

Hull History Centre: Photographs relating to Hull Docks, including damage sustained during the Second World War together with its later redevelopment

C DITK **Photographs relating to Hull Docks, c.1930s-1969**
including damaged sustained during the
Second World War together
with some later redevelopment

Accession number: 24/05

Historical Background: Prior to the construction of Hull's network of docks, the river Hull or 'Haven' was where ships had loaded and unload their cargos since the mid-13th century. On 19th October 1775 work began on Hull's first dock. Simply known as 'The Dock' it opened 22 September 1778. It later became known as the Old Dock owing to additional docks being constructed. These included the Humber Dock, which was begun in 1807 and opening to shipping in 1809, whilst Junction Dock opened in 1829. The 'Old Dock' was re-named in honour Queen Victoria's visit to Hull in 1854 when it was named Queen's Dock, now Queen's Gardens.

In 1845 work began on Victoria Dock. Railway Dock opened in June 1846. Albert Dock opened in July 1869, whilst William Wright Dock opened May 1873. St. Andrew's Dock opened September 1883, though it became simply known as 'Fish Dock' but with the demise of Hull's fishing industry it closed in 1975. It is now home to the St. Andrew's retail park.

Apart from Victoria Dock, all of Hull's Docks lay to the west of the river Hull. However, Alexandra Dock became the second dock built on the eastern side of Hull, opening in July 1885. In June 1914 King George Dock opened. King George Dock is perhaps best known for the roll on-roll off North Sea Ferry Service sailing between Hull and Rotterdam. It was Hull's third dock built on the eastern side of the river Hull. It was also Hull's final dock to be constructed.

Sometimes overlooked, Riverside Quay opened in 1907. Fronting the River Humber, Riverside Quay was used for the quick handling of vessels on overnight runs to and from the continent, mainly carrying passengers and perishable goods. It perhaps is best known as the place in which migrants disembarked at Hull who then went by train to Liverpool to join the Ocean Liners for the journey to America.

For more information on the history of Hull Docks visit:

<https://www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk/research/research-guides/history-hull-docks.aspx>

Custodial history: Deposited by Keith Thompson in early 2024. Keith Thompson is the brother of Michael Thompson who was originally in possession until his death in c.2020.

Description: Series of photographs showing mainly Hull Docks, bomb damage and later redevelopment. Some images relate to Grimsby, Immingham and Goole pre-war. These can be found amongst C DITK/2/1.

Extent: 7 bundles, 4 items

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Related material: For material relating to Hull's Docks please consult the Hull History Centre catalogue at: <https://catalogue.hullhistorycentre.org.uk/>

Among the collections at the History Centre are Records of Humber Conservancy and the Humber Ports (Records deposited by Associated British Ports and its Predecessors) 1772-1982 can be found under reference C DPD.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DITK/1	Photograph albums showing damage sustained to docks during the Second World War Photographs showing damage sustained to Hull Docks. Raids covered are those from 18 March 1941 to 13 October 1941 and 14 July 1943 2 items	18 Mar 1941- 14 Jul 1943
C DITK/1/1	Photograph album showing damage to Hull Docks caused by air raids Photographs, including map indicating where the damage occurred along with photographs showing King George Dock, Alexandra Dock, St. Andrews Dock, Albert Dock and Railway Creek, King George Dock, Alexandra Dock Extension, Victoria Dock, Princes Dock, Railway Dock, Albert Dock Basin, St. Andrews Dock Extension and William Wright Dock. Each photograph includes date of raid, location, damage and date 1 item	18 Mar- 13 Oct 1941
C DITK/1/2	Photograph album showing damage to Hull Docks caused by air raids Photographs, including map indicating where the damage occurred along with photographs showing Alexandra Dock and King George Dock. Each photograph includes date of raid, location, damage and date. Less than a third of the album contains photographs 1 item	14 Jul 1943

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C DITK/2	Photographs mainly relating to Hull Docks pre-Second World War and post Second World War Whilst mainly relate to Hull, item C DITK/2/1 includes Grimsby, Immingham and Goole 4 bundles, 1 item	1930s-c.1969
C DITK/2/1	Photograph album showing images from Hull Docks, Grimsby, Saltend, Immingham and Goole A large proportion of these photographs relate to Grimsby and include engineering machinery and works, but also contained within the album are images relating to Hull such as machinery and works 1 item	1930s-1950s
C DITK/2/2	Bundle of photographs showing the construction of the S.E. Arm of King George Dock and land reclamation A series of black and white and colour aerial images 1 bundle/21 items	1968-1969
C DITK/2/3	Photographs showing progress of the construction of South-East Arm, King George Dock, Hull Photographs Nos. 89-97 taken on 22 August 1968. 1 bundle/9 items	22 Aug 1968
C DITK/2/3/1	Negatives of C DITK/2/3 Negatives of photographs Nos. 89-97 were taken on 22 August 1968. Please note only the print photographs will be produced. 1 bundle/9 items	22 Aug 1968
C DITK/2/4	Photographs showing progress of the construction of South-East Arm, King George Dock, Hull Photographs taken on 29 October 1968. 1 bundle/11 items	29 Oct 1968
C DITK/2/4/1	Negatives of C DITK/2/4 Negatives of photographs Nos. 98-108 were taken on 22 August 1968. Please note only the print photographs will be produced. 1 bundle/11 items	29 Oct 1968
C DITK/3	Aerial photographs of Hull Docks Aerial photographs taken from a height of 3,000 ft, 6 inches to the mile scale. C DITK/3/1 includes Memorandum in relation to these aerial surveys. 3 bundles, 1 item	24 Apr 1966- 23 Oct 1968

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C DITK/3/1	Aerial photographs of Hull Docks Run 1, Sortie No. HSL/UK/66/463, Print No. 2536-2553. Provided by Hunting Surveys Ltd. Of Boreham Wood, Herts. Note Nos. 2538, 2540, 2548-9 & 2553 are missing. 1 bundle/13 items	24 Apr 1966
C DITK/3/2	Aerial photographs of Hull Docks Run 2, Sortie No. HSL/UK/66/463, Print Nos. 2557-2571. Provided by Hunting Surveys Ltd. Of Boreham Wood, Herts. Note Nos. 2569, 2565-7 are missing 1 bundle/11 items	24 Apr 1966
C DITK/3/3	Aerial photographs of Hull Docks Run 3, Sortie No. HSL/UK/66/463, Print Nos. 2577-2593. Provided by Hunting Surveys Ltd. Of Boreham Wood, Herts. Note Nos. 2578-2586 are missing. 1 bundle/8 items	24 Apr 1966
C DITK/3/4	Aerial photographs of Hull Docks Run 4, Sortie No. HSL/UK/66/463, Print Nos. 2597-2607. Provided by Hunting Surveys Ltd. Of Boreham Wood, Herts. 1 bundle/11 items	24 Apr 1966
C DITK/3/5	Key to aerial photographs of Hull Docks Section of Ordnance Survey Map (Sheet TA02, 12) highlighting the area along with the corresponding number of each aerial photograph taken that were provided by Hunting Surveys Ltd. Of Boreham Wood, Herts. Map scale 1:25,000. The key relates to items C DITK/3/1-4. 1 item	24 Apr 1966