



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 211/U/69

In the Matter of Sedling Fell,
 Stanhope, Co-Durham

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Sedling Fell, Stanhope, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 57 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 J Dalton and the personal representatives of C R Watson, deceased 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 Durham on 10 October 1980.

At the hearing Mr L Pattinson, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of both claimants.

Mr Pattinson produced documents of title which showed that immediately before 1 January 1926, the entirety of the land in question was vested absolutely and beneficially in more than four persons of full age entitled thereto in undivided shares and that the land therefore vested in the Public Trustee under paragraph 1(4) of Part IV of the First Schedule to the Law of Property Act 1925

I am therefore satisfied that the Public Trustee is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register the Public Trustee 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

22nd

day of

October

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner