

**U DX134**

**Keyingham Level and Marshes,  
and Sunk Island**

**c.1930**

**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:**

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**Description:** Plan of Keyingham Level and Marshes, and Sunk Island based on two historical maps of 1797 and 1801

**Extent:** 1 item

**Related material:**

Keyingham Level Drainage [Ref U DDCV/89/]

Pamphlet on Keyingham Level Drainage, 1844 [Ref U DRA/460]

Reports on Keyingham Level Drainage by William Chapman (1797), James Golborne (1799) and James Creasy (1801) [Ref U DDSY/103/2,4 and 8]

Letters to G R Park, Clerk to the Keyingham Level Drainage, 1890-1893 [Ref U DP166/1]

Photocopies of documents relating to Sunk Island [Ref U DX107]

**Other Repositories:**

East Riding of Yorkshire Archives and Records Service [Ref DDCC/143/]

**Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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Plan of Keyingham Level and Marshes, and Sunk Island  
Colour plan based on maps of William Chapman, 1797  
(copy at U DDC/143/18) and James Creasy, 1801. It shows  
roads, the North Sea and the River Humber and the  
settlements of Patrington, Winestead, Ottringham, Hedon,  
Braemere and Burton-Pidsea.

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