



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.32/U/8

In the Matter of The Lawn,
Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Lawn, Combe St. Nicholas, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.4 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Somerset 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Taunton on 2nd November 1972.

At the hearing Mr. L.V. Preston, the Clerk of the Combe St. Nicholas Parish Council, produced a deed of gift dated 15th September 1961, whereby Mr. Sidney Thomas French, of Combe St. Nicholas, conveyed the land in question to the Parish Council. Mr. Preston also produced earlier deeds which satisfied me that Mr. French had a good title to the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Combe St. Nicholas Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Somerset County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council 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 17th day of November 1972


Chief Commons Commissioner