



## COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 211/U/15

In the Matter of part of O.S. No. 453  
in Hunderthwaite, Teesdale D., Durham

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land being part of field No. 453 on the Ordnance Survey map in Hunderthwaite, Teesdale District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.10198 (formerly VG.198) in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 the Agent of Strathmore Estates in a letter dated 3 August 1974 said of this and a number of other unclaimed lands that the freehold is still the property of the Lord of the Manor, i.e. The present Trustees of the late Lord Strathmore. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question or 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 Bishop Auckland on 30 April 1975. At the hearing, Mr. G.V. Cooper, who was attending to represent the Durham County Council as registration authority, said (in effect):- The registration has been made by the North Riding County Council without application when they were the registration authority. ~~The~~ Part of the land originally registered had been removed following an objection by Captain W. Parlour. He could offer no evidence of ownership.

There was no other attendance. In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council as registration authority, to register Hunderthwaite Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) of the Act 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 7/5 —

day of May 1975

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner.