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The Course of Life of the Single S<sup>r</sup> Esther Moor. Dap<sup>2</sup> July 17<sup>th</sup> 1761.

I was born Aug<sup>15<sup>th</sup></sup> 1715 in the Parish of Huddersfield. My Parents went home when I was 5 Years old, and from that Time till my 22<sup>d</sup> Year I lived with my Uncle and Aunt in Mirfield, from thence I went to live with a Minister and his Wife, who behaved very kind and friendly to me, only they disapproved of my going to Mr Inghams preaching; but being under great concern of Mind I could not forbear, therefore was obliged to leave that Place and take to keep house alone, and maintained myself by my own Work, that I might thereby be at Liberty to go when and where I pleased, being under great uneasiness of Heart and Mind about my Salvation, I gladly embraced every Opportunity of conversing with those in my Situation, soon after this B<sup>r</sup> Ockershausen came & settled Societies in those parts, & I was favoured by being admitted a Member of the same, which was a great Grace to me. I became more cheerful in my Heart & soon after I was directed to live with some P<sup>rs</sup> at Roberttown, and in this fellowship I felt more of my lost Condition and perceived I had not a true feeling of our Sav<sup>r</sup> in my Heart, which gave me great concern. At the Meeting of the Bands which was kept ~~was kept~~ by B<sup>r</sup> & S<sup>r</sup> Ockershausen, I enjoyed particular Blessings, for to them I could speak my whole Mind, which was a great Grace and Comfort to my Heart. When the Economy began at Clagheaton, those P<sup>rs</sup> with whom I had lived, removed thither, but as I was not favoured with that happy lot, it caused me much Smart and many Tears to be separated from them. But here I experienced what my Sav<sup>r</sup> was to me, he indeed approved himself my Friend and comforted me over all my pain of Heart. In about 6 Months after this I went to live with my Choir Companion Mary Liley at High town, which was a great Joy & Happiness to me, for we lived comfortably and enjoyed the Grace & Nearness of our dearest Sav<sup>r</sup> in fellowship, being both in one Class. The only Anxiety <sup>I felt</sup> here was the fear that this P<sup>r</sup> would be removed from me; she being received into the Cong<sup>n</sup> before me, made this fear to go very near to my Heart, ~~lest I should be left alone~~, but in the Year 5<sup>th</sup> I enjoyed that <sup>great</sup> Grace also



it was indeed an inexpressible favour to me to be united to his  
St Cong<sup>n</sup>. In this blessed fellowship & School of Grace I got a  
stronger assurance of his rich forgiveness thro' the special warmth  
of his wounded Person, and tho' I felt I had lost him much smart  
and pain, yet my Saviour proved himself a faithful tender friend to me  
his helpless Child, who enjoyed the <sup>care</sup> Grace & Nursing of my Choir  
with great blessing, for which I can never be thankful enough to  
my dearly ~~beloved~~ Heart, St Mary, who was always ready to ~~to~~  
help me both <sup>in</sup> my outward & inward Situations, for to her I could  
tell my whole mind, and she by good Experience could comfort me  
in all my Needs, here I'm wanting Words to express the thank-  
fulness I feel for what I've enjoyed from her blessed Care & Labour,  
in the same Year that I was received I had the Grace to become a Par-  
ticipant of the holy Communion, my Unworthiness humbled me very much  
and this poor Sinner enjoyed his holy Love, and Blood as a healing Balm  
for <sup>my</sup> Soul and Body. In the Year 55 when Gumerwall Economy begun I  
had the Grace to be one in the first Company who had Leave to live there,  
which was a great Joy and Satisfaction to me, in this dear Place I enjoyed  
a chearfull satisfied Course of 4 Years, tho' not without great a desire to  
live in the Choir House, which favour was granted me in the Year  
58 to my inexpressible joy of Heart and Mind, my dearest Bridegroom  
got many a Sinner Tear and daily wishes that I might become a  
Joy and Landlife Satisfaction to him & those dear Pr under whose  
care I had the Grace to be. So far her own Words.

Our being of a weak constitution made the enjoyment of her  
Choir Course here an inexpressible Grace to her, with thro' all Vir-  
titudes, was testified by her ~~back~~ behaviour to the last, as also  
her having a deep Insight into her Poverty of ~~the~~ heart, which she  
spoke of many Times with Tears to her dear Labourers, & bowedly  
confessed how unworthy she was of the blessings she enjoyed.  
As her Strength began to fail she was much inclined ~~to~~ to be dejected  
about her outward coming thro'. Being no Hero her Anxious Disposi-  
tion would have depressed her much, if she in a particular manner had  
not



not been tenderly encouraged by her <sup>Sister</sup> and our dear Saviour, who  
by his precious Nearness preserved her chearfull and contented.  
In the Month of June she began to be very weakly & her disor-  
der ~~which~~ <sup>like</sup> proved a Consumption. Being often asked: If she had  
not a desire to go into the Sick Room and enjoy a more peace-  
full rest & nursing: she answered that she rather chose to con-  
tinue among the <sup>Sisters</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> help'd her to pass away her time  
without reflecting much on her bodily pain. On the 5<sup>th</sup>  
of July she was present at the holy Communion with the Cong<sup>n</sup>,  
which she believed would be the last Time, tho' few about  
her thought so, except a couple, to whom she had communicated  
some intimations, which she had of her departure some  
time ~~after~~ before, which she thro' timorowness was fear-  
full of believing; tho' the impresson was laid strongly  
on her mind that now our Saviour would verify to her what she  
had seen and felt in a dream. She saw her lovely Friend ap-  
pear before her. She sunk with awe & trembling before him,  
but in a moment she boldly called to mind, that he was a  
Sinners Friend, then as a worm she crept unto his Feet & kiss'd  
the nail prints there; at the great opening <sup>in</sup> of his Side she felt  
herself particularly overcome. But our dear Saviour told her I am  
not come to fetch you now, which gave her great concern.  
What she felt when as a Sinner she kiss'd the dear Lords feet, was  
of such reallity to her that the impresson never left her, & in her  
last Moments she turn'd with glowing Comfort in her Heart, that  
she as a poor Sinner would soon enjoy in full Completion, the  
Treasures in her Wounded Friend. On the 14<sup>th</sup> she in a few Words  
took a tender farewell of the <sup>Sisters</sup> in her work room, of w<sup>ch</sup> they had such  
a feeling that they believed it would be the last Time, she immediately  
took to her Bed w<sup>ch</sup> had been for some time in the Sick Room,  
and on the 16<sup>th</sup> in the Evening she began to alter very much, &  
had a violent heat upon her Lungs, & taking Notice of her Hands



she said how lovely like they appear. When asked if she thought  
that she wd go this Night to our dearest Saviour, she answered No,  
and pressed the S<sup>r</sup> who watched with her to go to bed, for she  
would give notice when St Mary should be fetch'd, which was  
accordingly done between the Hours of 6 & 7 in the Morning of  
the 17<sup>th</sup> when she fell softly asleep in her Bridegroom's  
Arms, during the singing of her Choir with that Verse:

To go then go, dear Heart & Hide  
Deep in thy Bridegroom's bleeding Side.

