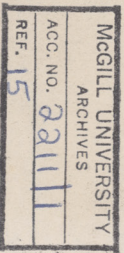


Letter  
of Mr. Samuel Dawson  
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Mr. Samuel Dawson

Letter



Puton 24 January 1839.

Mr James Dawson.

Sir

I regret that I was unable yesterday when you  
and Mr Pops (acting as Agents for Mr Rankin) called seeking  
information respecting the late Mrs Dawson's property. Having been  
with Mr Hester appointed the Executor of that lady, and it being  
our duty as well as a pleasure to see (as far as possible) that  
her will should be put into operation, I take pleasure in  
communicating to Mr Rankin what Mrs Dawson intended should  
go to Mrs Rankin's benefit, but whether in the end that intention  
can be effected, is what must hereafter be determined by competent  
authority. From the extract of the Will herein enclosed, you will  
observe that Mrs Dawson bequeaths to Mrs Rankin all her household  
furniture and stock on the farm, with the exception of a few articles  
and some other services, and then bequeaths to her one fourth part of  
whatever she might own of whatever description or nature, after  
the necessary

The previous requests are discharged. You, as yet, her Executors  
have been unable to fully ascertain what is absolutely the  
property of the deceased in her own right. We certainly have  
ascertained the quantity of furniture left on the Farm, as well as  
the Stock, but all these are claimed, by the heirs of the late  
Mr. Dixon, who have duly appointed a professional man in  
Halifax (Mr. Pritchard) to appear to right, and I believe as to  
the Stock you are aware that Mr. Fenwick (Mr. Dixon's adminis-  
trator) claims the possession and has leased them with the  
Farm itself to Mr. Lamb. They build their title to both from  
the nature and import of a conveyance Contract entered into in the  
life time of the parties (an abstract from which I also send  
you) contending that Mr. Dixon had ~~not~~ merely a life  
estate in his property, and that at his death the property  
reverts to his heirs at Law. Although these questions have been

made

small, it is the determination of Mr. Hutton and myself to guard  
and protect all the legal rights of the individuals named in Mrs  
Susan Mills, ~~with~~ at the same <sup>time</sup> preventing any further  
litigation, and we are induced to do so in execution of the trust  
placed in us by our appointment as Executors. In ascertaining  
then what property Mrs Susan did die possessed of it is therefore  
more than probable that both Mr. Nelson Parkin can assist  
us, for we have no means here of finding out what she may  
possess in Scotland. In writing Mr. Parkin here the enclosed  
to enclose a copy of this letter to him, as in my correspondence  
hereafter with him it may be convenient to refer to it, and thereby  
save postage. For the extracts herewith sent there is no charge.

Yours Son

Yours truly

H. D. Parkin