



In the Matter of The Pound, North Stoke, Avon.

DECISION

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This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Pound, North Stoke, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 94 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former 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 Bath on 13 July 1978.

At the hearing Mrs J M Dobson-Smyth of Kite Furlong, North Stoke, informed me that the land comprised in the Register Unit now forms part of her garden. She bought the property two years ago, when her vendor informed her that this land belonged to him. Mrs Dobson-Smyth said that there was nothing in her deeds to throw any light on this matter.

On this 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

4th

day of

August

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER