



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 10/U/7

In the Matter of Soulsmoor or The Marsh,
Bere Regis, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Soulsmoor or The Marsh, Bere Regis, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. C.L.66 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. George Andrew Debenham 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 12th May 1972.

There were produced to me documents which satisfied me that Mr. Debenham has held the legal estate in fee simple in the land in question since 22nd January 1968, with a good root of title in a conveyance dated 28th September 1943.

I am accordingly satisfied that Mr. Debenham is the owner of the land and I shall direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register him as the owner of the land.

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 30th day of May 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner