

Testimony — William “Billy” Buckler

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1 Release notes

1.1 This release (version 1.0.0)

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1.2 Older versions

None yet.

2 Record

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William “Billy” Buckler, son of Mary (Nancy) Williams, formerly Buckler, and Frederick Buckler, was the defendant in BP Properties Ltd v Buckler and lived at Great House Farm until the eviction of 1988. This page lists only his own recorded words and the court and Commission records of his case.

2.1 Recorded statements (10)

Date	Record	What it says	Source / ref
1983	Diary, inside cover (his handwriting)	“Daniel Thomas Receipts. 31st March 1910 31st Dec 1906 30 June 1903”	EV-0061
1983	Diary: two handwritten sums	“361,467 + 4,644 = 366,111 366,111 + 3,895 = 370,006”	EV-0062

10 Jul 1986 (hearing); 24 Jul 1986 (judgment)	High Court, BP v Buckler: his defence of adverse possession (court record)	Defence based on adverse possession. The trial judgment itself is not yet held.	EV-0074
31 Jul 1987	Court of Appeal, BP Properties Ltd v Buckler [1987] EWCA Civ 2: his appeal (court record)	His appeal, limited to the farmhouse and garden. The judgment records the case argued for him; it is not his own statement.	EV-0080 · GHF-E141
c.30 Apr 1988	South Wales Echo: "Chainsaw farmer vows to fight on" (press quote)	"I am here to stay and I will fight this to the death," "They smashed the lock on the gate and walked round the tractor," "Then they started smashing the doors with poleaxes. My children were right behind the door when the axe came through. That's when I started my chainsaw and pushed it through the door. They backed off then."	GHF-E090-N07
12 May 1988	South Wales Echo (search extract): Alun Michael MP asks the Lord Chancellor to look at the case	The extract says Mr Buckler "has warned that someone would ..."; the rest of his words are cut off.	EV-0092
13 Dec 1988	South Wales Echo (search extract)	"All I've got left are the clothes [I] stand up in."	EV-0110
1988 (application 14464 /88); decision 14 Apr 1989	European Commission of Human Rights: his application under Articles 6, 8, 13 and Article 1 of Protocol 1	Declared inadmissible on 14 April 1989.	EV-0122 · GHF-E145
24 Mar 1989	South Wales Echo (search extract): "farmer freed"	"I will fight on to the death."	EV-0121 · GHF-E090-N15-16
1989 (exact date not identified)	South Wales Echo, "From farm to a bus" by Peter Collins (press quote)	"I have three children and my wife is expecting a baby. My sister cannot be expected to put up with that. I shall just have to start from scratch. They have taken everything from me and my family. I have lost my livelihood." The report says he claimed £30,000 of possessions were taken from the site.	EV-0112 · GHF-E090-N13

2.2 Notes

- A probate calendar entry for a William Beverley Buckler of Penarth (died 29 April 1990) has been found by research but is NOT yet confirmed to be him.

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