



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 210/U/5

In the Matter of Netmead,  
Child Okeford, Dorset

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Netmead, Child Okeford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 347 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 Trustees of G W Diffey, deceased, and Mrs C Scott claimed to be the freehold owners of parts 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 4 March 1980.

At the hearing the Trustees and Mrs Scott were represented by Mr J W Blanchard, Solicitor.

The northern half of the land in question was formerly divided into a number of strips. The late Mr George William Diffey acquired all these strips, with one small exception, by a series of conveyances between 1951 and 1964. When Mr Diffey died on 4 December 1970 he had acquired a possessory title to the small strip which he had not purchased. Mr Diffey's will was proved on 16 February 1971 by Mr Geoffrey Seymour Diffey and Mr John William Blanchard.

Mrs Scott acquired the southern half of the land by a conveyance made 29 October 1962 between (1) Cecil Douglas Hall and Gwendoline Ella Charles (2) Cicely Mary Scott. The vendor held the land in two parts under separate titles going back to 1904 and 1920 respectively.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Trustees and Mrs Scott are the owners of their respective parts of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of those parts of the land under section 2(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

24<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner