



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 29/U/30

In the Matter of The Pound,
Duns Tew, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Pound, Duns Tew, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.73 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Oxfordshire 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. H. Routledge 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 20th November 1973.

At the hearing Mr. Routledge was represented by Mr. D.C. Coleman, solicitor.

Despite its name, the land the subject of this reference has none of the physical characteristics of a pound. Since at least as early as 1938 it has been used as a means of access to Glebe Farm. In or about 1948 Mr. Routledge demolished the walls in order to give access for combines and other implements. By a conveyance made 12th April 1951 between (1) Rev. William Leonard Smith, (2) The Charity Commissioners, (3) The Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance, and (4) Hubert Routledge Glebe Farm was conveyed to Mr. Routledge. Although the scale of the plan on this conveyance is very small, the land conveyed appears to include the Pound. Since the conveyance Mr. Routledge has continuously treated the land as his own without any adverse claim.

For these reasons I am satisfied that Mr. Routledge 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 19th day of December 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner