



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 227/U/8

In the Matter of Coves Quarry, Holy Island,
Berwick upon Tweed District, Northumberland.

DECISION.

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of Land known as Coves Quarry, Holy Island, Berwick upon Tweed District, being the land comprised in the Land section of Register Unit No. CL.90 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Northumberland 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 Lieutenant-Colonel Humphrey Crossman 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 Berwick upon Tweed on 17 June 1975. At the hearing Colonel Crossman was represented by Mr. R.B. Peat, Solicitor of Crossman Block & Keith, Solicitors of London.

Mr. Peat in the course of his evidence, produced a legal charge dated 30 June 1948 and a vesting assent dated 16 August 1948. By the assent Mrs R. Crossman Mr. W.P.J. Akerman, and Mr. H.A. Block as personal representatives of Major-General Sir Francis L.M. Crossman assented to the lands described in parts 1 and 3 of the schedule thereto vesting in Colonel (then Captain) Crossman; the said part 3 comprised the Cheswick Goswick and Holy Island Estates as described in the said legal charge. The said Holy Island estate as so described included among other lands a piece called "Links" containing 489.156 acres as coloured blue on the plan annexed thereto; the land so coloured comprised the whole of the north part of Holy Island including the land comprised in this register unit. Mr. Peat said that he had recently been told by Colonel Crossman that the land in question is now let with the surrounding land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Colonel Crossman is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register Lieutenant-Colonel Humphrey Crossman of Cheswick house, Berwick upon Tweed 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 24th day of June 1975

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner.