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I, **Thomas Bracken** of Monahan Township, County of York and State of Pennsylvania Yeoman do make this my last will and testament in manner following. Imp. I give bequeath and devise unto my beloved **wife Martha** one horse, one cow, one feather bed and bed clothes one spinning wheel and all my sheep together with her maintenance out of the rent of my place. Item. I give and bequeath unto my **son William** or his heirs 30 pounds to be paid after the sale of my "Real Estate. Item. I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my **son John** deceased the sum of 30 pounds to be paid ahem after the sale of my real estate. Item. I give and bequeath unto my **son Thomas** or his heirs 30 pounds to be paid after the sale of my real estate. Item. I give and bequeath unto the **heirs of my son James Bracken** deceased the sum of 30 pounds to be paid them after the sale of my real estate. Item. I give and bequeath unto my **daughter Hannah or her heirs, wife of Nicholas Bishop** the sum of 20 pounds to be paid after the sale of my real estate. Item. I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Mary of her heirs, wife of James Guttory** the sum of 20 pounds to be paid after the sale of my real estate. I give and bequeath unto my **daughter Martha or her heirs, wife of Archibald McGrew** 30 pounds to be paid her or them after the sale of my real estate. I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my **daughter Margaret deceased late wife of William McGrew** the sum of 20 pounds to be paid after the sale of my real estate. I give and bequeath unto my **daughter Jean wife of Mathew Dill** the sum of 20 pounds to be paid after the sale of my real estate. Item. I give devise and bequeath in trust unto John Collins and William Godfrey, Church Wardens for the time being and their successors forever the sum of 30 pounds lawful money which shall be put to interest and the money arising from said sum shall be laid out for the use of the poor of Christ Church in Huntington Township and County of York at the discretion of the Vestry of said church for the time being and their successors forever to be paid to them after the sale of my real estate. My will is that my real estate be rented and the money be applied for the maintenance of my wife during her life or as much of it as my executors think fit to apply to that use and the remainder if any to be equally divided with the rest of my estate. I order my real estate to be sold as soon as conveniently may be after the decease of my wife at the discretion of my executors and the money arising from the sale of my whole real estate and personal after paying my lawful debts funeral expenses and the expenses attending the execution of these presents then be applied to pay the above legacies and if any money remains I order it to be equally divided among my children or their heirs. I empower my executors to sell and make as good a title to the Purchaser as I could do. And I constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved **son-in-law Archibald McGrew** and **son William Bracken** executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other will be me heretofore made declaring this to be my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine 1779.

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last will and Testament in presence of us. his

Thomas Bracken

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John McGrew

William Beals

Martha Carson

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