



In the Matter of Minchington Cross and
Verges, Simberry Handles, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Minchington Cross and Verges, Simberry Handles, being the ~~part of the~~ land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.200 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 H A L F Pitt-Rivers 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 Mr Pitt-Rivers was represented by Mr D M Morris, Solicitor.

The land the subject of the reference is included in the parcels of a conveyance made 1 January 1950 between (1) George Henry Lane Fox Pitt-Rivers (2) Michael Augustus Lane Fox Pitt-Rivers. It consists of a timber belt, which has remained in land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Pitt-Rivers 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 50 (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 3 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.

Sir Alan Lycett Green
Chief Commons Commissioner