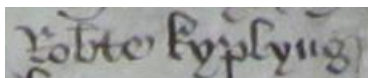


## The Kiplings of Barnard Castle

In 1547, a complaint to Thomas Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton and Lord Chancellor, relating to lands of the dissolved Eggelstone Abbey (including mills at Barnard Castle and Startforth) mentions one Robert Kipling as being a tenant on the lands in question.



In the record of the chancellor's visitation, of 6 Feb. 1577 [8], held in St. Andrew Auckland church, there are two entries relating to the chapel. One informs us under 'Barnarde Castell Capella,' that Matthew Coperthwaite, the unlicensed curate, and Cuthbert Bradley, the curate, John Hirde, the parish clerk, and Ambrose Rolandson, Ralph Barnes, John Denyson, and Leonard Kipling, the churchwardens, appeared personally. This however, is crossed out. The other, that Cuthbert Bradley, the unlicensed curate, the parish clerk, and Adam Metcalf, John Paycocke, Anthony Pereson, and Anthony Cotes, the churchwardens, appeared personally.

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Though not so clearly stated, it seems likely that a conflict of expectation was an important issue in the testamentary dispute between Margaret Kipling and her son George, following the death of Nicholas Kipling of Barnard Castle. Thus Nicholas Kipling in making his will sought 'to please his wife being an angry woman', while privately stating, it was alleged, that 'it should not stand for he knew it would overthrow and (undermine) his son George so as he would ner be his own man'.

Pal. and Dip., DR. V. Book 10B. Kipling v. Kipling.  
Deposition of Francis Walker, 24 July 1618.

Probate was granted on the will of **Michael Kipling** in 1618 (DPRI/3/1618/B30). He was a shoemaker and had sons Anthony and Leonard apprenticed as in London in 1615 and 1642 as wax chandler and clothworker respectively (the latter to a Henry Holmes). His daughter Cecily a married a London chandler, Christopher Rowbotham c1620.

His will (of which only part remains) mentions [children?] "Cecill [Cecily?], Anthonie, Anne, Marie, John and Leonard Kipling. The bond appears to be given by George and Margaret Kipling. Could he be the same person as Nicholas (or a brother)?

Parish records date from 1609. Family heads included **Percival Kipling**, the birth of whose daughter, Phillis in 1611 is the earliest record (d1679, or was this wife of John, see below?). He also had children William (1613), Janet (1615) and Eleanor (1619). He is then recorded as marrying Ann LEDELL in 1622 thereafter having further children Dorothy (1624), Hugh (1625, d1625-6) and John (1627). Deaths of additional children (Mary d1623) and Ann (d1639) are recorded.

John had children Percival (d1652), Anne (1653, d 1654), John (1663) and Elizabeth (1666, d 1669). There was also a Percival Kipling (weaver) who married Dorothy and d 1726, leaving a will.

**Edward Kipling**, with daughter Ann (1612), Robert (1619, poss d1670) and Thomas (1622). Wife Mary d1641.

**John Kipling** (possibly the son of Michael), with twins (or late baptisms) Anthony and Charles (1615) and, possibly after marrying Phillis PEARSON in 1629, Janet (1630, d 1636). Also Ann (d1636).

**George Kipling** (possibly the son of Nicholas - d 1642) had children Sicily (1618), Mary (1621), Michael (1623), Sarah (1624) and Christopher (1627). Wife, Elizabeth d1643. Family died out

**Robert Kipling** had children Bartholomew (1615), Bryan (1617), Robert (1619 and 1625), Mary (1621, d 1622), Phillip (1626) and Thomas.

There was also a **Thomas Kipling** who married an Ann ROBINSON in 1632, his first wife having died in 1631. This may be Thomas of Westwick, whose surviving wife was Ann (but a Thomas of BC signed the 1641 protestation returns as well as a Thomas of Westwick, see below and 'The Kiplings of Westwick').

Bryan married Dorothy COLLINGE in 1638 (she died 1684). They had children Bartholomew (1638, d 1638), Thomas (1645), John (1647), Margaret (1649) and Mary (1652).

In 1641, the following signed the protestation:

Robert **Kiplinge**, George **Kiplinge**, Percivell **Kiplinge**,  
Edward **Kiplinge**, Robert **Kiplinge**, Leonerd **Kiplinge**, Bryan **Kiplinge**,  
Thomas **Kiplinge**, John **Kiplinge**,

These would appear to be the six names in bold above, plus Robert's sons Robert and Bryan and Michael's son Leonard.

In 1666, the following paid hearth tax:

- Robert Kiplin
- John Kipling

Dean Granville's 'Remains' (Surtees Society)

July 1673: Robert Kipling and Ann Grainger; fornication.

July 1673: Philip Kiplin and Thomas Shelley; for not receiving the Communion and standing excommunicate.

October 1673: Thomas Shellow, Anthony Blenkinsop, John Kiplin, Philip Kiplin, Anthony Wetheralt, Barthomew Harwood, and George Baxte; neglect of the Church and Sacrament.

October 1675: Robert Kiplin; non-payment of Church cess.

June 1677: Robert Kiplin, jun.; for being a Papist.

June 1677: Robert Kiplin, John Kiplin and Robert Kiplin sen.; not receiving the Communion.

May 1678(?): Robert Kiplin; not paying Church cess.

In 1675, Robert Kipling jun was a voter in the General Election, as in 1679 were John Kipling and William Kipling (poss. of Westwick).

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30 October 1691

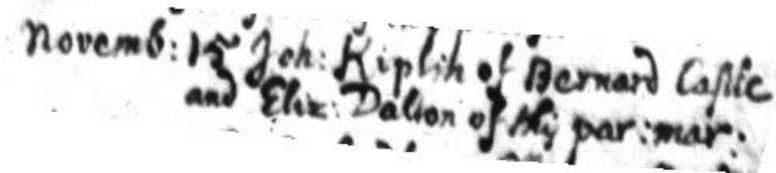
(1) John Eyon of Barnard Castle, gent.; and Elizabeth (nee Kipling), his wife

(2) Ralph Hodgson of Barnard Castle, gent.

Release of a tenement in the Horsefaire, Ripon, Yorkshire

Consideration: £80

(Parchment, 1 membrane, 2 seals pendant)



Novemb: 15<sup>th</sup> Joh: Kipling of Barnard Castle  
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Gilling 1692

**DDR/EJ/CCD/3/1736/13** 1736

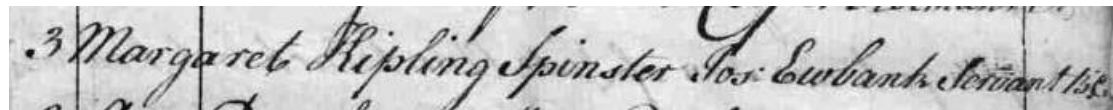
Documents - articles and depositions

promoter: Ruth Milburn of Barnard Castle, County Durham

defendant: Jane Kipling of Barnard Castle, County Durham, wife of Robert Kipling

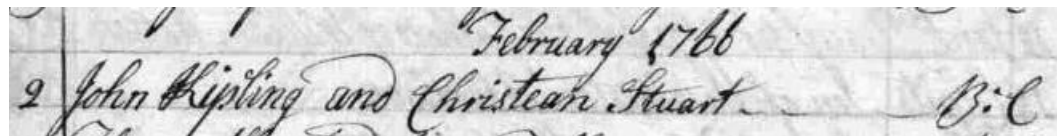
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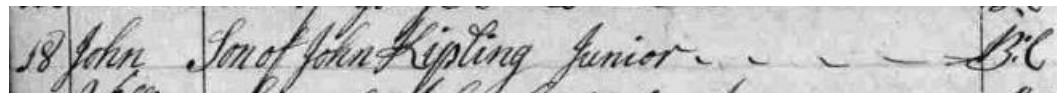
3 Margaret Kipling Spinster Jos: Ewbank Tenant 15s.

Bishop's Transcripts (Family search) Nov 1763



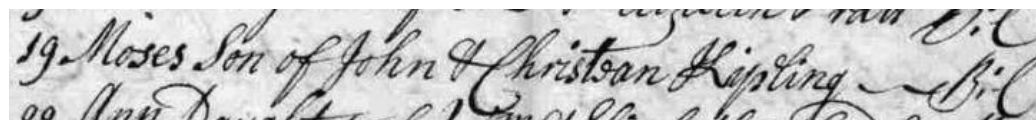
February 1766  
2 John Kipling and Christian Stuart B.C

Bishop's Transcripts (Family search) Feb 1766



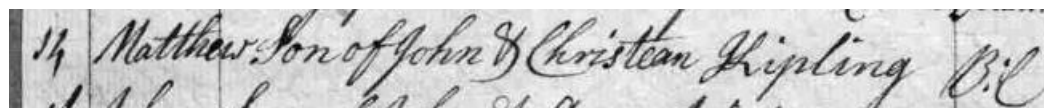
18 John Son of John Kipling Junior B.C

Bishop's Transcripts (Family search) Jul 1766



19 Moses Son of John & Christian Kipling B.C  
20 Ann Daughter of John & Christian Kipling B.C

Bishop's Transcripts (Family search) Nov 1769



14 Matthew Son of John & Christian Kipling B.C

17 April 1742

(1) George Robinson, yeoman and John Robinson, cord-wainer,  
(son of George), both of Barnard Castle

(2) John Kipling of Barnard Castle, gardener

Marriage settlement of (2) and Mary Robinson (daughter of  
George), being a bargain and sale by (1) to (2), with livery of seisin  
endorsed, of a parcel of meadow called Wellriggs ( 1/2a.) part of  
Northfield, Barnard Castle  
(parchment, 1 membrane)

Ref: D/HH 8/3/238

30 - 31 October 1702

(1) John Wade of West Gates, Yorkshire, rough mason (heir of  
Anthony Wade)

(2) John Kipling of Gainford, yeoman and Elizabeth his wife (late  
Elizabeth Newby)

Lease and release by (1) to (2) of a messuage known as Lockson's  
Cottage, Gainford of the ancient yearly rental of 1s.

Consideration: £13 10s.

(parchment, 2 membranes)

Ref: D/HH 8/3/239

31 October 1702

(1) John Wade

(2) John Kipling

Bond of (1) to (2) in £27 to perform covenants in indenture of even  
date

(1 paper)

Ref: D/HH 8/3/240

18 - 19 July 1771

(1) John Kipling the elder late of Barnard Castle, gardener

(2) John Kipling the younger of Barnard Castle, gardener

Lease and release by (1) to (2) of a messuage called Locksone  
Cottage, Gainford

Consideration: £40

(parchment, 2 membranes)

Ref: D/HH 8/3/241

24 - 25 April 1797

(1) John Kipling the younger of Barnard Castle, gardener and Christiana, his wife

(2) William Richardson of Gainford, Esquire

Lease and release by (1) to (2) of a messuage called Lockson's Cottage, Cainford

Consideration: £50

(parchment, 2 membranes)

Robert Kipling was a churchwarden c 1762.

*Charity arising from the Sale of Waste Lands in Barnard Castle.*—By an act of parliament passed 35 Geo. III., for inclosing certain waste lands in the manor of Barnard Castle, viz. Barnard Castle Moor, containing by estimation 6000 acres, the Little Moor, 40 acres, and Glenton Green and the Baiting Steads, 20 acres, it was enacted that the said commons should be sold, and that out of the proceeds of such sales the commissioners under the said act should, in the first place, pay all the costs of surveying and selling the same, and of making a high road through the Little Moor; that the mortgage on the poor-house should be discharged, in lieu of which the overseers should pay £6 per annum to the minister, churchwardens, and vestrymen; and that the remainder of the money should be placed in the funds, and the interest, with the £6 above mentioned, distributed to such poor persons, male and female, as the lord of the manor or his agent, the minister, churchwardens, and vestrymen, and twelve other respectable inhabitants, should think fit; such poor persons not receiving alms or parish relief, and so as no one should receive more than £5 in any one year: and it was provided that the oldest poor persons resident within the said township should be preferred, if they should be thought in all other respects proper objects of the said charity. The net produce of the sale is supposed to have been invested in the purchase of £2314, 3s. 10d. stock in the three per cent. consols, in the names of the Rev. John Davidson, Edward Harrison, and Robert Kipling, the minister and churchwardens at the time of the investment. The dividends amount to £69, 8s. 6d. yearly, and to them is added the sum of £6 above mentioned. Out of this income there is paid to eight poor men, £5 per annum each, to other eight poor men £4 each, and to one old man (the last elected) the remaining £3, 8s. 6d. The same persons receive the pensions for life, unless they become chargeable to the parish, in which case others are appointed. The payments are made half-yearly, on the 24th June and 24th December, on which day the electors meet.

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No. 24	Mr. W. Hedley	No. 39	Mr. R. Johnson
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" 27	" H. Downes	" 42	Mr. P. Ineson
" 28	Strangers	" 43	" T. Cooper
" 29	Mr. Richardson	" 44	" J. Monkhouse
" 30 & 31	Various	" 45	Miss Lamb
" 32	Dr. Monro	" 46	Earl of Darlington
" 33 to 38	Earl of Darlington	" 47	Mr. M. Kipling

Pews prior to 1869 restoration.

Ref: D/HH 2/2/268

22 - 23 May 1727

(1) Edward Rawling of Cockerton, yeoman and Elizabeth his wife; and Thomas Rawling of Cockerton, weaver and Mary his wife

(2) Robert Kipling of Barnard Castle, weaver

Lease and release of 2 acres of meadow in the Low Field, Barnard Castle

Consideration: £30 10s.

(Parchment, 1 membrane) - [Acc: 2883(D)]

Ref: D/HH 2/2/269

26 April 1 George II [1728]

(1) Ambrose Wycliff; Francis Wycliff, junior; Robert Bailes; and Robert Kipling, querents

(2) John Coulson and Ann his wife; Joseph Phlasken and Ann his wife; and Thomas Rawling and Mary his wife, deforciant

Final concord of 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 40 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Barnard Castle, Whorlton and Hedwish in the parish of Gainford

(Latin, parchment, 1 membrane) - [Acc: 2883(D)]

Ref: D/HH 2/2/284

**Last week a young woman was found murdered behind the castle wall, at Barnardcastle; and, on Saturday, one John Kipling was committed to Durham gaol on suspicion of the murder.**

Newcastle Courant - Saturday 29 June 1771

**The following felons in Durham gaol took their trials this week.**

John Kipling, for the murder  
of Mary White (when we received the above) had  
not got his trial.

Newcastle Courant - Saturday 27 July 1771