

U DX16 **Responses to Royal Society survey into** **c.1665**
the state of agriculture

Historical Background:

The 'Georgical Committee' of the Royal Society was appointed on 30 March 1664 and under the direction of Robert Boyle drew-up a questionnaire seeking to collect information from across the country about the state of agriculture. Responses were received from 6 counties - it is believed that the outbreak of the plague stopped further investigations from being undertaken.

The questionnaire sought to gather information about soils, preparation of the soil, when and how ploughed, grain or seed grown, quantity of crop per acre produced, instruments used, diseases encountered and their causes and remedies, growing season and reaping, separating grain from straw and methods of preserving grain.

Custodial history:

Donated by Professor Gill, University College of Hull, 7 Jun 1935

Description:

Small collection of copies (from the Royal Society collection) transcript and notes relating to reports on agriculture in the East Riding, made to the Royal Society in 1665.

Extent: 3 items

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX16/1	Rotograph [negative] copy of reports on agriculture in the East Riding, made to the Royal Society including: a) Holme Beacon; Ouse and Derwent, and Howdenshire b) Hunsley and Bainton Beacons, and adjoining Wolds, made to the Royal Society 2 items	c.1665
U DX16/2	Typescript copy of report on agriculture in Wharfedale and Airedale, made to the Royal Society 1 item	c.1665
U DX16/3	Notes on the preparation of the reports, by Professor Gill Includes Professor Gill's estimation of the original questions based upon the answers that have survived 1 bundle	c.1930s