



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965.

Reference No. 238/U/37

In the Matter of Hog Common,  
West Dean, Chichester D

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Hog Common, West Dean, Chichester D, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 256 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the West Sussex 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 Edward James Foundation 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 Chichester on 4 October 1979.

Mr Bevis of Messrs Raper and Co appeared for the Edward James Foundation and produced a conveyance dated 7 November 1932 whereby the statutory owners conveyed the West Dean Estate to E W F James, the land in question being identified as Plot 97 on the plan annexed to that conveyance and a conveyance dated 23 November 1964 whereby the land in question was conveyed by E W F James to the first Trustees of the Edward James Foundation which is a registered charity.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Trustees of the Edward James Foundation are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Trustees of the Edward James Foundation 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

2<sup>nd</sup>

day of

November

1979

*G. J. Little*

Commons Commissioner