



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 268/U/98

In the Matter of Widdale Fell, Hawes
and Dent, Richmondshire District,
North Yorkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Widdale Fell, Hawes and Dent, Richmondshire District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 43 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the North 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 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 Richmond on 8 February 1977. There was no appearance at the hearing, although I was told that Mr & Mrs Dinsdale, the son and daughter in law of Mr George Dinsdale on whose application Entry No 1 in the Rights Section was made, were present before the hearing commenced, but did not claim or have any evidence of ownership.

The land comprised in this Register Unit is about 2 miles long from on the north Widdale Great Tarn to on the south about 500 yards north of a point on the B6255 road (Hawes to Ingleton) near Newby Head. In the Rights Section are 7 entries of rights to graze varying numbers of sheep amounting altogether to 725 and varying number of hogs and cattle, including (in 5 cases) a right to cut and take peat.

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 of the High Court.

Dated this 16th day of February ————— 1977

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner