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The Course of Life of B^x. James Naylor Widow.
who departed happily April 30th 1770

He was born October 23. 1692 at Scholes in the Parish of Birstal Yorkshire and came when a Child to live with his Grand Father Sam^l. Hillas at Bankhouse, He served an apprenticeship with his Uncle Sam^l. Hillas in the Clothing Business who lived in Baker Lane in this Neighbourhood. In the yr 1728. He was married to Martha Naylor, by whom He had one Son & two Daughters, of whom 1 Son our B^x. John Naylor in the Choir House, & a Daughter are yet living. They lived 14 years in Baker Lane after their Marriage & then came to live at Bankhouse.

When M^r. Ingham preached here abouts in the Churches, he us'd to attend constantly & became concern'd for his Salvation, & when the B^xm came here & Societies were settled he became a Member thereof in the year 1741, & prosper'd in our Sav^r's grace, Octob^r 6 1744. He was ^{admitted} into the Cong^g & Dec^r 20th the same year, was partaker of the H^l. Communion. He shew'd that his Election of grace was weighty to him by a faithful concern for what belong'd to our Sav^r's Kingdom & a readiness to be usefull in his degree to promote it, He Boarded the S. B^xm at Lane end for some years. Afterw^d He & his late wife liv'd at the Hall for some time, & then, in the ^{and employ'd} Manufactory & other matters suitable for him, in all which He has Legitimated himself as a faithful B^xm in the Cong^g belov'd & Respected by the B^xm & W^m & esteem'd by his acquaintances.

Nov^r 13. 1759 He was made Acuteath. May 9th 1762 He became a Widower, in w^{ch} state he has spent his time in a Sabbath enjoyment of his Choir grace, willingly employing his Time in a usefull manner according to his active disposition in w^{ch} he continued till last February, untill it was insisted upon that he declined every thing & suffered himself to be attended & cared for according as the Circumstances sh^d. require, wth his son our B^x. J^r. Naylor Dutifully engag'd in, & going in to see him one Day, he found him on his knees leaning on his Chair wth struck him with a particular impression. His Disorder was an extraordinary heat in his Blood wth leav'd him much & depriv'd him of Rest else had no particular sickness yet grew gradually weaker from Day to Day. At fst in the beginning He had Thoughts of Recovery and so on, but he soon became sensible that his Days of

Separating here were drawing to the end, & we say with satisfaction he overcame the better
& as he had not much sickness ⁱⁿ he thought sometimes the night continued a long time, but
a fortnight ago he was obliged to take to his bed, altho he was not inclined to
speak much, yet one of the experiences he had of our Lord, yet it was evident our Lord
was his object & his heart lived in conversation with him, his own chosen, if he
was able to be ashamed of my self when I found how near a conversion he had with our
Lord says further I shall had many happy hours with him in his sickness wth
I shall never forget especially on 2. or 3 of his last Days when he wished that our
Lord would come soon & fetch him home. His Daughter & Grand Daughter came to see
him, & at taking leave of him, his son being present, he looked at them & said
I have no other Council to give you but that ye love our Lord & one another.
wth his son says ^{what} ^{of} ^{it} ^{was} ^{something} ^{like} ^{the} ^{apostle} ^{John} ^{said} ^{little} ^{children} ^{love} ^{one} ^{another}. He took a tender leave
of one or another of his Family who came to see him, & chiefly was occupied in his
Thoughts of being soon at home with the Lord waiting for the happy moment,
On Sunday the 29th he spoke particularly with his son of his expectation of going soon
& said ^{his Mother} ^{went} ^{home} ^{she} ^{gave} ^{me} ^a ^{verse} ^{to} ^{sing} ^{for} ^{her},
but I cannot bring none, I have heard others of some joining with the singing
when they was blessed for going home with a strong voice but I cannot.
In the Evening ^{next} ^{morning} visited him again, & spoke with him once of that happy
change wth now drew near, then blessed him for his departure during the living. He go
then go dear heart & hide ye some other verses with a very happy conversation of our
Lord's near presence, ^{he said} ^{of} ^{the} ^{great} ^{joy} ^{which} ^{was} ⁱⁿ ^{his} ^{heart} ^{at} ^{the} ^{thought} ^{of} ^{seeing} ^{his} ^{father} ⁱⁿ ^{heaven} ^{at} ^{last}.
He answered - said to his son I shall soon be in a very happy
place, but continued in extreme pains all Night till abt 5 o'clock Monday Morning
when his pains seemed to abate a little, & he co. breathe easier, he lay composed with
an extraordinary cleanness in his countenance & eyes then slept quite calmly for
an hour, then opening his eyes he looked very earnestly at his son, but closed them

soon again in happy peace sleep breathing his last without the least
his son says It was a happy hour to me during his sleep & departure tho
I never shall forget Overlaid and so near my heart but I cannot express
I am thankful to all the Bth & Fth for all their Love & faithful support towards
him. Our everable M^r has thus closed the time of his abode below in
very blessed manner at 84 years & 6 months

The Wth was Thy Testimonies are ever here rejoiced as mine should
for ever, & why? they are the very joy of my heart.

Thy Gospel & its saving power, so like pure milk & honey.