



In the Matter of Feckenham Village Green, Redditch,
Hereford and Worcester.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Feckenham Village Green, Redditch, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 18 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Hereford and Worcester 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 the Earl of Coventry 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 Worcester on 29 November 1977.

At the hearing Lord Coventry was represented by Mrs R Mackworth, solicitor.

The land comprised in the Register Unit consists of two triangular areas surrounded on all sides by roads. Each of them is open, unoccupied, and uncultivated, and I am satisfied that they are waste land of the manor of Feckenham. This manor has been in the ownership of successive heads of the Coventry family for many generations, having been conveyed by an indenture made 11 March 1633 between (1) Edward Leighton (2) Thomas, Lord Coventry, Thomas Coventry, his son and heir apparent, and Hugh Dashfield, his servant and it is now in the possession of the present Lord Coventry, who receives the rents and profits in the form of wayleave payments in respect of an electricity installation.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Lord Coventry is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hereford and Worcester County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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

5th

day of

October

1979

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER