

I was Born in Glesler Parish near Hayfield in Darbshire April
ye 6 1729 My Parents being Church people endeavored to bring us up
for the Lord and endeavored to keep us from worldly Company as far as they
could, My Mother ust often tell us of our day at the time when we got the smallpox
I was so ill that I was given up by the Doctor My father asked me if I could
like to go to our Sav, I said yes for I felt something of our Sav Love in my
heart, but I soon recovered again, In the year 1732 David Alan came
about a preaching My father and mother went to hear him & took me
with them which I liked soon after Mr. Givon came his preaching I liked
still better for I now felt that I wanted something for my heart, In a short
time after ye Brethren came and settled a duty at our house which gave me
an opportunity to speak to them about our hearts which often proved a comfort
and consolation to me at that time, in ye year 1736 I came the first time to
Yorkshin I had the pleasure of getting acquainted with some of ye Brethren they took
me to the meeting in pulpit for a few days were, I had some conversation with
them Burke of Ry. Clacket the latter asked me if I was pleased to be our Sav, I
told him I told her that it was my whole intention so to do she spoke to me of
our Sav Love to poor sinners which made a deep impression on my heart
the fellowship which I enjoyed with ye Brethren & blessed feeling I had of the place
made me think that I should have a heaven upon earth which loved me much
pain to leave it, some day after I got to my father I began to grow more and
more uneasy & distress in my mind I just to go by myself into the field & prayed
our Sav that he would let me feel his Grace as I found that I had no lasting
satisfaction in any thing but our Sav, was pleased to draw nigh to my heart which
proved a real comfort to me thus I went on for some time in a cheerful
way begging our Sav to preserve me from day to day for I felt that in myself I was
a poor and good for nothing creature, when Bro. S. Weatherwell came to
care for the plan in Duckinfield I gained much confidence to them both &
could acquaint them with every thing which oppressed me, in ye 1748 our Sav
was pleased to call my Mother to himself which went very near me for I loved
her exceedingly she comforted us in the best manner and assured us that our
Sav and his dear congregation would know better how to love for us then she had
done her last words were I am quite ready to go to my dearst Birdgroom
which had a very blessed effect on my mind from this time on I felt a real
desire in my heart to become a member of the congregation, in ye year 50 on
ye 13 of June our Sav granted my request to be received which unexpected
Grace and favour bowed me in the dust at the feet of ^{my} dearst Birdgroom
In the same year I was made a landate for the holy Sacrament and was
confirmed at Thistmas which Grace I cannot express in words but my being
so far a distance from the congregation delayed my going to the Communion for
some time longer it however brought me into a close and strict examination
in my own heart and one day as I was walking alone by myself in the fields
meditating what a grate matter it was to go to the holy Sacrament and that no
one could enjoy it right but such as could know that there sins was

Forgiveness them by our Sav, and their Hearts washed in his Blood. But I
was born found that it was not so with me it brought me into great perplexity of
mind which I strove to hide from my Father & Sis, I felt a great inclination
to be always by myself sometimes thoughts would arise in my mind as if
I felt our Sav, did not like to have ^{any} thing to do with me; my Misery daily increased
so to value so that I thought that I should never come thro, feeling very much distressed
In my soul I retired into a room where I prostrated and prayed our dear
Saviour that he would be pleased to manifest himself to my poor heart
in that ~~place~~ ^{place} were in for all my need he did die on the cross for poor me
I was cheered & comforted by the glorious Absolution which I received as a
poor pardon Singer which melted me like wax before my only Mactelofs
Heart whose thro bored feet & hands and wetted with many a thankfull Tear
begging that he would keep me as a poor child that had no dependance but
on him alone in ye year 1751 April 16, had the unspeakable
Grace and favour to partake for the first time of our Sav, Corps &
Blood in the holy Communion which days shall never forget it was
to me as if our Sav, was bodily present in the Congregation, I retired
to home again with a Heart throly thankfull for what I had enjoyed
But being convinced in my own heart that I was not as yet in that place
which our Sav, had called me too My desire to live with the Sis, grew more &
stronger and after coming again to Yorkshire I broke to Sis, Mary about
coming to live with the Sisters in the evening but she desired me to be
satisfied till circumstances would make it so that, and my Sis Ester could
both could come at a time and assured me that we should not be forgotten
but cared for as well as if we lived amongst them, in the same year it was
thought well by the Brethren for my Father to be married again which gave
me and My Sis, some hope of our going to live at Lambshell, we both made
our desire known to ~~Sis, Mary~~ ^{Sis, Mary} in wrighten and got leave to come as soon as
time came when Both, and My Sis, came to live with the Sisters in the
Evening were we was kept amongst them with much love which put us
quite to shame Sis, Mary acquainted me that my Sis, would stay in the evening
at Lambshell and for me to go to that evening at her sell hall which I felt to
be quite satisfied with I soon found myself at home amongst them and
enjoyed much grace and happiness in that place when the quire house
was finished I amongst the rest got leave to move into it which I
esteemed a great grace and favour for which I could never be thankfull
enough to our dear Sav, for, I loved my dearest Bridegroom very kindly
that he would make me a obedient good child according to his heart and
mind so that he could obtain his full game with me in every respect for I
felt that it was a new soul for my heart wherein I had much to darn

every day what a poor ^{poor} Sister I was in myself and in how much need I stood of our
Sav^r teaching in my heart being Master by of a close Disposition and unremovable
in my own way of thinking and sticking this accation that the Sister was often oblig'd
to remove me which I did not take well of them altho I spoke as little against it
as possible yet in my heart I had not that true sinner like feeling which I
believe that ~~the~~ best of my Sisters did enjoy and on account of this I felt often
worry and kept many a hearty Band with my Best Beloved friend which was
pleased to shew me my faults by Name and comforted me about it in a unpea-
sable manner

I soon began to grow sickly got a pain in my Side and by a humackety disorder
was rendered in some measure unable for my work which caused a certain
fruitfulness in my Mind all possible means was used to get me some help
yet to very little effect Sir, Mary advised me to go for a short time home to my
Father to ~~see~~ if the change of the air would do me good but after a true
consideration about it I found no liberty in my heart for it I therefore began
to be excus'd as I had the assurance from our Sav^r that I was in the right place
which he had allotted for me I did address myself to the friend of my poor needy
Sinner and prayed him to stand by me and help me thro, tell he had prepared me
for himself in the year 1753 when Sir, Stungana had a wife in Yorkshire she
spoke to all the Sisters and I had likewise had the satisfaction to keep a hearty Band with
her which proved a great blessing for my heart in the year 1754 we had the pleasure
and satisfaction to see our dear Sisters Mammaw amongst us which happy and blessed
time will never be forgotten by me and what I felt and enjoyed at ^{that City} most Memorabell
Christmas and last winter I cant express in words o how was I ^{that City} when I was made
acquainted that I was to be one of that number I could hardly contain for shame
and thankfulness to think that our Sav^r should chuse me one of the poorest and the
unworthiest of them all I devoted myself anew to the Bridegroom of my Soul to live for
him in this world and I will kiss his throbb'd Feet in Gratitude for all what I
have enjoyed from him when I look back and consider the manifold graces and
blessings which he has been pleased to bestow on me the poorest of all and yet what
Love and patience he has shown to his poor helpless Child it bows me in the dust with
a heart full of gratitude and my whole wish is to keep my eye fixt upon his Merciful
Person so that nothing may come between him and me so far her own words

Our happy departed Sir, was in Janrall of a still & quiet Disposition one
that never made much show with what our Sav^r did intrust her with
but past on her time in a Child like and happy manner feeling as a
poor sinner on her hear to Best friend to whom she had devoted her self
with Soul & Body to become an intire Joy to him and his dear Congregation
the often spoke to her Labour with an inty tender feeling about the joyment
of her Choin and Chirn grace and what she had felt and exptance in her own

Heart gay and how much her Dearest Bridegroom had gone on the same
time to Linn her parents in regard to orders & regulations in a College
House were such as afforded reason to think of the future that longer than
as a honest heart she had the offer bestowed to her to be a helper in
a room of Sisters were in the liked with all satisfaction & pleasure as to
the grace which she had received but as her poor state of health rendered
her unabled for going much about ~~which~~ gave her in the room a good
deal of leisure that she could not lead that life as to her sisters who
she knew was her duty to do and moreover instead of that she could
think herself to be troubled come to them but however by these love
and kindness towards her. He often was put out to share her love
Attachment to our Saviour & likewise to her choice made her very thankful
& contented to every sister admiration & beside at times was left alone
in a room by her self which happened very often when all the sisters
went to the meetings she used to say & when I am thus left in my self
it give me allways an opportunity to speak to our dear Sir about my
own heart and to lay my circumstances before him his hearings always
cheers and comfort me in an unspeakable manner the frequently with
that her beloved would soon prepare her for himself and some times
thoughtfull wife she had to stay so long here, in the year 1768 in which
she was seized with a sore life after with a pain in her side by the symptoms
of which ~~was~~ ^{was} that it would be a consumption of which case her hope was
her time certainly would not be long of which she was exceeding glad
she was always very desirous ^{to see} the choir and congregations of persons
which she had proved a grate repentment to her sinning in 1763 when
she was the last time present at the Holy Communion in the Congregation
being very much spent by coming home she had now to wait to go there
till she arrived as a Corpse and thus I wish May soon come to pass after a few
days she became a little easier again which made her afraid that she would
have to wait still longer she ~~was~~ ^{was} afraid that she might be near of death
and give her patience to wait his time on the 13th Aug she came to her
great desire after the holy Communion and spoke with a peculiar thankfulness
about going home and her going buried that week on the 14th in the even
per took once more of her Lord's love and stood with an hammer and flint
heart after which she laid with a cheerful countenance now it is thought
I am quite ready my Dearest Bridegroom come wa come and seek me ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ
that precious Lamb of God after a little pains she asked the sisters that stood
by her Bed if they did not feel very happy for it was to with her as our Sir
was so near he is come to seek poor me to himself this will be a good day
Indeed to me wereon I shall be call home to him whom my soul loves which
Accordingly hapend that night on the 14th of Aug between ten and twelve o'clock

... Dear Congregation would know
In the Morning when she received the last
kiss from her Bridgrooms lips and went
over into the joy of her Lord with the
Blessing of her Choir under these words at
the end of all her need be her union.
wounds so head

Mary Wood,
sep Aug 15 1763