

THE RAULSTON FAMILY

Mathew Raulston lived about twelve miles west of Cookeville, Tennessee on the Old Walton Road at a place called Raulston's Stand. It was a store and way-station that served the travel in that early time. It is believed that the Raulstons were the first to settle at that point on the Walton Road. There is a copy of an old deed made the 15th of December 1826 between George Carson of Baltimore, Maryland, and Nehemiah Carson of Butler Co., Kentucky, wherein they sold to James and Matthew McKinley of Jackson Co., Tennessee "a certain tract or parcel of land containing fifty acres lying and being in the said county of Jackson on the Walton Road including the plantation and possessions known by the name of Roulston's Stand or Mount Richardson." Evidently the property fell into the hands of the Carsons after the death of Matthew and Polly Roulston about 1801.

Matthew Raulston's will has been located in the records of Jefferson Co. Court House in Will Book 1 page 61. A copy of the will was given to Leonard Raulston by the Clerk of Court on 4 May 1957.

"In the name of God amen. I mathew Roulstone of the State of Tennessee and Jefferson County, being weak in body; but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First—I do order and direct that all my just debts be paid, Secondly—I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife MARTHA, all my household furniture of every kind whatever and four milk-cows and the choice of my stock, and all my stock of hogs and two hundred and forty bushels of corn to be paid her yearly out of my plantation by my heirs, and ten bushels of wheat to be safely secured for her at the dwelling I now live in during her natural life. I also give unto my beloved wife my grey mare. I also desire and direct that my wife have the house and *gartian* where she now lives. Thirdly—I give unto my son Moses fifteen pounds to be paid to him in trade three years after my decease, and all the debts he is now endue me. I give unto my son WILLIAM all that part of my plantation that lies above the waggon road from the river as far as the foot of the hill at the edge of the first bottom, and so up the edge of the bottom to the upper end of the

Orchard. I also give unto my son SAMUEL all that part of my plantation between the first rise and the river, and from the waggon road down to the lowest cross fence leaving the spring that Moses Roulston's family made use of out, and two poles at the bottom from the spring down the edge of the hill to the cross fence. I also give unto my son JAMES all the part of my bottom land below the said cross fence. It is also my will that the remaining part of my plantation be equally divided between my sons WILLIAM, SAMUEL, and JAMES. I also give unto my daughter ELIZABETH ten pounds in property. I also give unto my daughter RUTH ten pounds in cash and forty pounds in property. I request that my debts be paid out of the debts that is now due me, and if any remainder is: I desire that it go to the support of my granddaughters PATTY, BETSEY, SUSANNAH, MARYANN and at the decease of my beloved wife, it is my will that all the property which I have given unto her, as so much as shall remain shall be equally divided among my children share and share alike. I do also appoint my son SAMUEL ROULSTONE and WILLIAM ROULSTONE Executors to this my last will and testament here by revoking all former wills by me made. As witness the sd. MATHEW ROULSTONE has sett his hand and seal this 29 day of December 1800.

Witnesses: John Moore
James Moore

Children of Mathew and Martha (Moore) Raulston

Moses	b. 1766	d. 1829
William	b. 1768	d. 1831
Elizabeth	b. 6 Jan. 1770	d. 18 June 1835
	md. WILLIAM JARED (2)	
James	b. 1778	d. 1835 md. Jane Simmons
Samuel	b. 1775	d. 1830
Ruth	b. 1781	d. 1840 md. Mark Young

James Raulston was a colonel in the Revolutionary War. He was in the Battle of New Orleans. Born 16 June 1778, md. 8 Jan. 1802 in Jefferson Co., Tenn. to Jane Simmons. He died 7 Aug. 1844 in Jackson Co., Alabama. He was at one time State Senator of Alabama. He received the following interesting invitation in June 1828:—