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The S. of Hannah Withnorton was  
born in Godley near Halifax Feb. 22  
1755, and baptised in the Church  
of England. As an infant she moved  
with her Parents to Huddersfield;  
She often related with pleasure, that  
when she was but a young child  
her Mother used to take her to  
Church to hear Mr Vein, an awak-  
ened Minister, which often proved  
a great blessing to her, particularly  
as her Mother who was under serious  
concerns <sup>for</sup> herself, & her Children would  
often afterwards speak to her on  
the subject which the Minister had  
treated on, and admonish her not to  
be idle and thoughtless, because  
the Lord would then have nothing to  
do with her, this often struck  
her much, and made her pray to  
the Lord to form her according to  
his mind. After some time her  
Mother & ~~her~~ <sup>she</sup> began to attend the  
Meetings & meetings of the Pen-  
tists in Huddersfield; from the



very first time, it was impressed on  
her mind, that this was the <sup>people</sup>  
she belonged to, and tho' her Father  
did not approve of it, yet nothing  
could hinder her. In the year 1787  
she came the first time to Gulnek  
with a company of great girls to  
their Festival, she was so much pleased  
with this day & the blessings she  
enjoyed, that she had no rest  
till she obtained leave to live a-  
mongst ~~us~~ <sup>the Srs</sup>, this favour was granted  
to her the following year, when she  
went to live in the Srs House  
at that time in Little more. She  
often spoke with pleasure of the  
happy time she spent there, in her  
childlike simplicity, which was  
truly blessed to her. In Aug. 1791  
she came to live in the Srs House  
here in Gulnek now a new period  
commenced, she began to feel her  
sinful state by nature, her confi-  
dence in our Saviour, and her former  
simplicity was lost, this brought



her into great trouble, she searched her heart and wished to see herself in the same light as our Saviour saw her, and also to appear so, but this proved a great struggle to her. However our Saviour gave her grace freely to open her mind, which proved a great comfort and encouragement to her, and being assured that our Saviour receives sinners, and understands all our human weaknesses, her confidence in him was strengthened anew, she turned to him with a contrite heart, and sought and found the forgiveness of her sins in his precious blood, and prayed for his sanctifying grace to help her thro' in her future course. May 4<sup>th</sup> 1772 she was rec'd into the S. Jcs Choir with 16 other great girls, this was to her a day of mourning & blessing it was a day of solemn solemn surrender of heart to our Saviour, that his aim and thoughts of peace may



fully be obtained with her, many sighs  
and tears on this occasions went up  
to the throne of grace, which in mercy  
were answered by him. Soon after this  
day, she with 8 other young <sup>ms</sup> of  
the said company met together in  
in the Wood, and covenanted with  
each other to live to the Lord, and  
if they saw any thing in each other,  
~~that~~ their walk and conversation  
was not according to our Saviours  
mind, to speak in love to one an-  
other without restraint. They all kept  
faithful to the Lord, and their pro-  
miss except One, which she often  
greatly lamented. Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1773  
she was rec<sup>d</sup> into the Cong<sup>n</sup> and  
Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1775 she partook for the  
first time of the H. Com<sup>m</sup>. —  
After the new built S<sup>t</sup> House in  
Wyke was compleated, she went  
in Aug 1783 as Roomoverseer with  
9 <sup>ms</sup> to inhabit it, here she ex-  
perienced many trials of various kind,  
but our Saviour gave her grace to



put her trust and confidence in him,  
she was <sup>of</sup> a cheerful & lively temper  
always willing to encourage others &  
to direct them to our Saviour, par-  
ticularly the young <sup>ladies</sup> committed to  
her care, found in her a real friend.  
She was a faithful visitor to the  
sick both in and out of our circle;  
and as it was her delight & pleasure  
to converse with her friends, con-  
firming our Saviours teaching with her  
and them, such visits was often  
attended with great blessing.

On account of a sickly habit and  
some other circumstances; she wished  
to move again to Dulnet, this re-  
quest was granted to her May 23<sup>d</sup> 1803,  
after spending nearly 20 years in the  
<sup>the</sup> ~~Srs~~ House in Wyke, where she was  
useful and beloved. She rejoiced  
at being again in Dulnet, which she  
looked upon as her proper home,  
and often said: "I am now in  
"my resting place, where I shall  
"end my days; when my Saviour pleases."



Of late years she was much troubled with Cramp & Rheumatism, but she bore it patiently, allways saying with a chearful heart, she had much more reason to be thankful then to complain, when she called to mind our Saviours help & support which she dayly felt. About 3 weeks before her departure she was seized with uncommon headache & sickness which never left her. It troubled her sometimes being afraid of loosing her senses. Her afflictions was great! On the 3<sup>d</sup> of Sept she said with faltering voice; I am in our Saviours hand, he must do with me as he pleases; I am perfectly resigned to his will, & tho' I have no particular clearness if I shall go to him on this occasion or recover again, yet I am assured he will receive me in mercy. What heavenly <sup>joy</sup> hope and exultation - this hope affords unto my heart. Then in his presence



I for ever, - with the redeemed shall  
sing his praise - O Lord I long  
to have that favour - to leave this  
world and see thy face. -

From this time she could not speak  
any more to be rightly understood,  
neither could she hear nor take  
notice of any thing, with folded hands  
and broken word she prayed to our  
Saviour. The 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning  
it pleased him to release her from  
all suffering in a happy & gentle  
manner in the 55<sup>th</sup> year of her age.