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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 210/U/74

In the Matter of Corfe Castle Common, Corfe  
Castle, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Corfe Castle Common, Corfe Castle, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 34 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 the National Trust and Mr L C Seager each 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 6 March 1984.

At the hearing the National Trust was represented by Mr R S Latham, Solicitor, and Mr Seager by Mr J D Bowie, Solicitor.

Mr Bowie informed me that Mr Seager's claim was not being pursued.

The land the subject of the reference was included in the parcels of a disentailing assurance made 16 July 1923 between (1) Henry John Ralph Bankes (2) Edward Lee Rowcliffe. Mr Bankes died on 19 August 1981, and the land was vested in the National Trust by an assent made 19 August 1982 by Peter Wardle Pierrepoint and John Ralph Bankes.

On the evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust 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

16th

day of

March

1984

Chief Commons Commissioner