

The Life of the Widow Sist^r Millan Ratcliff of Wyke
who departed Feb^y 18. 1772.

She was Born at Birch Roads in the Parish of
Ealand 1695. by the best Intelligence we can get. Her Father
Died when she was an Infant, & her Mother soon Marrying again,
she was car'd for by an Aunt who brought her up in the Religion
of the Establish'd Church, ^{with} whom she also liv'd till her 20th year
when she was Married to Jas^s Ratcliff & came to live at Wyke,
by whom she had 8 Sons & one Daughter.

When the Gospel was first preach'd in these parts by
Mr Ingham & the Am she with her Husband attended diligently
& became concern'd ~~for~~ about their Salvation & were Rec'd in
the Society at Seoles.

Nov^r 13. 1750 She was Rec'd in the Cong^y & went to
the Comⁿ Dec^r 5. 1751. & continued in the enjoyment of her
Privileges in the Cong^y wth she esteem'd an especial Grace
from our Sav^r. Octo^r 9th 1761 She became a Widow when
her Husband was taken happily home in her ^{1st} sickness.

During her Widowhood she was very industrious to earn her own
living, ^{by spinning} altho^{gh} for several years past was very infirm yet content
in her poverty & maintain'd her Confidence to our Sav^r & was esteem'd
a faithful honest person by those who employ'd her.

She has had some special Manifestations of our Sav^r Love,
which attach'd her heart to Him as the Sinner's Friend, & made
the Fellowship with the Cong^y more precious unto her.

For this 12 Months past she has not been capable of attending
the Meetings at the Chap^l on account of her Infirmitie, notwithstanding
she continued her endeavours for Subsistence more than 60. have

been well expected from her in her condition, & being beloved by the Am & Wm she was assisted to come thro' without suffering want. We have frequently visited her wth was a Refreshment to her heart, & had cause of thankfulness to find her contented in her poverty & loneliness. the last time she shared of the S. Communion she was particularly tender & thankful, ~~yet~~ but had no expectation of being call'd home so soon.

On the 15th Instant she was taken very Ill in the Night, & was expected she w^d then have gone but she revived, & being ask'd how she felt & what she thought of her self, she said, 'she scarce knew how she was, but she never felt so in her life, at the same time had a very clear serene Look which Impression continued with her till her last, & she acknowledg'd with gratitude the kindness shewn to her by the S^m in the Neighbourhood who attended her faithfully, whom she was glad to leave with her otherwise she was most inclin'd to be alone. But as she revived again & was not confin'd to her Bed it was thought she might recover, on Monday the 17th - Mr. Lyons visited her, where she was up & complain'd she was weak but had no apprehension ~~about~~ her time was ^{no} near, she was resign'd to our S^{ad}^m will & her Election of Grace was clear to her.

The Day of her departure she was capable of ~~going~~ going to her next Neighbours & employ'd her self in mending her Cloaths, In the Evening she desired a S^{tr} to make her a little Tea wth she drank & eat thereto with a good Relish but about 8 o'clock she alter'd suddenly & went over into her Eternal Bridegroom's Arms in a soft an easy manner having spent in this mortal Life ^{about} 77 years.