

CH 380  
Lonhead, Drumblade June 7.

1858

My Dear Sir

I have no doubt you will think me very careless in not writing you sooner and you have some cause. But I will try to excuse myself as much as possible. in the first place I have not got all the information I think I may yet get. concerning your ancestors, you are perhaps not aware that all the old registers such as they were were all taken to Edinburgh some time ago as far back I think as 1820. so I could make nothing of them. I was at the churchyard of Rathven and saw the tombstone above your Father and Mother. I may give you what I copied from the stone concerning them. Isabella Mitchell

who died March the 7. 1805 aged  
55 years. and your Father ~~John~~ ~~Dawson~~  
John Dawson who died Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1822  
in the 80 year of his age. —

But I have as yet got no other  
Information then is @ Miller at  
Kathven of the name of Dawson  
I think he is some distant Counc.  
tion but he is @ young man. and did  
not mind much about his forbears.

But he has an Uncle and old man  
of the the name of David Dawson  
he lives near Cornhill. and he thinks  
he will be able to give me some more  
Information about them I have not  
had it in my power to call on him as  
yet but I hope to be able to do so soon  
I hope you will excuse my short note  
this time as I am sending it my sisters  
letter I hope to be able to give you  
more information soon. This leaves me  
and all the rest in good health hoping  
that this will find you and yours enjoying  
the same Precious Blessing | *William Morrison Junr*