

Our late S^r Sarah Wastinger who departed happily Jan^y 1818 ^{at 101}
her happily departed Mr. Sarah Ann
Linn, was born June 3^d 1780 at Scoles
in the parish of Birstal, and baptized
in the Church of England. Her Mother
dy'd before she was a year old, and she
being a very weakly Child & not likely
to live, was put out to be nursed to
a married B^y & S^r in Wyke, who had no
Children, & who took so much care of
her in every respect, as if she had been
their own Child. She was sent to the
B^y School in Wyke as soon as her
health would ~~permi~~ admit of it, It
was then conducted by the S^{rs} Mary
Watson (now in Gracehill) and Benigna
Peata (now in Okbrook) who both with
their good advice to the Children, often
reminded them, how needful it was, not
only to come to School to work & —
But also to get an impression of our
Saviour's love, that they might be happy,
and grow up for him, who had suffered
so much for us. They used every week
to learn Verses out of the Hymn Book.
This was a favourite employment of hers,
and with the rehearsal of them, she

often edified those people who lived
with ^{and} ^{at} ^{it} was by these means she felt
the first imprisonment of our Saviour's
love towards her, - Living near the
S^rs House she was often visited by
them, and had the favour to go in
and out amongst them, whereby she
got a desire to belong to the ^{Lyons}
Cong^o. Her Father being agreeable
to it, both she and her ^{brother} obtained
leave to live in the S^rs ^{house} at Little More
and moved thither March 14th 1796,
where she enjoyed many blessings,
especially in attending the meetings at
Palmer. When that Economy broke
up, in 1794, she with some more ^{of}
moved to Myke. She would rather
have gone to Palmer, but in ^a short
time ^{because} ^{grew} reconciled ^{about} to it, and
indeed she never found reason to re-
pent. That small family lived at
that time very happily together, and in a blf-
sued course; particularly amongst the
great Girls, each was zealous, to get be-
fore ^{the} ^{other} in prosperity. From this period

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she dated her foundation of ^{her} happiness
which was laid ^{deep and} ^{sure} in the all atoning
sacrifice of a crucified Saviour and
Redeemer. - Dec. 30th the same year she
was rec^d into the Cong^o, & Jan. 10th 1798
had the favour to partake for the first
time of the H. Com^o, and the year
following 4th of May she was rec^d into
the S^rs Choir. Soon after this it
happened to be a very trying time,
as the S^rs could get no work for several
months, on which account many returned
to their homes; but she not ^{for return home} being nothing
chose to stay, ^{tho' by living should be} if ^{her} ^{own} ^{means} ^{she} ^{was}
so poor. But our merciful heavenly
Father who knows the wants of all
his Children; raised up some particular
friends, who assisted them with every
thing most necessary; so that those, whose
faith was only as a Grain of Mustard seed,
and stayed ^{grown things}, was quite put to shame.
She often spoke of that period with
gratitude, and it enabled her to place
her whole dependance on our Saviour

both with regard to her internal and external course. In 1801 she rec^d an appointment to have the care of the great Falls in Gumerood; she ^{felt} herself unfit for such a situation, yet she submitted to it out of Obedience; and calling to mind, how much the Lord had done for her, she thought it was but little what she could do in return. We can give her that testimony, that she was faithful in the charge committed to her, not only in teaching them their works, ^{in enjoining} but their internal prosperity, was a subject of her prayers. She had of late years several heavy trials, which affected her much; but our Saviour in whom she put her trust and confidence, supported her, so that she with resignation submitted to his will. In the beginning of last year 1810 she got a heavy cold which settled on her Lungs, and made her feel very weak and poorly; in Sept. she came here

to submit to partake of the H^l Com^m in fellowship with her Clin; being overtaken in a heavy storm of thunder and lightning, she was much agitated and grew worse from that time. Now and then she had a faint hope of her recovery; but feeling ^{her} ~~her~~ ^{weakness} ~~weakness~~ her health and strength declining, she was soon resigned to our Saviours will. It was her earnest wish and prayer that he would show her every guilt, & cleanse & purify her from every stain in his precious blood, that she might appear before him as a pardoned reconciled sinner; When an anxious thought at times would arise, she was enabled with confidence to look to him, whose strength was made perfect in her weakness. She would often express herself to the following purposes:
"Ah! when I look back on past years,
"I cannot help weeping for grief,
"But Christ wipes away all my tears,

"And readily grants me relief:—
"By faith I behold in his wounds
"A cure for my sins and self-will;
"His goodness towards me abounds,
"And his hand is held over me still."

During her confinement she enjoyed
twice the H. Comⁿ which was a great
refreshment and strengthening to her.—
She loved & was beloved, & was truly
thankful for every kindness shown
towards her.— She bore her pains
with great ^{patience} ~~passions~~, and often said:
"Dear Saviour! help me," and also
asked her friends to pray for her.—
Jan^y 2. ~~But~~ The happy moment came
when she was permitted to leave
this world, and see him face to face
in whom she here believed.—
Aged 30 years & 6 Months.—