

## **Will of Charles Dawson (1811-1846)**

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### **Source**

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This is a transcript of the will that appears in the Canterbury Probate Records. All the wills in the section are written in the same hand., suggesting that these are transcripts

### **Background**

Charles Dawson (1811-1846) was the father of Charles James Dawson, and the son of Samuel Dawson. He married Sarah Wise of Banbury.

There are two witnesses to the will: William Wise and Samuel Dawson. William Wise is the father of Sarah Wise, Charles' wife. My guess is that Samuel Dawson is a brother to Charles Dawson, not his father, Samuel, because the will refers to his late father.

The will was written on Sept 23 1846, just a few days before Charles Dawson died.

### **Notes**

?...? indicates a word I can not interpret. ?word? indicates a guess. The @ sign appears to indicate the word "and". I have seen it in multiple wills. I have left the line breaks the same as the original document to allow people to compare it to the original

### **Text of Will**

I Charles Dawson being of sound mind and ?...? this

twenty second day of September 1846 at Banbury in the County of

Oxford do hereby make this my last Will and Testament Whereas I am at this

?...? retain property under the will of my late father it is my Will and I ?...?

Hereby bequeath the whole of the same to my dear @ beloved Wife for the use

and benefit and I do further give and bequeath to my said Wife the whole of

any Property of whatever kind or character whatever which may be in ?...?

Possessed by me or to which I may be entitled at any future period ?...?

?...? I do this aforementioned twenty second day of Sept 1846 sign and affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses. Charles Dawson.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us and of each other this 22 Sept 1846 Samuel Dawson William Wise

In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the ?? of Charles Dawson deceased

I swear Personally William Wise of the parish of

Banbury in the county of Oxford Serjeant at Mace and ? Oath that he is one of the subscribed Witnesses of the one Excecution of the last Will and Testament

of Charles Dawson late of Banbury in the County of Oxford deceased within said will

bears ?...? the twenty second day of Sept in the present year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty six and is now hereto ?asseses? and do further make

oath that on the said twenty second day of September now last past the said is ?...?

Estator duly executed this said will by signing his name at the foot ?...? thereof

in the presence of the this deposer and of Samuel Dawson the other subscriber

witness to the said will both of whom were present at the same time and that

?...? this desponent and the said Samuel Dawson thereupon attested and ?on? ?our?

subscribes the said will in the presense of the said Estator and of each other.

William Wise – On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1846 the said William Wise was duly sworn to the truth of the foregoing affidavit by virtue of the Commission ~~are to~~ annexed Before us ~~F or J~~ Mardon Commissioner.

~~Dit~~ the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1846 with the Will annexed of the goods that ~~...~~ and ~~...~~ of Charles Dawson late of Banbury in the county of Oxford deceased was granted to Sarah Dawson widow + Relict of the said deceased and so the ~~...~~ of Legal and named in the said will the having been first ~~...~~ by Commission duly to administer. No Executor.