

## The Stained Glass Windows in Church of St Alkelda, Giggleswick

Dawson family

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### W2. THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL EAST WINDOW - 1901 MEMORIAL C4/1

The window forms part of the chapel set up as a memorial to members of the Dawson family in the 19th Century. A stone set into the outside wall above the window is dated 1834 and bears the letter "D" for Dawson commemorating this, with a possible blocked up entrance to the family vault below. There are several memorials to the Dawson family to be seen in the Chapel.



### Research into the Dawson Window in St Alkelda's Church, Giggleswick

To make a start I began with William Dawson who was born in 1676 and died in 1762 aged 66 yrs. He was the eldest son of parents Christopher Dawson b 1646 died 1693 and Margaret Craven b 1648 d 1727. In 1703 the family are recorded as living in the Folly, Settle. On 7 August, 1705 William married Jane PudsAy in either Langcliffe or Bolton by Bowland. They had two children together, Christopher b 1706 d 1786 and Ambrose b 1707 d 1794. Following Jane's death in 1708, William went on to marry Elizabeth Marsden at Hornby Castle on 26 May 1720, and they had three children, Margaret, b 1722-d ?, William 1723-1803 and Henry. Henry was Christened at St Alkelda's on 11 July 1725. There is no marriage record and no recorded offspring.

Christopher Dawson: Was Christened on 3 June 1706 but again there is no recorded marriage or offspring. There is a question as to whether he died in Bolton Hall or Texas.

Ambrose Dawson: Was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge and became a Dr of Medicine. Ambrose Married Mary Aston in 1742. They went on to have six children, PudsEy, (1752-1816), William (1753-1837), Richard, Jane, Mary and Elizabeth. In 1752 they are recorded as living on Grosvenor Street, London and in 1790 they are shown to be living in Rodney Street, Liverpool. Ambrose died on 23 December 1794 in Liverpool and he was buried on 29 December 1794 in Bolton by Bowland. Mary Dawson died in 1799.

Pudsey 1 who was born on 16 February 1752 whilst the family were living at Grosvenor Street London, went on to marry Elizabeth Ann Scott (b 1751 d1837), The marriage is shown to have taken place at the Blind School, Holy Trinity Coventry, Warwickshire. Pudsey and Elizabeth Ann went on to have eleven children! the first, whom they named Pudsey was born on 24 July 1775 and died just short of his 2nd birthday on 7 July 1777, their second child, also a boy was born and given the same name as his deceased little brother, and became known as Pudsey II, a daughter followed on 16 November, 1779 and was named Mary, then on 17 March 1782, William was born. Richard came next born on 14 October 1783 and he was followed by a second daughter, Elizabeth on 23 December 1783, Elizabeth unfortunately died just short of her 2nd birthday on 11 November 1785. The 11 June 1787 saw the arrival on another son, who they named Ambrose, after his paternal Grandfather, and he was followed by Henry on 27 August 1788. Another girl was next, born on 11 July 1790 and again they named her after her predeceased little sister, Elizabeth. Charles followed on 31 January 1792 and five years later, on 27 November 1797 Edward was born. Elizabeth Ann gave birth to a total of 11 children over a 22 year period, burying two of her 11 offspring whilst in their infancy.

Pudsey 1 died on 19 April, 1816 in Everton in Liverpool and was buried on 25 April 1816 at St George's Liverpool. His occupation is shown as Ship Owner, Businessman and one time Mayor of Liverpool. Please see the accompanying biographical information on three of Pudsey's sons, William, Henry and Charles.

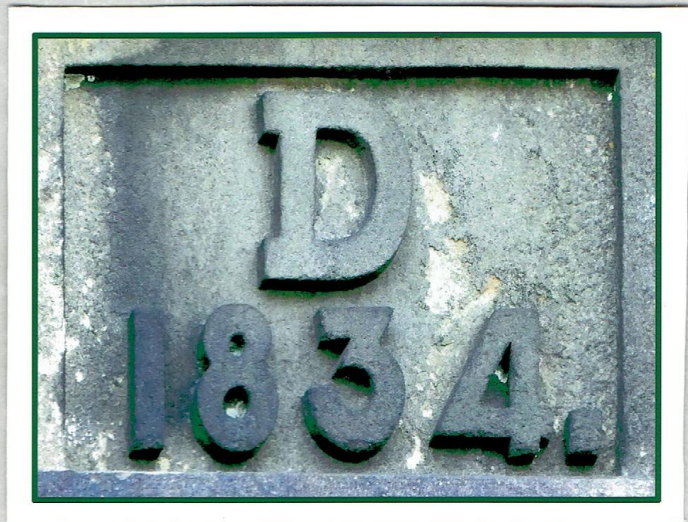
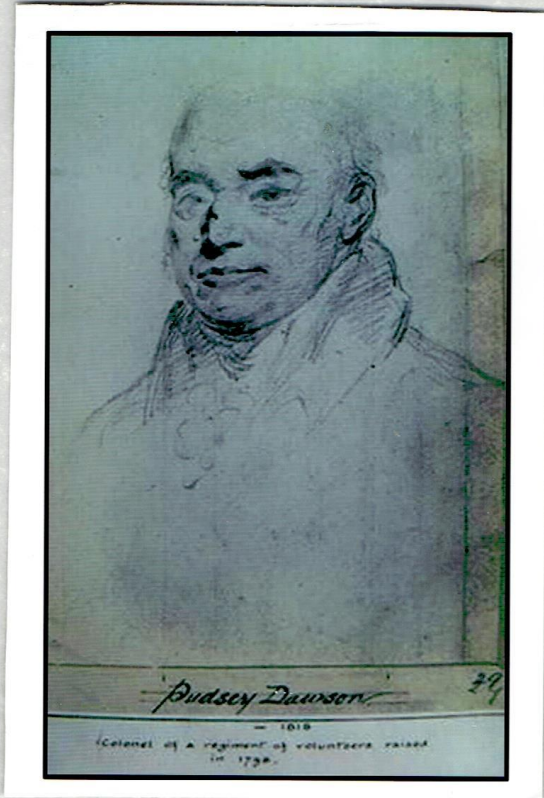
Pudsey Dawson II (B.7/7/1777) was baptised in Childwell, Lancashire. On 19 September 1808 he married Sarah Bigland, they had one son together, Hugh Pudsey Dawson born in 1809. Unfortunately Pudsey and Sarah's son, Hugh, died in Madeira on 30 June 1831. With the death of Hugh, unmarried and without issue, my research took a different turn.

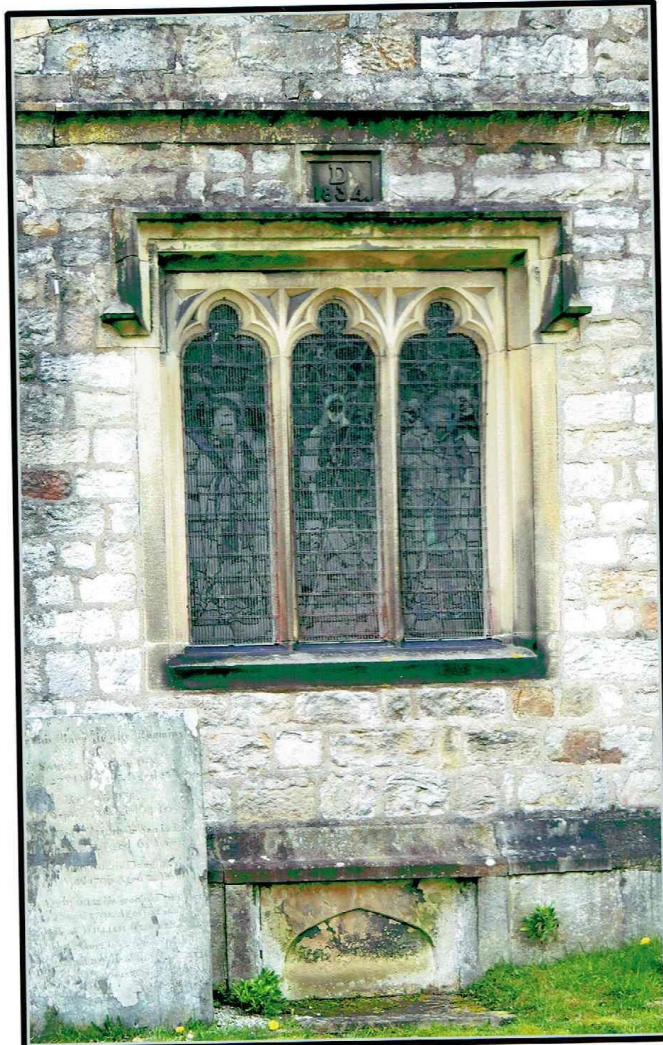
Pudsey' nephew, Richard Pudsey Dawson, was born 10 January 1821 in Liverpool, on the 1851 census he is shown to be living at Hornby Castle. On 22 February 1859, Richard married Louisa Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Thomas Starkie Shuttleworth of Preston. They had a son, also named Richard who was born on 30 November 1859. On the 1861 census they are living at Strachan, Kincardineshire/ In January 1862 a second son, Willoughby P Dawson was born in Hatturton Hall Staffordshire and in 1864 while living at the same address their son Charles P Dawson was born then in 1866 son number 4 appeared, Ambrose P Dawson, their address at that time was given as Ponsonby Hall, Cumberland. The family obviously moved around frequently as in 1867 when their son Thomas S P Dawson they were living at Diddlebury (Delbury) Shropshire where they also welcomed a daughter, Mary L P Dawson in 1869. They remained at that address for some time and the last of their children, Lucy Maria Dawson was born (Where was her "P" !!??). The 1881 census shows them still at the same address. However on the 1991 census there address is shown as St Issells, Pembrokeshire. Richard died on 27 January 1893. Richard Pudsey Dawson, first son of the above was baptised on Christmas Day 1859. He married in October 1894 in Ludlow, Shropshire his bride was Constance Bessie Woodhouse. They had one daughter, Margaret Constance Vera Pudsey Dawson in 1896 and lived at Tugford Shropshire. Richard died in Ludlow in March 1941 and Constance' death was registered in January 1980 when she was aged 84 years. There is no record of any marriage or children. Willoughby married Charlotte Jane Sarah died in 1816. Pudsey II remarried on 9 May 1821, \*Jane Constantine Dawson, (1777-1849) she was the daughter of Reverend Richard Dawson, (1744-(1826), the Vicar of Bolton by Bowland and his wife Mary Long, Daughter of the Reverend W Hutton of Buckinghamshire, and was a distant relative of Pudsey. In 1841 Pudsey and Jane are shown to be living in Melling, Lancashire. Jane died in 1849. On two subsequent occasions, Pudsey is recorded as living at Hornby Castle. He died on 12 April 1859, and was buried in a family crypt at St Alkelda's. His occupation is given as Founding Director of NW Railway, MP, JP, DL. Cope in St Leonard's NSW Australia, whilst living in Australia they had a

daughter, Dorothy Grace Mary Pudsey Dawson born in 1888 and a son Richard Willoughby Aston Pudsey Dawson in 1891. By the time of the 1901 census they had returned to the UK and lived in Mortlake, Surrey, which was still the case on the 1911 census. Willoughby returned to Australia on 21 December 1935 and he died in Wollahra NSW Australia on 4 September 1936. Charles, their third son, does not appear to have married or have any children.

\* Jane had two sisters, Mary Long Dawson (1775-1850) and Elizabeth, Hutton Dawson (1780-1866) neither of whom married. They originated from Sidmouth, Devon, and later lived at Marshfield. Together with Jane they commissioned the build of St Peter's Church in Stainforth. Pudsey, by then Jane's husband, laid the foundation stone on 11 July 1839 and then went on to preside over a dinner on 29 September 1842 which followed the consecration of the building. It is recorded however that the real impetus for the building came from the three sisters. The cost of the build was around £1,750 and they gave a further £300 towards maintenance costs. Pudsey Dawson was one of the first Trustees of the new Church. Continuing their charitable trait, the sisters donated three new bells to St Alkelda's to add to the three they already had. The three sisters are also buried in the family Crypt at St Alkelda's. Langcliffe Hall was also a residence owned by the Dawson family and on Pudsey's death it was sold to Mrs Ann Swale, (mother of the Rev'd HJ Swale). Eventually, Pudsey's second wife, Elizabeth Hutton Dawson, bought the Hall back restoring it to the family and left it to the son of her Aunt Elizabeth, who had married Anthony Bolland of Townhead, Settle. Their only son, William Bolland, (24/9/1772 - 29/2/1839) went on to marry Margaret Kempster and together they had five daughters, Margaret 1805, Elizabeth 1807, Mary 1809, Jane 1810 and Susanna 1812. Jane married William Mosley Perfect who changed his name to Dawson, and they in turn also had five daughters, Margaret 1844, Katherine 1845, Alice 1846, Mary 1847 and Susanna (?). Mary married George Robinson, and they had a son, George Geoffrey Dawson (formerly Robinson), and he went on to marry Cecilia Lawley. Their son, Michael Dawson left it to his sister, ? Bell, and her son, Robert (Bobby) Bell is the current owner. Thus the Dawson line is brought up to date!

**Please see the attached notes taken from various publications about the Dawson family through the generations.**





## MEMORIALS AND INSCRIPTIONS – AREA C. THE CHURCH

### Wall memorials:

3. *Hanging high up in the north east corner is the funeral hatchment bearing the arms of WILLIAM DAWSON<sup>1</sup> and his first wife JANE<sup>2</sup>, with the Dawson motto "Resurgam"<sup>3</sup>.*

- 1 *Burial Register transcript reads "William Dawson Esq. of Langcliffe Hall" buried 10 June 1762.*
- 2 *Burial Register transcript reads "Jana ux Gulielmi Dawson de Settle, arm." (Jane wife of William Dawson of Settle, Squire) buried 19 July 1708. Jane's maiden name was Jane Pudsey and it is the Pudsey arms which are here impaled with those of Dawson.*
- 3 *I shall rise again.*

4. *In the north wall of the sanctuary, a metal plaque in memory of JOSIAH DAWSON<sup>1</sup>:*

*Juxta patris reliquias reconduntur cineres sonum tubae manentes, filij sui Iosiae, duorum fratrum majoris natu, tali dignissimi patre. Decimum sextum vitae annum non praeterijt, beatae tamen aeternitati matures; 2<sup>do</sup> Aprilis hinc commigravit anno salutis Christianae 1690.*

*Close to the remains of his father are buried, awaiting the sound of the trumpet, the ashes of his son Josiah, the elder of two brothers, very worthy of such a father. He did not survive the sixteenth year of his life, but was ripe for a blessed eternity; he departed hence on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the year of the Christian salvation 1690.*

- 1 *Burial Register transcript reads "Josias filius Christopheri Dawson Gent. de Langcliffe" (Josiah son of Christopher Dawson, Gentleman, of Langcliffe), buried 5 April 1690.*

5. *In the north wall, a metal plaque in memory of CHRISTOPHER DAWSON<sup>1</sup>:*

*Unde venerat redijt utroque pars Christopheri Dawson, anima sursum corpus deorsum. Vir fuit pius probus, misericors, munificus, literis et humanitate praeditus, nec non juris prudentia. Altercationi inimicus ex inimicis amicos reddebat, litigantes sponte conciliabat. Aet quinto Aprilis, multum desideratus abijt anno salutis X'tianae 1693 suae aetatis 46.*

*Each part of Christopher Dawson returned from whence it came, in two directions: the soul upwards and the body downwards. He was a pious, honest, compassionate and generous man, endowed with scholarship and culture, and most assuredly with a knowledge of the law. An enemy to dispute, he would make friends out of enemies and of his own accord reconcile the quarrelling. He died, much lamened, on the fifth of April in the year of the Christian salvation 1693, 46 years of age.*

- 1 *Burial Register transcript reads "Christopherus Dawson de Langcliffe Gen." (Christopher Dawson of Langcliffe, Gentleman) buried 8 April 1693.*

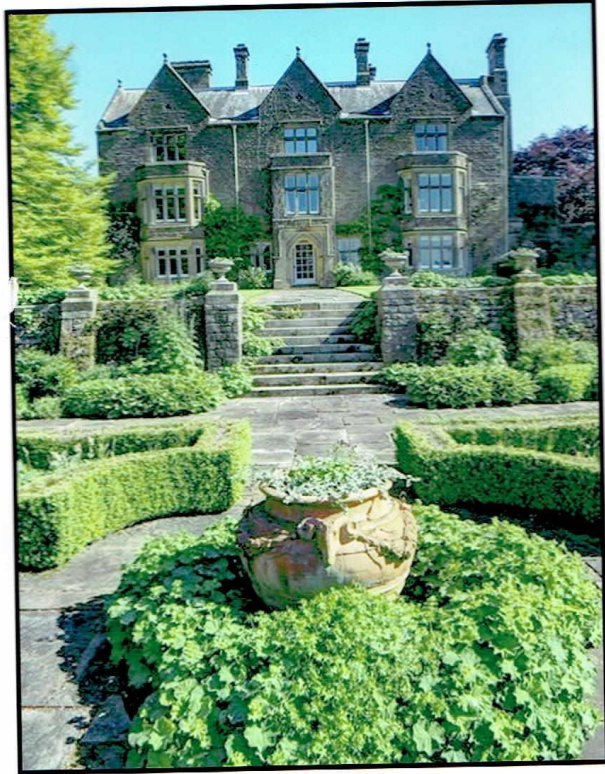


In 1826 Marshfield was purchased by the Rev. Richard Dawson of Halton Gill, Rector of Bolton-by-Bowland, and became the residence of his daughters. After the death of the last survivor the house was converted into two.



Hornby Castle





Langcliffe Hall

**The following is an extract from the Lancaster Gazette dated Saturday 4 January 1851.**

**"Festivities:** On New Year's Eve, Pudsey Dawson Esq., of Hornby Castle, gave his annual treat of roast beef and plum pudding, to his work people. The Hornby Ringers and a select party invited to enjoy his hospitality. Supper being announced at half past six o'clock, the guests repaired to the spacious kitchen where the tables literally groaned under the accumulation of roast beef, plum pudding etc., which was served up in true English style, to which the assembled guests did ample justice. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, and was continued with great spirit until half past three the following morning. Mr Dawson's health was drunk with three times three, and due justice was also done to Mr Richard Dawson, who honoured the company with his presence".