



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 45/U/188

In the Matter of Dunsop Low Fell (part),
Slaidburn, Ribble Valley D., Lancashire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Dunsop Low Fell (part), Slaidburn, Ribble Valley District (formerly Bowland Rural District, Yorkshire West Riding) being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.516 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Lancashire 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 Skipton on 3 April 1974. The hearing was attended by Mr. E. Slinger on whose application a right attached to Bridge End Farm, Slaidburn to graze 30 sheep over this land and other land had been registered in the Rights Section of this Register Unit.

The Rights Section contains 2 other entries of rights. Mr. Slinger said that the land comprised in this Register Unit, which contains (according to the Register 12.255 hectares (about 30 acres), had always been common land as long as he knew and that he thought it belonged to the Fylde Water Board.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore be 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 22nd day of April 1974.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner