



In the Matter of the Common, St Bees, Cumbria

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 218 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 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 Keswick on 11 October 1979.

Mr R A Moss, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Governors of St Bees School who claimed ownership of the minerals, but not of the land itself. No claimant to ownership of land appeared and in the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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

29 October

1979

*L. J. Mann Smith*

Commons Commissioner