



In the Matter of Land at Fieldgate, Bampton, Cumbria.

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land at Fieldgate, Bampton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 92 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Cumbria 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 Earl of Lonsdale 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 Penrith on 31 October 1980.

At the hearing Lord Lonsdale was represented by Mr J H Fryer Spedding, of counsel.

The land in question forms part of Ordnance Survey inclosure No. 439, known as Pearson Brow. The whole of Pearson Brow has been let with Grange House Farm for the whole of the last 44 years during which Mr D A Pattinson, the chief agent for the Lonsdale Settled Estates, has known the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Lord Lonsdale is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cumbria 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

6<sup>th</sup>

day of

November

1980

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER