



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 27/U/1

In the Matter of The Market Place,  
Corbridge, Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Market Place, Corbridge, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.35 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 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 Hexham on 17th July 1973.

At the hearing of Mr. F. G. Newman, the Clerk of the Corbridge Parish Council, produced an agreement dated 16th December 1912, whereby Henry George, Duke of Northumberland let the land the subject of this reference to the Parish Council on a tenancy from year to year at the rent of 5/- a year. This tenancy is still in existence, and Mr. Newman produced a receipt for 25p. issued in September 1972 by the agent for the present Duke of Northumberland.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Hugh Algernon, Duke of Northumberland is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1973.

Chief Commons Commissioner