

DEATH ON OR AFTER 1st JANUARY, 1898.

Will.

BE IT KNOWN that *John Rookhurst Platt of*
Youlston Park near Barnscaple in the
County of Devon Lieutenant R. F. A. of
the H. M. Army

died on the *27th* day of *March* 1916
at *in Belgium from wounds*
received action

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that at the date hereunder written
the last Will and Testament

of the said deceased was proved and registered in the Principal Probate
Registry of His Majesty's High Court of Justice, and that administration
of all the estate which by law devolves to and vests in the personal
representative of the said deceased was granted by the aforesaid Court

to *Joseph Platt Hall of Beaham in the*
County of Gloucester Electrical Engineer
and Samuel Roberts Radcliffe of Gloucester
Heath Beauchamp in the County of Somerset
a Major in the R. F. A. of H. M. Army
~~*executors of deceased*~~ and *Eric George*
Blayson of Beaham aforesaid Solicitor
the executors
named in the said *will*

Dated the *16th* day of *June* 191*7*

Gross value of Estate ... £ *234559-8-3* } *236511-17-1*
Net value of Personal Estate £ *234559-8-3* }

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R O O K H U R S T
P L A T T

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
of me JOHN ROCKHURST PLATT of Youlston Park near Barnstaple in the County of Devon
a Lieutenant in His Majestys Army.

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1. I revoke all former testamentary dispositions by me at any time heretofore made
2. If I do not live to attain the age of twenty five years (which will occur if I am not living on the fourteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and fifteen) but not otherwise I give devise and bequeath all the property whatsoever and where-soever to which I am entitled or over which I have any disposing power unto my dear Mother Helen May Platt for her own use absolutely and I appoint her sole EXECUTRIX of this my Will and direct and declare that the following clauses numbered from three to fourteen both inclusive shall not have any effect whatever or in any way form or be deemed or construed to be any part of this my Will
3. If I live until the said fourteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and fifteen but not otherwise I hereby direct and declare that this my Will shall be

read deemed and construed as if Clause 2 had not been inserted in this my Will but clause 1 and the following clauses of this my Will numbered respectively from four to fourteen both inclusive shall be read deemed construed and take effect as my Will

4. I appoint my cousins Joseph Platt Hall and Samuel Roberts Radcliffe and my Solicitor Eric George Claydon to be TRUSTEES of this my Will and also EXECUTORS hereof and I bequeath to each of my said cousins conditional on his accepting the office of Trustee and Executor a legacy of five hundred pounds free of all duty

5. I bequeath to my friend Lieutenant John Churchill Craigie (who is now a Member of the Conservative Club) a legacy of four thousand pounds

6. I give devise and bequeath all the real and personal estate whatsoever and where-soever (not hereby or by any Codicil hereto otherwise disposed of) which shall belong to me at the time of my death or over which I shall have any disposing power unto my trustees upon trust (subject nevertheless and without prejudice to the powers provisions and directions hereinafter contained) to sell call in and convert into money such parts thereof as shall not consist of money and to collect and get in the remainder thereof and to stand possessed of the moneys arising from such sale calling in conversion collection and getting in and after paying thereout all my debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the legacies bequeathed by this my Will or by any Codicil hereto and all duty upon legacies which are bequeathed free of duty and all duties upon the thirty five equal parts or shares in this Clause hereinafter mentioned to stand possessed of the net residue and the investments and income thereof upon trust to divide the same into thirty five equal parts or shares (hereinafter called shares) and to give dispose of or retain the same in manner hereinafter mentioned (that is to say)

(a) As to Sixteen of the said thirty five Shares

If my said dear Mother Helen May Platt shall survive me my trustees shall give to her absolutely for her own use sixteen of the said shares but if she shall predecease me (but not otherwise) I direct and declare as follows namely That my trustees shall give to my sister Nancy Quinelda Platt absolutely for her own use ten of the said sixteen shares but if she shall predecease me my trustees shall give to my sister Alice May Brownlow absolutely for her own use the said last mentioned ten shares also that my trustees shall give to my cousin Edith Walker Leigh absolutely for her own use two others of the said sixteen shares but if she shall predecease me my trustees shall give the last mentioned two shares to such of my said sisters as shall survive me absolutely for their or her own use and if more than one equally between them also that two others of the said sixteen shares shall be retained by my trustees upon trust to invest the same and to pay the income thereof to my Aunt

Evelyn Alice Jane Radcliffe during her life for her own use absolutely and after her death my trustees shall give the said last mentioned two shares to such of my said sisters as shall survive me absolutely for their or her own use and if more than one equally between them also that the remaining two others of the said sixteen shares shall be retained by my trustees upon trust to invest the same and to pay the income thereof to my Aunt Beatrice Roberts during her life for her own use absolutely and after her death my trustees shall give the said last mentioned two shares to such of my said sisters as shall survive me absolutely for their or her own use and if more than one equally between them Provided always that if both my said sisters shall predecease me then my trustees shall give absolutely to my brother Maurice Cedric Platt for his own use such of the said sixteen shares as my said sisters or either of them would have become entitled to if they or she had survived me and my trustees shall give the same to my said brother at the same time or times as my trustees would have given the same to my said sisters or sister when they or she would otherwise have received the same

(b) As to Six others of the said thirty five Shares
If my said sister Alice May Brownlow shall survive me my trustees shall give to her absolutely for her own use the said last mentioned six of the said shares but if she shall predecease me (but not otherwise) the said last mentioned six of the said shares shall be held by my trustees upon the like trusts and for the like purposes in every respect as are hereinafter directed and declared as to the next mentioned six others of the said shares

(c) As to Six others of the said thirty five shares
I direct and declare that my trustees shall stand possessed of the said last mentioned six others of the said shares upon trust for such of the children or child of my said sister Alice May Brownlow as shall live to attain the age of twenty one years in such parts proportions or amounts as my same sister shall by deed appoint and in default of appointment or so far as any such appointment shall not extend upon trust for such children equally or if only one of such children shall live to attain the age of twenty one years upon trust for such last mentioned child Provided always that no child of my same sister who shall take any part of the said last mentioned six shares under any appointment made by her in pursuance of the power in that behalf hereinbefore contained shall in default of any direction to the contrary have or be entitled to any part proportion or amount of the unappointed part of the said last mentioned six shares without bringing the part proportion or amount appointed to him or her into hotchpot and accounting for the same accordingly and in case no such child of my same sister shall live to attain an absolutely vested interest in

the said last mentioned six shares then subject as herein contained I direct my trustees to stand possessed of the said last mentioned six shares and the investments and income thereof or so much of the same respectively as shall not have been paid applied or appointed under any of the trusts or powers contained in this my Will upon trust for my same sister absolutely for her own use if she shall have survived me or if she shall predecease me upon trust for my said sister Nancy Quinelda Platt absolutely for her own use or if they shall both predecease me upon trust for my said brother Maurice Cedric Platt and I also direct and declare that during the time of any of the children or child of my said sister Alice May Brownlow shall be living and under the age of twenty one years the income from time to time arising or accruing from such part proportion or amount of such last mentioned six shares as shall not have been already paid to or given by my trustees to any of the said children or child of the said Alice May Brownlow as have already attained the age of twenty one years shall be paid to my same sister to be applied or kept by her in such manner for the maintenance education or benefit of her infant children or child as she shall in her own absolute and uncontrolled power or discretion consider fit or proper but in case my same sister shall at any time not be living the same income shall be applied or kept by my trustees or any other person or persons chosen by my trustees as they in their sole discretion think fit in such manner for the maintenance education or benefit of the infant children or child of the said Alice May Brownlow as my trustees or any other person or persons chosen by them as aforesaid in their or his absolute and uncontrolled power or discretion consider fit or proper and any of the income which shall not be applied but kept by my trustees shall be added to the capital of the said children or child of the said Alice May Brownlow as shall attain the age of twenty one years in accordance with the amount of the said capital

(d) As to one other of the said thirty five shares
If my said Aunt Evelyn Alice Jane Radcliffe shall survive me my trustees shall give to her absolutely for her own use the said last mentioned one other of such shares but if she shall predecease me my trustees shall give the said last mentioned one other of such shares to my said brother Maurice Cedric Platt absolutely for his own use if he shall survive me but if not my trustees shall give the said last mentioned one other of such shares to my said sister Nancy Quinelda Platt absolutely for her own use if she shall survive me but if not my trustees shall give the said last mentioned one other of such shares to my said sister Alice May Brownlow absolutely for her own use

(e) As to three others of the said thirty five shares
If my said cousin Samuel Roberts Radcliffe shall survive me my trustees shall give

to him absolutely for his own use the said last mentioned three others of such shares but if he shall predecease me my trustees shall give the said last mentioned three others of such shares to my said brother Maurice Cedric Platt absolutely for his own use if he shall survive me but if not my trustees shall give the said last mentioned three others of such shares to my said sister Nancy Quinelda Platt absolutely for her own use if she shall survive me but if not my trustees shall give the said last mentioned three others of such shares to my said sister Alice May Brownlow absolutely for her own use

(f) As to the last three others of the said thirty five shares If my cousin Frank Vivian Radcliffe shall survive me my trustees shall give to him absolutely for his own use the said last mentioned three others of such shares but if he shall predecease me my trustees shall give the said last mentioned three others of such shares to my said brother Maurice Cedric Platt absolutely for his own use if he shall survive me but if not my trustees shall give the said last mentioned three others of such share to my said sister Nancy Quinelda Platt absolutely for her own use if she shall survive me but if not my trustees shall give the said last mentioned three others of such shares to my said sister Alice May Brownlow absolutely for her own use.

7. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained I empower my trustees at their sole and absolute discretion instead of selling converting or getting in all or any part of my residuary estate of whatsoever the same may consist to make a partition or division thereof in its then actual condition or state and to allot and apply in such way and manner that the same shall be and become wholly or a part of the said thirty five shares mentioned or comprised in clause 6 of this my Will or any of such last mentioned shares in full or part satisfaction of the same and I also empower my trustees for all or any of the before mentioned purposes at their sole and absolute discretion to conclusively and finally determine in such manner as they shall think fit the value of all or any part or parts of my residuary estate as aforesaid of whatever the same may consist and I also empower my trustees in their sole and ^{absolute} discretion to keep as investments for such period or periods however long as they may think fit that portion of my residuary estate which shall be and become the part or a portion of the part of the whole or any of the said thirty five shares which shall be retained by my trustees upon trust as hereinbefore mentioned in clause 6 of this my Will Provided always that for the purposes of transmission and enjoyment my residuary real estate shall be deemed to be converted into personalty as from the time of my death

8. During such time as any shares in any Company shall be vested in my trustees they

shall be at liberty to accept decline sell or otherwise deal with any allotment or allotments of new shares in any Company that may be made or offered in respect of all or any shares that my trustees may hold therein and may raise and pay any calls in respect of such original or allotted shares out of the moneys or investments comprised in that portion of my trust property which for the time being is held by my trustees upon the like trusts as the said original or allotted shares and I also empower my trustees at any time in their discretion to sell and convert into money all or any part of the shares or debentures securities and investments which may be obtained as aforesaid and whether specifically appropriated in respect of any shares retained by them or not and when necessary to invest the moneys arising from ^{any} such sale or conversion in any of the securities hereinafter authorised

9. I empower my trustees to lay out and invest all moneys hereby required or authorised to be invested in this my Will in the purchase of any real or leasehold hereditaments and premises in England Wales Ireland or Scotland or perpetual yearly rent charges or yearly chief rents issuing out of any such hereditaments and premises which shall by such assurances as may be necessary be vested in my trustees and shall be held by them upon the like trusts and subject to the powers herein expressed and declared concerning the real or leasehold estates to which I may be entitled at the time of my death but nevertheless for the purposes of transmission and enjoyment all real estate for the time being comprised in this my Will shall at all times be deemed to be personalty

10 I also empower my trustees to lay out and invest all moneys hereby required or authorised to be invested in any of the public stocks funds bonds or Government securities of the United Kingdom or India or any Colony or Dependency of the United Kingdom or any Foreign Government Country or State upon which for at least five years immediately preceding the date of the proposed investment or since their creation interest has been regularly paid or upon freehold copyhold leasehold or chattel real or heritable securities whether legal or only equitable and whether subject to prior incumbrances or not in the United Kingdom or India or any Colony or Dependency of the United Kingdom or in any Foreign Country or in or upon the stocks Debentures Bonds or securities of any Corporation Company or Public Body Municipal Local Commercial or otherwise in the United Kingdom or India or any Colony or Dependency of the United Kingdom or in any foreign country or in or ^{upon} the fully paid up shares of any Limited Company in the United Kingdom or upon mortgage or charge of a like interest in possession in any real or personal property with a Policy of Insurance upon the life and in lending money on real leasehold or chattel real or heritable securities my trustees may lend the same subject to prior legal or other mortgages

charges and either alone or together with moneys lent by any other person or persons by way of contributory loan and thereupon may accept the security for the same in the names of my trustees alone or in conjunction with any other person or persons or may permit the same to be taken exclusively in the name or names of any other person or persons or otherwise as my trustees shall deem expedient and may also pending an investment of any description deposit any trust money on a merely equitable mortgage created by a deposit of title deeds or otherwise notwithstanding that the property mortgaged may not be subject to any prior mortgage and that a legal mortgage thereof could in fact be created and my trustees may from time to time vary any of the before mentioned investments respectively for others of any nature hereby authorised .

11. I declare that the respective trustees for the time being of this my Will shall be responsible only for so much money as shall come to their respective hands and that they shall not be answerable for the acts receipts or defaults of each other nor for any Banker Broker or other person in whose hands any of the trust moneys or securities may be placed nor for the insufficiency or depreciation of any investments nor for any defect in title to any purchased or mortgaged hereditaments and notwithstanding any rule of law or doctrine of equity to the contrary I exempt my trustees from being responsible for involuntary losses arising from any act or transmission of my trustees or course of procedure adopted by them which may turn out to have been indiscreet but not tainted with any want of good faith

12. I empower my trustees to retain to themselves and allow to each other all costs and expenses which they may incur in the execution of the trusts of this my Will and in and about the administration of the same trusts they may instead of acting personally employ and pay a Solicitor or other person to transact any business or do any act required to be done in connection with the administration ~~and payment~~ of my estate or the trusts hereby declared including the receipt and payment of money and that any trustee being a Solicitor or other person engaged in any professional business may be so employed and shall be entitled to charge and be paid all professional or other charges for any business or act done by him or his firm in connection with the trusts including all business of whatever kind not strictly professional by which might have been performed or would necessarily have been performed in person by a trustee not being a Solicitor or other person engaged in any professional business

13. I declare that all and every the trusts powers authorities discretions and indemnities which by virtue of this my Will are exercisable by and applicable to the trustees hereinbefore named shall be exercisable by and applicable to the survivors and survivor of them or other the trustees or trustee for the time being of this my

Will.

14. Lastly I hereby declare that no gift to or investment for any Beneficiary under this my Will or any Codicil hereto which I may hereafter make shall be taken in satisfaction or in part satisfaction of any gift or provision made for such child by this my Will so as not in any way to diminish or decrease such gift unless I shall by any Codicil hereto otherwise expressly declare IN WITNESS whereof I have to this my last Will and testament contained on this and the seven preceding sheets of paper set my hand this fifteenth day of April one thousand nine hundred and fifteen - J R PLATT April 15 1915 - Signed by the said Testator John Rookhurst Platt as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us who being both present at the same time at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the surname "Hall" having been first interlined above the first line of Clause 4 on the first page of the said Will - E LAWRY SQUANCE Woodside Sunderland Lieut 3rd N Bn R Fls T - HARRY PEELE Springfield Durham Veterinary Surgeon - .

On the 16th day of June 1917 Probate of this Will was granted to Joseph Platt Hall Samuel Roberts Radcliffe and Eric George Claydon the Executors

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