

The Widower Dr. Daniel Wade was born at Wike  
 in the Parish of Bristol in Sep<sup>r</sup> 1685. He was baptised  
 in the Church of England, but his Parents dying while he  
 was very young his education was, like other Orphans,  
 depending upon the Town to which he belonged and there-  
 fore was put out early an Apprentice to a Norwich  
 Carrier who made use of him in that Occupation till  
 he was 24 Years old, in which Servitude he underwent  
 such Treatment as all poor Children in his Condition  
 commonly meete with. He married in the 29<sup>th</sup> year of  
 his Age and had 9 Children, 2 of whom went happily  
 to our Sav<sup>r</sup> under the Care of the Long<sup>s</sup>, 3 are in the Long<sup>s</sup>  
 among whom is our Dr. John Wade upon his Post in  
 the Service of our Sav<sup>r</sup> at present in Scotland, and 4  
 are still in the World. He was awakend by hearing  
 Mr Ingham preach in the Year 1739, and was received  
 into Shaker Society in 1741. In 1743 he became a Widower  
 about which time he employed himself in the business of  
 Feeding in the Woods which occasioned his being almost  
 always absent from his Family. This Business like-  
 wise proved hurtfull to the Course of Grace in his  
 heart, as his Attendance upon it necessarily brought  
 him into an unchristlike State and procured him  
 company whose acquaintance & conversation was  
 agreeable to his Call as a fruit of that awaking  
 consequence of this we find him 10 Years in the  
 city without any visible Signs of the work of

Grace in his Heart prospering and was not received  
into the Long<sup>t</sup> till Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1651 when our Sav<sup>r</sup> drew  
near his Heart afresh and revived that Spark of Grace  
that was near being smothered under the Embers.  
While he followed the Businesse he experienced several times  
the care of our Sav<sup>r</sup> in sending his holy Angels to prevent  
his suffering any Hurt by the Dangers he was exposed  
to, particularly twice wherein his escape appeared mi-  
raculous to himself and those with him: the first was  
as he was peeling on the Top of a Tree the Bough on which  
he sat broke and he fell 9 Yards to the Bottom without  
receiving any hurt. The 2<sup>d</sup> was still more dangerous for  
he fell from a Tree with his chopping Bill in his Hand  
and received only a slight wound in his Leg thereby which  
was soon well again. These and such like Instances of  
his being preserved he always attributed to the tender  
Care and Mercy of our Sav<sup>r</sup> and expressed much thanks  
upon those Occasions. He continued in this Employ as  
long as he was able to go into the Woods and when his  
Age and Infirmitie he could not go aloft he peeled at the  
Bottom till about 7 Years ago and by the Opportunity  
of staying at home and frequenting the Meetings he came  
more solidly upon his Heart and grew concerned about  
himself and his past Neglect. He was admitted the first  
time to the holy Sac<sup>m</sup> with the Long<sup>t</sup> Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1761 which  
great Favour he remembered to his last and frequently  
said with many Tears that he wondered how our Sav<sup>r</sup>  
could be so gracious to him a wretched Sinner. From  
that time a visible tenderness and attachment to our  
Sav<sup>r</sup>

Sav<sup>r</sup> and his Long<sup>r</sup> was evident in him and nothing was  
so great a joy to him as when he could attend the Meetings  
at Wike Chapel, which he did as long as he could crawl &  
many times in attempting to come he has fainted & fallen  
tho' weakness. One time he was very weak & sickly and  
lamented at home that he had not strength to go to the  
Long<sup>r</sup> meeting; His Daughter attempted to satisfy him  
with this that he could enjoy our Sav<sup>r</sup> at home in his  
corner, but he got up immediately, went out of Doors and  
came in again soon, saying: Our Sav<sup>r</sup> has assured me he  
will help me to the meeting, give me my Staff & I will  
go, and indeed it was visible in him that he had re-  
freshed strength. Jan 9 last in the great fall of snow he  
was suddenly seized with cold shiverings and something  
of a Paralytic which affected his senses so that he took  
very little Notice of any thing. It continued for some days  
in this invisible State and then got more strength in his  
mental faculties, spoke clearly & positively about his  
going home and expressed his joy that he should soon see  
his Redeemer. Jan 23 - He was visited by his Labourer  
who found him much weaker, but in his Heart and  
Mind just as our Sav<sup>r</sup> would like to see us all, viz:  
a loving, confident and hearfull Child (notwithstanding  
his Pain) who wanted nothing but the last kiss of  
that Friend who had appeared to his Soul and taken  
all his Distress away. He continued in this blessed  
State till by long lying his Back grew sore and  
the external Smart caused in him some anxiety

Desire to be gone. Feb<sup>7</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> in the Morning he fell into  
a deep sleep and continued so till 9 at Night when the  
Family tho' he was going. His Labourer came & found  
him asleep as before but with Signs of his Dissolu-  
tion. He sung some Verses to Discover if he was  
sensible, but he shewed no Marks of Attention.  
After an Hour & a halfe waiting there was a Litur-  
gy kept by his Bed Side with a delightfull feeling  
of our Lords Presence, and as he was not likely  
to go soon his Labourer blessed him with the  
Churches Blessing and came away. He continued  
in this Sleep till about 4 o'clock in the Morning  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> when his Breath stopped suddenly and  
his Soul took flight into the Arms of Jesus  
in the 82<sup>d</sup> Year of his age.