



In the Matter of The Green, Hethe, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

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This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, Hethe, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 94 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Oxfordshire 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 Trustees of John Francis Dewar-Harrison, 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 Oxford on 18 July 1978.

At the hearing Mr M Hannibal, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Trustees and the Hethe Parish Council was represented by Mr P Fairweather, its Clerk.

The land the subject of the reference was vested in the late Mr J F Dewar-Harrison in fee simple by a vesting deed made 12 August 1929 between (1) Charles Gilbert Dewar and William Ross-Lewin Lowe (2) John Francis Dewar-Harrison. New trustees were appointed by deed dated 7 December 1936 and the trustees were discharged by a deed of discharge dated 15 December 1936. Mr J F Dewar-Harrison died on 4 February 1967, and on 23 April 1968 probate of his will was granted to Robert Charles Chester and Edward Kenneth Truman, the present Trustees.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Trustees are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register them 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 ~~25th~~ day of

July

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER