

Crispin Taylor, was born in Wyke in the Parish  
 of Birstall April y<sup>e</sup> 26, 1698. and lived with  
 his Father, who learned him the Trade of a Shoemaker,  
 till April 1722. being then 24 years of age he was  
 married to Mary Wilkinson, who is his present Wife,  
 and had by her 9 Children, four of which are left  
 behind, the other five went home before him. In his  
 married State he approved himself a careful, lo-  
 ving father and a tender Husband.

When Mr Ingham first began to preach here about,  
 he soon went to hear him, and his heart was touched  
 by the holy Ghost in the first Sermon he heard.  
 From that time, he sought all Opportunities to hear  
 the Gospel of our S<sup>r</sup> Saviours Death and Attainment.  
 After the Societies were settled here in Yorkshire,  
 and put under the Care of the Brethren, he and  
 his Wife upon their Request were also taken in  
 amongst them, which was a great Satisfaction to  
 both, and proved a Blessing to their hearts, which  
 made them some time after very desirous to be ta-  
 ken into the Congregation and to be in a closer con-  
 nection with the Brn. He therefore spoke with  
 B<sup>r</sup> Toltshig about it, expressing his hearts desire  
 to be wholly our Saviours. Oct. the 1<sup>st</sup> 1748. he had  
 after many earnest and repeated Requests this  
 favour granted him<sup>+</sup> to the great Joy of his <sup>+ & his Wife</sup>  
 heart, for it proved an extraordinary Blessing  
 to him, so that his Wife and all about him  
 saw a visible Change, he being so chearfull, lively  
 and happy, as they never had seen him before.  
 This continued with him. He was a simple and up-  
 right heart, and when he heard any one reason about  
 things







B<sup>r</sup> Oake recommended him to the Lambs outstretched  
arms and bleeding heart with an inexpressible  
feeling. Nov. 19. he grew weaker and weaker and  
being asked if he would not take any of the Do-  
ctors Medicines &c he hereupon answered quite  
loud, saying: It signifies nothing, what I take,  
and you may give me what ye will, I shall go  
nevertheless to my S<sup>r</sup> Sav<sup>r</sup>. B<sup>r</sup> Hauptmann  
has been to see me, and he has given me some-  
thing, which is better, than all the Doctors stuff  
in the World, meaning the Sacrament of the Corpse  
and Blood of our S<sup>r</sup>. After that his pain in-  
creased more and more, so that he could talk no  
more, but yet was sensible all the time. Nov.  
the 29. notwithstanding his being exceedingly weak,  
yet his Disorder, was quite changed from a severe  
Costiveness to a real Surging, so that there seemed  
to be some hope of his Recovery. They began much  
that B<sup>r</sup> Hurlock might come and see him, which  
he soon after did, but found him in such cir-  
cumstances, that he rather despaired of his Re-  
covery. But he and the rest of the family were  
much pleased, that he came and saw him. B<sup>r</sup>  
Oake, who came to see him, asked, how he found  
himself, he said: My Brother, perhaps I shall  
not go yet, altho I should like it, if my dear  
Lamb would call me this night, for I sometimes  
think it long, before he fetches me, but he knows  
best. He was very resigned and notwithstanding  
his violent pain, he suffered, yet he bore it pa-  
tiently and scarce ever complained. Dec. 12. B<sup>r</sup>  
Oake visited him again and found him excee-  
ding cheerful. He laid hold of his hand, and

pulled him down to him to kiss him. He told him  
that he took it very kind that he came so often  
to see him and thanked him many times for it.  
He was then a little easier. He was told that  
next Sunday would be the Communion at Grace-  
Hall, of which he was very much rejoiced and glad.  
B<sup>r</sup> Hauptmann came to see him few days after, and  
spoke with him about the ensuing feast of the Corpse  
and Blood of our Husband. He found him very  
cheerful, & happy and very hungry after the Par-  
ticipation of the blessed Communion with the Con-  
gregation. The 15. Dec. being Friday at night  
he altered very much for the worse, in an instant.  
His Wife perceiving it, asked him, if she should  
call his Children; he said: Yes. When they came  
in, he was in great pain, notwithstanding that he  
called them to him, and began to speak tenderly  
to them, as well as his painful Body and faulte-  
ring tongue would admit of. He prayed them and  
even charged them each of them with dying Words  
and weeping Eyes, that they should give themselves  
and cleave to the crucified Saviour, and then rea-  
ches out his trembling hand to bless and assure  
them, that if they should cleave to their Saviour  
he would bless them and bring them through, and  
You Betty with all your Children, meaning his  
Daughter, who is married. His poor weeping  
Wife, feeling & seeing that he was going, said:  
Will you go & leave me behind? O says he, cleave to  
the Saviour, cleave to the Saviour, and I will soon  
see you again. What, when I come to him? Ay, ay,  
cleave to the Saviour and he will bring You too.  
He gave her his Hand to confirm it with.  
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His Pains growing Stronger, he seemd as if he would  
ture, to stretch himself, ~~which was~~ into the ever-  
lasting Arms and pierced heart of Jesus, where  
he now rests sweetly and safely, secure and free  
from Sin and earthly Misery.

And asked his Wife to assist him, which she willingly  
did; He afterwards seemd as if he would go to sleep  
His Wife not bearing him breath too, a while to  
look at him, and found, that he was really gone  
without the least Sigh or Struggle, looking ex-  
ceeding sweet and smiling, and thus he happily  
departed