



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 209/D/286

In the Matter of Great Torrington Common,  
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DECISION

This dispute relates to the registrations at Entries Nos. 1 to 5 in the Rights Section of Register Unit No. CL 46 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Devon County Council and is occasioned by Objection No. 588 made by Great Torrington Commons Conservators and noted in the Register on 11 November 1970.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Barnstaple on 26 November 1981. The hearing was attended by Mr C Quick, Chairman of and representing the Objectors. In addition to the five Entries to which the Objection relates, there is a further Entry (No. 6) in the Rights Section made on the application of the Conservators. As appears from the Register, their application is as trustees for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Borough of Great Torrington subject to the provisions of the Great Torrington Commons Act 1889 ("the 1889 Act"); and the Entry comprises various rights of common including grazing rights. The 1889 Act constituted the Conservators as a body corporate and vested in ~~the~~ various hereditaments, including Great Torrington Common, upon the trusts and for the purposes and subject to the provisions contained in the Act.

There was no appearance on behalf of any of the applicants for registration at Entries Nos. 1 to 5, and it appears that they (or their successors) are content, in view of the registration by the Conservators, to withdraw their registrations and accordingly I refuse to confirm them.

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 22 November 1981

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner