

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 210/U/2

In the Matter of Austy Cross, Hilton,
Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Austy Cross, Hilton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 353 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Dorset 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 Lt. Col. J M Woodhouse 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 Dorchester on 4 March 1980.

At the hearing Lt. Col. Woodhouse appeared in person. Lt. Col. Woodhouse said that the land in question was purchased by his late father in November 1932, but that the Conveyance could not be found. However, Lt. Col. Woodhouse was able to give evidence that he has a possessory title to the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Lt. Col. Woodhouse is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register him as the owner 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

24th

day of

March

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner