

In the Matter of Trawden Moors, Pendle,  
Lancashire (No. 1)

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## DECISION

These disputes relate to the registrations at Entry Nos 1 and 2 in the Rights section of Register Unit No. CL 134 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Lancashire County Council and are occasioned by Objections Nos 421, 422 and 429 all made by the Executors of H Bannister, deceased, and noted in the Register on 27 July 1972.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Preston on 29 January 1981. The hearing was attended by Mr W Foster, solicitor, on behalf of Mr L Bracewell, one of the applicants for the registration at Entry No. 1 and by Mr B C Maddocks, of counsel, on behalf of the Objectors. There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr J Parker, the applicant for the registration at Entry No. 2.

I heard evidence regarding the registration at Entry No. 1, but after the hearing I was asked to defer my decision for the time being. This I agreed to do, and I was subsequently informed by the solicitors acting for Mr Bracewell and the Objectors that it had been agreed that the Objectors should grant to Mr Bracewell a right to graze 200 ewes and their offspring over an area consisting of most of the land comprised in the Register Unit and other land for a term of 999 years at a peppercorn rent and that they wished for the registration not to be confirmed.

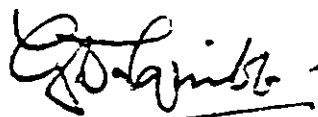
Mr Maddocks asked me to adjourn the hearing in so far as it related to the registration at Entry No. 2 pending the signing of a consent by Mr Parker.

By a deed made 29 February 1981 between (1) James Metcalfe Beswick and Robert Walker (2) Joseph Parker there was granted to Mr Parker the right to graze 30 ewes over an area consisting of most of the land comprised in the Register Unit together with other land for a term of 999 years at a peppercorn rent. This was followed by a letter dated 19 March 1981, addressed to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners, in which Mr Parker's solicitors stated that he wished to rely solely and exclusively on this lease.

In these circumstances I refuse to confirm both registrations.

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 18th day of March 1982



Chief Commons Commissioner