

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, Little Haseley, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 114 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Oxfordshire 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 J P D Heyward 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 Oxford on 25 November 1982.

At the hearing I gave leave for Mr Heyward to be represented by Miss S Harris, articled clerk with Messrs Linklaters and Paines.

The land in question was conveyed to Mr Heyward by a conveyance made 16 May 1968 between (1) William Geoffrey, 2nd Baron Rootes, Brian Gordon Rootes, Rupert William Hammond, and Nathaniel Peter Catchpole (2) John Patrick Desmond Heyward. The vendors had a good root of title in an indenture made 26 May 1916 between (1) Anthony John Muirhead (2) Sir Henry Bargrave Deane, Sir Robert Younger, Charles Phimptre Johnson, and Romer Williams.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Heyward is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire 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 this

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day of Deember

1982

Chief Commons Commissioner