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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 216/U/48

In the Matter of Reeves Green, Ware Rural, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Reeves Green, Ware Rural being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.100 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 H A F. Buxton claimed to be the freehold owner of part 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 Bishop's Stortford on 11 July 1984. At the hearing Mr Buxton was represented by his Secretary, Mrs P Savory.

A small part of the land the subject of the reference is bounded on the east by a property known as Newhouse Farm and on the west by a highway. Newhouse Farm was formerly the property of Mr Buxton's father, the late Mr J F Buxton, who transferred it to the trustees of a settlement which he made on 25 March 1961. The land between Newhouse Farm and the highway is a narrow strip which, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, must be presumed to belong to the adjoining property.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the present trustees of the Settlement, Mrs A K Myrddin-Evans and Mrs M M E Kerr, are the owners of the strip of land adjoining Newhouse Farm, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owner of that strip of land under section 3 (2) of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any further evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owners of the remainder of the land and I shall accordingly direct the County Council to register the Ware Rural Parish Council as the owner of that part of the land under section 3 (3) 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

20th

day of

July

1984

  
Chief Commons Commissioner