

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.2/U/53

In the Matter of Land off Appleton Road, Cumnor, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land off Appleton Road, Cumnor, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL 35 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Berkshire 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 J.R.Gee, Mrs Frances Gee, and the Executors of the late Mr J.W.Gee claimed to be the freehold owners 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 Oxford on 7th October 1975.

At the hearing the claimants were represented by Mr D.C.Hollands, solicitor. The Cumnor Parish Council was represented by Mr F.H.G.Cheeseman, its Chairman, but did not oppose the claim.

The land the subject of the reference was included in a conveyance made 17th December 1948 between (1) Percival John Walker (2) John Payne Gee, John Wheeler Gee and William Francis Gee. Mr J.P.Gee died on 17th October 1951, and his interest in the land in question passed under his will to his sons, Mr J.W.Gee and Mr W.F.Gee. Mr J.W.Gee died on 8th November 1971, and his interest in the land in question passed to his widow, Mrs Eveline Alice Gee, his daughter, Mrs Mary Eveline Pearce, and his son, Mr John Richard Gee, as his Executors.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr W.F.Gee, Mrs E.A.Gee, Mrs M.E.Pearce and Mr J.R.Gee are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire 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 15th day of October 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner