

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT  
1965



Reference No.211/U/84

In the Matter of Findon Hill West Common  
Quarry, Sacriston and Witton Gilbert  
Co. Durham

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Findon Hill West Common Quarry, Sacriston and Witton Gilbert, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.53 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Durham 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 G. R. Bond and Mr P G Bond claimed to be the freehold owners of most 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 Durham on 6 March 1985. At the hearing the claimants were represented by Mrs S Earl, Solicitor, and the Sacriston and Witton Gilbert Parish Councils by Mr H Myers and Mr G Thompson, their respective Clerks.

Most of the land the subject of the reference was conveyed to Mr G R Bond and Mr P G Bond by a Conveyance made 3 November 1970 between (1) John Warren Jones and Alan Godfrey Jones (2) George Robert Bond and Philip George Bond. The Vendors had a good root of title in an indenture made 28 April 1900 between (1) Hannah Holmes and Jane Evelyn Holmes (2) William Holmes (3) Samuel Holmes.

Mr Myers and Mr Thompson had no evidence as to the ownership of the small triangle to the west of the land described in the parcels of the 1970 Conveyance.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr G R Bond and Mr P G Bond are the owners of most of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of that part of the land under section 8 (2) of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the small remaining part of the land, which 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 this

15<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1985

*G. S. G. G.*  
Chief Commons Commissioner