

Frances Sophia Francker was born at Westhofen
in Alsatia Sept: 25th 1727. Her father Councellor
Engelbach, who together with his wife, loved our Sav:
& his people, were much concerned for the true happiness
& preservation of their Children, for which reason they
desired & also obtained a mar: B: & S: from the Cong:
to live with them, in order to take care of their Children.
The awakening of our departed S: was occasioned by her
Father, who once late at night knelt down before a Chair
in the room, where she lay, thinking she was asleep,
& prayed heartily to our Sav: for himself & his family,
& concluded his prayer with singing some Verses.
This affected her very deeply, & she wept & prayed
our Sav: to have mercy on her, & to receive her as his
Child. In 1740 she was sent by her parents, accor-
-ding to her own desire, to the Girls Oeconomy in
Marienborn, where she arrived July 26th. In Oct:
following she was received into the Congⁿ, which she
often called to mind as a very particular blessing to
her; & the 13th May 1741 she was admitted to the holy
communion. After that time she became more &
more sensible of her deep depravity, which cost her
much distress & many tears: but our dear Sav: ma-
-nifested himself to her in his bleeding form on the
Cross as the atoner for her sins, she was richly
comforted, & became very chearful. Sometime after
she was made use of as an assistant in the labours
among the great girls in Herinthaag; & was afterw:
sent to Holland to serve in the Girls Oeconomy in
Herindyke; & 1750 she was called to go to England,
& was used in the Girls Oeconomy then in Mile-end
near London, from whence she was taken into the
family of the late ordinary in Lindsey house, where
she remained 2 years, & had (as she has often men-
-tioned) such a blessed time for her heart, as remained
unforgotten by her. In 1755 she was sent to Fulneck

to be Co: helper of the S. Sr: & Choir-helper of the
great girls: & tho' she had here many trials of
various kinds to go thro': yet she remained cheer-
ful & contented, & shewed much faithfulness in
her office, & enjoyed the love & confidence of all
her Sr: & g. girls. Oct: 29th 1759 she was
married to Br: George Francker, & on the 13th Nov:
following she was blessed by Br: Johannes as a
Deaconess of the Church of the Brethren, & then
she went ^{with} her husband to Bedford, where they
had the care of that Congⁿ, as they afterwards
also had of those in Bristol & London; & in 1776
they went in the same capacity to Fulneck where
they arrived March 24th, & had also the care of
the 2 Childrens Oeconomies committed to them. One
must give her the testimony, that, notwithstanding
all her faults & imperfections, she was very faithful
in all she was intrusted with, having the concerns
of her Sisters & the Children in the Oeconomy, to
whom she was a truly tender mother, very much
at heart & sparing no pains whatever in fulfilling
all that she thought to be for their good. Her
married state was blessed with 2 Sons & 3 Daugh-
-ters, of whom one son & 2 Daughters are gone to
rest before her, & one Son & one Daughter are in the
Congⁿ. At the end of last Sept: she got a violent
fever, which held her for several weeks, & then
turned to a Dropsy, under which she laboured
with increasing pains for several months; but
from the beginning of her disorder it was clear in her
mind, that she sho^d go to our dear Sav^r, & spoke
often of it with melancholy of heart & tears of
longing for that happy time; tho' it seemed some-
-times as if she would recover. She express'd very
often in an affecting manner her sinnerlike love

With hearty confidence to our dear Saviour. & when her
great pains, now & then made her ^{a little} impatient ~~to~~,
~~ammy~~, she was very sorry for it afterwards,
& said once among other things: "O how insignificant
"are my pains in comparison to what my dear
"Saviour has suffered for my sins"! The longer
she lay, the more helpless she grew; but the love of
the ~~Srs~~ & their hearty willingness to serve her upon
all occasions by night & day was a great comfort
to her & all about her. On the 27th of March in
the Evening she desired her husband to bless her
for her departure, which (says he) I did with
a feeling in my heart, which I am not able to
describe, delivering her up in a short prayer to
her eternal husband & pronouncing the Church's
blessing upon her in the presence of several ~~Srs~~,
who shed many tears on the occasion. On
Monday the 29th about noon, we saw, that her
dissolution drew near. She said, in broken
words to me: "My faults are endless": & upon
asking her: Do you feel our Sav^r's gracious nearness
in your heart? She answered, "I do". Then I
said: When you come to our Saviour, will you
kiss his thro' bored feet for us? She bowed her
head & smiled: & then her breath stopt, & her
dear bought soul entered into her Lords joy in
the 57th year of her age.