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The married ~~of~~ Martha Hartley, whose maiden name was Vicars, died Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1794 at Lartown near Huddersfield. She has left extensive Memorandums of her Life, of which the following is an Extract.

I was born in Halifax Feb<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1746. My Mother being awakened when she was young, sought earnestly for her Salvation, and was of course much concerned for the Happiness of her Children, and took me constantly to the Childrens Meetings at Wharfedale and Hyde, whereby I received a lasting Impression in my Heart of our Saviours Love. I delighted in singing of our Saviours Wounds and Sufferings, at which I often melted into Tears. I remember, that after I had had a severe Sickness, my Mother took me and my Sisters, spoke to us of our Saviours great Love to suffer and bleed for us, and then sang with us the Hymn: O Lord so full of Praises &c, during which she had such a feeling of our Saviours presence, that we all wept. My Childrens Years were happy days, which I spent in reading the Bible, singing Verses and frequently kneeling before our Saviour entreating him to make a happy Child of me. In the year 1759, I was the first time in Dulneck; The Sight of the Girls and S<sup>rs</sup> quite overcame me, and from that Moment I determined to live with them, if it was possible. My Mother being equally concerned, lest I should get a Love for the World, obtained leave for me in 1759 to move to the Girls School at Gomersal. Here the S<sup>rs</sup> had in the Beginning at deal of trouble with me, having been so much indulged at home, as also on account of my



natural haughty Temper; But thro' his Blessings I enjoy'd  
and the love of the Sisters, I was however soon at home.  
Soon after this a new period of Grace took place in my  
heart. I with some other Girls often conversed together  
about living for our Saviour, and accordingly we pray'd  
and devoted ourselves to him. But I am at a loss how to  
write this part of my life; for I knew that I had felt our  
Saviours love in my heart, and now I saw my wretchedness  
and that I was a lost undone Sinner and without a Saviour;  
this I could not reconcile to myself. I cry'd almost Night  
and day and often wetted my Pillow with my Tears, entreating  
our Saviour to forgive me my sins and to reveal his love  
to me. I had not courage to speak to the Sisters in my  
troubles, imagining they would not understand me. Our  
Saviour drew often near to me with his comforts, but I  
durst not rely on it, lest I should deceive myself. On the  
2<sup>d</sup> of August 1760 I moved into the Choir-house at Fulneck,  
and on the 19<sup>th</sup> I was received into the Cong<sup>n</sup>, which bound  
me with Gratitude. I expected now nothing but Happiness  
in the Cong<sup>n</sup>, but instead of this my innate Depravity shon'd  
itself in a still stronger Light, which very near distracted  
me. Not one Saturday Evening, before the Singing-hour,  
I went into a private place, and cast my self at our Saviour's  
feet, beg'd of him to pardon me my sins and speak peace  
to my Soul. It was as if I heard a Voice saying: Thy  
sins are forgiven thee! My load was removed and I  
could rejoice in the God of my Salvation. — Tho' I  
doubted

doubted no more of my Interest in our Saviour,  
yet my not being openhearted to the Sisters, and seeing  
myself in self complacency, Pride, reasoning about things  
I did not like and self working, my Course was exceeding  
uneven and frequently very distressing, till at last I  
found some Relief in having several candid Conversations  
with Mrs Sarah Cennick, whereby I was encouraged to  
surrender my self with all my Misery to our Saviours  
help and power. Upon this I enjoy'd, at different times,  
extraordinary Blessings from our dear Lord, which flow'd  
on me from his making himself of no Reputation, his  
Merits and sufferings for my poor proud heart. — The  
20<sup>th</sup> of June 1764 I had the Grace to become a participant  
of the Holy Communion with the Cong<sup>n</sup>, under a sense  
of my great unworthiness. I now spent my time till  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 1770 in a happy manner, loved my Choir companions  
and enjoy'd also their love to me, and when even some  
times my natural proud Disposition would interrupt  
me, I could find my way again to our Saviour as a  
Sinner. — O that I could stop here, and cast a veil  
over the remaining part of my life! — My Mother  
withdrew herself from the Connexion of the Cong<sup>n</sup>, and  
invited upon my leaving Fulneck. Tho' various Repre-  
sents were taken to prevent it, yet it was ultimately of no  
avail, and I, tho' reluctantly, went to live in Halifax  
and kept a School there. What I went thro' here no tongue  
can express. I soon saw the striking difference between  
a Cong<sup>n</sup> of Jews and my being in the broadway that leads



to destruction. Continued Convictions and constant  
Condemnations were my Companions. When I endeavoured  
to assist myself in forming Resolutions, to keep to our  
dear Saviour, he being however every where; My evil  
Propensities and the outward worldly Follies, which  
corresponded with my heart, soon baffled my best Determinations.  
Being surrounded with Temptations and  
seeing myself in the utmost danger, I fervently beg'd  
of our Saviour, to preserve me at least from gross Sins  
and Transgressions, which he has also graciously done.  
I entered at last, in June 1775, with fear and trembling  
into the married State, with Mr. Warley of Farnham near  
Huddersfield, who kept a Boarding-School. Outwardly we  
prospered; But I soon found, that my Expectations to live  
with my husband to the Lord, according to previous Agree-  
ment, and to enjoy my full religious Liberty, were  
frustrated. His Temper and my high Spirit; My heart's  
wish, still to live to the Lord and his Opposition thereto,  
made the first Years of our Marriage very miserable.  
In this distressed state I took my refuge frequently to  
to our dear Lord, with the inmost hearts desire to support  
me, and to grant me once more the Privileges, which  
I had forfeited among his House and People; He also visit-  
ed me often in my Afflictions. Our dear Lord gave us  
a Son; and with him he gave me also a Look of Grace.  
Thro' Sicknesses, Troubles of various kinds, Distresses and  
Disappointments, I became in my heart and Inclinations  
quite weaned from the things of this Life; and humbly  
entreated



entreated my Saviour to be so merciful as to unite  
me once more to his Cong<sup>n</sup>, whom I had grieved and offended,  
and to pardon all my past offences, by the cleansing  
Virtue of his precious Blood. And after various  
Applications, I was readmitted as a Member of the Cong<sup>n</sup>  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 1790, of which our kind Saviour gave me a  
precious feeling. The Feast of the day was particularly  
impressive on my Mind: Thy People shall be my People,  
and thy God shall be my God, which I felt sealed in my  
heart with an Amen from above. The 6<sup>th</sup> of June following,  
I partook again of the holy Communion, after missing  
it 20 Years, with a bowed and thankful heart. — Then I  
now look at the 40 Years that are past, I can trace the  
Finger of the Lord thro<sup>o</sup> the darkest Dispensation, in order  
that I might attain to the knowledge of my dreadfully  
corrupted heart. — My sincere heart's Ejaculation now  
is, that I may spend the remainder of my days in  
humble fellowship with my Saviour and be prepared  
by him for the Fruition of eternal Joy and Happiness.  
Written in the Year 1791.

We have reasons to believe, that her last Petition to  
our dear Lord was granted to her, which her last short  
but very painful Sickness evidenced: For she fervently  
long'd to see the end of her days and to be with Jesus  
Christ our Lord and Saviour.

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