

The life of the Single Sister Elenor Luty.

I was born Sept<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1710 at Tilling Hall near  
near Harrington, in the Parish of Ridley, and was  
brought up in the Church of England. My Mother  
kept a strict eye upon me, <sup>wishing</sup> to preserve me from the  
temptations of the world. When I was about 6 years  
old, I used to read in the New Testament, and was  
always very inquisitive with my School-Mist<sup>r</sup> what  
could be the meaning of many things, <sup>at that time</sup> beyond my Capacity.  
In my 16<sup>th</sup> year I was <sup>examined</sup> ~~catechised~~ by the Ministers of our  
Church <sup>in the doctrine of Christianity</sup> as a preparation for the holy Communion, previous  
to the enjoyment of it, and was confirmed by the Bishop  
during his visit in those parts. The above mentioned  
Minister told me and several young people that our own  
hearts were our greatest enemies; this I could not compre-  
hend. But that time, tho' under concern for my Salvation.  
My Confirmation had a very blessed effect, encreasing my  
anxiety, and making me more in earnest to seek the Lord.  
I now resolved not to rest satisfied till I had found him,  
and made my Calling and Election sure.

A few hours before my Fathers departure, he sent for  
all his Children 10 in number, to give each his partment  
Benediction

Benediction, but I being from home was sent for, and  
told that my Father could not depart till I came to receive  
his last blessing, which he imparted to me with his hand  
upon my head, the fervency of his prayer made a deep  
impression on me. In my 17<sup>th</sup> year I went to live with  
a Mr. Tines as a servant at Riffon, here I was in great  
danger of being drawn into things contrary to the mind of  
my Senior, had not his protecting hand been over me.  
The Minister who baptised me, wished me not to stay  
any longer in that place, and procured another in a respect-  
table family, here I lived 2 years, and they having no children  
treated me exceedingly kind, and believed in all respects as  
a Father and Mother to me, during this time I had a dan-  
gerous Illness, so that the Physician disposed of my recovery  
and I was in great distress of soul, without any prospect  
of my happiness, not knowing how to obtain it, for my  
Master and M<sup>rs</sup> frequently told me it was time enough  
to be uneasy about my soul, but I found their advice was  
wrong, being much alarmed at my state of heart, how-  
ever it pleased the Lord at that time to restore me to perfect  
Health. I went for sometime to my Sister at Killing-  
Hall, here I began to think of settling in the world and  
engaged so far, that I promised marriage to a young  
man with whom I thought I could live happily, but  
whilst preparations were making for our marriage



a Clergyman, who had heard of me, by one of my former  
~~this~~ <sup>his</sup> request, wished me to go in service to the Marquis  
of Rockingham near Sheffield, to which I consented, here  
I felt very uncomfortable, there being a great number  
of Servants, who were persecutors of our Saviour and his  
People, and I was very uneasy among them, being much  
afraid I should suffer harm in my soul, and never be saved.  
I frequently went to hear David Taylor preach, his sermons  
were very applicable to my case, more especially when he  
treated of our Saviours sufferings for poor sinners. At this  
time I was very much hurt with all the servants, particu-  
larly the Steward, who said that all who went to hear  
those preach, should have a small house that stood near  
the Fishpond to receive grace in, and the Pond to wash  
their sins away, but not long after, this same man was  
drowned in that very pond. I now resolved to leave this  
place, as I could not be happy here, so I left them, and not  
knowing <sup>any</sup> body, but the Farmer where I first heard David  
Taylor preach, I begged him to conduct me to my Mother,  
which he did as far as Leeds, from thence I walked home  
to my Parents, being quite tired of service, among uncon-  
verted People, my relations being at that time also in an  
unconcerned state of mind, I was resolved <sup>to leave</sup> them, and seek  
a people of God with whom I could be in fellowship.

The Methodists preached in our neighborhood, but  
I found no cleanness to join their communion, I accidentally  
met with a person who informed me that there  
was a sort of people in Padsey, who would suit me.  
Upon this information I left my Father's house on foot,  
and did not know ~~one~~ step of the way, but thought  
if I could meet with a carrier that went that road,  
I would go with him, accordingly I soon met with one  
and we walked together to the place I was seeking.  
I arrived Sept<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1742, and stayed 15 weeks in Padsey,  
working for my living, till at last Sir<sup>t</sup> Guffinbanes  
who then lived with B<sup>r</sup> and S<sup>r</sup> Hillas took me to her  
self, on that very day the young Man came to the house,  
whom I had promised marriage, and wanted to fetch me,  
but I told him that I would marry no man at present  
for I belonged intirely to our Saviour, he told me that  
my Mother wanted it to take place, but I persisted in  
my resolution, and was soon after taken by B<sup>r</sup> and S<sup>r</sup>  
Hickonwelder to Low house, where there was an oron-  
omy of S. J<sup>rs</sup> near Fulneck, I no sooner arrived thither  
than I melted into tears of gratitude at the feet of my  
dear Saviour, for his unwearied patience, love and  
faithful care in bringing me safely to his people.  
I remained so happy for some time in this place that  
I thought it a Heaven upon earth, but after more

insight



insight into the nature of a Congregation my feelings altered, I entered into a close examination of myself, how far this change of circumstances would suit with my turn of mind. At last thro' the grace of our Saviour I came to this resolution, to take up my cross and follow Him, and to submit to his Will in every trial he thought best for me, and which I soon experienced I saw one after the other, received into the Congregation to which I thought I had a right preferable to them, Our Saviour suffered this trial to be a means of my becoming better acquainted with myself and pointed out to me what was my hindrance in not attaining to the privileges of the Congregation / namely / my self righteous nefs and unbroken Spirit, as soon as I became sensible of it, and owned it to God eternal thro' his enabling grace resigned to his Will, thing He granted me that favor June 8<sup>th</sup> 1746 to be received into the Congregation, and what was still much given to partake of his Body and Blood in the holy Sacrament. ~~On~~ <sup>24</sup> March 25<sup>th</sup> 1747, which excited me anew to surrender myself entirely to His guidance, and I entreated our Saviour to give me new grace, that I might be obedient to his holy Spirit, and do what would be pleasing to Him. Soon after this I went to London to assist

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in washing for the Children at Mileend. In 1753  
returned to Fulneck into the 1<sup>st</sup> house here. Sometime  
after I went again into service in Fulneck, and again re-  
turned into my favorite house among the S. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Since my coming to the Congregation, I have experi-  
enced many trials internally and externally, and  
am sensible I have nothing to boast of with respect  
to my natural disposition, which caused others  
and myself much trouble, but my <sup>kind</sup> Savior good Father  
whom I love above all things in Heaven or earth  
bears with me, and has kept my confidence unshak-  
ed in Him to this moment; and will no doubt do  
it to the end. I cannot omit a circumstance,  
which is a proof of my Lords parental love and care  
over me. My disposition was not only unbroken  
proud and self righteous, ~~but~~ but besides this, I had  
too anxious care for the things of this life, which  
carried me so far, that I found myself in a dangerous  
way of losing the enjoyment of my Saviors sweet  
nearness thereby. I was very fond of work, which  
is undoubtedly right in its place, but even this I  
carried too far, my mind being so <sup>over</sup> much taken up  
with it, but our Savior who knows this to be the case  
permitted me to have a dangerous fall from a chair



~~a clergyman who had heard of me by one of my former~~  
~~stepsisters wished me to go~~  
by means of which my right arm was so disabled  
that I never after could work as I had done before,  
this was a painful circumstance, and I could  
not look on it in any other light, than as a Chas-  
tisement from the Lord, for acting contrary to  
conviction, but I am now richly comforted, with  
that promise: All things shall work together  
for good to them that love God. I am his sheep  
and nothing shall pluck me out of his hand.

Thus for her own Account.

Our late Sister has given so genuine and  
upright <sup>an</sup> account, both of her internal and external  
course that we find no occasion to add any thing  
particular thereto. She has been for sometime thro'  
her advanced age, and bodily infirmities, confined  
to her room, and her mental faculties perceptibly  
decreasing, made it in several respects heavy to  
herself and very troublesome to those who had to do  
with her, and great patience was requisite to  
wait on her; but we must acknowledge as she  
herself expresses it that she was certainly

one of our Saviors Sheep / and even amidst  
her incoherent conversation, she was sometime  
before her departure, pleasing to all who visit-  
ed her, for when her mind was composed she  
would repeatedly say: that nobody should be  
uneasy about her, for whenever we should  
hear that she was departed, either by night  
or day, we might be sure that she was happy  
ly with our dear Savior.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March in the afternoon she  
particularly desired to be blessed for her depart-  
ure, which was accordingly <sup>done</sup> because she believed  
she should go to our Savior that night, which  
came to pass in her 81<sup>st</sup> year.

On March 31<sup>st</sup> she fell softly &  
happily asleep in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of her age