



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.14/U/41

In the Matter of Stroud Common,
Petersfield, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Stroud Common, Petersfield, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 31 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Hampshire 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Winchester on 21st May 1975.

At the hearing Mr G.E.Matthews appeared in person. He produced a conveyance made 3rd December 1953 between (1) Geoffrey Grigg (2) Godfrey Eugen Matthews, whereby the whole of the land the subject of the reference was conveyed to him. It appears from a memorandum on the conveyance that a small part of the land was conveyed by Mr Matthews to Heathlake Property Ltd on 25th November 1969. This small piece of land was conveyed with other land by a conveyance made 24th March 1971 between (1) Heathlake Property Ltd (2) Noel Nicholson and by a conveyance made 1st August 1972 between (1) N.Nicholson (2) Kenneth Ernest Arthur Sherwood and Marjory Alwyn Sherwood, his wife.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Matthews is the owner of the part of the land which was not conveyed to Heathlake Property Ltd and that Mr and Mrs Sherwood are the owners of the remainder of the land. I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Mr Matthews and Mr and Mrs Sherwood as the 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 31st day of October 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner