



In the Matter of The Sheepwash,
Carr Meadow, Little Hayfield

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 57 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Derbyshire 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 Park Hall Moors Ltd (PHM) claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the Unit land") and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the ownership of the land at Matlock on 8 May 1980.

At the hearing PHM was represented by Mr R J N Booth, a Director. Mr Booth produced a Conveyance dated 10 August 1928 between (1) Francis George Sumner and Others (2) PHM, whereby property known as Park Hall Moors in Hayfield was sold and conveyed to PHM. The property purchased by PHM is over 1500 acres in area, and as shown on the plan on the Conveyance does include the Unit land, of which Mr Booth informed me PHM has been in possession since 1928.

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

25 June

1980

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner