



In the Matter of Loaning Head East Freestone Quarry,
Henshaw, Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Loaning Head East Freestone Quarry, Henshaw being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 63 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 the National Trust 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 27 October 1981.

At the hearing the National Trust was represented by Mr T Stafford, its regional land agent, and the Henshaw Parish Council by Mr D Nolan, its Clerk.

The land in question was conveyed to the National Trust by a conveyance made 14 March 1979 between (1) Victor Hope Ridley (2) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or National Beauty. Mr Ridley had a good root of title in a conveyance made 6 September 1929 between (1) John Maurice Clayton (2) John Nixon Ridley (3) J N Ridley, George Graham Ridley, Thomas Ridley, John Ivison Ridley, and Victor Hope Ridley.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust as the owner 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

13th

day of

November

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner