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Geographical Étude

From Teesdale to Texas and British Columbia

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1. Introduction

Thomas KIPLING was, in the 1870s, an apparently successful photographer and hotelier in Barnard Castle in County Durham. Yet, with his wife and eight children, he emigrated first to Texas cattle country and, later, to the city of Victoria on Vancouver Island.

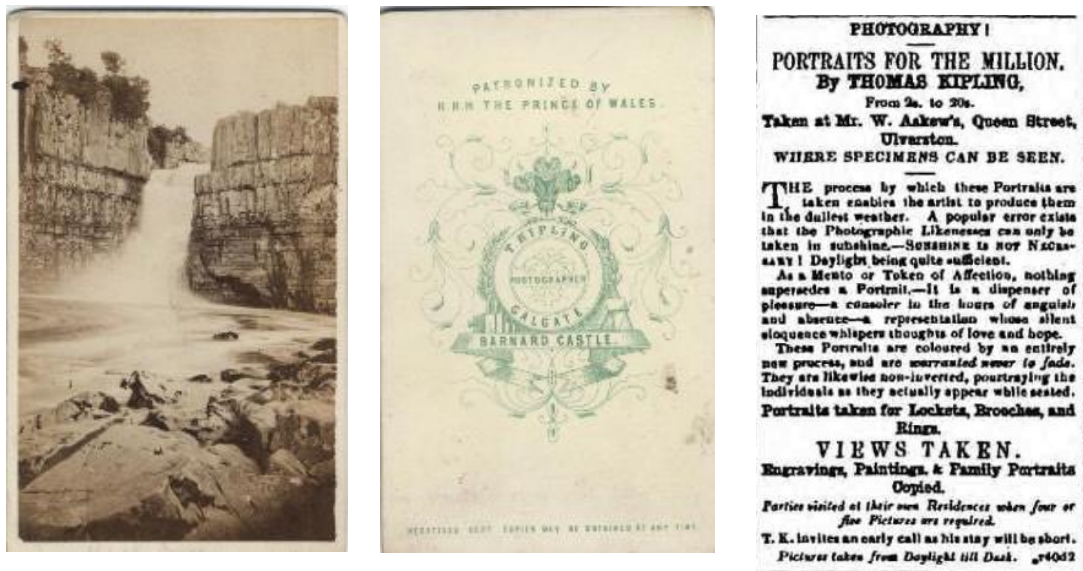
This etude examines Thomas's family's double migration and the fate of their descendents across the Atlantic, with a view to confirming hearsay reasons for the movements.

An outline descendant chart is appended to assist in placing individuals mentioned.

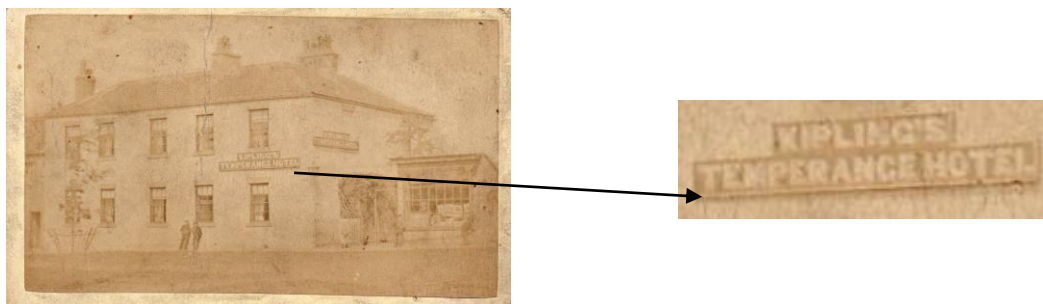
2. Background

Thomas (b 1827) was a son of William Kipling, a thatcher, from Cotherstone in Romalldkirk parish, then in the North Riding of Yorkshire¹.

The 1861 census of England and Wales reveals Thomas living in the nearby town of Barnard Castle, where he is trading as a "photographic artist". An example of his work is shown below (left and centre)². Thomas made professional visits to the Lake District, as the advertisement at right below shows.



Thomas and Anne also ran a Temperance Hotel in Barnard Castle, as the photo below shows³.



¹ Baptisms (PR). England. Romalldkirk, Yorks. 21 June 1827. North Yorkshire Records Office.

² Thomas Kipling. Photograph of High Force c1860-1880. Private collection of Mike Kipling.

³ Photograph of Kipling's Temperance Hotel, Barnard Castle. Private collection of Brian Kipling.

Thomas had married Anne HALL, the daughter of a carpet weaver from a nearby village, at the register Office in Barnard Castle in November 1858⁴. They had eight children over the succeeding 20 years: Margaret Hannah, Mary Jane⁵, William, John, Thomas⁶, Charley, Anne and David⁷.



*Charley, John, William, David and Thomas Kipling (c 1880)*⁸

Thomas had a brother, Tobias (a tailor), who was in 1871 married (to Jane) with children (Margaret, William and Mary) and a step-son, Thomas⁹. A further daughter, Emily, was born in 1873-4¹⁰.

⁴ Marriage Index. England & Wales. RD: Teesdale 1858 4th Q. KIPLING, Thomas. Vol. 10A. Pg. 250.

⁵ Census. 1861. England. Barnard Castle, Durham. KIPLING, Thomas. Class: RG 9; Piece: 3719; Folio: 93; Page: 17. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 April 2012.

⁶ Census. 1871. England. Barnard Castle, Durham. KIPLING, Thomas. RG10; Piece: 4944; Folio: 108; Page: 14; Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 April 2012.

⁷ Birth Index. England & Wales. RD: Teesdale 1871 4th Q. KIPLING, Anne. Vol.10A. Pg. 279.

Birth Index. England & Wales. RD: Teesdale 1876 4th Q. KIPLING, Charley. Vol. 10A . Pg 295

Birth Index. England & Wales. RD: Teesdale 1878 2nd Q. KIPLING, David. Vol.10A . Pg 292.

⁸ Photograph of male children of Thomas Kipling. Private collection of Brian Kipling.

⁹ Census. 1861. England. Cotherstone, Durham. KIPLING, Tobias. RG9; Piece: 3721; Folio: 10; Page: 16; Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 April 2012.

Census. 1871. England. Cotherstone, Durham. KIPLING, Tobias. RG10; Piece: 4946; Folio: 20; Page: 7 Available on-line at FinfMyPast.co.uk. Last accessed 7 April 2012

¹⁰.Birth Index. England & Wales. RD: Teesdale 1858 4th Q. KIPLING, Emily. Vol. 10A. Pg. 321

3. Initial emigration

In 1879, the following two advertisements appear in local newspapers¹¹:

BARNARD CASTLE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the Witham Testimonial, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday, the 11th day of June, 1879, at half-past Three o'clock precisely,
 MESSRS. TARN, AUCTIONEERS.

ALL that Freehold DWELLING-HOUSE, used as a TEMPERANCE HOTEL, with the GARDENS adjoining, situate in Calgate, Barnard Castle, in the occupation of the owner, Mr. Thomas Kipling. The premises consist of a spacious entrance, three sitting rooms, five bedrooms, two kitchens, laundry, and other convenient back premises, and have a frontage to the principal street of 72 feet.

The WOODEN SHOP adjoining will be sold with the premises.

The Garden behind contains about 600 square yards, and is well cultivated. The owner has recently spent a large sum in alterations and improvements, which make the premises complete for the hotel business.

The property is in the most improving part of the town and the proposed ornamentation of the street in front will add to its attractions as a comfortable place of resort for its ever-increasing number of visitors.

In addition to the business of the hotel the proprietor has carried on that of a Photographer, for which the premises are admirably adapted.

The STUDIO standing in the garden is for Sale by Private Treaty, and will be sold separately. Offers are invited.

Further particulars and permission to view may be obtained from the Owner, or

R. F. RICHARDSON,
Solicitor, Barnard Castle.

Hury, in Baldersdale.

MESSRS TARN will SELL BY AUCTION, on SATURDAY, the 13th of September, 1879, at Hury, the following valuable STOCK, CROP, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and Effects, belonging to Mr. Tobias Kipling, who is leaving the neighbourhood, comprising 1 good Young Cow, spring calver; 1 Yearling Heifer, 1 Heifer Calf, 1 Store Pig, Hens, 1 Stack of Well-won Old Land Hay, to be consumed on the premises; 1 Stamp of do., do.; 7 Acres of unbroken Fog, 1 Acre of Pasture Eatage; Mahogany Table, Feather Bed, 3 Flock Beds, 2 Press Bedsteads, 1 Pole Bedstead, 1 Camp do., 1 Iron do., Oak Press, Sewing Machine, 2 American Clocks, Oak Dresser, 2 Kitchen Tables, Stand Table, Chair, Pots, Pans, &c., &c.

Sale at 1 o'Clock prompt.

Northern Echo - Thursday 11
September 1879

Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping
Gazette - Saturday 24 May 1879

Family history¹² tells that Thomas and Anne emigrated to Sealey, Texas, as they were concerned about the ability of their eight children to find suitable opportunities in England. They may well have been attracted by the opportunities highlighted in contemporary local newspapers, such as those below.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "NORTHERN ECHO."
 SIR,—I have received a letter from a brother-in-law who has recently gone to Texas, and he says that on his arrival there were hundreds of employers from all parts wanting to employ them. Blacksmiths, engineers, and others were specially employed.

Northern Echo - Monday 02 December 1878

Another hot country which is exciting the expectations of emigrants is Texas. We have been inundated with letters about Texas, which it is quite impossible for us to publish. Mrs SARAH PARKER last week sent us a voluminous epistle general, addressed to all her correspondents in the North, in which she extols the advantages of Texas as affording to all human beings the very maximum of human felicity at a minimum of expense. To expedite the exodus to the new Eden across the Atlantic a Texas Freehold Farm and Emigration Union has been formed, with Mr THOS. ELDERS, farmer, of Hart, in the county of Durham, as superintendent of a projected settlement, in which every settler is to start with eighty acres of good farming land, house, cattle, milch cows, pigs, chickens, and an American cooking stove—the lot valued at £200. On

Northern Echo - Monday 17 March 1879

¹¹ Newspaper cuttings on this page and the next are from the British Newspaper Archive. Available online at <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>. Last accessed 7 April 2012.

¹² 'Family history' was provided by Brian Kipling from notes, recordings and recollections of conversations with various members of the family.

Indeed, might they even have been part of the group mentioned below?

The National Steamship Co.'s steamer Helvetia, which sailed from the Mersey yesterday, conveyed no fewer than 80 farmers, who, dissatisfied with agricultural prospects in England, are emigrating to Texas. The majority of the emigrants were from the northern districts of Yorkshire and the southern division of Durham.

Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette - Thursday 28 August 1879

The family's immediate fate, however, is less clear, as they have not been found in the 1880 US census. Family history relates that Thomas and his elder sons set up as horse-breakers and ranchers in Sealey. The research below corroborates that they were in Sealey by 1883, when Mary Jane married a John McLean¹³.

Mary Jane KIPLING (b. January 1860, d. 1938)

Mary Jane KIPLING was born January 1860 in ENGLAND, and died 1938. She married [John McLEAN](#) on 1883 in TEXAS.

More About [Mary Jane KIPLING](#) and [John McLEAN](#):
Marriage: 1883, TEXAS.

Children of [Mary Jane KIPLING](#) and [John McLEAN](#) are:

- i. +[Mary McLEAN](#), d. date unknown.
- ii. +[Elizabeth Helen McLEAN](#), b. 18 August 1883, SEALY, TEXAS, d. 23 June 1962.
- iii. [Annie McLEAN](#), b. 1887, d. 1953.
- iv. +[William McLEAN](#), b. 1889, d. 1944.
- v. +[Margaret McLEAN](#), b. 1890, d. 1964.
- vi. [Alexander McLEAN](#), b. 1896, d. 1971.

In the book *Riata and Spurs* by the cowboy and Pinkerton agent, Charles Siringo, there appears without comment the picture below¹⁴.



MR. KIPLING'S SALOON IN PECOS, TEXAS, IN 1880 OR 1881
The proprietor with white apron is taking orders for drinks. The man next to him, sitting at a gambling-table, is Jim Miller, who had recently killed the sheriff of the county and then killed all the witnesses

¹³ NEY, R.G. The Descendents of John Ney. <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/n/e/y/Robert-Graham-Ney/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0483.html>. Last accessed 7 April 2012

¹⁴ Siringo, C A (1927). *Riata and Spurs*. New York Houghton Mifflin (reprinted 2007, Sunstone Press, Santa Fe, NM)

The date is manually corrected to 1891 in the Kipling family copy of the book and, as the 1900 US census records John Kipling as a saloon keeper in Eagle Pass, Texas, right on the Mexican border, it is most likely him¹⁵.

Tobias and family (excluding Ann's son, Thomas) *do* appear in the 1880 US census, although at Towanda in Pennsylvania¹⁶. He is tailoring still. Subsequent censuses and maritime records hint at subsequent crossings and recrossings of the Atlantic¹⁷. The family had returned to Yorkshire by the time of the 1881 English census (maybe Pennsylvania did not work out)¹⁸. At the time of the 1891 UK census, they have with them their six-year old granddaughter Maud BING¹⁹, born in Austin County, Texas (the county in which Sealey sits), suggesting that there was some proximity between the brothers' families for at least some of the 1880s.

¹⁵ Census. 1900. USA. Eagle Pass, Maverick, Texas. KIPLING, John. Roll: 1657; Page: 11A; Enumeration District: 54; FHL microfilm: 1241657. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

¹⁶ Census. 1880. USA. Towanda, Bradford, Pennsylvania. KIPLING, Tobias. Roll: 1105; Family History Film: 1255105; Page: 436A; Enumeration District: 026; Image: 0008. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

¹⁷ New York Passenger Lists 1820-1957. 12 Nov 1886. Liverpool – New York. *Berlin*. KIPLING, Tobias and William. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012.

Passenger lists leaving UK 1890-1960. Liverpool – Quebec. 12 May 1892. SS *Circassian*. KIPLING Jane, Mary and Emily. Available on-line at FindMyPast.co.uk. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012

¹⁸ Census. 1881. England. Cotherstone, Durham. KIPLING, Tobias. RG11; Piece: 4935; Folio: 19; Page: 3. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

¹⁹ Census. 1891. England. Middleton, Durham. KIPLING, Tobias. RG12; Piece: 4082; Folio: 60; Page: 5. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

4. Onwards to Canada

The 1891 Canadian census finds Thomas, still a photographer, and Anne living in Victoria, BC, along with William, Thomas jun., Charley, David and Annie²⁰. Later censuses note family members' arrival in Canada as being 1891, so most likely they had only just arrived. Family history tells that the climate there was considered more beneficial than the dust of Texas. The census shows William was working as a butcher and Thomas jun. as a boiler-maker.



Victoria, BC. Early part of 20th century²¹

There was certainly still a desire for emigrants to come to Canada at that time.

Hon. H. HOLBROOK, of Parkgate, late Minister of Works, British Columbia, spoke of the great importance of our colonial empire to the working men of this country, seeing that the colonies absorbed about £82,000,000 of their labour. The question of Imperial Federation was one of the great questions of the day, and was quite independent of English party politics. The returns from the Canadian Minister of Agriculture shewed that in 1887 the emigrants to Canada were 175,539. Of these 84,526 became settlers, and according to Whitaker's almanac the number from Great Britain amounted only to 32,025, thus shewing how comparatively few in this country were taking advantage of the great wealth of Canada, which was really their inheritance as Englishmen. There were fewer than 200,000,000 acres of rich land awaiting settlement in Canada, while the whole acreage of Ireland amounted only to some 20,000,000. So the

Cheshire Observer - Saturday 01 February 1890²²

Also living with them was daughter Margaret (now Kelly) and granddaughters Mary (5) and Isabella (2), both born in the USA.

²⁰ Census. Canada. 1890. James Bay Ward, Victoria, British Columbia; KIPLING, Thomas. Roll: T-6292; Family No: 194. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

²¹ Postcard of Victoria, BC. Not postally used. Private collection of Mike Kipling.

²² British Newspaper Archive. Available on-line at <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>. Last accessed 7 April 2012

Family history tells that Tobias was the first to come to Victoria and recommend it to Thomas. However, there is no clear evidence to support this. He is first appears in the 1901 census (twice, once as a fruit grower and once as a tailor)²³ and gives conflicting arrival dates (1890 and 1892). He died in Victoria in 1916²⁴.

Thomas sen. died in 1892²⁵. Perhaps it was too late for the purer air to have an effect!

Thos. Kipling, a native of Durham, England was buried from the family residence on Humboldt street, Sunday afternoon. The British Columbia Society of Spiritualists, of which deceased was a member, conducted the services, Mrs. Mayo-Stearns officiating. The invocation at the grave was singularly eloquent and touching.

It would appear that Thomas and Anne had become Spiritualists, a religion she also claims in the 1901 census. This accords with family history, which relates that greater freedom to adopt an evangelical Christian outlook was another motivator of the original migration.

A month after Thomas' death, Annie married Thomas SPARKS.²⁶

Thomas married Emily Jane TYACK in December 1895 and, as the cutting below says, set off immediately to make home in Texas²⁷.

At the early hour of 6.30 yesterday morning a wedding ceremony was performed at Christ Church cathedral, Rev. Canon Beanlands officiating, and Miss Emily Tyack became the bride of Mr. Thomas Kipling, formerly of the harbor department. After the ceremony a substantial breakfast was served at the house of the bride's mother on Humboldt street, and after receiving the hearty congratulations of their assembled friends the newly wedded pair left by the Rosalie for Fort Worth, Texas, their future home. The bridesmaids at the very early wedding were Miss Foster and Miss Laurie, while Mr. F. W. Stubbs performed the duties of groomsman.

²³ Census. Canada. 1901. Victoria, British Columbia; KIPLING, Thomas. Page: 11; Family No: 104 and Page: 5; Family No: 47. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

²⁴ Death index. British Columbia. Victoria. 19 Aug 1916. Reg No. 1916-09-033457. KIPLING, Tobias. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

²⁵ *Victoria Daily Colonist*, 1 Nov 1892, Pg 6. Available on-line at www.britishcolonist.ca. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012.

²⁶ Marriage Index. British Columbia. Victoria. 7 Dec 1892. Reg No. 1892-09-005097. KIPLING, Annie. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

²⁷ *Victoria Daily Colonist*, 18 Dec 1895, Pg 5. Available on-line at www.britishcolonist.ca. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012.

On 26 May 1896, the Point Ellice Bridge in Victoria collapsed under the weight of an overcrowded tramcar. One of those killed was James Henry Tyack, the brother of Emily Kipling²⁸.

J. H. TYACK, a blacksmith's helper residing on Humboldt street; his body was at first mistaken for that of his cousin, Jimmie Laurie, whose brother was drowned only a couple of months ago. Laurie is safe.



Aftermath of the Point Ellice bridge disaster²⁹

Family history tells that Thomas and Emily returned to Victoria as a result.

²⁸ *Victoria Daily Colonist*, 27 May 1896, Pg 1. Available on-line at www.britishcolonist.ca. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012.

²⁹ Photograph from KnowBC.com. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012

In 1897, Thomas was involved an accident in Victoria, again associated with a bridge, for which he received compensation,³⁰

BRIDGE REPAIRER'S INJURIES.

Thomas Kipling stated that while employed in repairing Rock Bay bridge he had received a bad electric shock. He asked the city to compensate him for 12 days' loss of time and pay his doctor's bill. The accident, he explained, occurred on June 29, while he was employed as engineer on the hoisting cable. The cable "crossing" with the trolley wire of the tramway company charged the entire engine with electricity, the engineer receiving a violent shock, being thrown down and struck several times by the main rod.

Dr. O. M. Jones certified to the nature and extent of Mr. Kipling's injuries, while City Engineer Wilmot, by request, submitted a report on the case in which he maintained that the accident had not arisen through any negligence on the part of the corporation.

As Mr. Kipling asked only for compensation for lost time, and payment for his medical attendant, a number of the aldermen were in favor of paying his claim at once. This it was held by others, however, might establish a dangerous precedent, and the communication with the documents attached was finally referred to the streets committee for a report.

The streets committee submitted a report in connection with the claim of Thos. Kipling, who met with an accident at Rock Bay bridge, and recommended the payment of \$35. Report adopted.



Rock Bay Bridge (1895)³¹

In the 1898 voters' list for BC, the only Kiplings listed are Thomas ("Fireman") and Charles ("Teamster")³².

³⁰ *Victoria Daily Colonist*, 20 Jul 1897, Pg 6 and 10 Aug 1897, Pg 6. Available on-line at www.britishcolonist.ca. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012.

³¹ Emily Carr (1895). The Rock Bay Bridge. Available online at <http://victoriahistory.ca/blog/2010/08/the-old-rock-bay-bridge/>. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012.

³² 1898 Voters' list for British Columbia. Extracted from the Sessional papers of the BC Government by Hugh Armstrong. Available online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canbc/vote1898/votek.htm>. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012.

That same year, he made an interesting invention³³.

Of Benefit to Babies.—An automatic rocking cradle, designed to while away the babyhood hours of blinking-eyed pink and white tots inclined to restlessness, and thereby save many weary moments for tired mothers, will be on exhibition all to-day at Weiler Bros.' furniture house on Fort street; and numbers of innocent little ones are expected to drop around, escorted by approving mammas, and inspect. "The cradle runs by clock-work," says the inventor, Mr. Thomas Kipling, a resident of Victoria, "and it will save the arms of mothers; bring gladness to the hearts of paterfamilias and relieve his nights of many infant-voiced horrors." Questioned as to what moved him to the invention, Mr. Kipling only smiled and hastily turned the conversation into other channels. He will be present during the exhibition, however, and it may be, will then explain that interesting point.

Perhaps the answer to the article's question came in 1900, when Thomas and Emily had a son, Rudyard Thomas³⁴. Later, they had daughters Mildred and Ruth as well³⁵.

In 1901, **Margaret**, Mary and Isabella are still in Victoria, the former two working as servants and Isabella as a nurse³⁶. Subsequently, Margaret appears to have married a JOHNSON and in 1920 is living with Mary, now married, in Pinehurst, Washington State³⁷.

Mother **Anne** died in October 1905, whilst visiting John who had remained in the US (Roswell, NM). Her body was returned to Canada. The cutting³⁸ mentions only six children, implying two have died. This cannot be confirmed, as only David (see below) is not recorded past the date of Anne's death.

On Sunday afternoon the remains of Mrs. Thomas Kipling, who died at Foswell, New Mexico, on September 30, arrived by the steamer Whatcom. The deceased lady was very well known in this city, having resided here a number of years. She leaves six children to mourn her loss — Mrs. Thomas Sparks and Thomas Kipling of Victoria, Mrs. Johnson of Vancouver, and three living in the United States. The funeral is arranged to take place today at 2:30 p. m. from her son's residence, 36 King's road.

³³ *Victoria Daily Colonist*, 2 Mar 1904, Pg 7. Available on-line at www.britishcolonist.ca. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012.

³⁴ Birth Index. British Columbia. Victoria. 17 Sep 1900. Reg. No. 1900-09-010838. KIPLING, Rudyard. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012

³⁵ Census. Canada. 1911. Victoria (City/Cité), Victoria, British Columbia; KEPLING (sic), Thomas. Page: 20; Family No: 207. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

³⁶ Census. Canada. 1901. Victoria (City/Cité), Victoria, British Columbia; KELLY, Margaret. Page: 24; Family No: 244. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

³⁷ Census, USA 1920. Pinehurst, Snohomish, Washington. JOHNSON, Margaret. Roll: T625_1939; Page: 13A; Enumeration District: 179; Image: 502. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

³⁸ *Victoria Daily Colonist*, 10 Oct 1905, Pg 5. Available on-line at www.britishcolonist.ca. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012

In 1895, **David** is recorded playing lacrosse and the last reference to him is in 1902, when he became junior beadle of the Ancient Order of Foresters in Victoria³⁹. The following year, he is not mentioned in the similar list. His death is not recorded in BC nor can he be found there or elsewhere subsequently. It therefore appears possible that he died between late 1902 and late 1905.

LACROSSE.
JAMES BAYS VS STARS

This afternoon, on the Oak Bay grounds, the above teams will meet in their second match of the season, and an interesting contest is expected. F. Smith has been chosen to act as field captain for the Bays, while for the Stars H. Cooley will perform a similar duty, W. Clark being referee. The teams will take their positions on the field as follows:

<i>Stars.</i>	<i>James Bays.</i>
D. Kipling.....goal.....	G. Goward
G. Warren.....point.....	F. White
H. Crook.....cover point.....	C. Wilson
W. McConnell.....first defence.....	E. Greenfield
F. Bowness.....second defence.....	J. Wolfenden
H. Finlaison.....third defence.....	J. Hannigan
H. Erskine.....centre.....	K. Scholefield
L. Roscamp.....third home.....	P. Higgins
D. Tait.....second home.....	W. McMicking
T. Norman.....first home.....	P. Fagan
J. Theburn.....outside home.....	B. Wolfenden
R. Jessy.....inside home.....	B. Schwengers
.....substitute.....	C. Cuthbert

Officers Elected.—The election and installation of officers of Court Vancouver No. 5755, A. O. F., took place at K. of L. hall last night. The officers elected by the lodge were: Chief Ranger, A. N. Sandall; sub. chief ranger, W. Cooper; senior woodward, J. H. Mansell; J. W., W. Clark; senior beadle, R. Curran; junior beadle, D. Kipling; court surgeon, Dr. P. W. Hall; secretary, S. Wilson; treasurer, W. B. Hall, and trustee, F. Carne, jr. The officers were installed by district chief ranger, F. Nelson, assisted by the following deputies, F. Castleton, P. Davis, W. Wrigglesworth, J. Smith and J. H. Meldrum.

³⁹ Cuttings on this page from *Victoria Daily Colonist*, Available on-line at www.britishcolonist.ca. Last accessed 1 Apr 2012

5. Back in the US

John, who remained in the US, married Emma, 15 years younger than himself⁴⁰. He died between 1920 and 1930, the latter census showing Emma, now a widow, still in Roswell, NM⁴¹. They do not appear to have had children. John was for many years a confectionary merchant, although family history tells that he was also into liquor running during Prohibition.



*Photographs of John and Emma Kipling.*⁴²

⁴⁰ Census. USA. 1910 and 1920. Roswell, Chaves, New Mexico. KIPLING, John. Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0021; Image: 628; FHL microfilm: 1374926 and T625_1074; Page: 9B; Enumeration District: 3; Image: 696. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

⁴¹ Census. USA. 1930. Roswell, Chaves, New Mexico. KIPLING, Emma. Roll: 1393; Page: 19B; Enumeration District: 2; Image: 84.0; FHL microfilm: 2341128.

⁴² Private collection of Brian Kipling

Charles, who was working as a 'smelter man' in 1901⁴³, also moved back south but in 1905 was the unfortunate victim of a fatal accident⁴⁴.

An explosion in the engine room of the Los Angeles Interurban railway power house, located on Georgia street between Eleventh and Pico streets, caused by a defective valve in one of the boilers, badly scalded the face and hands of Engineer Charles G. Kipling of 1224 West Eleventh street, and fractured the left leg of Fireman Fred Leiser of Boyle Heights yesterday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock.

In some unknown manner a leak was sprung in a portion of the steam chest. This allowed steam to accumulate beneath the jacket surrounding the steamchest and the explosion followed.

The injured men were placed on a special car and hurriedly removed to the receiving hospitals. Police Surgeons Bonyage and Smith attended the wounded men and later had them removed to the Sisters' hospital, where it was stated that both men would recover.

VICTIM OF EXPLOSION DIES

Charles Kipling, Scalded by Escaping Steam at Power House, Succumbs to Injuries

Charles G. Kipling, who was injured Nov. 8 in the explosion at the power house of the Interurban company, at Girard and Georgia streets, died at the Sisters' hospital yesterday afternoon.

The escaping steam literally roasted Kipling, but for a time it was thought that his life could be saved. Complications set in and his condition recently became worse. The deceased leaves a young wife and a small child.

His "Woodmen of the World" grave is in Oak Hill Memorial Park, Escondido, CA⁴⁵.



His wife, Edna, had remarried by 1910⁴⁶. The daughter was Irene Kipling, later Irene KIMBLE⁴⁷.

⁴³Census. Canada.: Kooteny West, Yale & Cariboo, British Columbia; Page: 9; Family No: 117. KIPLING, Charles. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

⁴⁴ Los Angeles Herald. 8/18 Nov 1905. Library of Congress. Historic American Newspapers. Available on line at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012.

⁴⁵ Found online at

http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM3X7E_Woodmen_of_the_World_Charles_Kipling_Escondido_CA. Posted by Johnny Quest. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012.

⁴⁶ Census. USA. 1910. Escondido, CA. KIPLING, Isabel T624_95; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 0132; Image: 659; FHL microfilm: 1374108. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

⁴⁷ Census. USA. 1930. Los Angeles, CA. KIMBLE, Irene. Roll: Roll: 159; Page: 34A; Enumeration District: 628; Image: 932.0; FHL microfilm: 2339894. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

By 1900, **William** too had returned to the US, butchering in El Paso TX, and was married to Flora (nee LAW) with a 1 year old daughter Berta⁴⁸. In 1910, the three were in Houston⁴⁹. Family history says he died in 1916 and, in partial support of this, the 1920 census shows Flora living with Berta, now married⁵⁰. However, Flora is shown as divorced, not widowed. Further investigation is required.

Sometime after 1911, **Thomas** and Emily also moved to the USA, where the 1920 census finds them and their two daughters living in Burbank, CA, Thomas being now a “stationary engineer” at an “ice company”⁵¹. He became a naturalised US citizen in August 1927 and his certificate⁵² tells us some useful facts, including confirming that the family first emigrated to the US in 1879 and that they travelled on the *Tutona* from Liverpool to New Orleans. I have been unable to identify a vessel called *Tutona*.

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FORM 1000-5.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. **44920**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the _____ District _____ Court
of the United States

I, **Thomas Kipling**, aged **57** years,
occupation **Engineer of the Assoc. Meat Co.**, do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color **White** complexion **Fair**, height **6** feet **6** inches,
weight **148** pounds, color of hair **Light**, color of eyes **Blue**
other visible distinctive marks **Scar on forehead and on left wrist**
I was born in **Barns & Castle, England**
on the **19th** day of **October**, anno Domini **1869**; I now reside
at **2237 Bunker Blvd, Los Angeles, Calif.**
(Give number, street, city or town, and State)
I emigrated to the United States of America from **Liverpool**
on the vessel **Tutona**; my last
(If the alien married elsewhere than by vessel, the date and place of such marriage should be given.)
foreign residence was **Victoria, Canada**; I am _____ married; the name
of my wife is **Emily**; (She) was born at **Cornwall, England**
and now resides at **with me**
It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to _____
(Insert name of the foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, if known.)
of whom I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of **New Orleans**,
in the State of **Louisiana**, on or about the **5th** day
of **November**, anno Domini **1879**; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

Thomas Kipling
(Printed name of declarant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of
said Court this **19th** day of **August**, anno Domini **1927**

[SSEAL]

R. S. ZIMMERMAN
U. S. District Court
Deputy Clerk

⁴⁸ Census. USA 1900. El paso, TX. KIPLING, William. Roll: 1631; Page: 8A; Enumeration District: 23; FHL microfilm: 1241631. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

⁴⁹ Census. USA 1910. Houston, TX. KIPLING, William. Roll: T624_1560; Page: 8A; Enumeration District: 0092; Image: 816; FHL microfilm: 1375573. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012.

⁵⁰ Census. USA 1900. Houston, TX. KIPLING, Flora. Roll: T625_1813; Page: 10B; Enumeration District: 44; Image: 29. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

⁵¹ Census. USA 1920. Glendale, CA. KIPLING, Thomas. Roll: T625_102; Page: 8A; Enumeration District: 25; Image: 922. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

⁵² National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C.; Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division (Los Angeles), 1887-1940; Microfilm Serial: M1524; Microfilm Roll: 24. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 7 Apr 2012

Family records tell that Thomas died in 1928, after which Emily returned to Victoria, where she died in 1932⁵³.

Daughter Ruth also moved back to Canada, where amongst other things she was involved in Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) for many years⁵⁴. She never married and died in 1998.

Rudyard Thomas appears not to have moved to the US. He became a school teacher in Victoria⁵⁵. He married Murray STEWART in 1925⁵⁶. They had one child, Barbara Ann Kipling, born 1934, who is a locally renowned artist⁵⁷.



Barbara Ann Kipling *Self Portrait*⁵⁸

⁵³ Death Index. British Columbia. 11 Apr 1932. KIPLING, Emily. Reg. No. 1932-09-474392. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012

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⁵⁷ KIPLING, Ann. (2011). *The Solitude of Place*. Burnaby, BC: Burnaby Art Gallery.

⁵⁸ Barbara Ann Kipling *Self Portrait* Etching Ed.13/20 15 x 21" 1967. provided by and reproduced with the kind permission of the artist.

6. The 1944 Legal case

In 1939, Emily Kipling, widow of Thomas jun, died intestate. There were problems over the settlement of the estate and in 1943 a number of relatives instituted an action against the insurers of the administrator⁵⁹. They were:

Person	Position in Family
Annie SPARKS	nee Kipling, d of Thomas sen.
Ruth Tyack KIPLING	daughter of Thomas jun.
Rudyard Thomas KIPLING	son of Thomas jun.
Irene Kipling KIMBLE	daughter of Charles
Mildred Emily MILLER	daughter of Thomas jun. ⁶⁰
Isabel ORTWEIN	(a)
Elizabeth STEVENS	daughter of Mary Jane ⁶¹
Anne HARRYMAN	daughter of Mary Jane ⁶²
Mary FUNDERBURK	(b)
William MACLEAN	son of Mary Jane
Margaret SCHUSTER	daughter of Mary Jane ⁶³
Alexander MACLEAN	son of Mary Jane

(a) Isabel Ortwein can be found in the 1930 US census (b 1892 Texas, father American, mother English)⁶⁴. She is most probably Isabella Kelly.

(b) No record can be found linking to FUNDERBURK (Mary McLean is, however, otherwise untraced)

Some loose ends remain to be tied up!

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⁵⁹ FindACase. Available online at <http://ks.findacase.com/>. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012

⁶⁰ Census. USA. 1930. Los Angeles, CA, MILLER, Mildred. Roll: 160; Page: 71A; Enumeration District: 633; Image: 142.0; FHL microfilm: 2339895. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012

⁶¹ Census. USA. 1930. Santa Fe, Kern, CA. STEPHENS, Elizabeth. Roll: 121; Page: 8A; Enumeration District: 60; Image: 1177.0; FHL microfilm: 2339856. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012

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⁶³ Census. USA. 1930. Pasadena, CA. SCHUSTER, Margaret. Roll: 168; Page: 11B; Enumeration District: 1232; Image: 1002.0; FHL microfilm: 2339903. Available on-line at Ancestry.co.uk. Last accessed 8 Apr 2012

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