

## The Kyplains of Île à la Crosse

		John Thomas				
			(1854-1927)			
Celestine	Paul	John			George	Michael
(1878-c1960)	(1881-82)	(1883-1911)			(1887-c1970)	(1888-1909)
Joseph	Abraham	John	Athenasie	George	Antoine	John
(1908-73)	(1911-11?)	(1914-86)	(1915-?)	(1927-2006)	Gilbert	(1920-?)
					(1916-95)	
					George	Laurent
					Gabriel	(1947-78)
					(c1946-98)	

### John Thomas

John Thomas Kipling was born around 1854 in the Red River Settlement, Manitoba. His father was Thomas and his mother was Sophie. A Thomas Kipling married a native American, Sophie, at St Andrews, Lockport, in the Red River Settlement in 1850 (Ref: Kipling Fonds MG 25 G62). However, Thomas's ancestry is at present unclear. See also 'The Kiplings of Hudson's bay – The First Three Generations'.

For instance, George Bekattla travelled to Red River with the HBC brigades and returned to the Île à la Crosse region with a new wife, Nancy Kipling/Kyplain, in the late 1850s/early 1860s. Nancy's younger brother, John Thomas Kipling/Kyplain, eventually joined his sister at Île à la Crosse when he became an HBC servant a couple of decades later.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>26</sup> Registres paroissiaux, 1867-1912, Église catholique, Mission de Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Île à la Crosse, SK; Angele Lariviere, 25 Sept. 1906, vol. 1352, RG 15, LAC (Angele was John Thomas's wife, and info derived about him came from her).

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John Thomas was baptised into the francophone Roman Catholic church at the age of 23 in 1878, suggesting he was born around 1854. His name was alternatively as Kyplaine. This seems to have become an alternative spelling, without the final 'e'. Kipling itself eventually disappearing even from anglophone records after the 1940s.

B. 17. John Thomas Kaspling. (Kiplaine)	Le dix-sept Mai mil huit cent soixante-dix-huit. Mon prêtre sacré, après avoir reçu l'abjuration de John Thomas Kaspling âge de vingt-trois ans, fils de Thomas Kaspling, et de Sophie pro- testante, l'aura baptisé sous condition. Le parrain a été Vincent Daqueau, et le marraine la vieille Julie Bourcier qui ne signent G. Chapellier père curé.
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St Jean Baptiste, Isle a la Crosse

He married a few weeks later:

John Thomas Kiplaine et Angèle Lacroix	Le quinze Juillet mil huit cent soixante-dix-huit. Mon prêtre sacré, après avoir reçu le mutuel consentement de mariage de John Thomas Kiplaine d'une part, et d'Angèle Lacroix fille de Abraham Lacroix et de Marie d'autre part, n'ayant trouvé aucun empêchement à ce que ce mariage s'accomplisse légitimement, nous avons prononcé pour la bénédiction nuptiale après la publication de trois bans de mariage et cela en présence de Abraham Lacroix et de Opté Lafleur qui ne signent point. G. Chapellier père curé.
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Son Celestine was born the following year.

B. 31 Celestin Kiplaine	Le vingt-trois mil huit cent soixante-dix-neuf. Mon prêtre sacré, après avoir reçu le consentement de mariage de John Thomas Kiplaine et d'Angèle Lacroix. Parrain Celestin Mirast et marraine Philomène Lacroix qui ne signent G. Chapellier père curé.
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John Thomas's sister Nancy was baptised in 1880. Her age was given as 32, suggesting she was born around 1847.



Kipling John	Head	m	m	48
Kipling Rachel	wife	f	m	40
Kipling John	S	m	S	21
Kipling George	S	m	S	18
Kipling Michael	Son	m	S	16
Kipling Amos	d	f	S	14
Kipling Madeline	d	f	S	12
Kipling Margaret	d	f	S	10
Kipling Mary	d	f	S	8
Kipling Susan	d	f	S	7

1906 Saskatchewan North census

Michael died in 1909.

S. 21  
 Mitchell  
 Rippling  
 Le dix-sept novembre mil neuf cent-neuf nous prêtre soussigné avons inhumés dans le cimetière de cette mission le corps de Mitchell Rippling décédé le quinze courant - fils de John Rippling et de Angèle Lévrière. Il était âgé de dix-neuf ans, onze mois - Était présents à la sépulture presque toute la population de cette mission.  
 E. Lacombe curé.

St Jean Baptiste, Isle a la Crosse

Jean/Johnny died in 1911.

S. 4  
 Johnny  
 Ripplain  
 Le quinze Mai mil neuf cent onze. Nous prêtre soussigné avons donné la sépulture ecclésiastique au corps de Johnny Ripplain décédé hier à l'âge d'environ vingt-huit ans. Était présents à la sépulture John Ripplain son père et Thomas Desjardins qui m'assistent.

Also in 1912, daughter Marguerite was married



Kyplain	Suzanne	English	22	None	Sask	English	26	-	Yes	Yes	Green
Kyplain	John	Man	65	Trapper	Man	English	26	-	Yes	Yes	Green
	Angele	Man	61	None	Sask	French	26	-	Yes	Yes	Green

Canada Census 1921

Daughter Suzanne married Victor Laliberte and died in 1926, She was buried at the English River First Nation cemetery, Beauval.

John Thomas died in 1927 and Angele the following year. Both are buried at Isle de la Crosse.



Roman Catholic cemetery, Ile de la Crosse ( by s r leitch)



## Celestine

Celestine married Mare-Rose Roy in 1904. Their male children included Joseph (1908), Abraham (1911, d 1911?) ...

B.7. Le Deux Mars mil neuf cent onze: Nous prêtre Abraham soussigné avons baptisé Abraham, né aujourd'hui Kyplain du légitime mariage de Celestin Kyplain et de Marie Rose Roy. Le parrain a été Louison Roy et sa fille Helène a servi de marraine

...John (c1913), Anthenasie (c1915, d>1921?) and George (1927).

Kypling	Celestine	"	Head	M	M	40
"	Marie Rose	"	Wife	F	M	37
"	Flora	"	Daughter	F	S	12
"	Joseph	"	Son	M	S	8
"	John	"	"	M	S	4
"	Anthenasie	"	"	M	S	1

1915

Kyplain Celestine	M Head	M 40	Trapper	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	Yes	Yes	Good
Marie Rose	F Wife	M 38	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	Yes	Yes	Good
Joseph	M Son	S 13	Trapper	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	No	No	Good
Johnny	M Son	S 8	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	No	No	Good
Anthenasie	M Son	S 6	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	No	No	Good
Flora	F Daughter	S 15	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	Yes	Yes	Good
Marguerite	F Daughter	S 1	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	No	No	Good

1921

Kyplain, Celestin, trapper, Isle a la Crosse.  
 Kyplain, Mrs. Celestin (W), married woman, Isle a la Crosse.

1935 Voters register

**19 Kipling, Celestine, fisherman, Isle a la Crosse.**

**20 Kipling, Mrs. Celestine — Isle a la Crosse.**

1940 Voters register



*Celestin and Marie Rose Kyplain (née Roy) with their children. The two girls at the back are Margaret (left) and Mary Ann. Seated in front are Michael (left) (he was the son of Joe Kyplain), George, and Agnes (c1935-40) ©Lawrence Arnault*



*Celestine and Marie-Rose Kyplain - 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (1954) ©Lawrence Arnault*



Standing left to right are: Agnes Kyplain, George Kyplain (son of Celestin), Margaret Kyplain (she married Nap Johnson), Johnny Kyplain, brother of George, Joe Kyplain, the uncle of these Kyplains, and Mary Ann Kyplain, who never married.(c1945-50) ©Lawrence Arnault

Kyplain Celestine pensioner  
Kyplain Marie Rose pensioner

1958

### George Kyplain

George had married Marie Agnes Malbeuf and they had children Suzanne and Marguerite.

B. 41 Le premier novembre mil neuf cent neuf,  
Suzanne nous, prêtre, soussigné avons baptisé à domicile  
Kippling Suzanne née le vingt-neuf octobre précédent, des  
mariages légitimes de George Kippling et de Agnes  
Malbeuf.  
Parrain et marraine: Celestin Kippling et Marie  
Rose Roy qui ne signent.  
E. Lacombe o.m.v.

B. 9 Le vingt trois février mil neuf cent douze  
Marguerite Marie nous, prêtre, soussigné avons baptisé  
Kippling Marguerite Marie, née le vingt un du  
présent mois, fille légitime de George Kippling  
et de Marie Agnes Malbeuf. Le parrain a été  
Ambroise McKay et la marraine Elmire Malbeuf  
femme William Gardiner, qui ne signent.  
M. Rossignol O.M.V.

St Jean Baptiste, Isle a la Crosse

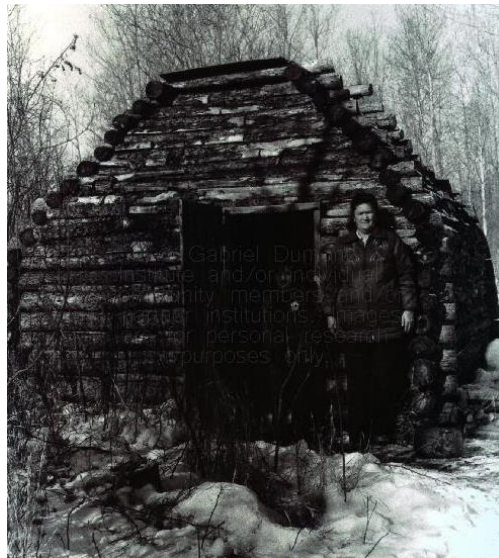
Sons John and Antoine Gilbert followed.

Kypling	George	"	"	Head	M	M	25
"	Marie Agnes	"	"	Wife	F	M	22
"	Suzanne	"	"	Daughter	F	S	6
"	Marguerite	"	"	"	F	S	4
"	John	"	"	Son	M	S	1
Anderson	John	"	"	Lodger	M	M	27

1915

Kyplain	George	M	Head	M	34	Trapper	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	Yes	Yes	Good
	Agnes	F	Wife	M	31	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	Yes	Yes	Good
	Gilbert	M	Son	S	5	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	No	No	Good
	John	M	Son	S	1	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	No	No	Good
	Suzanne	F	Daughter	S	12	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	No	No	Good
	Marguerite	F	Daughter	S	9	None	Sack	English (Breed)	R.6	-	No	No	Good

1921 (Gilbert and John appear to be given each other's age)



Marie (Mrs. George Kyplain) in front of her smokehouse ©Lawrence Arnault

Kyplain, George, trapper, Ile a la Crosse.  
 Kyplain, Mrs. George (W), married woman, Ile a la Crosse.

1935

138 Kiplin, George, fisherman, Ile a la Crosse.  
 139 Kiplin, Mrs. George — Ile a la Crosse.  
 140 Kiplin, Antoine, fisherman, Ile a la Crosse.

1945

Kyplain George sr pensioner  
 Kyplain Marie Agnes —

1958-62

Kyplain, George Sr. pensioner, Ile a la Crosse

1963-68

George appears to have died between 1968 and 1974.

### Generation 3

## Sons of Celestine

### **Joseph**

1935 (ditto 1940)



#### **Mary Ann Kyplain**

**Mary is sixty-three years old. She works in the Women's Handicraft Co-op in Ile-a-la-Crosse.**

**"I married Joseph Kyplain, Celestine Kyplain's son. They were living at Halfway Lake, where I was going to live. We stayed there for a while. After my first son was born, my husband told me we had to go up north. He had to go trapping. We had no family allowance or social aid to help us. People had to look for food to survive".**

**"We used to go fishing at a place called "where the fish go up the river in winter". The name was in Chipewyan. I went fishing with Virginia Gunn while her husband, Harry Gunn and my husband went to Cree Lake. We were alone for almost two weeks. Virginia and I did the fishing with three dogs. This river wasn't frozen in the winter time. So, to get across, my uncle chopped a big tree across the river".**

**"Virginia would throw the net while I was on the other side. I tied my side of the net on and she did the same on her side. She told me to go up the river for about ten minutes, throw a stick and then go back. There were a lot of fish. You could just see in the river. We could hardly bring the net out, it was so heavy. It had trout and whitefish".**

(c1976)

Joseph died in 1973



Roman Catholic cemetery, Ile de la Crosse (by s r leitch). Graves of Joe Kyplain and his wife Mary Ann.

### John (Johnny)

Kyplain, John, trapper, Isle a la Crosse.

1935

23 Kipling, Johnny, trapper, Isle a la Crosse.

1940

Kyplain Helen  
Kyplain Johnny labourer

1958

Kyplain, John, labourer, Ile a la Crosse.  
Kyplain, Mrs. John—Ile a la Crosse.

1962-74

John (Johnny) died in 1986 but widow Helen only in 2010.



### George

Kyplain George jr fisherman  
Kyplain Marie —

1958

Kyplain, George Jr., labourer, Ile a la Crosse.  
Kyplain, Mrs George Jr—Ile a la Crosse.  
1962-65

Kyplain, George, mink rancher, Ile a la Crosse.  
Kyplain, Mrs. Marie—Ile a la Crosse.  
1968-74



**Sons of George**

What happened to son **John** is not known.

**Antoine Gilbert Kipling**

**Kyplain Antoine laborer**  
1958

Antoine married Monique Morin.

**Kyplain, Antoine, labourer, Ile a la Crosse.**  
**Kyplain, Mrs. Antoine — Ile a la Crosse .**  
1962

Antoine's son George Gabriel is listed in the 1972 voter register.

**Kyplain Antoine laborer**  
**Kyplain Mrs Monique**  
**Kyplain Gabriel laborer**  
1968

By 1972, his wife Monique appears to have been living at Meadow Lake.

**Kyplain, Monique, ... Meadow Lake.**  
1972

251 **Kyplain, Antoine**, laborer, Ile a la Crosse.  
252 **Kyplain, Gabriel**, garage operator, Ile a la Crosse.  
1974

Another son was Laurent, who was killed by a car in 1978.



Antoine died in 1995.



Son George Gabriel died in 1998, as did wife Monique who is buried at Woodlawn cemetery, Meadow Lake, as is a Flora Kyplain, who is the daughter of Norman Kyplain.



Who was....?



Many Kyplains remain in northern Saskatchewan to this day