



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 211/U/33

In the Matter of Howdon Bank Quarry,  
Lanchester, Co. Durham

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Howdon Bank Quarry, Lanchester, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 63 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Durham 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 and Mrs P E Squirrel claimed to be the freehold owners 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 Durham on 3 July 1980.

At the hearing Mr and Mrs Squirrel were represented by Mr M Gregson, Solicitor.

A part of the land the subject of the reference was conveyed to Mr and Mrs Squirrel by a conveyance made 19 September 1978 between (1) Mary Elizabeth Dorman (2) Peter Edward Squirrel and Marilyn Ann Squirrel. The vendor had a good root of title in a conveyance made 31 August 1954 between (1) Mary Jane Johnson (2) Mary Elizabeth Dorman and Andrey Dorman.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr and Mrs Squirrel are the owners of part of the land. I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owner of that part under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965. In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the remainder of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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

21<sup>st</sup>

day of

July

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner