

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT  
1965



Reference No. 220/U/14

In the Matter of Land known as Black  
Fell, Blanch Fell and Haylot Fell,  
Caton-with-Littledale

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land section of Register Unit No. CL.123 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 the trustees of the late Fourth Duke of Westminster's 1964 Settlement claimed to be the freehold owners 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 Lancaster on 28 January 1986.

At the hearing Miss Frida Elizabeth Woodruff, solicitor, Bremner Sons and Corlett, Liverpool appeared for the claimants, Miss C M F Holden represented the Caton-with-Littledale Parish Council and Mrs Cunliffe represented the Registration Authority. There was no other claimant and no opposition to the claim.

Miss Woodruff produced title deeds commencing with a conveyance on sale dated 20 October 1922 which satisfied me that the owners of the whole of the registration unit are John Nigel Courtenay James, Michael Douglas Trollope Long, Hugh Alexander Cromar Edwards and Sir Richard Baker Wibraham Baronet as trustees of the late 4th Duke of Westminster's 1964 Settlement.

I shall accordingly direct the Lancashire County Council, as registration authority, to register these persons as the owners 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

6<sup>th</sup>

day of

February

1986

*Pete Laming-Davis*

Chief Commons Commissioner