



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 227/U/25

In the Matter of Great Whittington Village
Green, Whittington, Tynedale District,
Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of seventeen pieces of land known as Great Whittington Village Green, Whittington, Tynedale District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 46 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northumberland 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 solicitors acting for the Trustees of the Matfen Settled Estates sent a plan showing the land in the Village owned by the Trustees: no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other 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 Hexham on 4 May 1976. At the hearing Ursula Lady Blackett of the Estates House, Matfen, Newcastle upon Tyne was represented by Mr D J Orde, land agent of J M Clark & Partners, Land Agents of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr Orde said (in effect):- Lady Blackett was the life tenant of Matfen Estates; the Trust owns land in the Village. The land comprised in this Register Unit is mostly verges. The Trust do not claim ownership.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register Whittington Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 11th day of May —

1976

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioners