

## John Kipling, Clerk of the Rolls

John was a son of attorney Henry Kipling, see [Newhouses Kiplings in London](#).

On 28 Nov 1765, John was articled to John Perrott, attorney, of the Inner Temple for £150 (an immediately adjacent record notes a further (?) sum of £50).

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John Perrott &c of the Inner Temple Attorneys John Kipling  
 Son of Richard at Warwick Town Articled .. 19 .. 1765 ..  
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He became a sworn clerk at the Court of Exchequer, where he took on clerks in 1772 (and also in 1788, when of the same office).

John Kipling of Southampton New Bloombury in Middle. Attorney Thomas West  
 John Kipling one of the Sworn Clerks in the Office of Remembrances in Exch. Thomas West

He is listed in the *Royal Kalendar* in that role from 1778.

Sworn Clerks, Michael Mayo,  
 William-Seabrooke Wells  
 John Kipling

By 1784, he was one of the 'Six Clerks' in the Court of Chancery. From at least 1798, he was also listed in the *Kalendar* in the Exchequer Court.

2d Secondary, and Filazer,  
 John Kipling, esq.

By 1795, he had a country seat at Overstone and was an established member of the Northamptonshire gentry, able to give £50 to the raising of a militia in 1794 and maintaining a gamekeeper.

A SUBSCRIPTION was immediately opened, in  
 Pursuance of the Second of the above Resolutions; and  
 the following Sums of Money were subscribed:—  
 £. s. d.  
 John Kipling, Esq. - 50 0 0

*Northampton Mercury* - Saturday 03 May 1794

### Northamptonshire GAME DUTY.

A Correct List, in Alphabetical Order, of the CERTIFICATES that have been issued to Gamekeepers, by the Clerk of the Peace for the County of NORTHAMPTON, under the Acts of Parliament of the Twenty-fifth and Thirty-first Years of the Reign of his present Majesty King GEORGE the Third; the first intitled "An Act for repealing an Act made in the 24th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intitled An Act for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Certificates issued with Respect to the Killing of Game, and for granting other Duties in Lieu thereof," and the other intitled "An Act for granting to his Majesty an additional Duty on Certificates issued with Respect to the Killing of Game," between the 1st Day of July, and the 1st Day of September, 1794, both Days inclusive.

A  
Allen John, Sywell, Yeoman, gamekeeper of John Kipling, Esq. for the manors of Overton and Sywell.  
Aug. 25.

Northampton Mercury - Saturday 13 September 1794

By 1804, he was a Deputy Lieutenant for the county.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
AT a GENERAL MEETING of the DEPUTY-LIEUTENANTS and MAGISTRATES of the said COUNTY, held at the GEORGE INN, in the Town of NORTHAMPTON, on FRIDAY the 14th Day of SEPTEMBER, 1801,  
PRESENT,  
The Right Hon. the Earl of NORTHAMPTON, Lieutenant;  
The Right Honourable Earl SPENCER,  
Sir WM. LANGHAM, Bart.  
W. R. CARTWRIGHT, Esq.  
G. W. GUNNING, Esq.  
THOS. CARTER, Esq.  
T. S. W. SAMWELL, Esq.  
JOHN CLARKE, Esq.  
A. E. YOUNG, Esq.  
W. SAWBRIDGE, Esq.  
J. C. MANSEL, Esq.  
— KIPLING, Esq.  
J. E. DOLBEN, Esq.  
J. C. ROSE, Esq.  
GILBERT FLESHER, Esq.  
Deputy-Lieutenants;

Northampton Mercury - Saturday 15 September 1804

By 1807, he was one of the five directors for the county of the County Fire Office.

COUNTY FIRE-OFFICE,  
ESTABLISHED BY AN  
Association of Noblemen and Gentlemen,  
In the Counties of  
Bucks | Hertford | Middlesex | Oxford  
Bedford | Leicester | Northampton | Warwick  
Berks | Lincoln | Nottingham | York  
FOR THE EXPRESS BENEFIT OF COUNTRY RESIDENTS.  
Directors,  
NORTHAMPTON.  
T. S. W. Samwell, Esq. Upton-Hall  
John Kipling, Esq. Overstone  
Christopher Smyth, Esq. Northampton  
John Percival, Sen. Esq. Banker, Northampton  
John Smith, Esq. Oundle

Northampton Mercury - Saturday 03 October 1807

In 1809, we find him celebrating the King's jubilee with largesse.

ROYAL JUBILEE.  
The extraordinary and joyful event of our revered Sovereign entering upon the 50th year of his reign was celebrated by the inhabitants of this place with the most lively demonstrations of loyalty and attachment, and with a unanimity and public spirit worthy of a grateful people.

At Overstone, an ox, given by J. Kipling, Esq. was divided into portions, and, together with bread and money, distributed to every poor family in that parish.

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 28 October 1809*

In the same edition we find:

On Wednesday evening, between nine and ten o'clock, a rick in the yard of Mr. Pell, of Sywell Hall, near this town, was discovered to be on fire, and in consequence of the very dry state of the adjoining ricks, &c. the flames speedily communicated to five other ricks in the yard, a barn nearly full of barley, five cottage houses, hovels, a quantity of straw, dung, &c. all of which in a short time was entirely consumed, notwithstanding every possible exertion, with the assistance of an engine from J. Kipling's, Esq. of Overstone, was made to subdue the flames.

We are happy to find, that Mr. Pell is insured to a considerable amount in the Sun Fire-Office, not far short we hope of his actual loss.

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 28 October 1809*

Fire is again a problem two months later.

SYWELL FIRE.

**T**HE POOR INHABITANTS of SYWELL, Sufferers from the calamitous FIRE which happened on the Night of the 25th of October last, most humbly and respectfully desire to return sincere Thanks to those who have so benevolently stood forward to repair and alleviate the Loss and Distress consequent on that unfortunate Occurrence: They also beg to return Thanks to Messrs. HOLT and SCRIVEN, Northampton; WORLEY, Sywell; and SHARMAN, Hardwick; for their Readiness in estimating the Damage sustained, and collecting the Subscriptions. And likewise to Miss PELL, for her kind Assistance in laying out the Money collected in the most advantageous Way, conformably to the Request of some of the Subscribers.

December, 1809.

<i>Subscriptions.</i>	£.	s.	d.
Right Hon Lord Brownlow.....	5	5	0
Hon. and Rev. Henry Cockayne Cust ..	5	5	0
Hon. Lady Brownlow .....	2	2	0
John Kipling, Esq. and Mrs. Kipling ..	2	0	0
Rev. John Henry Reounard, Rector of Little-Billing .....	2	0	0
Mrs. Isted, Ecton .....	1	1	0
Rev. John Bodier, Rector of Grendon.	1	1	0
Mrs. Heron, Baker-Street, Portman- Square, London .....	1	0	0
Miss and Miss Elizabeth Heron, Ditto..	1	0	0
Miss Kipling and Miss Wood .....	1	0	0

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 30 December 1809*

‘Miss Kipling and Miss Wood’ are probably John’s sister and sister-in law.

He was Chairman of the Northampton General Infirmary (Northampton Mercury - Saturday 03 August 1811). He served on the committee of a Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor (Northampton Mercury - Saturday 04 April 1812).

An accident occurred in 1815

*Singular Occurrence.*--On Thursday, as a labourer of J. Kipling, Esq. of Overstone, near this town, was rolling the park with a large iron roller, and approaching too near the descent of a very extensive pond, the weight of the roller overpowered the horses, drew them into the pond, and they were both drowned.

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 26 August 1815*

In 1816, one of his ploughmen came third in a competition.

Yesterday morning presented a very interesting scene to the farmer and lover of agriculture. A little before eight o'clock a number of Gentlemen assembled in a field, a short distance from our race ground, to witness a trial of skill in the great and necessary art of Ploughing; premiums having been very laudably offered by the Agricultural Society of this county, to the three ploughmen who should plough half an acre of land, in the best and most expeditious manner. There were seven candidates.—The premiums were adjudged as follow:—

To James Bamon, ploughman to John Kipling, Esq. of Overston, who, with a Kingsthorpe plough, in 2 hours 34 minutes, ploughed half an acre, £1. 1s.

Northampton Mercury - Saturday 30 March 1816

On the 16th ult. an inquisition was taken at Overstone, in this county, before R. Abbey, Gent. on view of the body of William Cox, labourer, who was drowned in a pond, at Overstone, belonging to John Kipling, Esq. The deceased was employed to procure water from the pond, and while sitting on the shaft, in the act of filling the water cart, the horse went backwards, and the deceased fell off, and was drowned before assistance could be afforded him. Verdict—*Accidental Death.*—

Northampton Mercury - Saturday 06 April 1816

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
PROVIDENT INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS.

AT a public Meeting holden at the GEORGE INN, NORTHAMPTON, on FRIDAY the 26th of APRIL, 1816, for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the Measures that may be necessary in order to establish a BANK of SAVINGS, for the Benefit of the lower Orders,

MANAGERS.	
The Patrons	Isted Samuel, Esq.
The Trustees	Kerr William, M. D.
The Mayor of Northampton	King William
	Kipling John, Esq.

Northampton Mercury - Saturday 04 May 1816

*Preparing for Publication.*

**T**HE HISTORY and ANTIQUITIES of  
the COUNTY of NORTHAMPTON,  
By GEORGE BAKER,  
OF NORTHAMPTON.

SUBSCRIBERS.

*Small Paper.*

W. Alexander, Esq. F. S. A. British Museum  
J. Kipling, Esq. Overston Hall  
Cheetham Library, Manchester

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 20 July 1816*

**SAINT PETER'S CHURCH,  
NORTHAMPTON.**

**T**HE following Statement of the Proceedings  
for restoring the Interior of this ancient Edifice,  
is published for the Information of the Subscribers:  
viz. —

	£.	s.	d.
Amount of Subscriptions already ad- vertised .....	92	15	0
Gentlemen .....	0	5	0
Mr. Donaldson .....	1	1	0
— Milne, Esq. ....	0	10	6
Lord Sondes .....	3	0	0
C. Tibbits, Esq. Barton Seagrave .....	1	1	0
Mrs. Tibbits .....	1	1	0
R. J. Tibbits, Esq. ....	1	1	0
Rev. B. W. Fletcher, Kettering .....	1	1	0
John Kipling, Esq. ....	1	0	0

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 21 December 1816*

**TWENTY POUNDS REWARD.**

**A** FAT EWE SHEEP, the Property of  
JOHN KIPLING, Esq. of OVERSTONE, was felo-  
niously KILLED, and the Skin and Carcass carried  
away from his Grounds, late in the NIGHT of the 3d,  
or early on the MORNING of the 4th INSTANT, the  
Head and Entrails having been discovered in one of  
the fish Ponds.

A Reward of TWENTY POUNDS will be paid to  
any Person or Persons who shall give such Information  
to GEORGE FORTNUM, the Shepherd, at Over-  
stone, as may be the Means of convicting the Offender  
or Offenders.

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 07 June 1817*

GEORGE INN, KETTERING,  
3d NOVEMBER, 1818,  
A T a very respectable Meeting of Gentlemen,  
Clergy, and others interested in the PRO-  
POSED TURNPIKE ROAD from KETTERING  
to NORTHAMPTON, this Day holden, pursuant to  
Adjournment, and public Notice given for that Pur-  
pose; JOHN KIPLING, Esq. in the Chair;

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 07 November 1818*

NORTHAMPTON  
Grand Musical Festival.  
To the NOBILITY, GENTRY, CLERGY,  
&c. of the COUNTY and TOWN of  
NORTHAMPTON.  
PATRONS and STEWARDS.  
John Kipling, Esq. | W. H. Fitton, Esq. M. D.

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 02 October 1819*

We feel great pleasure in stating that J.  
Kipling, Esq. of Overstone, near this town, at  
his last audit day, unsolicited, deducted fifteen  
per cent. from his Michaelmas rents, and also  
returned the same sum for the rents paid at  
Lady Day last.

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 03 November 1821*

Preferred.—The Rev. H. J. Shackleton,  
B. A. of Trinity college, Cambridge, to the vicarage of  
Plumstead, with East Wickham annexed, Kent;  
patron, John Kipling, Esq. of Overstone, in this county.

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 19 April 1828*

A correspondent informs us, that early in  
the afternoon of Wednesday last, the singular pheno-  
menon of a water spout was observed in the park of J.  
Kipling, Esq. of Overstone, near this town. From one  
of the lesser ponds it took up a small quantity of water,  
which probably might have been increased had not  
the water spout been so rapidly drawn along by the  
cloud to which it was attached.

*Northampton Mercury - Saturday 20 June 1829*

From 1805, he became:

*Clerk of the Records in the Rolls  
Chapel, John Kipling, esq.*

Copy will of the Revd Henry Colston

Reference Name MISC DON 1557/2

Bequeaths all of his land and property to John Kipling of the Rolls Chapel, London.

Date: 9 Jun 1796

Repository: Lincolnshire Archives [057]

At Alford, co. Lincoln, in his 49th year, the Rev. Henry Colston, M. A. rector of Billesby, and vicar of Ulceby, both co. Lincoln; the former in the patronage of the Cathedral Church of Southwell, the latter in the gift of the Crown. He was formerly fellow of Sidney-college, Cambridge; B. A. 1768; M. A. 1772.

The Gentleman's magazine, and historical chronicle, Volume 66, Part 1

{Henry (b1747) was the son of Robert and Mary Colston of Alford [IGI]}

\* SIR,  
In order to enable me to answer with due correctness, the inquiry the Record Committee have been pleased to make concerning the space which remained in the Rolls Chapel for the reception of Records, and for how many years to come, according to the Average Receipt of the last Ten Years, I have carefully inspected all the vacant presses and shelves intended for Records, and having had the same accurately measured, am enabled to acquaint you, for the information of the Committee, that they are sufficient to contain Records for upwards of 60 years to come, according to the Average Receipt of the last Ten Years, and that there is sufficient space for erecting additional presses to contain the Records for upwards of 20 years beyond the said 60 years, according to the same average.

I am, Sir, &c.

John Kipling.

Rolls Chapel, 14 June 1800.

SIR,  
In preparing my answer to the inquiry, which the Record Committee have been pleased to make concerning the space remaining in the Rolls Chapel for the reception of Records, it occurred to me that you sometime since asked me whether the Records here were ever transmitted to the Tower; and as I do not recollect that I explained myself fully upon the subject, I take the liberty to mention that the Records in the Rolls Chapel, particularly those from the Dissolution of Monasteries, 29 Hen. VIII, are so fully resorted to by gentlemen of the law resident in or near the Inns of Court, that no situation could be more convenient for access than the present repository at the Rolls Chapel, which is in the very centre of business; and this (as I apprehend) has been a principal reason why no transmission has been made to the Tower, and that further room has been provided here for reception of the Rolls as they have increased; and it may be remarked, from the compact form in which the Chancery Rolls are made up, that a small space is sufficient to contain all the Rolls even of the longest reigns.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

John Kipling.

Charles Abbot, Esq.

Rolls Chapel Office, 17 June 1800.

Reports from Committees of the House of Commons (1800)



**RECORD OFFICE**, *Tower of London*, is kept in Wakefield's Tower, which joins the Bloody Tower, near Traitor's Bridge. It consists of several apartments, in which are deposited in secure presses, all the rolls, from the first year of King John to the beginning of Richard III., but those subsequent to that period are kept in the **Rolls Chapel**. The present officers are, Henry Petre, Esq., F.R.S., *Keeper*; John Bayley, Esq., F.R.S., *Chief Clerk*; three *Senior Clerks*, and two *Junior Clerks*. In the **Rolls Chapel**, John **Kipling**, Esq., is *Keeper*; Thomas Palmer, Esq., *Chief Clerk*, and two *Assistant Clerks*.

**SIX CLERKS' OFFICE**, *Chancery-lane*, is about six houses on the right hand side going from Holborn. The hours of business are from 10 to 2, and 6 to 8, in Term; and 10 to 2, in Vacation. This is an office appertaining to the Court of Chancery, and the six clerks are next in degree to the twelve masters in that court. Their business is to enroll commissions, pardons, patents, warrants, &c. that have passed the great seal, and other business in Chancery. There are also, under these, thirty other sworn clerks, called clerks in court, who act for and with the solicitors in this court. The present six clerks are, John **Kipling**, Francis Vesey, Edward V. Utterson, William Turton, Launcelot Baugh Allen and Richard Pollen, Esqs.; and William Roberts, *Deputy Record Keeper*.

A Topographical Dictionary of London and Its Environs:

**MDCCCXXI.**

(K. 32.)—AN ACCOUNT of the Office of CLERK

I DO not apprehend that there is now existing, such an Office as that of Clerk of the Appeals, but the Business and Emoluments of the Office of Secretary of Appeals, to which I was verbally appointed by the Lord Chancellor in June 1795, are as follow. The Business consists in presenting Petitions to his Lordship for his Signature, from Suitors in the Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts, that Commissions of Appeal from the Sentences of those Courts may issue, and after the Petitions are signed, in preparing the Commissions for the Great Seal. The Emoluments are, for presenting such Petition, one Guinea; and for preparing the Commission, £. 1. 1s. 5d.

Total Profit - - - - - £. 2. 2s. 5d. From

(K. 33.)—AN ACCOUNT of the Office of the CLERK of RECORDS

Officer.	His Name.	By whom Appointed.	How Appointed.	When Appointed.	Duration of Interest.	Executed in Person or by Deputy.	RECEIPTS.	
							Salary.	Total Amount of Fees.
Clerk of the Records in the Rolls Chapel.	John Kipling.	By the Master of the Rolls.	By being admitted to take an Oath of Office, as anciently accustomed; before the Master of the Rolls, who signed the Record of his Admission.	30 <sup>th</sup> March 1775.	For Life.	In Person and by Clerks.	None.	£. s. d. 297 14 3

DUTY:

**GENERAL BUSINESS of the Office** - - - This is an ancient Office of the Court of Chancery. The duty of the Officer is to make Indexes or Calendars to Grants and other Records, as they are brought to the Rolls Chapel annually, from various Offices, in order that those who have occasion to search may more readily find the Grants or other Instruments wanted. To make Office Copies of Records; to write to the Great Seal Exemplifications, &c.; to attend the two Houses of Parliament and the Courts of Judicature occasionally with Records; to attend the Master of the Rolls, on cancellation of Recognizances, Deeds, and Letters Patent, and to invol some Instruments upon Record.

**ATTENDANCE**—1. Hours of Business - - - From Ten in the Morning until Three, and from Five in the Evening till Eight.

2. Holidays - - - None, except a week at Christmas, and at Easter and Whitsuntide.

INCREASE or DIMINUTION in Salaries and Emoluments since 1789, and the Occasion thereof.

Upon reference to my Accounts for the Year 1782, and the subsequent Years, I do not perceive any material variation in the Emoluments of my Office, upon averages of three Years taken together; but the average of three or four Years after my appointment to the Office in 1775, exceeded the subsequent averages by about £. 150 a Year, and the average Amount in the time of my late Predecessor, Mr. Rooke, exceeded, as I have reason to believe, my present average by about £. 400 a Year. Notwithstanding the Fees of Offices are fixed, yet in many cases much must depend upon the different sentiments of Officers executing the same Office. I have generally thought it right to allow gratuitous access to the Records to gentlemen of the profession of the Law, and others desirous of consulting the Records for assistance in their Studies, and also to Authors who appeared to me engaged in useful Publications, a privilege which my Predecessor was accustomed (as I have been informed) to grant in very few instances, perhaps from the inconvenience and abuse which he had experienced it to be liable to. He had certainly great and acknowledged merit, in restoring many of the Records to order, and in making them useful to the Public, and his Record

of the APPEALS in the COURT of CHANCERY.

From January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 1797, there were nine Commissions of Appeals sealed, and no more, the clear profits of which, according to the above Rule, amounted to £. 19. 1 s. 9 d.  
And this has been the Average since the Year 1795, when I was appointed. What were the circumstances of the Office before that time I know not.

Henry Blackstone,  
Inner Temple, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1798.

in the ROLLS CHAPEL in the COURT of CHANCERY;—Distinguishing,

1797.		Total Receipt.	DEDUCTIONS, 1797.			Total Disbursements.	Net Receipt for 1797.	Net Receipt, Annual, upon an Average of the last Three Years.	Other Employments, Places, or Pensions under Government.
By whom paid.	Other Emoluments.		Taxes.	Deposits and Clerks.	Other Deductions.				
By Persons applying to search the Records, or their Agents.	None.	£. s. d. 297 14 3	Land Tax for Fees, £. s. d. 32 — 4	Clerks £. s. d. 125 — —	For Stationary, Laundress, Coals, Candles, and other Incidents, about £. s. d. 36 — —	£. s. d. 209 12 10	£. s. d. 88 1 5	£. s. d. 191 12 —	None.
			Parish and other Taxes for the Office, £. s. d. 16 12 6						

Record knowledge and attention to the Duties of his Office were universally allowed; and as he was entitled to no Salary for his care of the Records and making Indexes, and had been at considerable expense in the collection of various Manuscript Books (since purchased by me at a great price of his Executors) which were of importance to him by way of assistance in searches, he thought it reasonable to expect a proportionate advantage in the execution of his Office, but many of those who applied to search the Records, not taking these circumstances into consideration, considered his claims for Fees as too high. The Fees of Office for searching are one Shilling each Year, and under every letter of the Alphabet in which a search is made; it is therefore obvious, that Persons, not possessed of exact References, may often be put to very considerable expense and trouble in searches, much of which trouble may be saved by a personal search of the Officer, and upon these occasions my Predecessor often received large sums by way of composition for the Fees, according to his discretion; and other cases frequently occurred, in which differences of opinion arose on the propriety of his charges, which sometimes occasioned applications to the Court, in which Counsel were heard on both sides, yet it is but justice to him to say, that I never heard of any instance in which his conduct was either censured by the Court or not justified. Alterca-

tions on account of Fees are, however, so unpleasant, that I have in most cases been accustomed to limit my Composition for Fees on Searches of this sort to five Guineas, and have endeavoured, in other instances, to avoid as much as I could every occasion of disagreement, but the consequence has been, that the profits of my Office are (as I humbly conceive) much below the trust and the duties of it. Yet I still continue to pay £. 32 a year for Land Tax, although the Income has been reduced so as to make my proportion considerably higher than that of other Officers assessed in the same District; and it may be observed, that the business of the Office is very fluctuating and uncertain, requiring at times attendance out of Office hours, yet as I cannot have any occasional assistance (the old hands being familiar only to very few) I am under the necessity of breeding up young Clerks, to whom I pay constant Salaries, which (though higher than the profits of my Office may be thought to allow) are inadequate, considering that these Clerks devote their youth to an employment of little use to them in other situations of life.

Rolls Chapel Office, }  
26<sup>th</sup> May 1798. }

John Kipling.

Eighteenth Parliament of Great Britain: second session (2 November 1797 - 29 June 1798) 26 June 1798  
Twenty-Seventh Report from the Select Committee on Finance.

MARRIED—On Thursday last, at Thoresby, in Lincolnshire, John Kipling, Esq. of Overstone, in Northamptonshire, to Isabella, second daughter of Willoughby Wood, of Thoresby, Esq.

[The Morning Post](#) (London, England), Saturday, November 03, 1804

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**T**HE Public Records Office has received an interesting record from its own past. Mr. R. H. Helmer, of Barnard Castle, has presented a miniature of his great-great-uncle John Kipling, Keeper of the Records at the Rolls Chapel from 1775 to 1830.

It will hang in the museum of the Office, which stands on the site of the old Rolls Chapel itself.

In John Kipling's day, there were many separate Record Offices, including the White Tower. He was in charge of one of the most important, which housed the Rolls of Chancery and included a chapel. So when the Public Records Act was passed in 1837, this Chancery-lane site became the central department for archives.

The miniature, which is of small portrait size, shows John Kipling in dark coat and cravat. It was done by a woman, E. Wright, who had a good reputation as an artist, as well as the rather extraordinary one of sometimes painting with her feet. At least so they say at the Public Records Office, which does not go wrong on its facts.

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*Nottingham Evening News - Saturday 11 March 1961*

*John Kipling (National Archives)*

**OVERSTONE**, about four miles from Northampton and just off the A43 road to Kettering is a long linear village with the church of **ST NICHOLAS**, built in 1807 and remodelled in 1903, standing in a field in Overstone Park a short walk from the village. The church constructed of Kingsthorpe Stone (grey sandstone with streaks of silty clay) was built by John Kipling and replaced the old dilapidated earlier one built at the beginning of the 13<sup>th</sup> century and situated further into the park in the deserted village of Overstone



*St Nicholas, Overstone (2014)*

In 1830, he was still holding the three offices in the Exchequer and Chancery Courts.

LORD TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER'S OFFICE,

(Somerset Place).

*Remembrancer*, Richard Harrison, esq.

*Deputy*, John M. Grimwood, esq.

*1st Secondary*, J. Kipling, esq. *2d Secondary*, J. M. Grimwood, esq.

SIX CLERKS' OFFICE—(Chancery Lane).

*Six Clerks*, William Luther Sewell, John Kipling, Francis Vesey,  
E. V. Utterson, W. Turton, and L. B. Allen, esqrs.

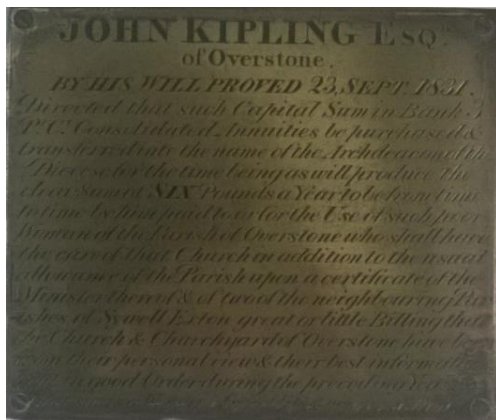
*Keeper of the Records at the Rolls Chapel (10 to 3)*, John Kipling, esq.

Royal Kalendar 1830

Obituary from The Gentleman's Magazine, October 1830. "JOHN KIPLING ESQ FSA Aug 23 At Overston Hall near Northampton aged 80. John Kipling Esq one of the Six Clerks in Chancery and for many years Keeper of the Records at the Rolls Chapel and FSA. Mr Kipling was the younger and only surviving son of Henry Kipling Esq of Fallesthorp in Lincolnshire by Hester only child of Charles Kipling Esq. He purchased the estate of Overston consisting of a mansion house and park of nearly 800 acres in 1791 of Earl Brownlow. In 1803 he removed the Old Church of Overston from the vicinity of the mansion and erected a new one on a different site. Mr Kipling married Isabella second daughter of Willoughby Wood of Thoresby in Lincolnshire Esq and Elizabeth second daughter of Sir John Thorald bart. That lady is left his widow, but having no other near relation except an aged sister for whom he has handsomely provided he has directed that Overston shall be sold and his property divided among twelve distant relations of his own name" 1670.



*Plaque in St Nicholas, Overstone*



*Further plaque and John Kipling's grave. St Nicholas, Overstone.*

Overstone Park, Northamptonshire, within five miles of Northampton.—A Capital Mansion, extensive Manors abounding with Game, Wild Fowl, &c., Park, Farms, Advowson, &c., nearly two thousand Acres.—Mr. REID, Son-in-Law and Successor to Mr. John Robins (of Warwick House, Regent-street), informs the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public, that he shall offer for SALE by AUCTION, in the ensuing Spring, at Garraway's Coffee-house, Change-alley, Cornhill, by direction of the Trustees, under the will of the late John Kipling, Esq.,

**T**HE very Valuable and important FREEHOLD PROPERTY, called the OVERSTONE PARK ESTATE; comprising the whole of the parish of Overstone (except the Glebe Land in that parish), with upwards of three hundred and thirty acres in the adjoining parish of Sywell, the whole containing nearly thousand acres of excellent meadow, pasture, arable, wood land, and plantation. Also, the Advowson of Overstone. The mansion is a handsome stone edifice, well calculated for the residence of a family of distinction, having excellent offices attached and detached; also an extensive range of coach-houses and stables, farm house, and outbuildings of every denomination. The pleasure grounds surrounding the house are laid out with much taste and judgment; an excellent walled garden, well stored with fruit trees, and fully stocked, cropped, and planted; a hot house, green house, &c. The Park, which contains between 700 and 800 Acres, is beautifully undulated, studded with fine-grown timber, ornamented by extensive plantations, and Three fine Sheets of Water, which are fed by a never-failing stream, and well stored with fish and wild fowl. The Park is nearly inclosed by a lofty stone wall, and possesses the advantage rarely met with of having neither footpath nor bridle road through it. This very desirable residence is situated within five miles of the town of Northampton, in the centre of one of the first hunting countries in the kingdom, and in an excellent neighbourhood, with good roads in every direction. The Farms are let to an old and respectable tenantry, and have the advantage of being within a short distance of Northampton and several other capital market towns.

Printed particulars will shortly be prepared, and may be had of Messrs. Green, Pemberton, Crawley, and Gardiner, Solicitors, Salisbury-square, London; and of Mr. Reid, No. 170, Regent-street, where plans and views of the estate may be seen.

**MINORIES, CITY OF LONDON.**  
For INVESTMENT, Valuable FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, with convenient SHOP, large Cellar, Yard, &c. By Mr. REID,

Son-in-Law and Successor to the late Mr. John Robins,  
(Of Warwick-house, Regent-street.)

At GARRAWAY'S COFFEE-HOUSE, CORNHILL,  
On THURSDAY, September 22, at Twelve,

By direction of the Trustees of the late John Kipling, Esq.;

**A Valuable FREEHOLD ESTATE,** comprising a compact Dwelling-house, situate No. 14, on the EAST SIDE OF THE MINORIES,

in the parish of St. Botolph Without, Aldgate, in the City of London, in the occupation of, and on Lease to Mr. Arthur O'Leary, clothes salesman, for a term of 21 years from June 24, 1827, at a low rent. The House is three stories high, two rooms on a floor, with closets, &c.; commodious shop and parlour, and private entrance on the ground floor; large cellar; in the basement, large yard at the back, with detached kitchen, pantry, with covered way, sink, and water laid on.

To be viewed by permission of the Tenant, of whom Particulars may be had; of Messrs. Green, Pemberton, Crawley, and Gardiner, Solicitors, Salisbury square, Fleet street; at Garraway's Coffeeshouse; and of Mr. Reid, 170, Regent street.

**PERPETUAL ADVOWSON and NEXT PRESENTATION** to the VICARAGE of PLUMSTEAD, in the county of Kent.—By Mr. REID, Son-in-law and Successor to JOHN ROBINS, (Of Warwick House, Regent Street,) At GARRAWAY'S COFFEE-HOUSE, CORNHILL, On THURSDAY, June 23, at Twelve, by direction of the Trustees of the late John Kipling, Esq ;

**THE PERPETUAL ADVOWSON and NEXT PRESENTATION** to the valuable VICARAGE of PLUMSTEAD and EAST WYCOMBE, in the county of Kent ; comprising a compact Parsonage House, with forecourt, enclosed by palisades, neatly fitted up, with convenient offices, and excellent garden and yard enclosed by folding gates, about three acres of glebe land, and the vicarial tithes of the parish, containing about 3,000 acres, which, with the fees, &c., are of the annual value of nearly £800. The present incumbent in the 30th year of his age.

Particulars may be had at the Office of the Oxford Journal, Oxford ; the Cambridge Chronicle, Cambridge ; of Messrs. Green, Pemberton, Crawley, and Gardiner, Solicitors, Salisbury square ; at Garraway's ; and of Mr. Reid, 170, Regent street.

*Public Ledger and Daily Advertiser - Saturday 21 May 1831*

**OVERSTONE PARK, near NORTHAMPTON.** Capital LIVE and DEAD FARMING STOCK, an excellent Green-bodied CARRIAGE, a neat PHAETON and Harness, &c.  
**TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr ROBINS** (of Warwick House, Regent-street, London), on the Premises, Overstone Park, near Northampton, on Tuesday, the 20th of Sept., 1831, at 11 o'clock precisely, and following day, by order of the Trustees of the late JOHN KIPLING, Esq., all the excellent LIVE & DEAD FARMING STOCK, comprising 52 capital Short-horned Durham and York Cows, and 2 Bulls ; 6 fine Alderney Cows, and 1 Bull. About 840 sound Leicester Ewes, Lambs, Store Sheep, &c. ; 7 superior bred Tupas. Seven fine Suffolk Horses and Mares ; 2 Galloways ; 2 Mares and Fools ; 2 capital Fillies. Pigs and Poultry. Five Waggon ; 12 Carts ; Ploughs and Harrows ; Drills ; Hay-making and Winnowing Machines ; capital Rick Cloth, with Ropes, &c. ; a large double iron Park Roller ; Harness for 10 Horses ; and other Farming Implements of all descriptions. Oak, Ash, and Larch Poles ; Firewood, Hardles, &c. About 60 quarters of Barley ; 70 quarters of Oats ; 60 qrs. of Wheat. One hundred tods of Wool. An excellent green-bodied Carriage ; a neat Phaeton and Harness ; and various Effects.  
 May be viewed until the Sale, on application to Mr Thompson, the Bailiff, on the Premises, where Catalogues may be had ; of Mr Payne, Auctioneer, Leicester ; of Mr Bentley, Worcester ; at the George Inn, Northampton ; the Swan, Newport Pagnell ; Sugar Loaf, Dunstable ; the Green Man, and Red Lion, Barnet ; at the principal Inns in the Borough, Smithfield, and Haymarket ; & of Mr Robins, 170, Regent-street, London.

*Evans and Ruffys's Farmer's Journal - Monday 05 September 1831*



Queen Anne-street, Cavendish-square. — Capital Household Furniture, Chimney Glasses and Mirrors, Wing Library Bookcase, China and Glass, Linen, a choice Cellar of Wines, and the Lease of the desirable Residence.—By Mr. ROBINS (of Warwick House, Regent-street), on Thursday, Dec. 15, and following Day, at Eleven, on the Premises, 51, Queen Anne-street, Cavendish-square, by order of the Trustees of John Kipling, Esq., deceased,

**T**HE genuine Furniture, comprising capital four-post and tent bedsteads and furniture, feather beds and bedding, chests of drawers, wardrobes, dressing tables and glasses, handsome suites of drawing-room window curtains in chintz cotton, sofas, couches, and chairs to match; chimney glasses and mirrors, excellent cabinet articles in rosewood and mahogany; loo, card, Pembroke, library, and sofa tables; a set of dining tables, sideboard, wing library bookcases, a few books, bed and table linen, china and glass, Turkey and Brussels carpets and hearth rugs, fenders and fire-irons, kitchen utensils, and various other effects.—May be viewed on Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the sale, by catalogues, at 1s each, to be had on the premises; at Garraway's; and of Mr. Robins, 170, Regent-street.

Morning Herald (London) - Friday 09 December 1831

**FARLESTHORPE.**—Her Majesty's coronation was here celebrated in a loyal manner, and the richer inhabitants did all they could to render the day a joyful one to their poorer brethren. We have to record, among other instances of generosity, the munificent gift of two sheep, to be distributed amongst the poor, by Miss Isabella Kipling; and a treat of tea, ale, and tobacco, to sixty-eight poor persons (children included). There were also a variety of rustic sports, such as juvenile races, scrambling for hot half-pence, &c. &c. which, with the fineness of the weather, and the urbanity of the kind gentry, made the day one of such pleasure as can never be forgotten.

Lincolnshire Chronicle - Friday 06 July 1838

John's widow, Isabella, moved to Bath, where she was living with her sister, Harriet Wood, in 1841

Q <sup>d</sup> 32	1	Elizabeth Kipling	70	1	Ind	W
		Harriet Wood	50	1	Ind.	W
		Grace Selington	40	1	F. G.	W
		Jan. Stephens	25	1	F. G.	W
		Elizabeth G. G. G.	20	1	F. G.	W
		Samuel Johnson	30	1	M. G.	W

Marlborough Buildings, Bath. 1841

She died in Bath later that year, leaving her estate to relatives in the Wood family.

M<sup>rs</sup> Isabella Kipling  
 32 Marlborough Buildings 14 80  
 No. 1080

Walcot, Somerset, October 1841

**This is the last Will and Testament**  
of me *Isabella Kipling* widow of the late *John Kipling Esquire of Overstone in the County of Northampton* but now residing in the City of *Bath*

His sister-in-law Isabella also lived in Bath until her death in 1849.

<i>Isabella Kipling</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Ind.</i>	<i>n</i>
<i>Jane Gell</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>J. J.</i>	<i>n</i>
<i>Mar. Allen</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>n</i>
<i>Sarah Watts</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>James Beacham</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>M. J.</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Rebecca Clark</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>J. J.</i>	<i>n</i>

10 Gay Street, Bath 1841

<i>Isabella Kipling</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Gay Street</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>89</i>
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No. 1675

Walcot, Somerset, July 1849

**DIED.—June 30, at Bath, aged 89, Mrs. Isabella Kipling, only surviving sister of the late John Kipling, Esq. of Overstone Park.—**

Saturday 14 July 1849, *Oxford Chronicle and Reading Gazette* ,

June 30, at No. 10, Gay Street, Mrs. Isabella Kipling, aged 89 years.

*Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette - Thursday 05 July 1849*

In her will, she left legacies to the Shackletons and to the Romaldkirk Kiplings (see extracts). Also mentioned is Letitia Powell, suggesting that the various branches of the family were still in contact at the time.

**This is the last Will & Testament**  
of me *Isabella Kipling* of the City of *Bath* Esquire  
to my *William Kipling* and to each of his sons and daughters one hundred pounds to the daughter of *Mr. John Kipling* one hundred pounds and to the son of *Mr. Charles Kipling* one hundred pounds and to the son of *William Kipling* one hundred pounds

*The FARLSTHORPE ESTATE, near Alford, Lincolnshire.*

To be SOLD by AUCTION, in One Lot,

By Mr. WINDER,

At the Windmill Inn in Alford, on Thursday the 4th day of October, 1849, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to conditions of sale to be then produced,

**A**LL that MANOR, ADVOWSON, and valuable FREEHOLD ESTATE, situate in the parish of FARLSTHORPE, in the county of Lincoln, the property of Mrs. Isabella Kipling, deceased.

The Estate comprises sundry Messuages, Farms, and Tenements, containing altogether Seven Hundred and Thirty-six Acres, Three Roods, and Twenty-three Perches (more or less) of Arable, Meadow, and Pasture Land, let to respectable tenants from year to year. Also the Improperiate Tithe Rent Charge of the Parish of Farlsthорpe, of which the sum of 45*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* per annum is payable in three sums from other estates in the parish.

The Manor extends over the whole parish of Farlsthорpe, and the Vicarage Tithes and Revenues consist of 35*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* of Annual Tithe Rent Charge commuted, and 43*A.* 0*R.* 26*P.* of Vicarial Glebe Land, with a newly-built Glebe House and Farmstead thereon.

The estate is most conveniently situate in a ring fence, within one mile of the market town of Alford, where Cattle and Sheep Markets are held monthly, and through which the East Lincolnshire Railway passes, affording every facility for the transit of agricultural produce either to London or the Manufacturing Districts.—There are good hard carriage roads in all directions.—The parochial assessments are very low, and the whole presents an exceedingly desirable investment for capital.

*Stamford Mercury - Friday 28 September 1849*

The tale below is, not entirely correctly told of John.

“When Oliver Cromwell obtained his great victory over Charles II., and drove the enemy from hedge to hedge till they finally took refuge in the city of Worcester, there were seven thousand prisoners and great spoils, among the latter the royal carriage in which the king had been carried. In the carriage was this watch, which was used by Charles II. as it had been by his father Charles I. It had been made for the latter in 1640, and after more than two centuries of vicissitudes still ticks bravely on. It is of the earliest pattern of watches, made entirely by hand and of great size, as it measures four and a half inches in diameter, and is an inch and a half thick. The case is very handsome, of pierced silver in a pattern of flowers and leaves, and has three winding-holes on the back, — one for winding the works, one for the alarm, and one for the striking attachment, which consists of a small silver bell within the perforated case. It has but one hand to mark the time and goes thirty-six hours. There is an outer case into which the watch may be slipped, made of copper with a leather cover studded with silver. The watch was kept by Cromwell himself for many years, but after the Restoration it fell into the hands of Joseph Kipling, of Overstone House, North Hants, England, a relative of Rudyard Kipling<sup>1</sup>. Joseph Kipling was also an ancestor of Mr. Wilfred Powell<sup>2</sup>, British consul at the port of Philadelphia, and present owner of the watch”. THE OLD FURNITURE BOOK WITH A SKETCH OF PAST DAYS AND WAYS BY N. HUDSON MOORE

<sup>1</sup> This is incorrect

<sup>2</sup> He, John not Joseph, was not an ancestor of William Powell but may well have been a distant relative.

**Charles I.'s Watch—A Curiosity.**

The original watch carried by Charles I. has found its way recently to Philadelphia. The famous timepiece was carried by Cromwell himself, and at present it is the property of the British Consul at Philadelphia. The royal watch still ticks after a career of 262 years. It was made in 1640 for Charles I. by the Royal watchmaker of that time. It is of the oldest pattern, having been made entirely by hand, and costing in its day a good round sum of money. The case is of solid silver, ornamented in beautiful pierced filagree work. The outer case is made of copper with a handsome leather case silver studded. The royal watch runs thirty-six hours to one winding. Only one hand is used in designating the time. There is a silver bell encased in the silver case on which the hours are struck. There is also an alarm attachment. The watch is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and an inch and a half thick. Cromwell kept the watch as a personal possession for years. After the Restoration it fell into the hands of Joseph Kipling, of Overstone House, North Hants, England, an ancestor of Rudyard Kipling. He was an ancestor of Mr. Powell, the present owner of the watch.

