

Shanks  
Hadden

the farming utensils that now belongs to the farm after his  
paying all my just debts and giving my wife farm and  
the two daughters Peggy and Sally a sufficient support of  
the benefits of said land while they remain unmarried or  
the person and by said law let is bound to fulfill the  
injunction of I give & know off said Hawaiian father  
his part. & 1st give and bequeath to my wife Jane  
Shanks the house in grain and fire belt and the cattle  
hogs and sheep and household furniture during her  
natural life and after her death to be equally divided  
and between my daughter Peggy and Sally - 3d and my  
provision that my executors John Brunderson and John  
Dugler execute my will as the law directs in witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the  
17<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand  
and eight hundred and thirty one Holden Shanks  
Signed Sealed and published  
and declared to be the last will  
and testament of the above named Holden Shanks  
in presence of us and in his presence have hereunto  
set our names as witnesses to the same.

As I W<sup>m</sup> Wilson pd  
Robert Parsons  
James K. Lincoln pd

Smith  
John

I John Smith of the County of Belmont and State of  
Iowa do hereby make my last will and testament  
in manner and form following that is 1<sup>st</sup> I desire that  
all my real and personal property after my decease  
by will I leave in the hands of my wife Margaret Smith  
for her only use for her to have the full benefit of it  
her life time except my yoke horse and my saddle  
and bridle and bequeath to my brother David  
Smith son of John Smith 2<sup>d</sup> and at my wife Mar-  
garet Smiths decease my land and our few good  
lives I give and bequeath to my brother David Smith  
and all my just debts to be paid out of my  
real property - 3d at my Wm and E. Smiths decease  
the personal property that may be in her hands  
she can dispose of as she pleases

4<sup>th</sup> my wife I bequeath and give to Mrs. Davis  
Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife  
united & with my Executrix of this my last will  
and testament hereby revoking all other former wills or  
testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth  
day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand  
and eight hundred and thirty one  
Signed Sealed Published and John Smith pd  
declared to be the last will and  
testament of the above named John Smith  
in presence of us who at his request and in his presence  
have hereunto subscribed our names as witness to the same

Snider  
Peter

In the name of God Amen I Peter Snider of the County  
of Belmont and State of Wisconsin being in the 70<sup>th</sup> year of  
my natural life and being of sound disposing and mem-  
ory and sensible of the approach of death I have caused to  
be my duty on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord  
1846, to witness & sealing this my last will and testament  
and first of give and bequeath my soul to God Father and  
God of all my powers and my body to be interred in  
the earth - in the second place to give and bequeath  
the plantation on which I now live to my son George  
in testimony that the said George shall give to myself  
and my beloved wife Polly a comfortable support  
during our natural life - 3d of ordain all my per-  
sonal property not pertaining to the house to be equally  
divided between my three sons Moses B. Robin Son  
and Martin and 4<sup>th</sup> As we live and bequeath all  
our household and kitchen furniture to be equally divi-  
ded among my three daughters to whom I bequeath  
the abt of land belonging to my son George  
last I appoint my sons Moses and George Snider my  
executors

Peter Snider pd  
Signed in presence of us First John Reagan  
Name Walker

Smither  
Peter

To all whom these presents may come or be made  
known I testify ye that I Peter Smither of Belmont County  
Wisconsin being weak of body but of sound mind and dis-  
posing memory and willing to mind the mortality of my  
body to make and constitute this my last  
will and testament in form and manner following Viz  
1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that my just debts and funeral expen-  
ses be paid out of any money due me by my execu-  
tor after named I 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my  
widow Maria Smither all the  
money and remainder of my estate - 3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby  
constitute and appoint Merriam Ellis Executive  
to this my last will and testament In testimony  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1843, Peter Smither pd  
Witness present John Coulson  
James Jones son of Sam

Shaw  
Francis

To all whom these presents may come or be made  
known I testify ye that I Francis Shaw of Belmont  
County Wisconsin willing to mind the mortality of  
my body to ordain and constitute this my last  
will and testament Viz 1<sup>st</sup> off it is my will that my