



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.94/U/1

In the Matter of Eaton Common in the
County of the City of Norwich

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Eaton Common containing 18.6 acres or thereabouts in the County of the City of Norwich being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.1 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Norwich County Borough 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. Mr. L. G. Richards sent a letter dated 1 May 1973 to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners in which he said (among other things) that as far as he could ascertain the Lord of the Manor is the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral. No other person claimed to have information as to the ownership of the land.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Norwich on 12 June 1973. The hearing was attended by the Norwich County Borough Council who were represented by Mr. P. Rosson their Assistant Solicitor.

Mr. Rosson handed me a letter dated 5 June 1973 from the Clerk of the Dean and Chapter of Norwich Cathedral confirming that the Dean and Chapter makes no claim to be Lords of the Manor nor to the ownership of any part of Eaton Common. In the Land Section of the Register is noted an application by Mr. L. G. Richards made 6 April 1937 in relation to part of the land. Mr. Richards is a City Councillor.

Mr. Rosson could offer no evidence of ownership. In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore be subject to protection under section 9 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

22nd

day of

June

1973

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner