

F.W. 13/44

Departed May 10<sup>th</sup> 1761

Our dear S.<sup>r</sup> Martha Naylor was  
born in Tonge Feb<sup>y</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup> 1698.  
Her Parents were of the established  
Religion, ~~in which she was brought up~~  
she was from her infancy of a quiet  
& still Disposition, she lived with  
her Parents, ~~till the decease of her~~  
~~father~~ till she grew up, but then went  
to service with a w.<sup>d</sup> Gentlewoman,  
w<sup>th</sup> whom she lived a Year, when  
her Father departed this Life, she  
went to her Mother, and helped her  
in her Affairs as a dutifull Daugh-  
ter, till she was married in Feb<sup>y</sup>.  
1719 to the present w.<sup>d</sup> our B.<sup>r</sup>  
James Naylor, she was from the  
Beginning a tender & submissive  
Wife, & when she had Children, she  
was a love & good & faithfull Mother,  
but as she was concerned about  
her own salvation, & wanted to  
please God, so she would never allow  
her Children to speak or do any thing  
w<sup>ch</sup> she thought was not right; she  
took great delight in reading or  
in hearing them read in some good  
Book. & in general her peaceable  
& much disposition gained the Love  
and Affection of all her Neighbours.



tho she had often emotions of Grace in her Heart  
before, yet she was first truly awakened  
at the time of the general awakening  
in this Country, and what she heard  
of our Sav<sup>r</sup> made a deep impresson  
in her Heart, & she never lost it at any  
time. she was together w<sup>th</sup> her Husband  
of the first who were recd into the Society  
which the B.<sup>m</sup> settled here, and as she  
lived at that time at Lane End, she had  
a constant opportunity of being in  
the Company of the B.<sup>m</sup> & S.<sup>ms</sup> which was  
always a great joy to her. — she had the  
Grace to be embodied into that that time  
little Cong<sup>y</sup> here, by reception Dec<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1743. & Feb<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1744. which  
which she prized as an invaluable Grace  
& which she kept held precious to her last  
moment. it was <sup>not</sup> long before her Joy was  
still farther heightened by her being ad-  
mitted to the participation of the Corp<sup>s</sup>  
& Blood of Jesus in the H. Communion  
w<sup>th</sup> ineffable bliss & she enjoyed the  
first time July 29<sup>th</sup> 31 the same Y<sup>r</sup>. — this Y<sup>r</sup>.  
she has enjoyed uninterruptedly ever  
since that time. — in the Y<sup>r</sup> 46. the S. B.  
began their House keepd. in one of the  
Houses at Lane End, & she & her Husband  
~~have~~ took them ~~to~~ by the advice of the  
B.<sup>m</sup> to board <sup>w<sup>th</sup> them</sup> she acted herein for 2 Y<sup>rs</sup>.  
as a faithfull House Mother, & her  
Service herein remains unforgotten.  
upon a new Regulation in the B.<sup>m</sup> House

and the Beginning of Cong<sup>r</sup>. House  
keep<sup>ing</sup>. she & her Husband were called  
into the Service of the Family, in  
which she continued as a faithfull  
& meek Handmaid of Jesus, ready  
to serve each little one of our Lord,  
till that House keep<sup>ing</sup> broke up in  
the Y<sup>r</sup>. 53. - when ~~she~~ her Husb<sup>d</sup>  
and also she according to her Strength  
continued still in the Service of the  
Farm & Deary. - in the midst of the  
~~greatest~~ <sup>hardest</sup> Work she was patient &  
unwearied, inoffensive, & her quiet  
Spirit w<sup>ch</sup> was sunnerly engaged  
w<sup>th</sup> the Wounded Friend of her Heart  
was an edification to all around her.  
When the Comp<sup>y</sup> of ~~Intercessors~~ <sup>Priests</sup> was  
enlarged Nov<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup> 1759 during our  
d<sup>r</sup>. Johannes's Visit here, she & her  
husband were added there unto, her  
hours of intercourse w<sup>th</sup> her beloved  
and unceasing Friend were very weighty  
to her, & she enjoyed in them a bliss.  
for her Heart, while she faithfully laid  
before the d<sup>r</sup> divine Family whatever  
was in Heart concerned the Folk who  
suffer Jesus's Torments. on the 13<sup>th</sup> of  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. in the same Y<sup>r</sup>, she & her  
Husband were accepted as Scolutes  
& she was really a helper in the  
House of our Lord. - In the Y<sup>r</sup> 56.  
a new Regulation was made in the  
m<sup>d</sup>. Choir, when a N<sup>o</sup> of 13<sup>m</sup> & 13<sup>pm</sup>  
were



appointed to band Serv<sup>ts</sup> or Keeper in  
that Choir, she was also of that N<sup>o</sup>  
& had the Band of the Elder m<sup>rs</sup> in  
the Place Cong<sup>o</sup>, & that of the Communi-  
cant m<sup>rs</sup> whose Husbands are not  
participants of that Grace in the  
Pudsey Cong<sup>o</sup>. in both these bands  
she appeared as a motherly & anoint<sup>g</sup>  
S<sup>r</sup> was exceeding beloved & respected  
by her S<sup>rs</sup> & a peculiar Grace rested  
upon her Bands. in general she was  
tho' a still & quiet Soul, who thought  
little of herself, & made no great shew  
a much respected & beloved S<sup>r</sup> whose  
Grace & attachment to the Wounds of  
Jesus obtained the Love not only of  
her own Choir, but of every B<sup>ro</sup> S<sup>r</sup>  
who knew her & it was her highest  
pleasure to serve where ever she cd.  
she was also a Serv<sup>nt</sup> in the Hall  
as long her Strength wd permit.  
In the beginning of Feb<sup>y</sup> she became  
sickly, & it appeared at first as if she  
was getting a cancerous Disorder, &  
the symptoms were such, that they  
immediately portended her Disolution  
tho' it seemd as if it wd continue some  
time, she took it, as she did every  
circumstance as from our Sav<sup>r</sup>, &  
tho' it was attended w<sup>th</sup> acute pain  
yet she was unvariesly patient &

assigned to her dearest S<sup>r</sup>. speak<sup>g</sup>  
once of her pain to B<sup>ro</sup> S<sup>r</sup> La Trobe,  
she said: "it is easy to be bore, my Sav<sup>r</sup>  
suffered infinitely more. oh (added she)  
I remember a time, when I should have  
been glad to have lain down in a Ditch  
and to have died there in the greatest  
misery, if I could only have been sure  
that I should be saved, & gone to our  
Sav<sup>r</sup>, I may now easily be contented  
since I have known him & that I shall  
go to him, & that above 20 Years w<sup>th</sup>  
out the least Doubt." she was visited  
frequently by the S<sup>rs</sup> of all Choirs, and  
as she sat constantly up, not be<sup>g</sup>  
able to lie on acct of her Disorder  
she was ready to receive them. in  
speaking once w<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Hald, who was  
her old acquaintance about the  
happyness of a simple w<sup>th</sup> our d<sup>d</sup> Sav<sup>r</sup>  
and the Cong<sup>o</sup>. she said: "I have seen  
many who have ruined or hurt them-  
selves by their insimplicity & reasoning  
but I thank our Sav<sup>r</sup> who preserved  
fr<sup>om</sup> reasoning at all abt the Cong<sup>o</sup>, or  
my B<sup>ro</sup> or S<sup>r</sup>. amidst all those things  
which I have seen, but I have been  
kept to my point. her Husband soon  
gave her up to her eternal, tho' the thoughts  
of their separation was every painfull  
to him. she begged of him frequently  
to keep close to our d<sup>d</sup> Sav<sup>r</sup> & the B<sup>ro</sup>  
till he should follow her. She declaimed



to her Son, how happy <sup>he</sup> she was in the  
midst of her Pain thro' <sup>his</sup> precious  
Nearness, that she was quite overpow-  
er'd with this Love, upon his asking her, whe-  
ther she ~~wanted anything~~ <sup>wanted anything</sup>, she answered in  
"I am entirely satisfied, I have him  
near me & that's enough." she recom-  
mended to him, to be as help full to his  
old Father as he could, & to others, she  
often expressed her Joy on acct of her  
Sons happiness. ~~before that~~ sometime  
before her sickness she laid every thing  
in order for the dressing her Corpse, &  
sent for the S.<sup>r</sup> who makes the Grave floor,  
that she might lay every thing at hand  
that she would want, she also desired  
that her old band <sup>pos</sup> of the Place might  
bring her Corpse to the Hall, & prayed  
that the full music might play before  
her Corpse at her interment, & appointing  
a little S. T. for them. when the B.<sup>m</sup> S.<sup>r</sup>  
visited her she delighted to hear them  
sing of her beloved, & joined with them as  
often as she could. - before the Commu-  
nion she desired to enjoy it as soon as possi-  
ble for added: "I only wait for that."  
according early on Sunday B.<sup>m</sup> Schulze  
brought it to her, she rec'd with her d<sup>r</sup> <sup>new</sup>  
band for the last time, & ~~when~~ <sup>when</sup> it was  
over she said "I am much refreshed!"  
this she also B.<sup>m</sup> La Trobe who visited  
her that Day, & said, it was inexcusable

ble, I have now nothing more to wait  
for. the next morn<sup>g</sup> being the 10<sup>th</sup>  
she awoke abt 4 o' Clock out of a  
sweet sleep & immediately ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> to  
the S.<sup>r</sup> who waited upon her; call her  
James. He came directly, & then she  
said, I am now going to our S.<sup>r</sup>  
fare thee well! & directly she d<sup>r</sup> say  
no more, but it seem'd as if her Soul  
did take quickly its flight, accordingly  
B.<sup>m</sup> Schulze was sent to ~~see~~ <sup>see</sup> who called  
B.<sup>m</sup> & S.<sup>r</sup> La Trobe, there was soon  
a little Comp<sup>t</sup> abt her who kept a  
Liturgy, but she was yet to wait  
a few hours longer, & seem'd to revive  
again, so that she could speak, &  
was taken in the afternoon out of  
Bed. through these last hours of her  
Iliad here she was frequently visited  
and Liturgies were kept at her  
Bed Side. & there was in truth an  
inexpressible feeling of the presence of  
her tormented lover who waited for  
the hour to kiss her Soul into himself.  
directly after the <sup>the Comp<sup>t</sup> of the</sup> Buriall of S.<sup>r</sup> Grace  
Wilson, in whose Comp<sup>t</sup> she d<sup>r</sup> some  
weeks before she said she wd go to  
our S.<sup>r</sup> - B.<sup>m</sup> Schulze thought I'll  
go see how S.<sup>r</sup> Naylor does. as he  
came near the Door, her Son came  
out & beckoned him, he just came  
in

sayd. I come! I come!

in time to keep the last Liturgy w<sup>th</sup>  
her, and at singing those words  
which she had desired to be sung  
at her dismission: Now go thou,  
go dear Heart & hide, deep I say,  
deep into the Side, her d<sup>r</sup> Husband  
blessed her, & her precious fled im=  
mediatly to her <sup>much</sup> beloved, wounded  
and eternal Husband; thus she  
fell softly & happily asleep in the  
65<sup>th</sup> year of her Age, & in the 44<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup>.  
of her m<sup>d</sup> State in which she bore  
3 Child<sup>n</sup>. 1 of w<sup>ch</sup> a Daughter returned  
soon to it's Mother City, her Son is  
our d<sup>r</sup> John Naylor, Choir Serv<sup>t</sup> in  
the B<sup>m</sup> House, & a Daughter who  
is married & is a Friend of the B<sup>m</sup>.  
thus she has attained her highest  
wish, & her Memory is odourifera  
in the Cong<sup>n</sup> below.