



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 21/U/70

In the Matter of the Saw-Pit,
Markfield, Hinckley and Bosworth
District, Leicestershire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Saw-Pit (adjacent to Main Street), Markfield, Hinckley and Bosworth District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 31 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Leicestershire 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 Mrs E M Pritchard wrote:- "The last persons to work the Saw Pit were the Massey brothers of Markfield. ...dates of birth, etc, I have it, in records, which were left by my father the late Frederick James Cooke of No 8 The Green Markfield Leicester." Later she wrote of the Massey brothers:- "They were the sons of Thomas Massey born Feb 21st 1822 and Rhoda Massey born Aug 20th 1827", and she listed their 9 sons and 5 daughters born between 1844 and 1865. No person 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 Leicester on 20 April 1977. There was no appearance at the hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner 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 22nd day of *April* _____ 1977

a a Barden Fuller

Commons Commissioner