

The S. S<sup>t</sup> Martha Watson who departed  
 this life June 21<sup>st</sup> 1810. was born July 11.  
 1743 in Rudsey & bap. in <sup>the</sup> Presbyterian  
 Church. At a Child she came often errands  
 to Fulneck & used to say she would like  
 to live here, but her Father being not  
 inclined towards the <sup>Pres</sup> Cong<sup>n</sup> she  
 met with no encouragement, when she  
 was 15<sup>th</sup> years her father departed this  
 life, & she was now obliged to go  
 to service, she went to several places  
 and at last to Halifax, where she  
 met with a very good Mrs, still  
 it always dwelt on her mind, & she  
 felt a call in her heart to the <sup>Pres</sup> Cong<sup>n</sup>  
 not being able to withstand  
 it any longer she made application  
 and March 12<sup>th</sup> 1772 she obtained  
 leave to live in the S<sup>rs</sup> House at  
 Gamersal, she stayed here a little above  
 a year, and was then removed to Ful-  
 neck and placed in the School Kitchen  
 as to have management of it.

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1773 she was rec<sup>d</sup> into the  
 Cong<sup>n</sup> & Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1776 she partook



the first time of the H. Com<sup>tee</sup>, She often used to relate that this period from her reception till she had the favour to enjoy the H. Com<sup>tee</sup> was the most remarkable in her life, it was the time when she learned to know herself, and as a poor undone sinner found grace in our <sup>Saviour's</sup> sight.

In the before mentioned situation she served 29 years with great faithfulness on which account she was respected, she had many difficulties to struggle with, and had it very hard in the <sup>evening</sup> ginging. but she looked to our Saviour for help, and often expressed her gratitude for what he had done for her.

Being rather of a self-righteous turn & not the best temper, it was at times troublesome for those who were connected with her, but knowing her intentions were good, every allowance was made. In 1802 she came to live in the S<sup>rs</sup> House here, being troubled with the Rheumatism; and feeling her self not able to continue in her post, this was however <sup>also</sup> a great trial

to her, being used to <sup>an</sup> active life, she could not compose mind to have nothing <sup>to do</sup>, besides she felt such <sup>an</sup> attack, went to the School & the Children, that she hardly ever got over it, we had often to cheer & comfort her on that account. The few years she spent in our house she was very weak & infirm, in spring 1809 it appeared as if she was going in a decline, but she recovered a little again, & it terminated in a dropsy, <sup>some</sup> from the beginning of this year she labored under much pain & sufferings, some times the time would appear <sup>long</sup> to her before our Saviour would relieve her, but upon the whole she bore her pains with patience & <sup>quiet</sup> resignation to our Saviour's will, & prayed often <sup>to him</sup> to cleanse her in his precious blood from every stain, that she may as a pardoned sinner appear him. This favour was granted to her June 21. when she happily fell asleep in Jesus. Aged nearly 67 years.