

ever. I hereby authorize the said *Bowie* to designate any one or more of his children, by his wife *Kitty*, who shall have the fee simple in all the aforesaid lands. My will being, that the fee should pass to all or any one of them in the discretion of their father; creating this uncertainty of designation merely as a motive to good conduct in them all.'

'I give and devise to my grandson, *William Duckett Bowie*, my Quarter Plantation, with twenty acres of the land purchased of *Henry L. Hall*, to be laid off at the south end. In case the said *William D. Bowie* should die, leaving no lawful issue, then my will is, that my Quarter Plantation, and the twenty acres aforesaid, should pass to the next eldest son of *William Bowie*, of *Walter*, by his present wife *Kitty*; and if said next eldest son should die without lawful issue, in like manner to the next eldest son, as often as the case shall happen; giving and devising to such eldest son, in fee simple, as I hereby give and devise to my grandson, *William D. Bowie*, in case he should die leaving no lawful issue; and in case of failure of male issue, to pass in fee simple to the daughters of *William Bowie*, of *Walter*, by his present wife *Kitty*.'

'I give and bequeath to my son-in-law, *William Bowie*, of *Walter*, one-third of my negroes. The whole of my negroes to be valued by two impartial men, not related to either side, and divided into three classes, as equal in value, considering age and sex, as can be, and then each class to be distributed by lot; the first number giving the first choice; the second number giving the second choice; and the third number giving the third choice. But in case *William Bowie*, of *Walter*, should set up a claim to any of the negroes at either place, more than then at the Quarter, he and his wife to be barred from any right or title to my real estate. Also, one-third of my stock of all sorts, to be valued, classed, and distributed as the negroes aforesaid; likewise, all my household and kitchen furniture, except what I bequeath hereafter, I give to my son-in-law, *William Bowie*, of *Walter*. I give and bequeath to my grandson, *William D. Bowie*, one-third of my negroes, and one-third of my stock of all sorts. All my plate, one eight-day clock, two large looking-glasses, two feather beds, and their furniture. I give and bequeath the other third of my negroes and stock of all sorts, to the rest of the children of *William Bowie*, of *Walter*, by his present wife *Kitty*, as they arrive at age, or marry, share and share alike. I mean the age of sixteen, for girls. It