COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965   Reference No. 226/U/58

In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,

Ringstead, Northamptonshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Recreation Ground, Ringstead, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 154 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northamptonshire 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 W A Yeomans claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and the Commons Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society 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 Northampton on 4 July 1979.

Mrs W A Yeomans appeared at the hearing, representing her husband. She produced documents which satisfied me as to Mr Yeomans's ownership; these were (1) an Order of Exchange dated 24 September 1907 under the Inclosure Acts, whereby this piece of land was taken to J T Knight (2) a Conveyance dated 16 December 1930 by J T Knights' Executor to Arthur Yeomans (3) an Assent dated 22 August 1951 by Arthur Yeomans's Executors to Mr W A Yeomans. It appears that though the land was in the nature of a village green before 19 it had ceased to be so after the Exchange and since its acquisition by the Yeomans family in 1930 had been farmed by them.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr W A Yeomans of Home Farm, Ringstead is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northamptonshire County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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   21st August   1979

Commons Commissioner