



In the Matter of the Village Green, Long  
Preston

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land above mentioned being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 88 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the North Yorkshire 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 Messrs Ranken and Long Preston Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question or part of it 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 Skipton on 11 May 1983.

Mr G King of Messrs Cluttons, Chartered Surveyors of Harrogate appeared for Messrs Ranken and Mrs R Kay (Clerk) and Mr J Bowker (a member) appeared for the Parish Council.

Mrs Kay produced a conveyance dated 31 December 1896 relating to the two acres marked "The Green" and "Market Place" on the register plan and a further conveyance dated 10 June 1969 relating to the two small triangles of land and the land to South West thereof shown on the Register Plan. This last mentioned plot included the land claimed by Mr King's clients. Mr King had no documents of title to support his claim. There was no claim to ownership of the remaining parts of the Register Unit.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner under Section 8(2) of the Act of 1965 of that part of the land shown hatched black on the said plan and as the owner of the remainder of the land under Section 8(3) of the said Act.

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

9<sup>th</sup>

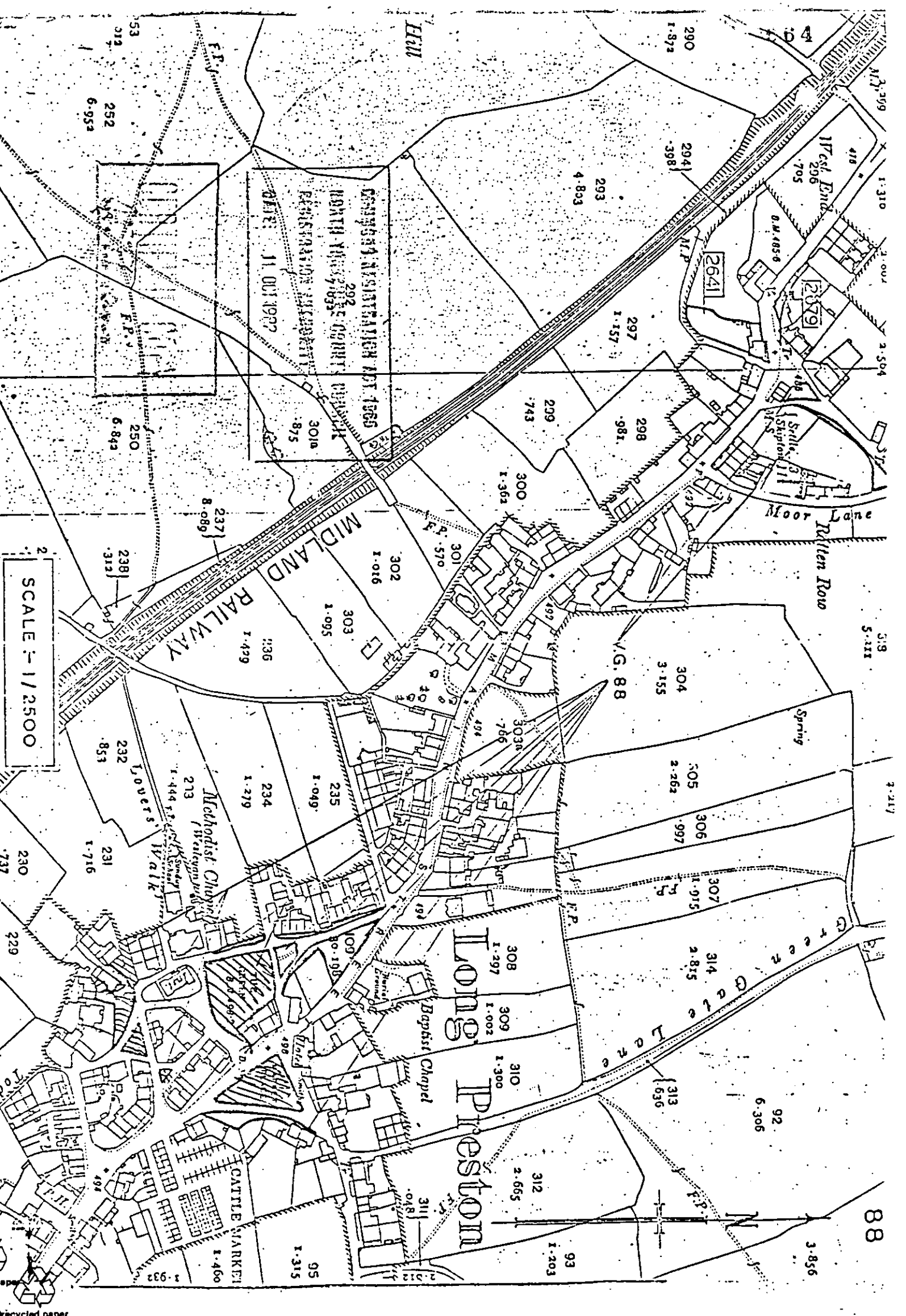
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*George Hesketh*

Commons Commissioner



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