



In the Matter of Faringdon (Wadley Manor) Recreational Allotment,
Littleworth, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Faringdon (Wadley Manor) Recreational Allotment, Littleworth, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 83 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Berkshire 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 N P Viner 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 Oxford on 26 November 1976.

Mr Viner appeared in person at the hearing.

By the Wadley Inclosure Award, dated 9 June 1864, made under the Second Annual Inclosure Act 1859 (22 & 23 Vict., c.47) the land the subject of this reference was allotted to the Provost and Scholars of Oriel College, Oxford, subject to the obligation of preserving the surface and permitting its use for the exercise and recreation of the inhabitants of the parish of Faringdon and neighbourhood. It was conveyed to Mr F. C. Richens by an indenture made 26 April 1921 between (1) The Provost and Scholars of Oriel College (2) Frederick Charles Richens. It was further conveyed by a conveyance made 19 March 1958 between (1) Rose Telling administratrix of Frederick Charles Richens (2) Norman Patrick Viner.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Viner is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire 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 31st day of December 1976.

Chief Commons Commissioner