

In the Matter of Fawley Village Green (part), Fawley, Berkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Fawley Village Green (part), Fawley, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 170 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the 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 the Personal Representatives of Col. M L Wroughton, deceased, 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 Newbury on 31 January 1978.

At the hearing Mr C J Ball, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Personal Representatives of Col. Wroughton and on behalf of Mr P L Wroughton.

Col. Wroughton held the whole of the land the subject of the reference under a vesting deed made 7 October 1931 between (1) Sir Audley Dallas Neeld, bt, and Sir Frederick Henry Walter Carden, bt (2) Michael Lavallin Wroughton. Sir Audley Neeld and Sir Frederick Carden had a good root of title in a deed of disentail dated 10 March 1911. On 7 September 1960 Col. Wroughton sold a small area at the north-western end of the land to the former Berkshire County Council. a conveyance dated 22 September 1977 the Berkshire County Council conveyed this area to Mr Philip Lavallin Wroughton.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Personal Representatives of Col. Wroughton and Mr P L Wroughton are the owners of their respective parts of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of those parts 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

day of February 1978

CHIEF COLORONS CORMISSIONER