



In the Matter of Worton Village Green,
Bainbridge, North Yorkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Worton Village Green, Bainbridge, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 199 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former North Riding of 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 Mr J Tennant claimed to be the freehold owner of part 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 Richmond on 10 May 1978.

At the hearing Mr Tennant was represented by Mr J S Huntington, solicitor.

Mr Tennant's claim relates to one of the four pieces of land the subject of the reference. This piece of land was conveyed as part of a farm known as Worton Hall Farm by a conveyance made 1 September 1931 between (1) Edward Robert Francis Compton (2) Newby Hall Estate (3) Thomas Tennant and John Tennant. By a conveyance made 12 August 1971 between (1) Thomas Tennant (2) Thomas Tennant and John Tennant Mr Thomas Tennant's undivided half share of and in Worton Hall Farm was conveyed to Mr Thomas Tennant and Mr John Tennant as trustees for Mr Thomas Wilfred Tennant, the son of Mr John Tennant. Mr Thomas Tennant died on 24 May 1976.

Mr John Tennant gave evidence which satisfied me that he and his father had been in undisputed possession of the piece of land claimed by him since it was conveyed in 1931.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr John Tennant is the owner of the parts of the land near to Worton Hall. I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register him as the owner of that part of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the other three pieces of land the subject of the reference, and I shall accordingly direct the County Council to register the Bainbridge Parish Council as the owner of those pieces under section 8(3) 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

7th

day of

June

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER