



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.14/U/167

In the Matter of Part of Plaitford Wood Common,
Melchet Park and Plaitford, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Part of Plaitford Wood Common, Melchet Park and Plaitford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 267 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hampshire 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, but Mr H. Quigley and the Wellow Parish Council 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 Winchester on 10th January 1974.

Mr Hugh Quigley appeared at the hearing. He informed me that he purchased the land in question in July 1935 and conveyed it to his daughter, Mrs Margaret Somerville Hughes, on 31st August 1972. Mr Quigley said that he believed that Mrs Hughes had the title deeds with her out of this country.

Since the hearing I have been satisfied that the land was conveyed to Mr Quigley by a conveyance made 20th September 1935 between (1) Albert Edward Bechely Bechely Crundall (2) Hugh Quigley and that by deed of gift made 31st August 1971 Mr Quigley conveyed the land to Mr Stephen Quigley, his son, and Mrs Hughes.

For these reasons I am satisfied that Mr Stephen Quigley and Mrs Hughes are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners 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 4th day of February 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner