



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.14/U/129

In the Matter of Hams Common (Part),
Sopley, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Hams Common (Part), Sopley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.261 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hampshire 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 Winchester on 26th October 1973.

At the hearing Lord Manners appeared and satisfied me that the land in question was comprised in a vesting deed of 10th November 1930 between (1) John William Fortescue, Christopher Gurney Barclay and Arthur Jared Palmer Howard, and (2) Francis Henry, Baron Manners, and a conveyance and deed of discharge made 4th July 1962 between (1) Francis Henry, Baron Manners (2) John Robert Cecil Manners, and (3) Sir Arthur Jared Palmer Howard, whereby the land was conveyed to John Robert Cecil Manners, now Baron Manners, in fee simple.

For these reasons I am satisfied that Lord Manners is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire 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 28th day of November 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner