

Christopher Dawson May 1693

Borthwick mf 1681

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Dawson of Langcliffe in the parish of Giggleswick in the County of York Gentleman being infirm and sick in body but of sound mind and memory, praised be God for the same Do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Imprimis I commend my soul to God Almighty believing my salvation in the only merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ. And as for my body I commit it to the Earth in hopes of a joyful Resurrection to eternal life and to be buried by my Executors in Trust hereafter named (My dear Wife and father Josias Dawson) in the parish Church of Giggleswick aforesaid. **And** as to my temporal Estate, which God of his mercy has bestowed on me I dispose thereof as follows, That is to say, I do appoint that all my debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of all my goods and Chattels and personal estate of what kind or nature soever either consisting in Trusts or otherwise by my Executors hereafter mentioned or some of them And afterwards the Legacies mentioned in a Codicil or schedule hereunto annexed. And I do hereby declare and appoint that the said Legacies by me hereby given and bequeathed as aforesaid be paid by my Executors or some of them within the space of one half year next after my decease. **And** I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Margaret and father Josias Dawson Executors of this my last Will and Testament in Trust for and to the sole benefit of my son William Dawson until he shall accomplish his full age of 17 years. And after his attainment to such age I do constitute and appoint him my said son sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. **And** I do give devise and bequeath unto my said son William Dawson his Executors Administrators and assigns after all the said debts funeral expenses and legacies paid as aforesaid All the residue of my goods Chattels and personal estate whatsoever either consisting in Trusts or otherwise and in particular **whereas** by several deeds of grant and assignment several and respective Leases and Rents were assigned and granted to several Trustees therein named for and during the residue of the several and respective terms and leases for years then to come and now not expired of and out of several Lands Tenements and hereditaments situate lying and being severally and respectively within Langcliffe, Stainforth under Bargh, and Giggleswick in the said parish of Giggleswick in the County of York to the several and respective trusts in the said deeds severally and respectively mentioned Relating to and for the benefit of me the said Christopher Dawson my Executors Administrators and Assigns after the end and determination of several other Trusts therein limited and precedent to the said Trusts relating to me as aforesaid As by the several and respective Deeds of assignment and Grant reference thereunto being had may at large and fully appear. I do hereby give and bequeath All the said trusts relating to and for the benefit of me the said Christopher Dawson as aforesaid unto my said son William his Executors Administrators and Assigns in as large ample and beneficial manner matter and form as I have interest or power therein During all the residue of the said terms and leases for years in the said Lands Tenements and Hereditaments yet to come and expire. **And** lastly I do hereby revoke all other Wills and Testaments whatsoever if any such were heretofore by me made. **In witness whereof** I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 27th day of March in the fifth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary over England etc. Annoquibus dom. 1693.

Sealed Signed Published and Delivered to be the last Will and Testament of him the said Christopher Dawson In the Sight and presence of us

with these words (or ...) interlined before the sealing and publishing hereof

Richard Ellerhaw
Josias Dawson jurat
R. Atkinson jurat

A codicil or schedule of legacies and bequests made by me Christopher Dawson of Lancliffe gentleman in pursuance of my last will and testament hereunto affixed. Imprimis I do give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret Dawson all my household stuff of what kind or nature soever the same be now being and remaining in my now dwelling house at Lancliffe aforesaid for and during all the time that the said Margaret shall and does continue my widow and no longer. And at or upon the time of her marriage (if such shall be) I do give and bequeath all the aforesaid household stuff unto my son William Dawson. Item I do give and bequeath unto my said wife Margaret the sum of £100. Item I do give and bequeath unto Richard Ellershaw clerk the sum of 10 shillings and if he preach my funeral sermon I do give him the sum of 20 shillings more. Item I do give and bequeath unto my uncle John Buck the sum of 20 shillings. I do give unto Matthew Buck his son the sum of 20 shillings and do release unto him the said Matthew the sum of 20 shillings he is indebted unto me. Item I do give unto Richard Atkinson the sum of 20 shillings. Item I do give unto James Iveson the sum of 20 shillings. Item I do give unto every hired servant at my decease the sum of five shillings apiece. And I do hereby further declare that these same bequests be taken as part of my said last will and testament. And this to be the codicil or schedule therein mentioned. As witness my hand and seal this 27th day of March Anno Dom 1693.

Witnesses hereof
Richard Ellershaw
Josias Dawson jurat
R. Atkinson

Christopher Dawson nup. de Langcliffe (Late of Halton Gill) 1682

In the name of god Amen the seaventh day of Aprill 1682 & in the four and thirtyth yeare of or sovarign Lord Charles ye second I Christopher Dawson of Langcliffe in the County of yeork yeoman beinge aged & infirme but of good & perfect remembrance make this my last will & testamt in manner & forme followinge. And first I comend my soul to almighty god my Creator, hoping to be saved through the onely meritts of Jesus Christ my mercifull saviour. And my body I leave to be buried att the discretion of my executor hereafter named, concerning the temporall estate which god of his mercy hath blessed me with I do thus order Imprimis I give unto my son Josias Dawson one close called Bluhaw within the Township of Langcliffe for the terme of fourscore yeares if he soe long live and after his decease I give the remainder of the terme I have in it to Christopher Dawson of Appletreeweke my Grandson his exors admrs and assignes. It. I doe allow & my will is that my Grandson Willm Dawson of Haltongill shall duringe his life occupy one long table in his parlour and another in ye Bodysteade two great Arks in the Chamber over it, one cupboard in the parlor & after his decease to them of his posterity as shall enjoy the estate. It. I give to Josias & Willm sons of my Grandson Christopher Dawson the sume of one hundred pounds (viz) to each of them fifty pounds & doe will yt the sd Christopher shall have the Interest of it till they doe each of them come att the age of one & twenty yeares towards their maintenance which sayd sume I will shall be payd to the sayd Christopher my Grandson or his exors adms or assignes within one whole yeare after my decease It. I give to my Grandson Willm Dawson the sume of fifty pounds & to his eldest son Christopher the sume of fifty pounds & doe will that the sd sumes shall be payd top the sd Willm his exors adms or assignes within one yeare after my decease & I will that he shall have the pfitts of his sons fifty pounds till his son come to the Age of twenty one yeares, And if the sd Christopher shall dye before he attayne yt age, then I will that William & Mary his Brother & Sister shall have the sd sume divided betwixt them equally when each of them doe come to the yeares of one & twenty It. I give to my grandson Josias Dawson the sume of two Hundred & fifty pounds to be payd within one yeare after my decease, As also the sume of two Hundred & fifty pounds more if my executor observing his good Carryage shall thinke fitt otherwise my mind & will is that the sd last mentioned two Hundred & fifty pounds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grand Children as my exor shall thinke fitt, provided yt the sd two Hundred & fifty pounds be really disposed of to the use of my sd Grandchildren or some of them It. I give to my Grandson Jonathan Dawson the sume of Three Hundred pounds when he shall attayne the age of twenty one yeares as alsoe the sume of two Hundred pounds more if my exor observing his good Carryage shall thinke fitt otherwise my minde is that the sayd last menconed two hundred pounds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grandchildren as my exor in his discretion shall thinke fitt, provided that the sd share of two Hundred pounds be really disposed of to the use of my sd Grand Children or some of ym but if it happen that the sd Jonathan shall dye before he shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares my mind & will is that the sd three hundred pounds first before to Jonathan disposed & also the sd two hundred pounds last mencoed shall be divided amongst the rest of my Grand Children or such of them as my exor shall thinke fitt provided the whole sume be given amongst my sd Grandchildren It. I give to my Grandaughtr Anne Dawson the sume of two hundred pounds when she shall

accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares and also the sume of one Hundred pounds more if my exor observing her good Carryage shall thinke fitt otherwise my mind is that the sd last menconed one hundred pounds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grandchildren as my exor in his discretion shall thinke fitt provided that the sayd sume of one Hundred pounds last mencoed be really disposed of to the use of my sd Grand Children or some of them It. I give to my Grandaughr Alice Dawson the sume of two hundred pounds when she shall accomplish the age of two & twenty yeares or be marryed whether shall happen sooner & also the sume of one Hundred pounds more if my exor observe her good carryage shall thinke fitt, otherwise my mind is that the sayd last mencoed one Hundred pounds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grand Children as my exor in his discretion shall thinke fitt provided that the sd sume of one Hundred pounds last mencond be really disposed of to the use of my sayd Grandchildren or some of them It. I give to my late wives son John Burkeson of Darnbrooke the sume of Tenne pounds to be pd within one yeare after my decease & also the sume of five pounds which I lent him for which I have his Bill. It. I give to my late wives Daughter Jane Hopkins the sume of Tenne pounds to be pd within one yeare after my decease And as for the rest of my personall estate I give it all to my exor hereafter named And I doe hereby Constitute and appoint my son Josias (jur) Dawson the sole executor of this my last will & testam In witsesse whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day & yeare above written

Witnesses hereof

Chr Dawson

Richard Lawson (Jur)
Anthony Armitstead
Lancelot Knowles (Jur)