



In the Matter of Land at Camden Farm,  
Eaton Hastings, Oxfordshire.

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land at Camden Farm, Eaton Hastings, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 93 in the Register of Common Land 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 the National Trust claimed to be the freehold owner of part 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.

There was no appearance at the hearing, but I was satisfied as to the reason for the non-appearance on behalf of the National Trust and have decided to deal with the matter on an examination of its title.

A triangular area in the southern part of the land comprised in the Register Unit was vested by an assent made 20 August 1956 between (1) Frances Beatrice Steward and her husband Cecil Walter D'Alterac Steward (executors of Ernest Edward Cook) (2) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty. The testator had a good root of title in a vesting deed made 1 March 1936 between (1) Hon. Walter Bernard Louis Barrington, John Shuldham Schreiber and Hon. Eric Brand Butler Henderson (2) Alexander Gavin, Baron Faringdon.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of the part of the land vested by the assent of 20 August 1956. I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust as the owner of that part of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any evidence as to the remainder of the land, I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of it, and it will therefore remain 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

27<sup>th</sup>

day of

April

1977

Chief Commons Commissioner