



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 210/U/21

In the Matter of Gore Clump, Fontmell Magna,
Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Gore Clump, Fontmell Magna, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.205 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 Mr J E Gardiner 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 I gave leave for Mr Gardiner to be represented by Mr A C Kay, his farming partner.

The land in question has been in the possession of members of the Gardiner family during the whole period of 16 years that Mr Kay has known it. It was conveyed to Mr J E P Gardiner by a conveyance made 22 September 1975 between (1) Sjarifin Christopher Gardiner formerly known as Christopher Eliot Balfour Gardiner (2) S C Gardiner and John Eliot Pipping Gardiner (3) J E P Gardiner.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr J E P Gardiner 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