



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 41/U/52

On the Matter of Wilton Brail, Great Bedwyn,  
Wiltshire.

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Wilton Brail, Great Bedwyn, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 70 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 A. J. Buchanan and Mr R. Cady 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 Trowbridge on 25th June 1976.

At the hearing I gave leave to Mr N. Campion Smith, an articled clerk with Messrs Travers Smith Braithwaite & Co, solicitors, to appear for Mr Buchanan and to Mr M. S. Peacock, chartered surveyor, to appear for Mr Cady.

The major part of the land the subject of this reference was conveyed to Mr Buchanan by a conveyance made 29th September 1971 between (1) Victor Alexander George Anthony Warrender, Baron Bountisfield (2) Alistair John Buchanan. Lord Bountisfield had a good root of title in a subsidiary vesting deed made 30th July 1958 between (1) Sir William Edward Rootes, G.B.E. (2) Seymour William Arthur John, Earl of Wilton (3) Norman Frank Boyes and Alexander Anderson.

The remainder of the land comprised in the south-eastern end of the Register Unit was conveyed to Mr Cady by a conveyance made 20th September 1963 between (1) Joyce Mary Cady (2) Annie Cady (3) Rupert Cady (4) Alfred Douglas Cady. Miss Joyce Mary Cady had a good root of title in a conveyance made 10th August 1948 between (1) Caroline Curtis, Edwin John Stevens and Charles Curtis (2) John Cady.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that Mr Buchanan and Mr Cady are the owners of their respective parts of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Wiltshire County Council, as registration authority, to register them as owners of their respective parts 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1976

  
Chief Commons Commissioner