



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 203/U/1

In the Matter of Mill Field near  
Frith Hill, Great Missenden,  
Chiltern District, Buckinghamshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land containing about 4.82 acres known as Mill Field near Frith Hill, Great Missenden, Chiltern District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 22 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Buckinghamshire 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 Frith Hill Riding Centre Limited claimed (their solicitor's letters dated 5 September and 22 October 1975) to be the owner of the land in question and Great Missenden Parish Council (their clerk's letter dated 27 February 1978 said they had reason to believe that the land was owned either by Mr and Mrs Burnett of the Riding Stables, Frith Hill. 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 Aylesbury on 7 March 1978. At the hearing Frith Hill Riding Centre Limited were represented by Mr T A Hatton solicitor of Reynolds, Parry-Jones & Crawford, Solicitors of High Wycombe.

Mr K G S Burnett who is a director of Frith Hill Riding Centre Limited ("the Company") in the course of his evidence produced: (1) a conveyance dated 9 April 1947 by which Mr T T Carrington conveyed (with other land) land used as a recreation ground (OS No 262, 4.822 acres) to Mr J F Farrell subject to its perpetual dedication as a recreation ground; (2) a conveyance dated 3 November 1955 by which Mr Farrell conveyed OS No 262 containing 4.822 acres to Mrs C J Whitney (then and therein called C J Pawley) subject to the terms of the Great Missenden Inclosure Award 1854 (land to be used as a place of exercise and recreation by the inhabitants of the Parish and neighbourhood); and (3) a conveyance dated 16 May 1975 by which Mrs Whitney conveyed the said OS No to the Company subject to the terms of the Award. Mr Burnett said (in effect):- The land ("the Unit Land") comprised in this Register Unit (the Register map shows it as OS No 242 containing 4.822 acres) is a grass field about half a mile from South Heath. The Company which is run by his wife, uses the Unit Land for the purpose of giving riding instruction. He thought that it had been so used for at least the last 35 years, for most of this time having been in the ownership of Mrs Whitney.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Company is the owner of the Unit Land and I shall accordingly direct the Buckinghamshire County Council as registration authority, to register Frith Hill Riding Centre Limited of Sorrento House, Blackthorne Lane, Ballinger, Bucks 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March — 1978

*a.a. Barber Jullé*

Commons Commissioner