



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 27/U/53

In the Matter of Land near Slaggyford Fell,  
Knaresdale with Kirkhaugh, Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land near Slaggyford Fell, Knaresdale with Kirkhaugh, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.35 in the Register of Common Land 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 Messrs. Wm & E. Reed & Son claimed to be the freehold owners 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 18th July 1973.

At the hearing Mr. William Reed produced a conveyance made 7th June 1969 between (1) Ruth Cairns; (2) Ruth Cairns, John Bentley Talbot, and the Hon. John Tenge Anthony Pellew Addington; and (3) William Reed, Ellen Reed his wife, and John Alan Reed, whereby the land in question was conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. W. Reed and Mr. J. A. Reed, the root of title being a principal vesting deed dated 3rd October 1966.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr. and Mrs. W. Reed and Mr. J. A. Reed are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of the land under section 8(2) 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 12th day of September 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner