# U DX107 Photocopy documents relating to Sunk Island 1682-1976

### **Historical Background:**

Sunk Island was originally just a sand bank in the Humber Estuary. Since the 16<sup>th</sup> century it has been reclaimed from the river and has also benefitted from the draining of surrounding land for agricultural use. By the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century the channel separating the land from the shore had silted-up creating the island that exists today. It became a parish in 1831 and the parish church of Holy Trinity was built in the 1870s. A number of cottages were built in the 1850s and a school. A small fort was built on the island at the outbreak of the First World War and two pillboxes and an anti-aircraft battery during World War Two.

## **Custodial history:**

Donated by George de Boer, Department of Geography, University of Hull, 18 Dec 1975 [U DX107/1-4], 10 Jan 1978 [U DX107/5] and 5 Nov 1981 [U DX107/6-8]

### **Description:**

Photocopies of a small collection of documents relating to Sunk Island

Extent: 12 items

#### Related material:

18th Century plans of Sunk Island [Ref U DRA/531-539] Photocopies of 18th Century plans of Sunk Island [Ref U DDMM/33/29-35]

#### **Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX107/1 Will of Anthony Gylby of Everton, Notts., Esq.

Photocopy. Bequests to grandsons William, Robert and Thomas (children of dec'd. son Anthony G. of London Esq.); younger sons Thomas G. of London and William G. of Everton gents.; daughter Bridgett Herring and her children; daughter Elizabeth G.; trustee William Savile of Nottingham

Esq.: Sunk Island, Everton

The original document is held in Nottinghamshire Record

Office 1 item

U DX107/2 Will of William Gylby of Greys Inn Esq.

Photocopy. Bequests to cousin Capt. Lovelace G. (son of dec'd. uncle Col. William G.); 4 daughters of Col. W.G.; cousins etc.: Sunk Island. Everton, counties Warwick and

Lincoln. Codicils 1742-1743.

The original document is held at the Borthwick Institute,

York 1 item

27 Jun 1737

10 Apr 1682

# Hull History Centre: Photocopy documents relating to Sunk Island

U DX107/3	Will of Margaret Gylby of Beverley widow. Bequests to nieces Margaretta and Mary Midgeley; Mr. Fretwell (son of late sister in law) and his niece Miss Steers; William Foss of Hull and his sisters etc.: Ganstead, Hollym, Sunk Island. Photocopy, the original document is held at the Borthwick Institute, York 1 item	3 Mar 1790
U DX107/4	Petition from Mr Gylby to the Archbishop of York for leave to have divine service performed in chapel he has built on Sunk Island Photocopy, the original document is held at the Borthwick Institute, York 1 item	c.1737
U DX107/5	Photocopies of letter from, and notes of, J M Meadley on Sunk Island, with photograph and plan of the church there, demolished in 1876 4 items	6 Dec 1976
U DX107/6	Order in Chancery in Constable v. Constable sanctioning compromise of Crown litigation (title to foreshore of sea and River Humber in Seigniory of Holderness) Photocopy.  1 item	Aug 1897
U DX107/7	Grant and Conveyance: (i) William Francis Wheble of Westminster, Lt. Col., and Hugh Arthur Chichester of Wimbledon Col. (trustees of Will of Sir Thomas Aston Clifford Constable) (ii) Walter George Raleigh Chichester Constable of Burton Constable esq. (iii) Board of Trade to (iv) the Queen Photocopy. Foreshore of the sea and River Humber between high and low water marks from Barmston Beck otherwise Earls Dyke to Spurn Point and from Spurn Point to River Hull (with scheduled exceptions at Hornsea, Sunk Island, Hull Citadel, and land occupied by Victoria Docks and Earle's Shipbuilding Company). Further to U DX107/6 1 item	28 Sep 1898
U DX107/8	Agreement: (i) The Queen, acting by the Board of Trade (ii) the Board of Trade (iii) W.F. Wheble and H.A. Chichester (iv) Walter George Raleigh Chichester Constable, all as U DX107/7: further to U DX107/7 Photocopy. Relating to any future sale or lease by the Crown of any foreshore of River Humber eastward of Earle's Shipbuilding Yard but not including Sunk Island 1 item	28 Sep 1898