



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.11/U/14

In the Matter of Rackwoodhill Common  
Land, Hamsterley, Barnard Castle R.D.,  
Durham

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Rackwoodhill Common Land, Hamsterley, Barnard Castle Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.16 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no 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 8 November 1972.

The hearing was attended by Barnard Castle Rural District Council and by Hamsterley Parish Council who both were represented by Mr. J. A. Jones who is the clerk of the Rural District Council. Mr. Jones stated that he was not offering any evidence. In the absence of evidence, I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore be subject to protection under section 9 of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulation 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1972.

a. a. Baden Fuller

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Commons Commissioner