



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 51/U/29

In the Matter of the Dingle above Graig Farm,
Pentrecoch, Llanfair DC

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the dingle above Graig Farm, Pentrecoch, Llanfair DC being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.53 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Clwyd 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 Thomas John Griffiths of Graig Farm, Pentrecoch, Llanfair DC 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 Ruthin on 3rd April 1974.

Mr H.V. Thomas of the National Farmers' Union appeared on behalf of the claimant Mr T.J. Griffiths. There was no other appearance.

Mr Griffiths testified that he had been the owner of Graig Farm since 1943, and ever since he had habitually turned cattle and sheep to graze on the land in question. No other person had made any use of the land. He had registered the land as common land on the advice of local farmers in order to preserve his right to graze it. The land was not included in the Conveyance of Graig Farm to him.

I conclude that Mr Griffiths has acquired a statutory title to the land in question.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the said Thomas John Griffiths is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Clwyd 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 13th day of August - 1974

A.E. Francis

Commons Commissioner