



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.15/U/39

In the Matter of the Old Quarry, Walford,
South Herefordshire D., Hereford and Worcester County

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Old Quarry extending to about $4\frac{1}{4}$ acres, Walford, South Herefordshire District (formerly Ross and Whitchurch Rural District) being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.60 in the Register of Common Lane maintained by the Hereford and Worcester 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 Hereford on 11 December 1974. At the hearing Walford Parish Council were represented by Major J.S.B. Gaskell, their chairman.

Major Gaskell described the land: it slopes steeply up from the B 4228 road, which here runs from Walford to Kerne Bridge by the side of the River Wye (the disused railway is between the road and the River); it is in part a quarry (for many years disused) and in part woodland. He had discussed it with Mr. Manley-Power (the Lord of the Manor) and understood from him that he did not claim ownership. There was an entry in the Vestry Register made in 1875 which apparently related to the land, but there was no mention of it in the minute books of the Parish Council. He could offer no evidence of ownership.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of this land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 18th day of December 1974

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner