

Full 13/10

The Course of Life of the single Sist<sup>r</sup> Han<sup>a</sup> Horsefield. Concerning which she writes as follows.

I was Born July 27<sup>th</sup> 1751 at Brigg House in the Parish of Halifax. My Parents not being Religiously inclined themselves, never gave me the opportunity to go to church, or attend any Religious Service there. but my Elder Sist<sup>r</sup> telling me once, that the Devil would certainly have me, if I did not know God & love Him, their strange manner of speaking, brought me upon thoughts that there was a God, & then how I should come to know him, & hearing a Neighbour Woman speak of God I resolv'd to go to church with her & thought perhaps I might get to hear something there also, & so accordingly went with her to the Quaker's meetings, and used to attend Prayers with her at a Private House, but had no Improvement from what I heard at that time, scarce knowing for what I went, sometime after my Uncle who was with the Son, Married, & by the request of my Aunt's Mother promis'd to take me as their own Child, & wanted me to go & live with them, which I could not obtain leave for from my Parents at first, tho' I often went to see them, & at last happily got leave to go & live with them intirely. I came with them to the Meetings which I lik'd very much, & got leave to be taken amongst the great girls, which was a great pleasure to me. I went on for some years in an Indifferent way, tho' not without convictions, & at times had a desire to become our Sav<sup>r</sup> - but had not sufficient resolution to settle which way to turn. Upon hearing some girls speak together once about coming to live in the Choir House, it put me upon thoughts about the same, & I began to have a real desire to come & live amongst the Sist<sup>rs</sup>. which desire I also made known to my Uncle & Aunt. but my Uncle made many objections to it, & told me He would not help me to get necessary things for <sup>my</sup> coming, thinking my motive was, that I might have it easier among the Sist<sup>rs</sup>. but my Aunt perceiving that I was heavy on this account & knowing at the same time the situation of mind I was in, told me that my Uncle did it merely & alone, to try how far I really was in earnest, & wanted me rightly to consider the importance of the Matter, before I enter'd upon it, this was a great comfort to me. <sup>however</sup> this lasting a good while & I could not be sure whether I should have leave to go to



the Choir House & not, I at last resolv'd to try the world, & leave the Cong<sup>n</sup> intirely.  
My Choir Labors had also lost all hopes of my ever attaining any thing real in my  
heart, & therefore let me alone thinking I should take my full fling in the World.  
but S<sup>st</sup> Connick, coming about this time to W<sup>g</sup>ke to visit the S<sup>st</sup> & girls there.  
sought me out, & entering into conversation with me about the state of my heart,  
she told me she was clear in it that my call & destination was to be amongst  
our Sav<sup>r</sup> People, & that I should also live amongst the S<sup>st</sup>; this caus'd me  
to come to a solid recollection, & I thought how far I had deviated from the  
convictions I had receiv'd from our Sav<sup>r</sup>, & began again to be in earnest, &  
pray'd our Sav<sup>r</sup> to lead me into the right path again & afterwards came  
to a full determination to pursue my call. accordingly I made my mind  
known to my Labors, & in a short time after obtain'd my request, as  
also the consent of my Uncle.

Thus far our happily deceased S<sup>st</sup>-own account.

Our Late S<sup>st</sup> in consequence of the permission granted her, came into the  
Choir House there in Fullneck. Oct<sup>r</sup> y<sup>d</sup> 1768. where she was very soon  
at home among her Room Companions. & conducted herself as one who  
was sincerely concern'd to come thro' in an orderly manner amongst the S<sup>st</sup>  
as also to enjoy the graces & privileges of the Cong<sup>n</sup> & her Choir to a true  
and real Blessing for her own heart. May y<sup>d</sup> 4 1769 she was rec'd  
into the <sup>single</sup> S<sup>st</sup> Choir. & June 19 became a Member of the Cong<sup>n</sup> by Reception  
to her great Joy. & admitted Candidate for the Holy Com<sup>n</sup> March 24 1770  
after which time she became more solidly & earnestly concern'd, for a full  
Manifestation of our D<sup>r</sup> Sav<sup>r</sup> to her heart, as also for the real forgiveness  
of all her Sins in His Blood, about which she was for some time very  
uneasy, being in herself of an anxious & ~~restless~~ disposition, she did  
not rest till He graciously drew near her heart, & gave her the full  
assurance of his ~~daily~~ rich forgiveness, whereby she became more cheer  
and learn'd to rely upon Him and His Merits as a poor Sinner that  
found grace in His Sight.



Dec 8 1770 to 1771

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1770 She was made participant of our S<sup>t</sup> Lords Body & Blood in the Holy Sacrament for the first time, to Her inexpressible Joy & abasement. Her sincere attachment to our S<sup>t</sup> Saviour Person, & the feeling sense of her own poverty, made her call & Election of grace of the greatest importance to her, which visibly appeared, midst all faults & failings occasioned <sup>or owing to</sup> her otherwise free will turn of mind, towards the Spring of the year 1774. She began perceptibly to decline, & feeling herself gradually declining & apprehensive of a lingering illness caused her some pain. all means used to restore her proving ineffectual & growing weaker, She was obliged to take to the Sickroom, the Aug<sup>th</sup> following where at the first it was still not quite clear to her that She should go home at this time, or at least that her time would be long, the Sisters about her comforted her by assuring <sup>her</sup> that our Saviour who knew what was best for her would support & help her till, & at the Last Moments, about which She expressed some anxious concern. <sup>but</sup> as her illness increased She grew more resigned, easy & clear, & being assured in her own heart that our Saviour would by means of this sickness prepare her for himself, She lost all her former anxiety & rejoiced in hopes of seeing Him soon. The Holy Sacrament which She enjoyed every time the Cong<sup>regation</sup> partook thereof, during her abode in the sickroom, was a great Blessing & strengthening Cordial to Her heart, in her great weakness which daily increased towards the latter end Her fancy's in her slumbers were like a Child, seeing our Saviour & desiring Him to take her with Him, & thus conversing with Him sleeping & waking. She spent her time in a cheerful & longing expectation of the happy hour of Her departure, which came to pass April 29. When being quite present to herself, She spoke with the greatest cheerfulness to a Person who visited Her, of the happy situation of a heart sensible of the nearest approach of Her beloved Saviour, with a particularly lively feeling of His nearness. about half an hour after Her Joy was completed when She went over into the Arms of Her Redeemer. accompanied with the Blessing of Her Choir. about nine o'clock in the forenoon: in the 24 year of Her Age

we must not  
forget to say  
that she was  
very much  
loved by all  
who knew her  
and that she  
was a very  
good woman  
and a very  
pious one