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I think my Dear B^r & S^r will like to
hear something of my Course thro' this time which
I gladly do, what may be to the Honour of my S^r Lord.

I was Born at Kilton in Lincolnshire
my parents died when I was young so was left
an orphan to providence or to my S^r Creator
and Saviour for whom I was Born & destined Thrusely.

To tell my S^r B^r & S^r of the goodness, the mercy
and kindness, The love and faithfulnes of my S^r
Lord and Saviour to me a poor sinner, my weak words
fall very short to express the praise that is due
to Him, from me, for his wonders have been without
tale or end, thanks, thank and thanks be, to the
Lamb for ever, and ever -

But I will endeavour to recollect some particu-
lars of the tender leading of my gracious and most
faithful Lord, I can fill a Book which I would
gladly do to the praise of Him who deserves more
than I can give - the first Impression of grace
I remembered was when about 4 years old.
Kneeling by a chair with a Book in which was these
words Search and ye shall find, Search and it shall
be open unto you I felt something particular at y^e time
I had a very quick understanding for my years
and a very sensible feeling of what was right and
wrong I wanted to be a good Child that I might
go to Heaven, on that Rec^d. I was much prided
which you have been more hurtful to me But the
S^r Holy Ghost who had begun his work in my
heart shew me continually my wicked and sinful
nature which kept me low and conscious that I
did not deserve that praise, which was a grace to me
at that time

if it needed my Satinick pride which I felt very
fencible, yet from many circumstances I thought god
must love me, but how it was I cou not tell I was
a sinner. In my 11 year was very thoughtful and
depressed felt guilt with another Impression that I cou
not love God, nor cou not praise him, which one
time a little Bird was made up of to show me that I
cou not praise my Creator even as a Bird. I had
also strange Ideas about him what Form he shd
have and was much perplexed about but by a Dream
I thought God almighty was in a parlour in a
house where I was and that he was a man I
was glae then I thought one cou be familiar
with him But not understanding the gracious
leading of my Dear Saviour, I continue Extreamly
Selfish thought I committed sin every moment by the
strange thoughts I had, and thay way of such agitation
I cou not tell them to any Body nor wou they under-
stood me, but were indeed with trying to help
my self, a thought came in my mind as I cant
help these thoughts God almighty has nothing
against me, in that my compassionate Saviour
shew meas with his love and mercy gave me peace
and as if he had said to me I have nothing against
thee, I was amazed, but did not know how to act for it, to be
love by God and in such a manner, from that time
when those thoughts came again I cou believe he had
nothing against me for it, but not understanding the
right poor sinner path, I came into an Extream
Self righteous Course Striving with all my might to
good by other means than Jesus Blood. I got into fast-
ing and praying want to be as good as the primitive
Christians and I did not like any one shd be better than
my self here my Satinick pride shew it self to a great de-
gree I was how unwilling I was to be saved by grace. I went
on in this course in a providential manner I came to London
for my Aunt who brought up tied and I became a second
time an orphan she treated me as if she had known my
Destination

all wonder of my Dear Saviour love which did not then under-
stand and it could be tedious here to relate, I was in my
19 year when I came to London into Lady Seabro-
Family who sent for me to wait on her little niece
and my Dear Sav^r gave into his heart from the first moment
to be remarkable being to me and the whole Family there
great regard and respect for my religious turn of mind
which I felt was sincere (not on acct of out ward gifts
or qualification) but the Holy Ghost in whose School
I then was, gave me a constant Sense of my depraved
nature in all it shapes, and finding I felt so short
of that I thought I shd be this kept me low and in
some Sense humble, and kept the Ballance against
that hurtful praise which is often given
I also lived in other Families till I was about 27 such
as Lord Orrory, whose little Daughters I waited on
it I felt brought he married and bood me with her home
L^d Charles Corwin and with a Daughter of the Duke
of Buccleugh and here my Dear Sav^r and great faithful
Shepherd kept me thro with all my Imperfection
so wonderfully, so that if I may humbly say so, I found
nothing with God, and when I was no Body else thought
to what was I making for me In my 20 year I returned to
L^d Seabro who always was of my mother with an common
regard, at this time I began again into self wishing to and
amazing degree by prayer and fasting to way wried
of a great sort may be this way in the year 42 I
knew once when at prayer I felt something very solemn in
it was quick like the shooting of a flar but it was not
that way gone it was light, peace, joy, all Happiness in one
moment, I thought it was the Holy Spirit and woud pray
to feel more of it soon after I rec a letter coming concerning
the preaching of the North-west which I had never heard of
and so I decided to go to the Church and it a chance to go any where
and woud my Equanimity of any other profession but now I thought
I will inquire about them, so it happened a Methodist came in my
way and in hearing what was said I was convinced of what I want-
ed the knowledge of the Abolishment of our Sav^r for my sins
that all his glorious Father was brought to my mind so that I
know it was a truth from god, the person sent me a Sermon
Book of Mr Whitfield the more I read the more I was open

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him and I heard of Lady Huntingdon perhaps she might
help me thro' her but to the Honour of my most faithful
Lord I was in no prosperity tho I saw not the least sign
I know my Cause was good, I found Mr Whitfield at B.
John Sims, I told my Case quickly simply and the B. Sims
in particular according to his usual kind way in such Cases
took me in, so I left my good Lady and all my friends
with grateful thanks for all his kindness & amazings and I
pray she may not lose her reward. I can do no other but
follow my Gracious Lord & Saviour, B. & S. Sims Care for me
as a child, their Love tenderness and patience I shall never
never forget and I am ever in their Debt, Mr Whitfield
and his wife was also very kind but on which went to
George in a bout six weeks which broke that Connection
and B. Sims being attached to the B. I often went with
them to Teltos Lane so by degrees came in Consession tho
for that time I recd much Blessing in going to the Taber-
nacle B. Sims more from Rodgson to Droghda going in
kindly and my good Lord lead me step by step at it placed
him inwardly and outwardly in a most gracious manner
which brings to mind a few lines, with patience
Immense may love so intense, he hath led on
I am lost in a maze ment then when thinking
there on, Now Being come to my proper home the T.
Congn when I have suppose nothing but Blessing more
then I can express they have been so many and so great
and my share in the T. Congn so clear and so bright
and they needs to our Saviour the Dearest thing to me
I am a Sinner to whom belongs nothing but Shame
and Confusion of face but it has pleas him to open
to me the Treasure of his love and great Salvation
which has been sealed to me by his Spirit by his word
by his Congn (as Talies) as an Eternah touch
for such was my make, I must know it as a truth for
my self was truly convince of unbelief and I say
of all sin a curse also my Enmity against our Saviour
but when it came to the highest pitch I felt
if there was another saviour I would leave him (and every
too the thoughts in that moment I was overpowered
with his love and grace and as if he said for all this I
the the feeling and Impression of his goodness born
own in the dust before my gracious Lord and it
ended with

with those words. The poor Sinner Happy feeling the Holy
but my self was not so fortunate in such things but in that
feeling that verse was sealed to me as the greatest truth
operation precious Blood, the only Holiness that God
will drop at flow & cover me a cursed Sinner with out
the preaching, the Hymns, the Scriptures, which open thee
with such love and life which I cant describe, but
now I am in this strain I cant but go further tho
it lead me in a fault. But my Dear B. & S. may
take from it what they please. I left B. Sims
with great but thanks for all their care and went to Mr
Belmont at Black Heath to care for Betty Holland
whose parents were gone to live many here I
was surprised something past in her, in the first place
to my shame I was then great love on respect from
the Dear Family to whom I am bound by tender love and
Gratitude even to acknowledge but what relates to the
least of your business was of I have said the preaching had
been to Bless that the best was often Impression on my
mind the week before so that I thought I shall speak
out in the Chapel that is true, being now all at once
taken from preaching and all meetings what was
a mazing, in joy, such a Babaric Stillness and then
a spirit of peace for that time that I marked nothing
but was indeed as a child on the breast I was not yet
in the Congn tho I had wrote some time the Family came
to London and B. Holland parents came from Droghda
went with Betty to live with them but Betty soon
went to the Occor - in mile end I know thought much
a bout reception but it was still some time which was
what was for me I one time was particularly comforted
by those words I say thy affair will think on as thy case
loving, kind, at length the How House certainly
in the right medium the Divine Impression upon it
was I am now in my Father's House this was MAY
th 18 old stile 1747 and Sept the 2 following had the
unspeakable which word was Imprint on my mind on that
day when I was a partaker of our Dear Saviour's Body & Blood
in the Holy Sacrament in this period that was good and Bless
was every thing the quiet and solemn meeting beyond
my Expression But in I had the grace to feel that in my
self I was poor creature truly convince no one would

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about this time I also had a new School for my heart concerning the virgin station, and found that only by partaking of the nature of the only virgin man one could preserve that character, these words was made very clear - Fair gifts of my Creation quite spilled made me Dippair - for this grace and the knowledge of my self in this particular I adore and thank the ^{my dear} Holy Ghost for that grace that was made a means to turn to his precious Good which alone can cleanse our hearts and make all good, I found it a antidote and helps against all those sins that stick so close at self love self Complacency and a well known brain of such kind which pride produces - his grace is sufficient I thro= Meccy now.

Sufficient I thought necessary
It seems time to come to a conclusion thro- many
things comes in mind In the year 51 I was sent
from Milcend to Ockbrook to care for the 5th there
and Sept^r 10 57 left Ockbrook to go to Tetherton
and came there on^{ly} Angels Festival this was so
Blessed a journey I never can forget thro- the near-
ness of my gracious Lord and Impression of the aid
of his Dear Angels, left Tetherton July 19-1763
return again to Ockbrook, from thence to London
Dec^r 11-72 where I hope to finish my poor and
Insignificant Labour In all those places in sweet
and wholesome poverty inwardly and outwardly
His Dear Land has brought thro- and I say with
his Disciples I have lacked nothing have^{been} rich in the
midst of poverty, here I would one more give my due
thanks to my G^d B^r & f^r and particularly those of my own
Choir for their love kind ness & patience towards me,
but what is due to my Dear^{est} and best friend and lover
for His Election grace and for the knowledge of his Ist
wounded person his precious Blood and all what
he is to me I conclude with the 30th verse of the 49
chapter of Ecclesiastious which will express my mind