**River Witham**

* De rivier de Witham is een [rivier](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhVlNXDxkzEZMTbeybHDqWygujoyA) , bijna geheel in het graafschap [Lincolnshire](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincolnshire&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhZ3VWi6rrctHCkuUisee112m14Pg) , in het oosten van [Engeland](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh3lEyubWAREPBjQ2pc3i_vVUMbvg) . It rises south of [Grantham](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grantham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhjeMt8jpkkD8lUbPKeMByLn7lOuUw) close to [South Witham](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Witham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhj6X19ZXJN1KcqtnDOAPCG44-rKtQ) , at SK8818, passes [Lincoln](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln,_Lincolnshire&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiXvkvEnAyJbwWoNEClf8Qdw4S7lQ) at SK9771 and at [Boston](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston,_Lincolnshire&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiT84sd-nTT92dhG2vvqnk4-t4_5g) , TF3244, flows into [The Haven](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Haven,_Boston&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiBHrQYrvxMH2wISNFHk2G3i_m3Nw) , a tidal arm of [The Wash](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wash&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh0_KmV_9rDDkUVE7IOVGrGHvGR5A) . The river is navigable from Lincoln to Boston.
* De rivier ontspringt ten zuiden van [Grantham](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grantham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhjeMt8jpkkD8lUbPKeMByLn7lOuUw) dicht bij [Zuid-Witham](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Witham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhj6X19ZXJN1KcqtnDOAPCG44-rKtQ) , en [Boston](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston,_Lincolnshire&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiT84sd-nTT92dhG2vvqnk4-t4_5g), mondt uit in [The Haven](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Haven,_Boston&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiBHrQYrvxMH2wISNFHk2G3i_m3Nw), een getijde-arm van [The Wash](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wash&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh0_KmV_9rDDkUVE7IOVGrGHvGR5A) .
* De rivier is bevaarbaar vanaf Lincoln naar Boston.
* The name "Witham" seems to be extremely old, apparently predating Anglo-Saxon, Roman, and even Celtic influence. [[ 1 ]](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Witham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhgVbwLQJJB9yMHyHa82h_UyNF9aA#cite_note-0) The meaning is not known.De naam "Witham" lijkt te worden zeer oud, blijkbaar die dateren van vóór Anglo-Saksische, Romeinse, en zelfs Keltische invloed.
* De betekenis is niet bekend.

**[** [**edit**](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php%3Ftitle%3DRiver_Witham%26action%3Dedit%26section%3D1&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhj36hs2UT-0gmnJt3aDQEMmBOAwwA) **] History of navigationGeschiedenis van de scheepvaart**

* The Witham, which was tidal up to Lincoln, has been an important navigation since Roman times.De Witham, dat was getij tot Lincoln, is een belangrijk navigatie sinds de Romeinse tijd. Lincoln ( [Lindum](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lindum&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhC6C_qBUVeD2wHBf8BQTCpkmfvyw) ), the meeting point of [Ermine Street](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ermine_Street&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhixITrOw89BsdUkyjpg_bTTXHVq8g) , joining London to York, and [Fosse Way](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fosse_Way&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhZubatMcMFJrGiSekQqs-XK5GiDw) , leading to Leicester and Bath was an important Roman fort which became one of only 4 [colonia](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonia_(Roman)&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh-6Rd1RbTTkNwlKh19CjpF5AFaGw) in Britain. Lincoln ( [Lindum](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lindum&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhC6C_qBUVeD2wHBf8BQTCpkmfvyw) ), de ontmoetingsplaats van de [Hermelijn Street](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ermine_Street&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhixITrOw89BsdUkyjpg_bTTXHVq8g) , Londen naar York mee, en [Fosse Way](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fosse_Way&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhZubatMcMFJrGiSekQqs-XK5GiDw) , wat leidt tot Leicester en Bath was een belangrijke Romeinse fort, waarvan 4 werd een van de slechts [Colonia](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonia_(Roman)&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh-6Rd1RbTTkNwlKh19CjpF5AFaGw) in Groot-Brittannië. Most important Roman cities were situated near navigable water, which enabled goods to be transported in bulk, but Lincoln did not possess this advantage, and so the Romans constructed the [Fossdyke](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fossdyke_Navigation&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhgU2ET5eE4G_Cgx6nqwD9TC7FkxyA) from Lincoln to [Torksey](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torksey&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhp6pdiKTgEu-9fpI5wGPIFZagAEA) on the [River Trent](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Trent&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhgXOnfciPC97jadC7YL8lOv-lDL0g) , improved the River Witham from Lincoln to [The Wash](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wash&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh0_KmV_9rDDkUVE7IOVGrGHvGR5A) , and built the [Car Dyke](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Car_Dyke&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhgO_ZsW7ycGmGf4k-f_QLRgZdyUaQ) from Lincoln to the [River Cam](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Cam&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhjKo83a5KQiF8-h3d_u6lGURrVFuw) near [Cambridge](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambridge&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhg03z_TeuezPo5yfEAAgkrwXiWUdA) . [[ 2 ]](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Witham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhgVbwLQJJB9yMHyHa82h_UyNF9aA#cite_note-boyes-1) The Witham thus gave Lincoln access to the east coast, while the Fossdyke gave access to the Trent and on to the [Humber](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humber&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiZT3wtjpLp6KizrdW6VweJi7sOvw) .
* De belangrijkste Romeinse steden waren in de buurt gelegen bevaarbare water, waardoor de te vervoeren goederen in bulk, maar Lincoln niet over dit voordeel, en dus ook de Romeinen bouwde de [Fossdyke](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fossdyke_Navigation&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhgU2ET5eE4G_Cgx6nqwD9TC7FkxyA) van Lincoln te [Torksey](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torksey&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhp6pdiKTgEu-9fpI5wGPIFZagAEA) op de [rivier de Trent](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Trent&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhgXOnfciPC97jadC7YL8lOv-lDL0g) , verbeterde de rivier de Witham van Lincoln naar [The Wash](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wash&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh0_KmV_9rDDkUVE7IOVGrGHvGR5A) , en bouwde de [auto Dyke](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Car_Dyke&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhgO_ZsW7ycGmGf4k-f_QLRgZdyUaQ) van Lincoln naar de [rivier de Cam](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Cam&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhjKo83a5KQiF8-h3d_u6lGURrVFuw) in de buurt van [Cambridge](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambridge&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhg03z_TeuezPo5yfEAAgkrwXiWUdA) .
* Het heeft dus Witham Lincoln toegang tot de oostkust, terwijl de Fossdyke gaf toegang tot de Trent en op de [Humber](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humber&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiZT3wtjpLp6KizrdW6VweJi7sOvw) .
* Throughout the medieval period, trade continued as evidenced by the importance of Torksey, which was a flourishing town, though now only a small village.Gedurende de gehele middeleeuwse periode, de handel bleef zoals blijkt uit het belang van Torksey, dat was een bloeiende stad, maar nu slechts een klein dorp. However, the Fossdyke needed a lot of maintenance to keep it clear of silt.
* Maar de behoefte aan een Fossdyke veel onderhoud te houden duidelijk van het slib. Henry I had overseen the scouring of the channel, and there were inquiries in 1335, 1365 and 1518, to consider the state of the Fossdyke and to compel the inhabitants of the region to maintain it.
* Hendrik I had toezicht gehouden op de erosie van het kanaal, en er waren vragen in 1335, 1365 en 1518, om de toestand van de Fossdyke te nemen en de bewoners van de regio te dwingen om het te behouden. Lincoln was a centre for the collection of business taxes, but this came at the cost of maintaining the infrastructure, and having finally decided it was too large a cost, [James I](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_I_of_England&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhi6l9Gv1vD8vhKwYUFoaq4oimW4ow) presented the Fossdyke to the City of Lincoln. [[ 2 ]](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Witham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhgVbwLQJJB9yMHyHa82h_UyNF9aA#cite_note-boyes-1)
* Lincoln was een centrum voor de inning van de belastingen voor bedrijven, maar dit kwam op de kosten van onderhoud van de infrastructuur, en die uiteindelijk besloten werd het een te grote kosten, [Jacobus I](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_I_of_England&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhi6l9Gv1vD8vhKwYUFoaq4oimW4ow) presenteert de Fossdyke aan de stad Lincoln.
* The Witham originally flowed into The Wash at [Bicker Haven](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicker_Haven&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiL4O_AugrOMnjWUHK6hT_ktWM6lA) , where the port of [Drayton](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php%3Ftitle%3DDrayton,_Lincolnshire%26action%3Dedit%26redlink%3D1&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhjEMOMEULdasEl8WvJB-DfPakQUng) was established in the [Welland](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Welland&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhJmei5QmlOEOJ68nuyiJdeZEBVdg) estuary and it was only as a result of massive flooding in 1014 that it diverted to flow into [The Haven](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Haven,_Boston&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiBHrQYrvxMH2wISNFHk2G3i_m3Nw) at [Boston](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston,_Lincolnshire&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiT84sd-nTT92dhG2vvqnk4-t4_5g) .De Witham oorspronkelijk stroomde in de Wassen op [Bicker Haven](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicker_Haven&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiL4O_AugrOMnjWUHK6hT_ktWM6lA) , waar de haven van [Drayton](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php%3Ftitle%3DDrayton,_Lincolnshire%26action%3Dedit%26redlink%3D1&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhjEMOMEULdasEl8WvJB-DfPakQUng) werd opgericht in het [Welland](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Welland&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhJmei5QmlOEOJ68nuyiJdeZEBVdg) estuarium en het was alleen als gevolg van de massale overstromingen in 1014 dat het in flow doorgeschakeld naar [De Haven](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Haven,_Boston&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiBHrQYrvxMH2wISNFHk2G3i_m3Nw) in [Boston](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston,_Lincolnshire&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhiT84sd-nTT92dhG2vvqnk4-t4_5g). This gave rise to the growth of Boston as a port in the 12th and 13th centuries, exporting wool and salt to the [Hanseatic League](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanseatic_League&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh6sUbNeJYFPGK6uFSVk1QZcqgeSg) , though it only received its charter in 1545.
* Dit gaf aanleiding tot de groei van Boston als een haven in de 12de en 13de eeuw, exporteurs wol en zout aan de [Hanze](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanseatic_League&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhh6sUbNeJYFPGK6uFSVk1QZcqgeSg) , al is het slechts kreeg haar stadsrechten in 1545.
* De rivier werd beïnvloed door verzanding, die de handel beperkt, ondanks de bouw van diverse sluizen en belemmeringen van 1142 toe, toen de eerste sluis werd gebouwd onder de Boston.
* Andere sluizen werden opgericht in Boston in 1500, en op Langrick in 1543, maar navigatie werd opnieuw het moeilijk op zowel de rivier en het Fossdyke door 1660.
* In 1671 een [wet van het Parlement](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Act_of_Parliament&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhj2psdQxjsEld1co93fvJIXZ8EfUw) is verkregen voor het verbeteren van de navigatie.
* Little werk werd uitgevoerd tot een ander besluit werd in 1762 tot machtiging van de bouw van de Grote sluis, een grote constructie die Boston onderhouden de hoogte van het water boven tot bijna normale vloed niveau en had enorme overstromingen poorten om te gaan met alle getijden boven deze. This was completed in 1766 by Langley Edwards of Kings Lynn, [[ 5 ]](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Witham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhgVbwLQJJB9yMHyHa82h_UyNF9aA#cite_note-labrum-4) and was effective in scouring the Haven below it, but actually encouraged further silting of the river above it.
* Dit werd voltooid in 1766 door Langley Edwards van Kings Lynn, en was effectief in het wassen van de Haven eronder, maar zelfs aangemoedigd verdere verzanding van de rivier erboven.
* The 1762 act created the Witham Drainage General Commissioners who continued to promote drainage schemes actively [[ 6 ]](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Witham&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhgVbwLQJJB9yMHyHa82h_UyNF9aA#cite_note-5) creating a drainage network known as the [Witham Navigable Drains](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witham_Navigable_Drains&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhi_6Q3mseJ_Gic_rEjNW8bZzIwDqg) transforming much of northern Lincolnshire from swamp to farming land.De daad van de 1762 Witham Drainage commissarissen-generaal, die nog steeds actief waterafvoer te bevorderen het creëren van een drainage-netwerk, bekend als de [Witham Bevaarbare Drains](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witham_Navigable_Drains&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhi_6Q3mseJ_Gic_rEjNW8bZzIwDqg) transformeren van een groot deel van Noord-Lincolnshire van moeras naar landbouwgrond. Today many of these channels are managed by the Witham First, Third and Fourth District Internal Drainage Boards and Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board.
* Tegenwoordig zijn veel van deze kanalen worden beheerd door de Witham eerste, derde en vierde wijk interne drainage Boards en Opper-Witham interne drainage van Commissarissen. These four [Internal Drainage Boards](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internal_Drainage_Boards&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhj27_Rlj_RqXPh4-KoMtepq-5GakQ) reduce the flood risk to the surrounding properties, land and environment.
* Deze vier [interne drainage Boards](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internal_Drainage_Boards&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhj27_Rlj_RqXPh4-KoMtepq-5GakQ) vermindering van het overstromingsrisico naar de omliggende woningen, grond en milieu. In 1791, as part of the campaign to promote the construction of the [Horncastle Canal](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horncastle_Canal&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhjRUuLK2Aw_AKT-P-c4xLiUum-QJw" \o "Horncastle Canal) , the Commissioners of the River Witham asked the engineer [William Jessop](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Jessop&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhhSEgdPikO_mDpUohDok-klIz-kFg) to assess the state of the [Fossdyke Navigation](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=nl&langpair=en%7Cnl&u=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fossdyke_Navigation&rurl=translate.google.nl&usg=ALkJrhgU2ET5eE4G_Cgx6nqwD9TC7FkxyA) and the Witham, with particular reference to the problems of navigating through Lincoln, where the channel was restricted by a medieval bridge.