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The course of Life of our Dear Bro. William Pinkhead,
who departed this Life March the 13th 1771.

Our Dear Bro. William Pinkhead. was Born Sep^r 29. 1713.
At Lighton, in the Parish of Hudon's field, where he was brought
up to the Church of England. He learned the clothiers Trade;
But he did not follow it long, before he took wholly to
Husbandry, in which he continued for the chief part of his
Life. but when his Strength failed him for that Employment.
He took to carding, & spinning, where by he got his Bread at home
with his Dear Wife: prettily & honestly till within a few days
of his End. He left us nothing in Writing from under his own
Hand, concerning his Life, therefore: we must content ourselves
with The Following. In the year 1740. He was acknowledged
at Lighton, in which little Place, the Bro^s kept their Meetings, and
held a little Society. In the year 1758. he was received into the
Society here in Midfield. April the 4th 1763. He was at Foulney
received into the congⁿ. Went the first time to the Socy ~~meeting~~
at Foulney in 1766. April 26. He was Married in 1722. To Sarah
Amley the present Widow. their Marriage was blessed with
9 Children, 4 Boys, & 5 Girls. 3 are gone home; 2 Daughters
are in the Choir House at Foulney; and one Son is with
The Bro^m in North Carolina. our happily departed Bro^s was
of a still and bashful Turn of Mind, and not apt to push
himself forward as some are: and left the Disposal of himself
quite to the Bro^m with regard to his Degrees in the congⁿ. and on
the other hand: the Bro^m are also well known that they are not over-
hasty, with regard to reception into the congⁿ and admission to the
L. S. and thus between them both: the Time was protracted to an
unusual length, which appears from the Date of his awakening -
1740. To his reception into the congⁿ in 1753. however: our Sad^d
knows best how to lead those whom he will make his own; and
this is a sufficient reason for to be here: that it was the right
way, & the best. our dear Bro. Pinkhead enjoyed a pretty good
Share of Health in general: but about 2 months ago, symptoms
of a Dropsy appeared, yet so favourable, that he could do

His Work to the last. He was not confin'd to his Bed above 2. or 3-
Days, which is a Wonder in such Disorders. He came to the
Chapel to the Holy Communion: almost to the last; and had it but
once brought home to his House, where he enjoy'd it with his dear Wife
with a believing, & Hungery Heart; and beg'd sincerely: that he
might enjoy it the next with our Sav^r. He was an Honest, Simple,
and Phil^{ic} Bⁿ a Man of very few Words: but his unexceptionable
Walk and conduct spoke for him, and gain'd him the Esteem,
and Sincere love of all the Bⁿ & Sisters in the congⁿ.
Most commonly at Speaking with him before the Commⁿ, he was
found in a State, & Situation of Heart & Mind: which was a joy to his
The Labourer. He thought of himself as beneath a Sinner: that he
was unworthy, of the least of Sav^rs Merits, & Favours. He often
Wonder'd at his call to the People, and Esteem'd it a particular
Lot of Grace, that he belong'd to the Church of God. He was a Meek
and Patient Heart during his Sickness. The 13th Instant after
The Meeting: I was told, that he was very Low, and would probably
not over-live the Night, & that he desir'd to see me &c. it was
most violent weather, however: I went, and made him my last
visit, and some very tender, & hearty conversation with him,
at the End of which: I Bless'd for his Departure; gave him a
Kiss, & my leave of him, and to him: to Morrow I shall be
oblig'd to be from home, but that my Heartⁿ Prayers should
conduct him to the very Door of his Eternal rest. the
very same Night about 10. o'clock. He fell Softly, & Happily
a Sleep, in the 68. year of his age. To 16. we went to his House
and Sung some Verses with a happy feeling: then the corpse
was carried to Fulneck.