



In the Matter of land at Cripplestyle
Alderholt, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land at Cripplestyle, Alderholt, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.253 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Dorset 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 Marquess of Salisbury 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 Dorchester on 7 March 1984.

At the hearing Mr J M Stephenson, Solicitor appeared for Lord Salisbury and Viscount Cranborne.

The land the subject of the reference was included in the parcels of a vesting assent made 1 January 1926 between (1) Edgar Algernon Robert Gascoyne, Viscount Cecil of Chelwood and Hugh Richard Heathsole Gascoyne Cecil (commonly called lord Hugh Cecil) (2) ~~Robert Arthur James Gascoyne Cecil (commonly called viscount Cranborne)~~ **RIDER** party of the second part succeeded to the Marquessate of Salisbury on 4 April 1947 and died on 23 February 1972, his will being proved by Robert Edward Peter, Marquess of Salisbury Richard Edward Osborne Cavendish, and Edward Christian David Cecil (commonly called Lord David Cecil) on 28 March 1972. R E O Cavendish died on 14 August 1972. By a deed of appointment made 25 September 1972 between (1) R E P, Marquess of Salisbury and E C D Cecil (2) R E P, Marquess of Salisbury and Robert Michael James Cecil (commonly called Viscount Cranborne) Lord Salisbury and lord Cranborne were appointed to be trustees of the legal estate in (inter alia) the strips above referred to.



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James Edward Herbert Gascoyne, fourth Marquess of Salisbury. The part of the second part died on 14 April 1947, his will being proved by Robert Arthur James, Marquess of Salisbury on 29 August 1947. By a conveyance made 4 April 1955 between (1) The Gascoyne Cecil Estates Company (2) Robert Arthur James, fifth Marquess of Salisbury (3) Robert Edward Peter Cecil (commonly called Viscount Cranborne) the land was conveyed to Lord Cranborne. Lord Cranborne having succeeded to the marquessate of Salisbury, he conveyed the land by a deed of gift made 11 March 1974 between (1) Robert Edward Peter, Sixth Marquess of Salisbury (2) Gascoyne Holdings Ltd, Samos Investments Ltd, and Mysia Investments Ltd, on trust for sale. Finally, by a deed of retirement made 6 September 1978, Gascoyne Holdings Ltd was discharged from the trusts of the deed of gift.