



In the Matter of land known as Stoney Beck,  
Anthorn, Bowness

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land above mentioned being the land comprised in the Lard Section of Register Unit No. CL 387 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Cumberland 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 Mr John Topping 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 Keswick on 29 June 1982.

Mr Topping did not attend the hearing. Instead he sent the original of a Deed of Exchange made on 10 August 1887 between John Hewson Topping and Thomas Blamire Topping who held certain properties in undivided shares under the terms of the will of their late father. By virtue of this document John Hewson Topping became sole owner in fee simple of (inter alia) Stone Beck Field and Windy Banks and of the Marsh lying opposite to and adjoining them.

Mr Topping is the present owner of Stone Beck Field, which adjoins the register unit.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr John Topping 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

5<sup>th</sup>

day of

August

1982

*George Hume*

Commons Commissioner