



In the Matter of Land South of the Lime-Pit
Coppice, Iwerne Minster, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land south of the Lime-Pit Coppice, Iwerne Minster, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 209 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 S C 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 8 March 1984.

At the hearing Mr Gardiner was represented by Mr K Frond, Solicitor.

The land the subject of the reference was conveyed to the late Mr H R Gardiner by a conveyance made 30 September 1933 between (1) Robert Fraser Watson (2) Henry Rolf Gardiner. Mr H R Gardiner died on 26 November 1971 and his will was proved on 22 August 1972 by Sjarifin Christopher Gardiner (formerly and in the will called Christopher Eliot Balfour Gardiner) and John Eliot Pipping Gardiner. By an assent made 22 September 1975 between (1) S C Gardiner and JEP Gardiner (2) S C Gardiner the land was vested in Mr S C Gardiner.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr S C 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 22nd day of March 1984


Chief Commons Commissioner