



In the Matter of Broadleaze Farm to Dudgemore Farm,  
Cricklade, Wiltshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Broadleaze Farm to Dudgemore Farm, Cricklade, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 59 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Wiltshire 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 F Freath 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 Trowbridge on 10 December 1976.

At the hearing Mr Freath appeared in person. Mr Freath based his claim as hayward for the manors of Great and Little Chelworth, thereby acquiring a possessory title. The facts of this case are exactly the same (mutatis mutandis) as those of In the Matter of Dance Common, Cricklade (1976), Ref. No. 41/V/48, and for the reasons stated in my decision in that case I do not consider that Mr Freath has made out his claim to a possessory title.

In the absence of any other evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner