



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.41/U/4

In the Matter of The Springhead,  
Teffont, Wiltshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Springhead, Teffont, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.1 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Wiltshire 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 Salisbury on 23rd October 1973.

There was no appearance at the hearing. However, Mr.G.Ab Ifor, solicitor, for the County Council drew my attention to the Inclosure Award, dated 11th January 1837, made under the Dinton with Teffont Magna Inclosure Act of 1823 (3 Geo.IV, c.30 (private)). By this Award a public watering place called the Springhead was appointed, but the map attached to the Award shows that this lay to the north-west of the land the subject of this reference. That land was comprised in allotment No.1, but there was no evidence before me as to who is now the successor in title of the person to whom the land was allotted.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land 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 28th day of November 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner