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Our Br. John Clough was Born at Blackheaton in the Year
~~1706~~ 1706. his Father who was a Blacksmith taught him his Trade
~~when young he was very wild~~ & through ^{His} Imprudence of his Father
who let him learn to Dance & & delight in such things & took
pleasure in seeing him make Proficiency in such things while
young he was very wild. He married in his Thirtieth Year, & had by
his Wife who departed this Life in July 1740 10 Children 8 Boys &
two Girls of whom two Sons are under the Care of the B. in the
Great B. in, & the two younger Sons are with their B. who carries
on his Business all the rest are in the World. He was at the first
Gent. Meeting kept by W. S. at Blackheaton in the Year 1740 & who took
down his name as a Society Member at Blackheaton; but he
soon became very Indifferent abt. the Matter, till he heard the B.

& was read into the Society.

he was read into the Congⁿ

& admitted to the Communion

— he was a Man of a refined turn of mind, and if Mr. Judge
expresseth he was to Indifference & therefore had little to say abt. the
Inward Connection of his Heart with the Man of Sorrows

He was ^{very much} respected by his neighbours who looked upon him as a very
Honest Man & ^{a willing help} on all Occasions to help him in any time of
Distress. he was very deff which added to his natural Disposition
was the Reason of his being shy towards his Labourers.

— He repined at the Calling down his Wife & thought our Sav. had fell
hardly, but upon the Death of a Neighbour's Wife & one Child
among some small Children being left as Orphans, he began to reflect
upon his own Situation became a Sinner on acct. of his hard
thoughts of our Sav. & acknowledged he had been all along fully dealt with
he departed March 18, 1764