



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.37/U/69

In the Matter of Duke's Green,
Alfriston, East Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Duke's Green, Alfriston, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 37 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former East Sussex 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 G.C.McK.Hughes and Miss C.M.McK.Hughes claimed to be the freehold owners of parts 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 Lewes on 21st November 1974.

At the hearing Mr M.V.Carey, solicitor, appeared for Mr Hughes and Miss Hughes, and Mr B.D.Cooper, solicitor, appeared for the Alfriston Parish Council.

By a conveyance made 20th November 1962 between (1) Charles Austen Impey (2) Michael Edward Impey, Hugh Edward Impey, and John Cole (3) Michael Edward Walton (4) George Graham McKenny Hughes the whole of the land the subject of the reference was conveyed to Mr Hughes, who entered into undisputed possession. By a deed of gift made 25th March 1974 between (1) G.G.McK.Hughes (2) Clare Miranda McKenny Hughes the small triangle of the land to the south of the road or track across it was conveyed to Miss Hughes.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Hughes is the owner of the northern part of the land, and that Miss Hughes is the owner of the remainder. I shall accordingly direct the East Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of their respective portions 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 16th day of December 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner