

The Last Will and Testament of Matthew Raulston
s/o William Raulston & Eleanor

In the name of God amen. I Matthew Raulston of the State of Tennessee and Jefferson County, being weak in body; but 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 choice of my stock, and all my stock of hogs and two hundred and forty bushels of corn to be paid her yearly off 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 gray mare. I also desire and direct that my wife have the house and garden 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 Waggen 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 Waggen Road down to the Lawes Cross fence leaving the spring that Moses Raulston's family made use of out of, and two poles of the bottom from this 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, or so much as shall remain shall be equally divided among my children share and share alike.

I do also appoint my sons Samuel Raulston and William Raulston Executors to this my last will and testament here by revoking all former wills by me made. As witness the said. Mathew Raulston has set his hand and seal this 29th day of December 1800.

Signed, sealed and published by the said Matthew Roulston to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

Mathew Roulstone
seal

Witness: John Moore
P. Taylor
James Moore

Matthew Raulston's Will is located in the records of Jefferson County Court House, Will Book 1, Page 61.

The Jefferson County TN 1792-1810 book written by James Douthat with Matthew Raulston's Will is on pg. 11.

A image of the handwritten Will of Matthew Raulston's can be found at the Nashville Archives Library, TN on Roll 35 Jefferson County Wills - 1792-1810.

A transcription of Matthew Raulston's Will can be found in the book called The Raulstons by J. Leonard Raulston, published in 1970 on pages 11 & 12.

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