



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 45/U/185

In the Matter of Low Fell (part), Slaidburn
and Bowland Forest High, Ribble Valley D.,
Lancashire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of part ("the Referred Part") of the land ("the Unit Land") comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.398 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Lancashire County Council. The Unit Land is part of Low Fell, Slaidburn and Bowland High Forest, Ribble Valley District (formerly Rural District of Bowland, Yorkshire West Riding). The Referred Part comprises the two northern of the three pieces which together make up the Unit Land and is the part of the Unit Land 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 part of the Unit Land and over other land had been registered in the Rights Section of this Register Unit.

The Rights Section contains six other entries of rights over the Unit Land. Mr. Slinger said that the Unit Land, which contains (according to the Register) 13.325 hectares (about 33 acres), had always been common land as long as he knew and that nobody knows who owns the Referred Part.

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