



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 273/U/11

In the Matter of Treworgan Common,
Raglan.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Treworgan Common, Raglan, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.42 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Monmouthshire 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 Lord Raglan 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 Monmouth on 2nd July 1975.

The hearing was attended by Mr. J. Stephens, Solicitor, of the firm of Messrs. Waddington Llewellyn & Burge, on behalf of Lord Raglan. There was no other appearance.

Colonel Henry Charles Abdy Davies was called to give evidence in support of Lord Raglan's claim. He told me that he was appointed Steward of the Manor of Raglan in 1930, and that he held this office until the death of the late Lord Raglan (the father of the present Lord Raglan) in 1964. Colonel Davies produced a Conveyance dated 29th September 1902, by which the Manor of Raglan was conveyed to the present Lord Raglan's grandfather by the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort. He also produced a Schedule of Chief Rents prepared in 1902, which included chief rents for two parcels of land on either side of the land in question described as "Treworgan" and "Upper Treworgan". The witness told me that he had always understood that the Common itself was part of the Manor, and he in his capacity as Steward often visited the Common to ensure that no gypsies were camping there. The witness said that the only use made of the Common was by the Commoners for grazing.

I refer to my decision under the reference 55/U/23, from which it appears that the title to the Manor of Raglan has devolved to the present Lord Raglan.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Lord Raglan is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gwent 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 *17th* day of *December* 1975

A. E. Francis

Commons Commissioner.