

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 14/U/39

In the Matter of Recreation Ground, Steep, East Hampshire D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Recreation Ground, Steep, East Hampshire D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V^G. 18 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Mrs E Grimshaw 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 Winchester on 4 March 1976.

Mrs Grimshaw appeared in person, and Mr Upton a member of the Steep Parish Council appeared on behalf of that Council.

Mrs Grimshaw told me that the land in question was sold by auction on 8 January 1944 and that on that date it was resold by the purchaser to her late husband. She has mislaid or lost her title deeds, but Mr Upton admitted that Mrs Grimshaw was the owner of the land. Mr Upton told me that Mrs Grimshaw was under an obligation to maintain the land but this is not a matter which I am competent to inquire into, and must be resolved between Mrs Grimshaw and the Parish Council, I would hope by agreement between them.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mrs Grimshaw is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire $^{\rm C}$ ounty $^{\rm C}$ ouncil, as registration authority, to register Mrs Grimshaw 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 <u>in point of law may</u>, 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 12 day of of arch

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