



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.1/U/61

In the Matter of The Green,
Biddenham, Bedfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, Biddenham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.47 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Bedfordshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Mr. C.T.R. Wingfield claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Bedford on 12th February 1974.

At the hearing Mr. G.D.Peacock, solicitor, appeared for the Trustees of the Will of Edward George Rhys Wingfield, deceased. The last conveyance on sale of the land in question was by an indenture made 7th May 1874 between (1) Hon.Eleanor Mary Rice Trevor (2) John Robert, Earl Sydney and Samuel Stephen Bateson (3) Sir Thomas Bateson and Lady Carolina Elizabeth Anne Bateson (4) Sir T. Bateson, Charles Stewart, Viscount Hardinge, and James Henry Cole (5) William Lygon, Earl of Longford and Selina, Countess of Longford (6) Frances, Baroness Dynevor and Edward Rhys Wingfield. The land passed by divers mesne conveyances to the late Mr.E.G.R. Wingfield, probate of whose will was granted to the Trustees and Sir Charles John Fitzroy Rhys Wingfield, since deceased, on 19th June 1952.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Trustees are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Bedfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 5th day of March 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner