

**This is the last Will and Testament** of me **Alfred Mottram Rankin** of **Stambridge** in the **County of Essex** miller and farmer I appoint my wife **Ellen Rankin** and my sons **Alfred Ernest Rankin** and **Edgar Napier Rankin** to be Executors and Trustees of this my will I give to my wife absolutely all my plate linen china glass books pictures prints wines liquors furniture and other household effects together with my carriages and carriage horses I demise to my son the said **Alfred Ernest Rankin** my farm and lands called **Waldens** but I desire and direct that if and so long as my Trustees shall occupy the farm **Great Stambridge Hall Farm** which I now occupy and shall carry on my farming business there they shall be at liberty also to occupy my said farm called **Waldens** at a rent of **Fifty Pounds** per annum the owner paying the tithe rent charge and whereas I have at various times made advances to or for the benefit of my son the said **Alfred Ernest Rankin** and my sons **William Rankin** and **Harold Rankin** amounting to the sum of **five hundred pounds** or more each Now I hereby give to each of my other sons such same sum as with any moneys already advanced or hereafter to be advanced to him or for his benefit shall amount to the sum of **Five Hundred Pounds** In the term "advances" I intend to include moneys paid for the education of any son either at the university or elsewhere after he shall have left school but I direct that the decision as to what amount shall be deemed to have been advanced to any son shall rest entirely with my wife and her decision thereon shall be final I demise and bequeath all the residue of the real and personal estate of or to which I shall be seised possessed or entitled at the time of my death or over which I may then have a general power of appointment or disposition by Will unto my Trustees herein before named upon trust to pay the interest dividends and income thereof to my wife during her life and from and after her decease upon trust to sell and convert the same into money and I direct my trustees out of the net proceeds of such sale and conversion as aforesaid to my daughter **Ellen Rankin** the sum of One Hundred pounds and to pay and divide the remainder of such proceeds into and equally between such of my daughters/ other than my daughters **Ellen** and **Clementina Jane** as shall be living at the decease of my wife I direct that my house and shop at Prittlewell now occupied by **John Dawson** and my two cottages and land in **Mill Lane Stambridge** shall before being sold to any other person or persons be offered to my firm of **A.M. & H. Rankin** at the following prices that it to say Prittlewell property at Six hundred pounds and the said cottages and land at four hundred pounds I expressly authorise my executors and trustees to avail them selves of the power reserved by the partnership (?) of my said firm of allowing my share of the capital to remain in the business for such time as may in their discretion may seem expedient and for this purpose to postpone the conversion of that part of my estate and they shall not be answerable for any loss which may arise thereby And if my share of the capital shall remain so invested for more than two years after my death I authorise and recommend my Trustees/ but without in any way limiting or controlling their discretion from and after the expiration of such two years to pay to my son the said **Harold Rankin** the junior partner in the said firm a Commission not exceeding five per centum upon such part of the Net annual profits as shall be proportionate to my said share of capital as a remuneration for the trouble he may be put to in watching the interests of my estate in connection with the said business In addition to the power already hereinbefore given I expressly authorise my Trustees to postpone for such period as they in their absolute discretion may consider expedient the sale and conversion of any portion of my real personal estate In witness whereof I have (...?...) of my hand this thirty-first day of August One thousand eight hundred and ninety five

Signed by the said Alfred Mottram Rankin in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our hands as witnesses - Robert Young - M.D. Richfoul.

Frederic Gregson, solicitor, Southend on Sea