



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 220/U/18

In the Matter of Rimington Moor (part),
Middop parish, Ribble Valley Borough,
Lancashire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Rimington Moor (part), Middop Parish, Ribble Valley being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL403 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Lancashire (formerly West Riding) 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 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 Burnley on 8 April 1966. At the hearing Mr Darrell Pilkington of Higher Gills Farm, Rimington was represented by his brother Mr James Pilkington of Coverdale Farm, Gisburn. There was no other appearance at the hearing.

The land ("the Unit Land") in this Register Unit contains 11.559 hectares (about 28½ acres): it is the southwest part of Rimington Moor, the remainder of which according to the Register map being the land in Register Unit No. CL239. In the Unit Land Rights Section there are three registrations at Entry Nos. 1, 3 and 6 of grazing rights attached to (1) Clough Head, Twiston, (2) Higher Black Moss Farm, Mountain Farm and Firber House Farm, Blacko near Nelson and (3) Manor House Farm, Rimington.

Mr Pilkington said he attended as an observer, his brother having rights over the CL234 land, but not being concerned with the Unit Land.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the 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 to the High Court.

Dated this 19th day of May 1966

A. A. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner