
Thomas Kipling

Robt Kipling
John Hethergill

She died in 1694, the executors being children Richard, Elizabeth (Ling), Mary (Newby) and Phillis (Smaile) leaving £32. She gave legacies to children and grandchildren, naming also Margaret Kipling (daughter of Richard, see below). The will also mentions that the Westwick farm was held of Lord Beloves.

Elizabeth Ling died in 1700, leaving legacies to brother Richard and to sisters Mary, Phillis and Grace and/or their children.

and bequeath to my loving brother Richard... the sum of five pounds
of lawfull money of England, and further gives and bequeaths to him, the
said Richard a full discharge and discharge, of all debts that he owes me, at this day
of the said bequeath, to my said Margaret Kipling, my brother Richard's
daughter, the sum of five shillings, and I do give and bequeath to my loving sister
Mary Newby widow the sum of five pounds, and to her said daughter Ann Newby
the sum of five shillings, and to her said daughter Ann Newby
the sum of five shillings, and to my loving sister, Phillis Smaile
will expect that I should give to, bequeath as may be holdable to my sister Mary
and her sons David & James.

She also left legacies to the son and grandson of her brother Thomas (respectively, John and Christopher) and the son, Thomas of her "cosin" (actually nephew) Henry.

...I do give and bequeath to John Kipling
son of my brother Thomas Kipling, five shillings, and to his son John some
David & James five shillings & six pence, and I do give and bequeath to Thomas son
of my said brother Kipling five shillings & six pence.

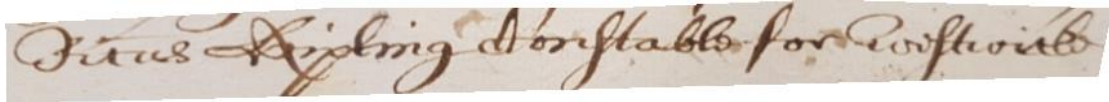
Niece Elizabeth (daughter of brother William, also referred to as "cosin") was appointed residual legatee and executrix. Her assets, according to an inventory, were mainly debts owing, although she also owned two cows.

Her husband had died in 1699, leaving a small legacy to William's daughter Elizabeth.

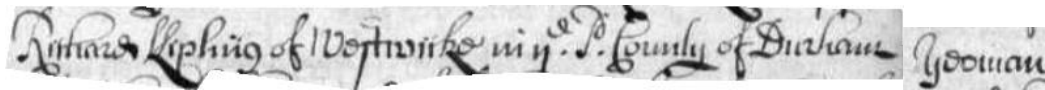
...I do give and bequeath to Elizabeth Kipling daughter late of
Westwick the sum of five pounds of lawfull money of England, and I do desire my loving
wife and my brother in law Richard Kipling to have the custody of the said Elizabeth Kipling during
her minority.

Richard married Jane Lax in 1685. A daughter Margaret was born in 1685.

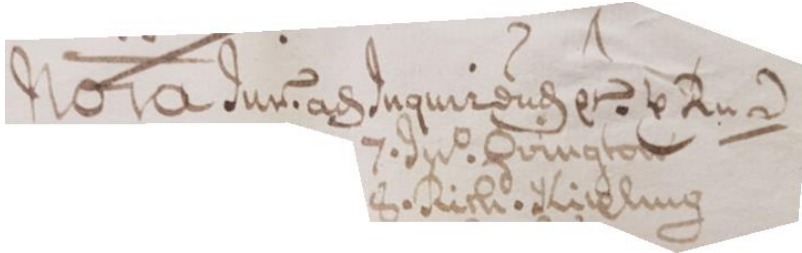
In 1686 and again in 1704, he served as constable for Westwick township.



In 1705, a property transaction was described in the will of Richard Lax, under which he, Lax, had granted property to Richard and a William Lax.



Richard served on the Barnard Castle manor jury on a number of occasions, including 1711 and 1716 (immediately below).



Richard died in 1719 but not before he was named in a property transaction:

16 April 3 George I [1717]

(1) Margaret Newby the elder of Barnard Castle, widow.

(2) Matthew Hutton of Barnard Castle, merchant.

Release by (1) to (2) of Pinfold Close in Barnard Castle; the said close being part of premises leased by Revd. Thomas Tullie D.L., Guardian of the Hospital of St John Baptist in Barnard Castle, to Richard Kipling of Westwick, yeoman and his wife Jane, (1), Anne Foreman of Escomb, widow and Barbara Lax widow, on 27 February 1717 for a term of 3 lives at a rent of £9. 16s. 8d.

Consideration: £19.



and Jane his wife

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Perhaps not knowing of Richard's death, he was sub-poenaed in a Chancery case in 1720 (C11/2369/66 Dale v Atkinson).

Richard Kiplin of Westwick in the Chancery of Barnard Castle

Also in 1720, the Barnard Castle manor rolls included (as free tenants in BC):

Arthur Pearson in jure Ricardi Kipling

Jane Kipling vid Ricardi Kipling
Barbara Lane vid in jure Ricardi Dale defuncti

Also an entry similar to the first in Westwick.

Arthur Pearson in jure Ricardi Kipling