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~~The Course~~ Life of the S. Sis.<sup>r</sup> Hannah Taylor

She was Born Feb 16. 1740. at Wyke & brought up by her Parents, who sent Her to one of the B<sup>m</sup> Schools, Viz to Martha Hales, where she enjoyed the Childrens Meetings to a blessing for her Heart, being of a pensive turn, caus'd her often even while young, very serious reflections concerning herself, in which case She turn'd to our Sav.<sup>r</sup> & found in him her only Comfort. — In the y<sup>r</sup>. 1767. She went to live with B.<sup>r</sup> & S<sup>r</sup>. Lander, & serv'd them with all faithfulness, till S.<sup>r</sup> Lander went home, when She obtain'd permission to move in the S.<sup>r</sup> Economy at Summersal, Her She soon gain'd the Love of the S.<sup>r</sup>, but her natural reserved Disposition caus'd her & others some pain in the beginning, which however soon wore off, as she got more freedom, & could confidently speak her hearts Situation just as it was! It was very perceptible that the holy Ghost led Her into a deeper Knowledge of her own depravity, which together with her Natural Timorous mind, made her often express a doubtful Concern, lest she should not continue to the End, She had the Grace to cleave to our Sav.<sup>r</sup> in these Circumstances, & long'd Ardently for a nearer Connection with him & his people by Reception into the Cong.<sup>n</sup> which was granted Her April 20<sup>th</sup> 1772 to her great Joy & March 20. 1773 She had the favour to be the first time Spectator at the holy Comm.<sup>n</sup> & as it was clear to her that She was in a decline, her only desire was now to obtain the end of all her wishes —

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Namely to be a partecpant of the Body & Blood of Christ, in the  
holy Sacrament, for her Sickness proved a real searching time  
to her, during which she kept many Openhearted bands  
with Her Choir Labours, & it was manifest that our S.<sup>r</sup> Sav.<sup>r</sup>  
was preparing her for himself, of which she was very sensible  
desiring only to be fitted here for his Eternal Embraces,  
Her longing desire <sup>for the Holy Sacrament</sup> was granted her on her Sickness, a few days  
before her Departure during a blessed feeling to all who were  
present, she lay very still for some time in a deep enjoyment  
of this great grace: Expressing her thankfulness that she had now  
enjoy'd all she wish'd for in this World, & now only waited for the  
Last Kiss from his pale Lips, The last Night she desired the  
Sisters might be call'd up, when she took a tender leave of them  
Saying O my dear Sis. if I was but able to tell you what I enjoy'd  
If I had but know before what a Sav.<sup>r</sup> he is to poor needy Sinners,  
Once more let me entreat you to beleave in him! She could not  
Express the tender Gratitude of her Heart sufficiently to those  
arround her, but as a truly Enamor'd Heart look'd out with longing  
for the happy moment, when her Belov'd woud Receive her into  
his Arms, desiring the S.<sup>r</sup>s to join in her petition, that He  
might soon come & take her to him self, which he accordingly  
did on May 18. 1773. in the 39 year of her Age. Accompanied with  
the Blessing of her Choir & a sensible feeling of the nearness of her  
ever seen friend & Bridegroom, with whom she now rests in Peace.

