

The Life of the Sing<sup>g</sup> Sist<sup>r</sup> Susan<sup>a</sup> Watson, who went to our  
Sav<sup>n</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Choir House, <sup>at</sup> Dulbeck. Concerning  
which the following is her own account.

I was born June 25<sup>th</sup> 1755 at Little Humesall in  
the Parish of Birstal, Yorkshire, and Baptiz<sup>d</sup> by  
the B<sup>n</sup>. In my 6<sup>th</sup> year my D<sup>r</sup> Father departed this life,  
and as I was of a weakly constitution my D<sup>r</sup> Mother took  
all possible care of me, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> her chief concern was, that I  
might learn to know & Love our dear Sav<sup>n</sup>, and to that  
purpose <sup>she</sup> took me to the Child<sup>ren</sup> Meetings, where I had  
many drawings of grace in my heart, particularly at  
a meeting held by B<sup>n</sup> Worthington, wherein he display<sup>d</sup>  
the tender regard our D<sup>r</sup> Sav<sup>n</sup> had for the Child<sup>ren</sup> that  
he gather<sup>d</sup> even the smallest Year<sup>ling</sup> shed on his account,  
<sup>thin was pore</sup> ~~in~~ so feeling a manner, as made a lasting impression on  
my mind, so that I never forgot it. In my 15<sup>th</sup> year it  
pleas<sup>d</sup> our Sav<sup>n</sup> to take my D<sup>r</sup> Mother home to himself  
by means of a very short sickness. Her last blessing, just  
before her happy departure, affected me much, at which  
time she recommended me in a tender manner to the care  
of my Eldest Sist<sup>r</sup>, who has ever since faithfully performed  
the promise she then made, and we with my Sist<sup>r</sup> Mary  
~~together~~ lived very comfortably together; my sist<sup>r</sup> taking  
all possible care to preserve us from the world. In my  
girls years I already began to feel my natural depravity  
and had a hard struggle with ~~self~~ my self, which thro'  
our D<sup>r</sup> Sav<sup>n</sup>'s faithfullness towards me terminated in a  
desire to live with the Sist<sup>rs</sup> which I made known, and  
obtained leave to remove to the House Decency in my 17 year

Oct<sup>r</sup> 16, where I was rec'd in a loving manner, and found  
my self quite at home amongst the Siste<sup>rs</sup>, till the same  
becoming mov'd to the Little Moore. soon after our  
removal I came into an indifferency in my heart ~~and~~  
~~suffered~~ ~~my~~ ~~sever~~ on for some time without much concern  
about my self or the aim of living with Siste<sup>rs</sup>. till my  
faithfull sa<sup>r</sup> thro' the convictions of his gracious spirit  
brought me again to Recollection, when I found I had not  
follow'd his intention in calling me, which was that I  
might learn to know and live for him alone in this world;  
this caus'd me great uneasiness, which I could by no means  
get rid of, but my Dr sa<sup>r</sup> did not let me remain long in  
before he drew so sensibly near to my heart, that I was  
richly comforted thereby. March 27. 1769 I was rec'd  
into the Cong<sup>o</sup> to my real abasement, and went on for  
some time in a humble sence of my own unworthiness,  
but soon lost my self again in my former course of  
Indifferency, about which I became quite distress'd and  
Miserable, till by discoursing with my Labors I found  
comfort, and was able to believe, that our sa<sup>r</sup> could help  
me in my disposition as well as all other failings,  
if I only kept close to him. May 24 the same  
year I was rec'd into the Siste<sup>rs</sup> Choir, which together  
with my becoming a Candidate for the A C<sup>a</sup> in 1770.  
gave me the opportunity of feeling more than ever my  
natural depravity, as our sa<sup>r</sup> made it a real schooling  
time to me, I try'd all means to little effect to help  
my self, not knowing our sa<sup>r</sup> as the Sinner's only  
head, till in the midst of my distress he graciously

manifested himself to my poor heart in such a lively  
manner, as crucified for me a lost and undone sinner,  
as if he had been really present, assuring me at the same  
time of the forgiveness of all my sins, and I could rely upon  
the allsufficiency of his Merits, as a true poor sinner. To  
my inexpressible Joy and comfort, July 17. 1771 I had the  
grace to enjoy the A C<sup>a</sup> the first time with the Cong<sup>o</sup>  
to my unspeakable blessing, the impresson of that great  
grace has been an encouragement to me in the many  
deviations or mistakes I have been sensible of since that  
time, to turn to my Dr sa<sup>r</sup> who has never fail'd to  
comfort & help ~~me~~ ~~thru~~ me thro' in all circumstances,

Thus far her own account

Our Late Siste<sup>r</sup> was of a reserved turn of mind, which  
brought her sometimes into a little anxiety about herself,  
which she express'd in few words, but in that case our Dr sa<sup>r</sup>  
faithfulness towards her, comforted and supported her, <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~  
relieving her of her own poverty, as well as <sup>of</sup> her sickly  
habit of Body, which this last spring took a consumptive  
turn, whereby the commencement of her dissolution was  
apprehended. She did not at first take it <sup>in</sup> that light,  
but thought, she might still recover, but as her strength  
daily decreas'd it became clear to her, that our sa<sup>r</sup>  
~~intention~~ was to prepare her by this sickness for himself,  
whereupon



She became more resign'd, and spent her time in a still  
converse with her unseen friend, during her abode in the  
sickroom, where she enjoy'd the A.C.<sup>n</sup> several times  
to her comfort and blessing, resigning her self intirely  
to the will of her D<sup>r</sup>-Sav<sup>r</sup> awaiting the happy  
moment, when he would graciously release her out  
of all her pain, which he <sup>had</sup> made tolerable to her  
till towards the later end, when it was more severe,  
but did not continue so long. <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ the time of her  
departure was at hand, <sup>which</sup> ~~and~~ came to pass on Wednesday  
Morning about a quarter after 4 o'clock, when she fell  
softly and happily asleep with the blessing of her  
Choir. (in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of her age