



In the Matter of Steel Rigg Limestone Quarry,
Henshaw, Northumberland.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Steel Rigg Limestone Quarry, Henshaw, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 64 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Hexham on 27 October 1981.

At the hearing the National Trust was represented by Mr T Stafford, its regional land agent.

All but a small part of the land in question was conveyed to the National Trust as part of Hotbank Farm by a conveyance made 10 December 1942 between (1) John Frederick Wake (2) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty, the vendor's root of title being a conveyance made 31 December 1929 between (1) John Maurice Clayton (2) John Frederick Wake.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of most of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust as the owner of the land included in the conveyance of 10 December 1942 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 remainder of the land and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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.

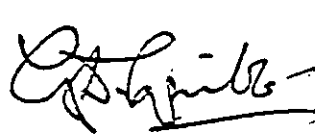
Dated this

24th

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November

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Chief Commons Commissioner