



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 211/U/66

In the Matter of Westernhope Moor,
 Stanhope, Co. Durham

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Westernhope Moor, Stanhope, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 50 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 F M Sanderson, Mr G A Jopling and Mr R G Lawrence claimed to be the freehold owners of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership. On 16 September 1980, the claims made by Mr Sanderson and Mr Jopling were withdrawn by a letter from their Solicitors addressed to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Durham on 10 October 1980.

At the hearing Mr Lawrence was represented by Mr L Pattinson, Solicitor. The land in question was conveyed to Mr Lawrence by a Conveyance made 17 November 1956 between (1) Edward John Westgarth Hildyard (2) Edward Gibson and Christopher Hildyard Ringrose-Wharton (3) Embley Investments Ltd (4) George Coldham Knight, Fritty Cysyll Knight and Ronald George Lawrence (5) R G Lawrence.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Lawrence is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham 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

22nd

day of

October

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner