

Our dear happily departed Sister  
Anna Rosina Anderson, has left  
the following account of herself:

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I was born the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1727 at  
Bertholdorf. My Parents belonging to  
the Cong<sup>n</sup> endeavoured to bring me up  
in the same connection with the Cong<sup>n</sup>  
& sent me from my earliest years every  
Sunday to Herrnhut to the Childrens  
meeting, which the late Count Zinzendorf  
Kept. He asked me many questions, and  
tho' I did not always understand him,  
yet it made an impression on my heart  
and I felt a desire to be happy. When  
I was in my 7<sup>th</sup> year my Father de-  
parted happily to our Savior, after  
which the late Count took care of my  
Mother & her Children; she came to  
live in the widows house at Herrnhut

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and her Children in the Orphan house,  
but I for my part had no inclination  
for it, but chose to stay with my Grand-  
father in Breitholzberg. After a few years  
my Uncle in Lobenstein desired me to  
come and live with him, which I  
was very glad of. I was there above a  
year, but did not find it so agreeable  
as I thought, and I prayed many times  
with tears to the Lord, to help me away  
again, which he graciously did. For it  
happened at this time that the late  
Count came to Ebendorf and my Uncle  
had an opportunity to see him; and  
~~having~~ told him that I was very unhappy  
here; on hearing this he took me  
under his care; & sent me to Marienborn  
to the Orphan house; I prayed to the  
Lord to preserve me here & make me  
happy, & that I never might come to

any other place except among the Brethren,  
because I was sometimes enticed by my  
Uncle to go back with him to his home.  
At that time during a severe sickness  
which I got, I learned to pray earnestly  
for my happiness. I found many friends  
here who wish'd me well and to see me pass  
per for our Savior; particularly one Sister  
will always be remembered by me, who,  
when I had recovered, took me with  
her into the garden, and kneeling down  
with me, put up a fervent prayer in  
my behalf to our Savior, which I shall  
never forget. But it was not sufficient to  
make me happy; because I must feel  
my Savior's comfort & forgiveness for my  
own heart, & this happened in a very  
particular manner. Being once quite  
alone in a place I fell down at his feet  
& implored his mercy & forgiveness for all  
my sins thro' his precious blood. At  
that time I felt something, which I  
cannot express, his comfort to my troub-  
led soul and his mercy shown to me.

melted my heart in thousand tears. In 1740 I was after the then usual manner <sup>received</sup> into the Childrens Cong<sup>n</sup> which proved a great blessing to me, I devoted my heart to our Savior to live to him & serve him; however after wards, I must own, I had many things to experience, by which I learnt better to know myself, but our Savior was faithful and helped me thro', I always felt freedom to speak my mind open heartedly to my Labours, which was a great help to me. In the year 1741 I was received into the great girls Choir and in the same year I enjoyed the holy Com<sup>r</sup> for the first time, which was an unspeakable blessing to my heart. At that time there was a company of great girls which the late Count took par- ticular care of, he kept us choirmeetings and instructed us how to become useful in our Saviors service. I was appoin- ted to keep the Childrens & great girls bands, and enjoyed many blessings from our Savior, when we spoke together of his great love & mercy. Soon after I had the office of an assistant among the

the children conferred upon me; and  
moved in the same year with this Econo-  
my to Herrnhut. All these appoint-  
ments taught me to come into closer  
connection with our Savior and shewed  
me that I could do nothing of myself.  
His mercy and love shown to me, bowed  
me in the dust before him; I had the  
confidence to cleave to him as a poor  
sinner, & believed he would help me  
thro'. 1743 I was accepted an Acolith  
with a large company, which encou-  
rag'd me anew to live to him and  
serve him as a poor Child that has  
nothing to plead but his mercy from  
day to day. 1744 I was receiv'd  
into the S. Fr<sup>o</sup> Choir and 1747  
blessed for a Deaconess. 1748 I received  
a call to be S. Fr<sup>o</sup> Laboures at Beth-  
lehem in America. In London Febr.  
the 10<sup>th</sup> I was blessed for my office, &  
set out in June. Sept. the 20<sup>th</sup> I  
arrived in Bethlehem after a trouble-  
some voyage. I cannot but take no-  
tice, that this year the 13<sup>th</sup> of Nov.  
was celebrated the first time in

America, which brought the first impression of that in America 1741 very fresh to my mind, but I was sorry, I could not enjoy it in such a ~~different~~ manner as I wish'd to do. I had to struggle, particularly in the beginning with many difficulties, being young and unexperienced, and had no body to whom I could open my heart and consult with, so as I wish'd; which made it sometimes very heavy to me. But my dear Savior helped me thro' whenever I turn'd to him in my distress. I visited frequently in the most of the country Cong<sup>ns</sup> which lay very distant from each other. In the year 1755 a war broke out between the French & English, and as the Indians generally took share and joined one or the other party, we had very difficult times at Bethlehem and Nazareth. First the settlement of the Brethren at the Mahony about

27 miles from Bethlehem was destroyed by the Indians, where 11 B<sup>m</sup> & <sup>of its</sup> lost their lives, after which many murders were committed much nearer, till at last within 6 miles of Bethlehem. We knew that we were closely watched by the Indians, who would gladly have destroyed the Place, which at that time was the only one capable of making any resistance to their Incursion. The reports of their cruelties at other places kept us in continual alarm and apprehension; particularly as Indians were sometimes observed to lurk about and in the place at nights.

However the strict watch kept by the B<sup>m</sup> in many parts & particularly about our house, but above all the protection of our good Lord, always frustrated their designs. During all these heavy times our dear Lord was our only comfort and his peace

was very sensibly felt amongst us. In the  
year 1762 1<sup>st</sup> Nathanael Seidel arrived  
here from Europe, who had lately been  
married to S<sup>r</sup> Anna Joh. Piesch an old  
acquaintance of mine; from whose conver-  
sation and support I received much com-  
fort. In the year 1764 I received a call  
to return to Europe, S<sup>r</sup> Susanna De-  
Gensdorf arrived early in that year to  
supply my place, and I left Bethle-  
hem in company with B<sup>r</sup> & S<sup>r</sup> Boehler  
and some other B<sup>r</sup> & S<sup>r</sup>s in the begin-  
ning of May. We had a very quick  
passage, arrived in London the 24<sup>th</sup>  
of June, & at Marienborn where the  
synod was assembled on the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
July. After the synod was closed I  
went to Hennings and in the year 1765  
received a Call to serve the S<sup>r</sup> & S<sup>r</sup> Choirs  
in England. I first went to Sulneck,  
where I staid about a year, & then got  
a Call to Bedford, where I served the  
single S<sup>r</sup> until the year 1772. when

I return'd again to Tuckneek. To go  
any farther in relating my course I  
don't think needful. Our Savior pas-  
sion and death and that he has rede-  
emed me poor sinner with his own pre-  
cious blood, is to me above everything  
in time and in eternity. He has helped  
me thro' this vale of tears and given  
me grace to place my confidence in  
him in which I never have been put  
to shame. When I have the favour  
to see him face to face I shall kiss  
his feet with Sinner - tears for all  
his mercy bestowed upon me.

Thus far has this faithful hand-  
maid of Jesus left us an account of  
herself and of ~~that~~ what the Lord  
has done for her soul. There would  
be much to say of all the proofs of  
grace, wherewith he has crowned her  
endeavors and blessed her services to so  
many souls, in advising, comforting  
and shewing them the way to true hap-

piness; but we shall content ourselves with  
rendering unto him, who is the giver of all  
good gifts, our humble thanks and prai-  
ses for all the mercys bestowed upon her,  
during her pilgrimage here below. Her  
character and the blessing which attended  
her Labour is known and acknowledged  
with thankfulness and we heartily wish  
and pray that we may follow her foot-  
steps. In the year 1772 when she the  
second time arrived in Fulneck, the  
S. S<sup>r</sup> Choir and Parochies in Yorkshire  
were in a very hopeful state and she  
was received by them with much love  
and affection. In this vineyard of the  
Lord she laboured with the utmost  
alacrity both of body & mind, deeming  
it her highest privilege to win souls for  
Christ. The weakest of the flock were  
always objects of her peculiar care and  
concern, and she spared no pains what-  
ever in tending and bearing them in love;  
and in such instances when all means

proved ineffectual, it was evident to all around her, how she always bewailed their loss. On the other hand our Savior gave her the satisfaction to see many faithful hand maid's, whom she had trained up for the Lord, enter into the different services of his house, which she always looked upon as the greatest favour conferred on herself. As the Choir here in Fulneck considerably increased, it was in the year 1780 taken into consideration to build a S. Srs house in Wyke, and the proposal having been approved of, our late Sister had the pleasure to assist in laying the foundation stone, which was a blessed solemnity. When it was finished and inhabited by Sisters from Fulneck she used to visit them frequent by with great faithfulness, and took particular share in their weal & woe; as also in the welfare of the Sisters Economies at Gummersall, Morfield and Littlemore; when several years ago the latter was given up, it was a great concern to her mind.

of late years she grew weak and could not be so active in her office as she wished, nevertheless her mind was continually employed for the welfare of her Choir. Great as her delight had been in the beginning, to see her Choir in such an increasing and flourishing way, so great was her concern of late years to see it gradually declining in number and but few new ones coming in. So much the more she wished and prayed that the few remaining might truly value their lot of grace and enjoy the blessings & privileges, which were so precious to herself. As to her own person she regretted exceedingly, that in her latter days old age & weakness prevented her attending every opportunity for edification & encouragement as much as she wished to do. — May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1802 she was seized with a paralytic stroke, but recovered so far again that she on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May could attend the meetings

in our house. During this winter, her  
weakness increased, & she was much confined  
to her room. (Febr. 15<sup>th</sup> 1803) She had  
an other stroke, which quite took away  
the use of her right side, & the next day  
she had strong convulsions so that we  
all expected her dissolution. She had  
often expressed a wish for B. Benade to  
pray with her at her departure which  
was now done, and after the prayer  
the blessing of the Lord was pronounced  
over her. The feeling of the peace  
of God on this occasion will leave a  
deep impression on the minds of all  
~~those~~ who were present. After the  
first paroxysm she fell asleep and  
slumbered for the most part; but when  
she between times awoke, she seemed  
to be sensible, tho' her speech was so  
far gone, that she could only say yes  
or no to the questions asked. On the 18<sup>th</sup>  
some Sisters assembled in her room to  
sing some verses expressing our love-  
taste of that happy lot to be at home

with the Lord; she seemed quite delighted with it and kept awake the whole time. The 19<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon she appeared more recollect'd than before and could speak several words, and when the girls came to see her, she gave them all the hand & said: The Lord bless you! Afterwards she slumber'd again till about evening, had a very restless night, and the 20<sup>th</sup> in the morning about 7 o'clock her redeemed and thro' the blood of Jesus sanctified soul went gently and happy over into the arms of her beloved bridegroom, during the singing of that verse: When in the arms of Jesus, thy lips shall pallid grow.

Her age was 75 years 6 months.

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