

**U DX114**

**An Exact Survey of Humberston Lordship**

**1707**

**Historical Background:**

The village of Humberston, located to the south of Cleethorpes in North East Lincolnshire, takes its name from a large boulder called the Humber Stone which was deposited there during the last ice age.

Matthew Humberston, was born in Homerton, London in 1649 and is believed to have been a foundling (an abandoned child). He became a customs officer and quickly accumulated a significant fortune which he used to purchase land in Humberston and took his name from this place. He occupied a manor house and contributed to the rebuilding of the parish church. In died in 1709 leaving a sizeable bequest for the church to rebuild its steeple and to found a Grammar School and alms houses. There was considerable dispute over the will and the school in Cleethorpes didn't open until 1823 by which time the bequest had increased to over £24,000.

**Custodial history:**

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**Description:**

Photocopy of plan, 'An Exact Survey of Humberston Lordship. Laying Situated on the River of Humber in the County of Lincoln[shire] Belonging to Matthew Humberston Esq'.

**Extent:** 1 item

**Related material:**

Negative of the plan of Humberstone, co. Lincoln, by John Friend of Redderif, London, 1707 (Ref U DDKG/208)

Copies of village and other plans includes Humberston (Ref U DX229/2)

For other items relating to the Humberston family see U DDCV2/24/13-16

Other Archives:

Lincolnshire Archives (Ref MISC DON 1403/3/5)

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In 19 pieces but the copy is in poor quality which means that much of the detail is difficult to distinguish.  
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