



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 14/U/146

In the Matter of The Butts,  
Chawton Park Road, Alton,  
East Hampshire D

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Butts, Chawton Park Road, Alton, East Hampshire being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL. 244 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 R S Dutton 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 Winchester on 4 March 1976.

Mr A D Donger of Messrs Pink & Arnold, managing agents for Mr R S Dutton appeared and produced a lease dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 1882 whereby the land in question was leased to the Local Board for the District of the Parish of Alton for a term of 99 years from 25 March 1882. The rent payable under the said lease has always been and still is being paid by the Alton Town Council to Mr Dongers said firm, currently as the agents for Mr R S Dutton. The Alton Town Council accept that Mr Dutton is the owner of the land in question.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr R S Dutton is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Mr R S Dutton 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March

1976

C. A. Settle

Commons Commissioner