

Reference No. 276/U/120

In the Matter of parts of a Tract of Land called Bonckyn Cammen, Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant and Llanfyllin_____

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land above mentioned being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.88 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Powys 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 several persons claimed to be the freehold owner of a part of the land in question.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Llandrindod Wells on 14 March 1984.

Mr S C Lister of Scott, Lister and Co., Solicitors of Shrewsbury appeared for Messrs. D E and J W Gittings Mr J Hollis of Gilbert Davies and Roberts Solicitors of Welshpool appeared for Mr and Mrs Evans and Mr J I Williams of Longuevilles Solicitors of Oswestry appeared for Mr E Watkins.

Messrs. Gittings claimed ownership of the northern part of the land by a purchase from the previous owner Major J E M Dugdale dated 17 October 1974 and produced a root of title to this part of the land going back beyond 1950 and I am satisfied that their claim to ownership is made out.

Mr Edward Watkins claimed to be the owner of the southern part of the land consisting of O S 729 amounting to about 97 acres. This property had been acquired in two transactions by Mr Watkins and his late brother R C Watkins and I am satisfied that in this case the claim to ownership has been made out.

The remainder of the land was claimed by Mr and Mrs Evans. The documents produced at the hearing did not sufficiently identify the area of land claimed. In spite of frequent requests since the hearing these claimants have failed to produce any additional evidence in support of their claim.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Messrs. Gittings and Mr E Watkins are the respective owners of the parts of the land claimed by them and I shall accordingly direct the Powys County Council as registration authority to register them and him respectively as the owners of such parts under section 8 (2) of the Act of 1965.

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I am not however satisfied that any person is the owner of the remainder of the unclaimed land which 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.

Dated this 21 N

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Commons Commissioner

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