



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 210/U/20

In the Matter of Black Hill Heath in the parish  
of Turners Puddle Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Black Hill Heath in the parish of Turner's Puddle being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.254 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 Sir George Andrew Debenham 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 24 June 1980. Mr C Tyrrell of Messrs. Lee Bolton and Lee Solicitors of Westminster appeared for the claimant Sir George Andrew Debenham. Mr Tyrrell produced documents of title beginning with a Conveyance on sales to Ernest Ridley Debenham dated 27 May 1914 the vendor being Mrs Louisa Mary Petherstonhaugh Frampton in which the land was clearly comprised.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Sir George Andrew Debenham 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 3 (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

17th

day of

March

1981

*George Herketh*  
Commons Commissioner