



In the Matter of Burton Common, Longburton in
the County of Dorset

DECISION

This dispute relates to the registration at Entry No. 1 in the Ownership section of Register Unit No. CL 6 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Dorset County Council and is occasioned by Objection No. 102 made by the Executors of the late Mrs M G Eccles and noted in the Register on 2 August 1971 and Objection No. 421 made by the Clerk to the Commoners and noted in the Register on 2 August 1971 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Council.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Dorchester on 25 June 1980. The hearing was attended by Mr B T Sirelson and Mr J Lawrence. Objection No. 421 was withdrawn before the hearing by a letter dated 19 June 1980, from the Clerk to the Commoners to the Clerk to the Commissioners.

Mr Sirelson produced documents of title starting with a Conveyance on Sale dated 20 December 1924 and made between James Bernard Paynter of the one part and Mildred Annie Trim and traced the devolution of the land, which was clearly identified by a plan, to a Conveyance on Sale made on 28 February 1957 between Samuel Rowland of the one part and Marjorie Elizabeth Gracilla Williams of the other part. The land was transferred to him by Deed of Gift made the 15 December 1959 by the said M E G Williams.

Mr Lawrence appeared for Mrs N Ireland-Smith who claimed under the Will of the late Mrs M G Eccles. Her objection to the claim of Mr Sirelson was a statement by a partner of the firm of Rawlence and Squarey that in 1969 when she and her husband had wished to purchase Longburton Common the firm had been unable to find out who was the owner.

I am satisfied that Mr Sirelson has established his claim to be the owner of Longburton Common.

For these reasons I confirm the registration.

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

28th

day of

July

1980

George Hankin

Commons Commissioner