



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.219/U/42

In the Matter of Bonnington Green,  
Bonnington, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Bonnington Green, Bonnington, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 185 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Kent 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 Personal Representatives of Eyton Myles Boulden, deceased, 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 Maidstone on 14th July 1975.

At the hearing Mr M.A.Bompas, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Personal Representatives of the late Mr Boulden.

The land the subject of the reference is an open unfenced piece of pasture land lying between a property known as Pinn Farm to the south and a public highway to the north. The late Mr Boulden purchased Pinn Farm in 1924 and occupied it continuously until his death in 1973. The piece of pasture land in question was not coloured on the plan on the conveyance to Mr Boulden, but during the whole period of his ownership of Pinn Farm he made use of this land as if it were his own. Among other acts of ownership, he erected temporary wire fencing from time to time in order to graze the land with sheep and cattle, he planted trees and shrubs, mowed the grass, gave permission to other persons to graze, erected a substantial Dutch barn on part of it, and constructed new entrance roadways to both his house and farm buildings in place of the old entrance which served both house and buildings. All this he did openly and as of right without objection or interference by or permission of any other person.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Boulden acquired a possessory title to the land, and I am satisfied that his Personal Representatives are now the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Kent 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



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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 August 1975

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. D. L. L. L.', written in dark ink.

Chief Commons Commissioner