COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965   Reference No 16/U/119

In the Matter of Pound Land,
Sacombe, East Hertfordshire
District, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as
Pound Lane, Sacombe, East Hertfordshire District being the land comprised
in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 185 in the Register of Common Land
maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 East Hertfordshire District
Council with a letter dated 24 May 1978 enclosed a photocopy of the
Authority's terrier map for Sacombe showing edged and hatched red land in
the ownership of her Authority. No person 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 Hertford on 8 June 1978. The hearing was attended
by Mr W R Hare who is the chairman of Sacombe Parish Meeting.

Mr Hare said (in effect):- The land in question although it adjoins one of
the two pieces edged and hatched red on the map enclosed with the said
District Council letter is not part of either. The Villagers make use of
the land and keep it tidy. There was no record of it ever having been
conveyed to the Parish Meeting. He could offer no evidence of ownership.

In the absence of any 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 26th day of June   1978

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner