



In the Matter of Roadside Wastes of the Manor of Ockley,
Ockley, Surrey.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Roadside Wastes of the Manor of Ockley, Ockley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 373 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Surrey 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 G E Lee-Steere 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 Guildford on 17 June 1977.

At the hearing Mr Lee-Steere was represented by Mr D G Sills, solicitor.

By a vesting deed made 1 March 1962 between (1) Randall Herbert Monier-Williams, Norman Smithers, and Patience Hargreaves Lee Steere (2) Gordon Ernest Lee-Steere there were conveyed to Mr G E Lee-Steere the manor of Ockley and the other land vested in the parties of the first part as trustees of a settlement for the purposes of the Settled Land Act 1925. The bulk of the property so vested was acquired by the late Henry Charles Lee Steere under a disentailing deed dated 26 October 1899, being conveyed to him under the description "all and singular the manors and hereditaments comprised in an Indenture of Settlement dated 24th June 1851". Mr F L Crow, Mr G E Lee-Steere's land agent, has known the estate since 1905 and stated that the land comprised in the Register Unit has been treated as part of the estate during the whole of the time that he has known it.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr G E Lee-Steere is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Surrey 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 5th day of July 1977


Chief Commons Commissioner