

The S. S^r Mrs. Smith who departed
this life Dec. 19th 1814 has left
the following short account concern-
ing herself.

I was born at Morton Banks, in the
parish of Bingley Jan. 6th 1746.

Two days after my birth my Mother
departed this life and I was put
to my Grandmother to be nursed.
My Father went to live for some
time in the S. Bras Peconomy at
Smithhouse near Wyke, and after
a few years he moved to Gulneuk
where he was married the 3^d time,
on this occasion he took me home
again, being then in my 4th year.
I often call to mind the blessings
I then enjoyed in attending the
Childrens meetings, particularly one
when Count Linsendary on our Congⁿ
day spoke to us much of our Sav^{rs}
love, and when the meeting was over
came to ask each of us separate

if we loved our Saviour, which made
a deep impression on my heart.
In my 15th year I came to live in
the ^{the} ~~the~~ house here, I entered with
thankfulness, as I felt myself very
unworthy of such a privilege,
I found myself soon at home, lived
for sometime very happy, and with
the meetings I was greatly delighted.
Externals it was difficult, nothing
but spinning, however as long as I
was satisfied, I did well. but when
I deviated from the right path I
grew unhappy and discontented, this
brought me into trouble and dark-
ness, reasoning and dispute, I wished
to enjoy the privileges in the Cong.
but had to wait 7 years before I
was rec^d. Still my Saviour had
thoughts of peace over me, and
gave me grace to reflect on the
past time, I felt and found that
I had not been attentive to the

voice of his holy Spirit, nor put my
trust and confidence in him, this
brought me into deep concern, I
wept & prayed many nights and days
that our Saviour would pardon my
sins and transgressions, and receive
me anew as his property, and I thank
him this day, for his pardon, mercy
and comfort which he then imparted
to me. Nov. 13th 1768 I was rec^d
into the Congⁿ and Sept 8th 1772
I had the favour to partake the first
time of the H. Comⁿ which proved
days of solid blessings to me, and
I felt again happy and comfort-
able, enjoyed our Saviours nearness
and the privileges of the Congⁿ
proved a great refreshment and
encouragement to my poor and needy
souls. But alas! I soon again
came into a dark and reasoning
way, on which account I had many
heavy hours, my uneasiness of mind

was very great, I went to the H.
Commⁿ after when I felt and knew
it would have been better for me
not to partake of this heavenly
repast. Often I thought I would
run away, where I might be seen
no more, and once I did set off
and went to Mortenbanks to a
relation, but feeling no rest there
neither, I returned back again.
I shall never forget the kindness
then shown to me, of which I
was so undeserving, but above all
the mercy, love and forbearance of
my Saviour, who still had not forsaken
me, but kept his hand over me
his erring Sheep. I stayed now
from the H. Commⁿ for several
times, the Lord had much to do
for me, he pardoned my sins and
washed them away in his precious
Blood, and the 13th of Aug 1780
when I had the great favours again

to draw near to the table of the Lord
to partake of his Body and Blood
in the Holy Sacrament, it proved
to me an enjoyment which I never
shall forget. Now when I reflect
on my inequered course, I find
thousand reasons to fall down at my
Saviours feet, to thank and praise
him for his unsearched faithfulness
his patience and longsuffering, and
tho' I have often grieved him and
disobeyed the voice of his holy
spirit; ^{still} he sought and found me
when I strayed from him, and
received me with open arms of mercy.
O thou my yesterday to day & ever
most faithful Saviour. I have
nothing more to say, as Lord Jesus!
I am a poor sinner, who would fain
thru' the Lambs ransom entrance gain.
May he now prepare me for his
heavenly Kingdom, where I shall
praise him for ever, for what

he has done for me unworthy sinners
here below.

Thus far she dictated to a friend
in Sept 1809.

At that time she was in a very
poor state of state of health, and
thought that her time here below
would not be long. However it
pleased the Lord to restore her
so far that she could go about again
tho' in weakness and feeling many
infirmities, whereby her faith
and patience was often tried.
As she has candidly stated herself
the various scenes of trials in which
the the Lord has helped her thro'
we shall not innumerate any thing
now; but unite our thanks and
praises with hers, to him, who
has had patience with her in
time of need, and heard her prayers
in the accepted time; who has done
all things well, and now brought

her to her desired haven.

Within this last year she suffered
much with pains and weakness.

On Dec. 11th she enjoyed the H.
Commⁿ with 5 other Sisters in the
Sickroom, she expressed herself after-
wards very grateful, and said:

"What I felt on this occasion I shall
"never forget, it was a foretaste
"of Eternity, O Eternity! when shall
"I once be there, with my dear Saviour
"surely, it cannot be very long.

Tho' she grew weaker, yet neither she
nor we thought her departure so near.
On the 18th in a conversation, when
amongst other things she was asked
if any thing disturbed her mind, and
if she felt quite resigned to our
Saviours will? She replied: "I have
"done with every thing. but you know
"dying has always been an awful
"thing to me, ^{nevertheless} but I have that
"firm assurance that our Saviour

"will receive me, poor and worthless
"as I am; I can say nothing,
"but Lord have mercy upon me!

In the evening ^{she was} pretty easy but in
the night she grew very restless
and her breathing very difficult,
and she prayed fervently to our
Saviour to help her, in the mor-
ning on the 19th having received
the blessing for her departure
she ~~breathed~~ breathed her last during
the singing of that verse.

When in the arms of Jesus
thy Lips shall pallid grow.
Aged 68 years 11 months.