



In the Matter of The Old Drying Ground, Hutton Lowcross,
Guisborough, Cleveland.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Old Drying Ground, Hutton Lowcross, Guisborough, being the land comprised in the land Section of Register Unit No. CL 309 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former North Riding of Yorkshire 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 The Owners of the Middlesbrough Estate Ltd 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 Whitby on 25 May 1977.

At the hearing The Owners of the Middlesbrough Estate Ltd were represented by Mr J R Agar, their manager.

The land comprised in the Register Unit formed part of the parcels of a conveyance made 10 January 1935 between (1) Thomas Ruddart Donking (2) Annette Beryl Pickering, T H Donking and Hubert Ansley Kemp-Welch (3) Hutton Lowcross Estate Company (4) The Owners of the Middlesbrough Estate Ltd.

On this evidence I am satisfied that The Owners of the Middlesbrough Estate Ltd is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cleveland County Council, as registration authority, to register that company 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 23rd day of June 1977

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER