



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.45/U/85

In the Matter of Thornton-in-Craven Little Moor,  
Thornton-in-Craven, Yorkshire (West Riding)

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Thornton-in-Craven Little Moor, Thornton-in-Craven, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.175 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the West Riding of Yorkshire 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 Skipton on 20th June 1973.

At the hearing the Thornton-in-Craven Parish Council was represented by Mr. A.R. Dinsdale, its Chairman. Mr. Dinsdale told me that from time to time the Parish Council has stopped people who were tipping on the land, but otherwise has had very little to do with this piece of moorland. Some quarrying has taken place, but Mr. Dinsdale did not know by whom.

On this 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 of the High Court.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1973

  
Chief Commons Commissioner