

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 274/U/20

In the Matter of Commin, Cewydd, Llanymawddwy, Meirionnydd D

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Commin Cewydd, Llanymawddwy, Meirionnydd D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 142 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Merioneth 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 Evans 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 Dolgellau on 30 July 1976.

Mr J D Parsons of Messrs Humphrey & Parsons appeared for Mr J Evans.

Mr J Evans produced a conveyance dated 1 July 1921 whereby his farm Fron Goch was conveyed to him by one Steadman. This conveyance was inconclusive as to whether or not the land in question was comprised therein. Mr Evans is now aged 86 and had owned his farm for about 50 years, he said it had always been fenced in but neither he nor his son who also gave evidence were able to identify the location of the fences on the Register plan.

In these circumstances I inspected the site together with Mr Evans' son, and as a result of that inspection I am satisfied that the land in question is within the enclosed boundaries of Fron Goch. One of the boundaries is identified by an old stone wall which has fallen into disrepair and is now wired on the top and this stone wall in fact is one of the boundaries of the land in question. Mr Evans in his evidence stated that Mr Rees the only applicant for rights over the land in question had never grazed on it, though he had grazing rights on. land to the North of Fron Goch.

On this evidence I am satisfied that John Evans is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gwynedd County Council, as registration authority, to register John Evans 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 9th day of feltenter

Commons Commissioner