



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 214/U/86

In the Matter of Poulner Hill Common,  
Ringwood, Hants

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Poulner Hill Common, other than those parts which are registered under HP 465280 and HP 128621 being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.179 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 Mr Edward John Francis Morant 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 Lyndhurst on 15 November 1995.

At the hearing Mr Morant appeared on his own behalf; Mr Colson and Mr Wilmshurst (proprietors respectively of the registered lands mentioned above) attended; and Mr D Pryke and Mrs Homewood represented Hampshire County Council the Registration Authority.

Mr Morant produced the original Disentailing Deed and Resettlement dated 25 May 1894, by which his great-grandfather John Morant disentailed the family estate and resettled it on trust for himself for life, and then for his eldest son E J H E Morant for life with remainder in tail male to the latter's issue. Poulner Hill Common, part of the Manor of Ringwood, appears as No. 810 in Para II of the 4th Schedule to the Resettlement.

Mr E J H E Morant had one son John and himself died in 1911. John attained his majority and in 1929 disentailed. However, in the meantime, the agricultural land forming the bulk of the estate had been sold in 1916. By a Conveyance on Sale dated 14 November 1962 Mr John Morant to whom the land had been conveyed on 25 and 27 May 1929 conveyed the remaining land - including the Manor of Ringwood and its wastes to Trustees, who by a Conveyance of 15 June 1989 conveyed the same land to the applicant Mr E G F Morant who had become absolutely entitled thereto.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Edward John Francis Morant is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council as registration authority to register him 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

14<sup>th</sup>

day of

December

1995

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John G. ...', written in black ink.

Commons Commissioner