



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 45/U/296

In the Matter of Studfold Moss, Helwith Bridge,  
Horton in Ribblesdale, Craven District, North  
Yorkshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Studfold Moss, Helwith Bridge, Horton in Ribblesdale, Craven District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL. 528 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the North Yorkshire County Council (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 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 25 March 1976. At the hearing Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council were represented by Mr H Jordon solicitor of Jordon Charlesworth & Co Solicitors of Settle.

The land comprised in this Register Unit, which contains (according to the Register) 6.48 hectares (16 acres) was registered in consequence of an application by Messrs C Deighton, A M Glover, J D Addison and J G D Whittaker to register a right attached to Foredale Farm to graze 50 sheep and 10 cattle over the land. Mr Jordon said that the Parish Council made no claim to, and could offer no evidence of 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1976

A. A. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner

