

Beverley & Barmston Drain: **Clough Road**

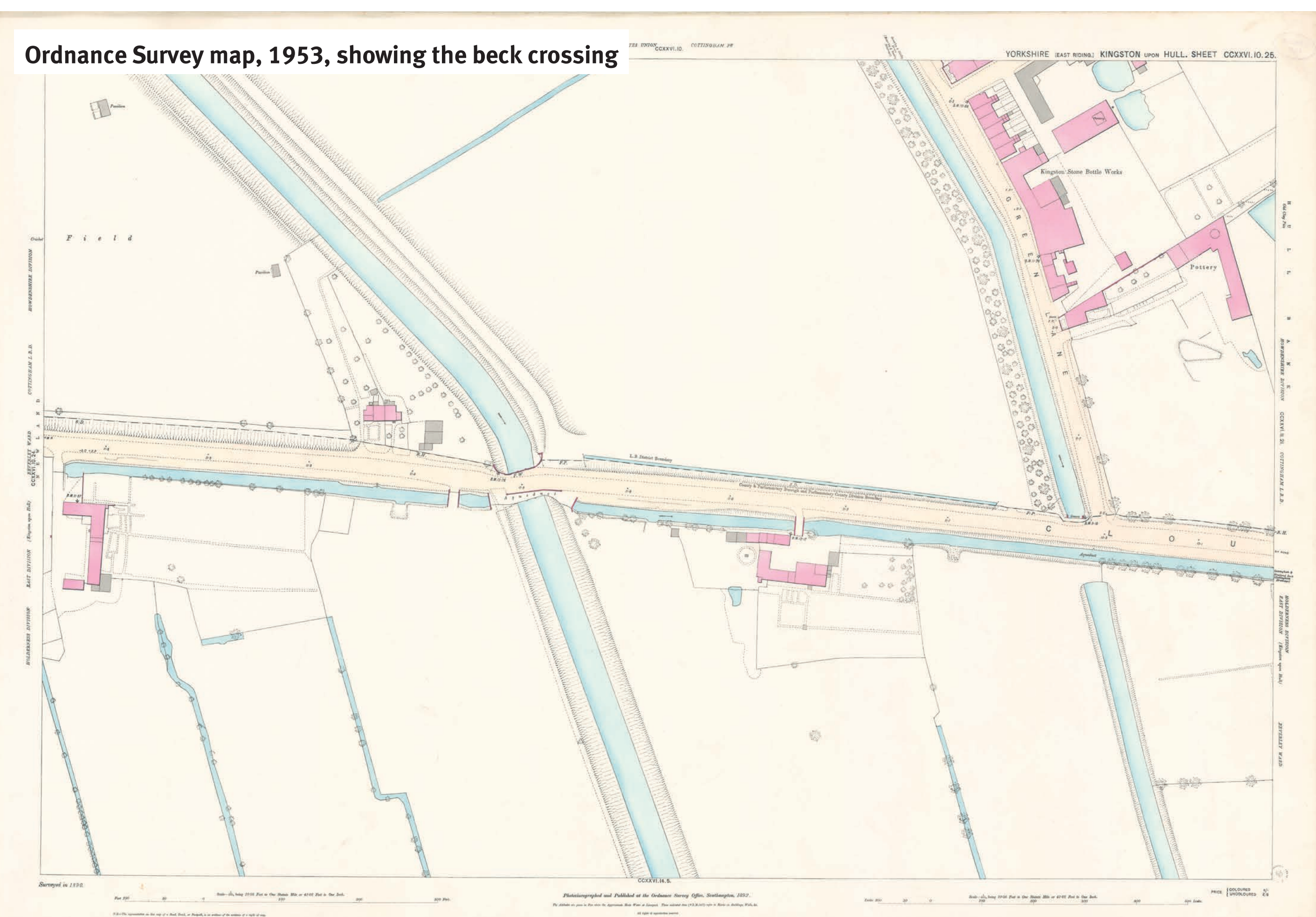
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Originally Clough Road was the high street of Newland, a village long since absorbed by the city of Hull. The area was industrialised long before it became part of the city and in 1892 to the west of the Clough Road bridge was a pottery and the Kingston Stone Bottle Works.

Clough Road is named after the “clow” or “clough” (sluice), at the outfall of the Cottingham and Newland Beck into the River Hull. The beck used to run along the south side of Clough Road and crossed over both Beverley and Barmston and the smaller Beverley and Skidby drains on aqueducts, eventually emptying into the river just south of Clough Road bridge.

During the early and mid-20th century, regular flooding events in certain parts of Hull resulted in an extensive redesign of Hull’s drainage system. Between the 1950s and 1970s the open drains were largely filled in or replaced with large gravity-fed combined effluent and storm water sewers leading to upgraded pumping stations in West and East Hull. The Newland and Cottingham Beck now stops at the Hall Road Main Sewer and the section along Clough Road has been filled in. All that remains of the Barmston Drain aqueduct can be seen as a slab of concrete next to the bridge on the far bank.



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History of Beverley and Barmston Drain

The Beverley and Barmston Drainage Act of 1798 enabled the creation of a new drain to improve the lowest wet land in the East Riding. The drain begins just north of Hempholme, with one section flowing out to sea at Barmston village and the other section flowing through the city of Hull. It was cut so deeply that it had to flow through tunnels built underneath several other watercourses.

The Beverley and Barmston Drain is one of the last major drains that still run in the open through the city of Hull; there was once a whole network of drains across the city, but most have now been filled in or covered over to become part of the underground sewer network. The drain flows under gravity through Hull, but two pumping stations at Beverley Waterside and Wilfholme in the upper reaches, divert most of the water into the River Hull. The drain is now much shallower and slower flowing than it used to be.



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