Memoir of Sister Anne Henry

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1799: March.-

"On the 10th ---- In the afternoon at 3 o'clock was the funeral of the mortal remains of ~~the~~ our sainted Sister Anne Henry, m.n. Wood. Pastor Mühlenberg & Becker were in the large audience. The funeral sermon was preached from the text: 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God;' to which the Saviour granted his grace & happiness of speech. The sainted Sister Anne ~~Mc~~ Henry, m.n. Wood, was born Jan. 21st 1734, at Burlington in the State of New Jersey, whence she came here to Lancaster after she was grown up. In 1756 she married her beloved husband, Mr William Henry, together with whom she afterwards joined the Brethren's congregation here, both of them have previously belonged to the Episcopal Church. Her 30 years of happy married life were blessed with 13 children, 10 sons, & 3 daughters, of whom, however, only 6 sons survive. She had survived 22 of her grandchildren. Some years after her marriage, she became anxious concerning her salvation, became conscious of her miserably sinful condition, & went for refuge to our Lord Jesus Christ; who had mercy upon her, & gave her the grace to cling with a firm trust & faith to his precious merits, & comforted her with the assurance that her sins were washed away by his blood. Great as was her pain upon losing her dear husband by death on Dec. 15th, 1786, she nevertheless put all her confidence in her dear Lord, & showed herself, as in all subsequent circumstances of her life, a true widow, & was respected & beloved by all who knew her as a real child of God. For a number of years already, especially since the blessed decease of her dear daughter, Elizabeth Molther, at Shoneck, she expressed, often with tears, her longing to depart & be with Christ. This longing showed itself also in her last illness, when she frequently ~~manifested~~ told ~~& said~~ how gladly she would go home if it were her Lord's will.