



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

DECISION (UNCLAIMED LAND)

Reference No. 54/U/12

In the Matter of Waterfall Swamp,
Llandanwg, Meirionnydd D.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Waterfall Swamp, Llandanwg, Meirionnydd D, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL/3 in the Register of Common Land/Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Merioneth 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 Crown Estate Commission claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Dolgellau on 5th November 1975.

Mr Oliver Jones, counsel, instructed by Messrs Humphreys and Parsons appeared for the Crown Estate Commission and no other person appeared.

Mr Oliver Jones produced a copy of an Act of 1801 for inclosing lands in the Parishes of Llandanwg and Llanfihangel-y-Traethau from which it appeared that on that date the Crown as Lord of the Lordship of Arudwy was entitled to the soil of the Commons and Waste Lands in the said Parishes. There was no evidence of any award having been made under the said Act but Mr Oliver Jones did produce a map of a drainage scheme from which it appeared that the land in question was not comprised in the scheme and was still waste.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Crown Estate Commission is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gwynedd County Council, as registration authority, to register the Crown Estate Commission 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 *1st* day of *December* 1975

C. A. Little

Commons Commissioner