



In the Matter of The Turf Walk, Totland,  
Isle of Wight

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Turf Walk, Totland, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 9 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Isle of Wight 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 Messrs A J and A A Aman 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 Newport on 17 November 1977.

At the hearing Messrs A J and A A Aman were represented by Mr R D Whittingham, solicitor.

The land the subject of this reference was demised to the Totland Parish Council for a term of 999 years from 25 March 1877 by an underlease granted on 19 April 1906 by one Frederick Tankard. On 19 March 1907 Mr Tankard assigned the leasehold reversion to Mr Frank Gerard Aman, who acquired the freehold reversion by a conveyance made 12 October 1933 between (1) Herbert Joseph Ward (2) Frank Gerard Aman. Mr F G Aman died on 22 January 1938, and the land in question passed to his sons and personal representatives John Godfrey Aman and Gerard James Paul Aman. Mr G J P Aman died on 8 November 1949, and Mr J G Aman died on 2 April 1950. By an assent made 25 April 1977 between (1) Ursula Mary Aman as personal representative of Mr F G Aman (2) Anthony John Aman and Augustus Arthur Aman the land in question was vested in Mr A J Aman and Mr A A Aman on trust for sale.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr A J Aman and Mr A A Aman are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Isle of Wight County Council, as registration authority to register them as the owner 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1977

  
Chief Commons Commissioner