



## COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.55/U/24

In the Matter of Walks Common,  
Raglan

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Walks Common in the Parish of Raglan United being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.43 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the 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 3rd October 1973.

Mr. L. G. Chilcott, the Clerk of Raglan United Parish Council, attended the hearing and informed me that he had no evidence of ownership. Mr. J. Stephens, Solicitor, of the firm of Waddington, Llewellyn & Burge, Usk, appeared for Lord Raglan.

Mr. Stephens produced a Conveyance dated 30th June 1903 by which the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort conveyed the Manor of Usk (by way of sub-sale) to George Henry Fitzroy Baron Raglan, the grandfather of the Claimant. This Manor devolved on the present Lord Raglan in the same way as the Manor of Raglan (see my decision under Reference 55/U/23). Colonel H. C. A. Davies testified that he was the Steward of the Manor of Usk from 1930 and that the land in question was within that Manor and parcel of it. He used to visit the Manor from time to time to ensure that there were no encroachments. He also produced a way-leave agreement dated 19th June 1956, signed by the present Lord Raglan on behalf of his father, granting a way-leave to the South Wales Electricity Board to carry cables over the common and other land. One of the stays is in the common, and Lord Raglan has received the rent payable under the Agreement.

There was no other appearance.

For these reasons I am satisfied that Lord Raglan is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Monmouthshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Lord Raglan as the owner of the land under section 3(2) of the Act of 1965.



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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 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1973

*A. E. Francis*

Commons Commissioner