

The ~~Course~~ Life of our dear Sister Clonora  
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She herself wrote the following of the same on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1792:

I was born at Bridhard in the year 1724 on July 16<sup>th</sup>.  
I received a happy Impression in my Childhood, of our Saviour's Love to poor Sinners; thro' my dear Father's unwearied instructing us in the Word of God. His Morning and Evening Prayers were particularly moving, where he, with hands and countenance lifted up, begged our Lord, that he would preserve us from the World and pour out his Spirit and Love into our Hearts; and many times the Tears trickled down his cheeks while he was praying. In my 19<sup>th</sup> year I lost my dear and venerable Father. The great Change which his Departure made in our Family was very moving, for we were of Children 3 W<sup>m</sup> and 4 Sisters. By mere chance I came to Franckfort on the Rhayn to a pious Family, who took me as their own Child and loved me, and I regarded them as my own Parents. I had already partook of the holy Sacrament, to which my own dear Father prepared <sup>me</sup> and ministered it to me the first time with trembling hands. In this Situation I began to grow very uneasy and could no more go on in my former Simplicity. I strove to make my Dependance upon my Lutheran Faith, & repeated my Catechism, but the more I struggled the more restless I became; and at last it was as if I forgot every thing. Beginning to alter my Dress, the Kitching Maid asked me what I ailed, and being unwilling to tell her, I however told her at last: That I was certainly a Lost Creature. This struck her to such a Degree, that she grew quite Melancholly and lost her Senses. This made me still more uneasy, and I determined to go to Ebersdorf to my eldest Brother, and those People to whom he belongs, hoping to get Rest and Ease for my Heart. I wrote accordingly for Leave, and with much Difficulty I obtained the Consent of my good People, with this additional offer, that if I did not like the Place I went to, I should return, and their House should be my home. When I took leave of my dear Mother, she was exceedingly grieved and would not be comforted, let me say what I would, and thro' I pray'd her with Tears and told her of my sad Condition; But she did not understand me, but <sup>she</sup> was in the End nevertheless willing to let my St. Juliana accompany me to Ebersdorf. We went but did not know whether however our Saviour helped us 2 Young Girls most wonderfully on that long and difficult Journey. We were received in a very friendly and cordial manner by all, particularly by my eldest W<sup>m</sup>, who had promised my Father to care for us. Tho' every body loved me, and things were made agreeable to me, yet I could get no Clearness in my

Heart and was at times very unhappy, neither did I come to any Satisfaction in my Heart till that Cong<sup>n</sup> joined the W<sup>m</sup> Church. And then we got Labawere from the Cong<sup>n</sup>, I heard the Gospel of our Lords sufferings for poor sinners with great joy. I felt, I now could cry to him, for his Wounds sake, to have Mercy on me and wash my very sinful Soul in his Blood and cleanse me from all my Sins, which were as numerous as the Sand on the Sea Shore; all and every thing in me was accursed and I did not cease till my blessed Saviour forgave me all my Sins. I felt Comfort and Peace, but thought, th<sup>t</sup> he has Mercy on me, still I don't know him, I am at times apprehensive that still anxious cares attend me; did I but know what he is proper ly to me? When I felt my own Misery I grew confused, wept and pray'd to our Saviour that he would repeat his Forgiveness to me, else my life would be unbearable. Thus my time run on unsettled and unsteady till thro' various Tribulations our Sav<sup>r</sup> shew'd me more plainly, what a poor fallen wretch I was, as also my Guilt and unfaithfulness towards his dear precious Person, which made me weep bitterly. Thus he has had Patience with me and bore with me; yea comforted my poor Heart with his all Sufficient Merits, when I felt my last Effate. He alone could and has brought me thro' 48 Years in this Vale of Misery. And ah what Mercy! He has covered with his Righteousness, my Traillies and Sinfulness. My faulting Tongue, my trembling timorous Love and my weak Faith, he will also support and convey me as the poorest Sinner to his Arms and Breast.

Our M<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Lovel was received in the Cong<sup>n</sup> at Ebersdorf May 12<sup>th</sup> 1742 and in the same Year namely July 12<sup>th</sup> she enjoy'd the holy Communion with the Cong<sup>n</sup> for the first time. After the Union of the Ebersdorf Cong<sup>n</sup> with the W<sup>m</sup> Cong<sup>n</sup> she went to live at H. Ruth. In 1748 she moved to Leist where she was their Servant. She came to England in 1752 to be with the G. Girls at Mile End. In 1753 she came to Dulnech as Helper of the G. Girls Choir. In Febr 1755 she went to Bedford as Helper of the S. S<sup>r</sup> Choir, and in the Year 65 she went again for some time to H. Ruth. On April 8<sup>th</sup> 1764 she came to serve the S. S<sup>r</sup> Choir in Dulnech, where she has deposed herself like a faithful hand maid of the Lord till her last Breath.

Some Symptoms of an approaching Nettle Disorder were perceived by her for near 2 Years ago which gradually encreas'd, thro' not without hopes of her entire Recovery, till this time a Year ~~after~~ returning from a Visit in London and Bedford, when all Means and Medicines to remove the Cause of her Disorder proved ineffectual. When her Constitution, which seem'd to be pretty strong, began to fail, it seem'd to be very affecting to her, on account of not being able to go thro'

go thro' the same Course of Labour and Activity which she had  
accustom'd herself to; But her lively Spirit strove to supply its Place,  
in Caring for her Choir and individual Circumstances as long as  
ever ~~she~~ was able. The Evening Blessing on the great Sabbath  
and especially the Morning Blessing on their late Choir Festi-  
val, which she still strove to keep from the Fulness of her  
Heart, will not be forgot by her Choir <sup>ms</sup>. In the latter she  
with a humble Heart and great Earnestness thanked our gracious  
Lord for all the rich Blessing he had bestowed upon them, entreated  
him with fervency for new Grace and Union to their future  
Course, and pray'd him for the Continuance of his gracious  
Leading till they all had found their happy Rest in his  
Arms and Bosom.

The many Paroxysms of Coughing and  
Sickness she went thro' made her <sup>ms</sup> expect, that one of them  
would take her off all at once, but it happened just to the  
contrary; for on the Morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June she awoke  
pretty early and rejoicingly said: I have had a very good  
Nights Rest; and never wanted the usual assistance of her  
Gas, but requesting some help <sup>then she in</sup> a few Minutes after it said:  
Oh my my dearest Hearts! I am now going to our dearest Lord!

she desired the Doctor to be call'd, But her precious Soul was  
disengag'd from her Tabernacle in a swift and easy manner,  
and it seem'd as if some heavenly Messengers stood waiting  
for this Moment, to convey her to the Arms of her Merciful  
Redeemer, to enjoy that perfect Happiness which his Benevo-  
lent Heart had given her many blessed Love Fasts of.

Her amiable and Sinnerlike Walk had a <sup>happy</sup> most blessed In-  
fluence on such <sup>ms</sup> in particular, who could discern the Blessings  
which flow from Littleness of Heart. She was endowed with  
great Compassion, and to assist and Comfort those under  
affliction either in Soul or Body was her princely Prepart;  
she was indefatigable to relieve the Needy on all Occasions,  
and to seek the Peace and Plenty of her Choir was her Delight;  
of which her constant Industry gave great Proofs. Her  
Benevolent Heart was felt by all, especially such as enjoy'd  
the Blessing of her Labour, and these wish'd to be invested with

the same evangelical Spirit which <sup>she was</sup> actuated <sup>by</sup> and was peculiar to her. She was generous and willing to forgive where ever any real Issues of Brokenness were perceptible, and whenever her Forbearance of Prejudice was not made the right use of, she felt pungent Smart. In short, the Gifts and Graces which she had received from our Lord and with which she served her Chair with all imaginable faithfulness, will be thankfully remembered and unforgetten by ~~her~~ especially by the <sup>as she had</sup> ~~her~~ <sup>under</sup> her Care.

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