



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.45/U/259

In the Matter of land in Back Lane,
Cracoe, Craven D., Lancashire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land in Back Lane, Cracoe, Craven District (formerly Skipton Rural District, Yorkshire West Riding) being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.523 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 2 April 1974. The hearing was attended by Mr. G. H. Jackson who is chairman of the Cracoe Parish Meeting and by Mr. L. Farrington.

The land comprised in this Register Unit contains (according to the Register) 0.012 hectares (about 130 square yards). Back Lane is a narrow lane which runs irregularly through the southeast part of the Village not far from the main road between Skipton and Grassington which runs straight through the northwest part of the Village.

Mr. Jackson said (in effect):- The land is a small piece of grass land at a corner of and open to Back Lane; it is shown on the map attached to the Parish Tithe Award dated 1841 (he produced a tracing of the map) as an indentation off Back Lane without distinguishing it from the rest of the Lane. Mrs. Peacock who lives in the bungalow on the southeast side, keeps the grass mown and has planted bulbs in it. He could offer no evidence of ownership.

Mr. Farrington said in effect that he was interested in the footpath which runs across the registered land from the back of land fronting on the main road to Back Lane.

Mr. F. Pickersgill, solicitor, who was attending the hearing to represent the County Council as registration authority, said that the registration had been made pursuant to a block application made by the Ramblers Association to register this and numerous other pieces of land; he could give no information as to ownership.

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 25th day of April 1974.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner