



In the Matter of The Common, West
Parley, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Common, West Parley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.174 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Dorset 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 and Mrs Reichman and Mr C A Wesley claimed to be the freehold owners of parts of the land in question and the West Parley Parish Council 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 Dorchester on 18 December 1984. At the hearing, Mr Wesley was represented by Mr D Oldbury, Solicitor, and Mr and Mrs Reichman appeared in person.

The land the subject of the reference consists of two small areas forming parts of the curtilages of No 38 and 47 Lone Pine Drive.

The property now known as No 38 Lone Pine Drive was formerly two plots Nos 56 and 57 in the Southern Section of the Ferndown Estate. The two plots were conveyed to Mr Wesley by a Conveyance made 30 December 1953 between (1) The Bournemouth Land Society Ltd (2) Charles Alfred Wesley. The root of title was a Conveyance made 13 September 1913 between (1) Ivor Bertie, Baron Wimborne (2) Richard George Penn, Earl Howe and William Henry, Baron de Ramsey (3) Rudolph de Paula

The property now known as No.47 Lone Pine Drive was formerly Plot No.81 and part of Plot No.82 in the Southern Section of the Ferndown Estate. This land was included in the conveyance of 13 September 1913 and was conveyed to Mr and Mrs Reichman by a Conveyance made 4 November 1975 between (1) William Henry Ridler (2) Robert Reichman and Betty Margaret Reichman.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Wesley and Mr and Mrs Reichman are the owners of parts of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of their respective parts of the land under section 8 (2) of the Act of 1965.