



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 212/U/26

In the Matter of the Triangular Piece
of Land near New House, Langham,
Colchester D.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Triangular Piece of Land, New House, Langham, Colchester District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit Co. CL.431 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Essex 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Colchester on 27 February 1975. Mr. J. Maturin-Baird appeared and produced a conveyance dated 31 October 1932 whereby the Lordship of the Manor of Langham was conveyed to his father Mr. C.E. Maturin-Baird and a deed of gift dated 14 December 1964 whereby the Lordship of the Manor was conveyed to him. Mr. Maturin-Baird also produced a copy of the Tithe Award map of the Parish of Langham of 1838 from which it appears that the land in question was at that date waste of the Manor of Langham and a letter dated 2 May, 1974 addressed to him by the Essex County Council recognising him as the owner of the land in question.

For these reasons I am satisfied that Mr. J. Maturin-Baird is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Essex County Council as registration authority, to register Mr. J. Maturin-Baird 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 4th day of March 1975

C. A. Settle

Commons Commissioner