

MELLEM HOLME & SUNDE BETWEEN ISLETS & STRAITS

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Vi færdes til daglig i et landskab, som vi kender så godt. Derfor kan det være vanskeligt at få øje på det særegne i omgivelserne.

De færreste, der bor i et af det tre sogne i Sønder Kongerslev Pastorat tænker på, at de bor i en egn, der oprindeligt var befolket på små holme. Denne egn gik i ældre tider under stednavnet Kongerslevholm.

Kongerslevholm var oprindeligt ikke en rigtig holm, snarere en halvø. Men lige som det meste af Østhimmerland blev bebyggelser og marker placeret på kanten af holme i det, der en gang var et hav. Foruden Kongerslevholm hed områderne i ældre tider Smidieholm, Gudumholm og Trandersholm.

For mange hundrede år siden var der sunde omkring holmene. Men i århundreder har et

fald i havniveauet og en landhævning, efter isen trak sig tilbage, omdannet sundene til mose og våde enge. Mennesket har siden drænet områder med dybe grøfter, der fører vandet væk fra de nu dyrkede arealer.

Når vi nu får det fortalt, så er det tydeligt at se i landskabet. Landsbyerne og landevejene ligger ofte så højt på de tidligere holme, at der er udsigt til de omgivelser, der førhen bestod af lavvandede havområder.

I dag er det frodige marker, enge, moser og skove. Når vi bevæger os oppe på kanten af holmen, kan vi se ud over de store flade arealer, der engang var hav, og når vi bevæger os nede i dette lavland, så kan vi se op på byerne med deres kirker højt til vejrs.

Between islets & straits

Daily, we move around in a landscape that we know so well. Therefore, it can be difficult to spot the peculiarities of the surroundings.

Only few people, who live in one of the three parishes in Sønder Kongerslev Pastorat think of living in a region originally populated on small islets. Formerly, this area went under the place name Kongerslevholm (in Danish an islet is named 'holm'.

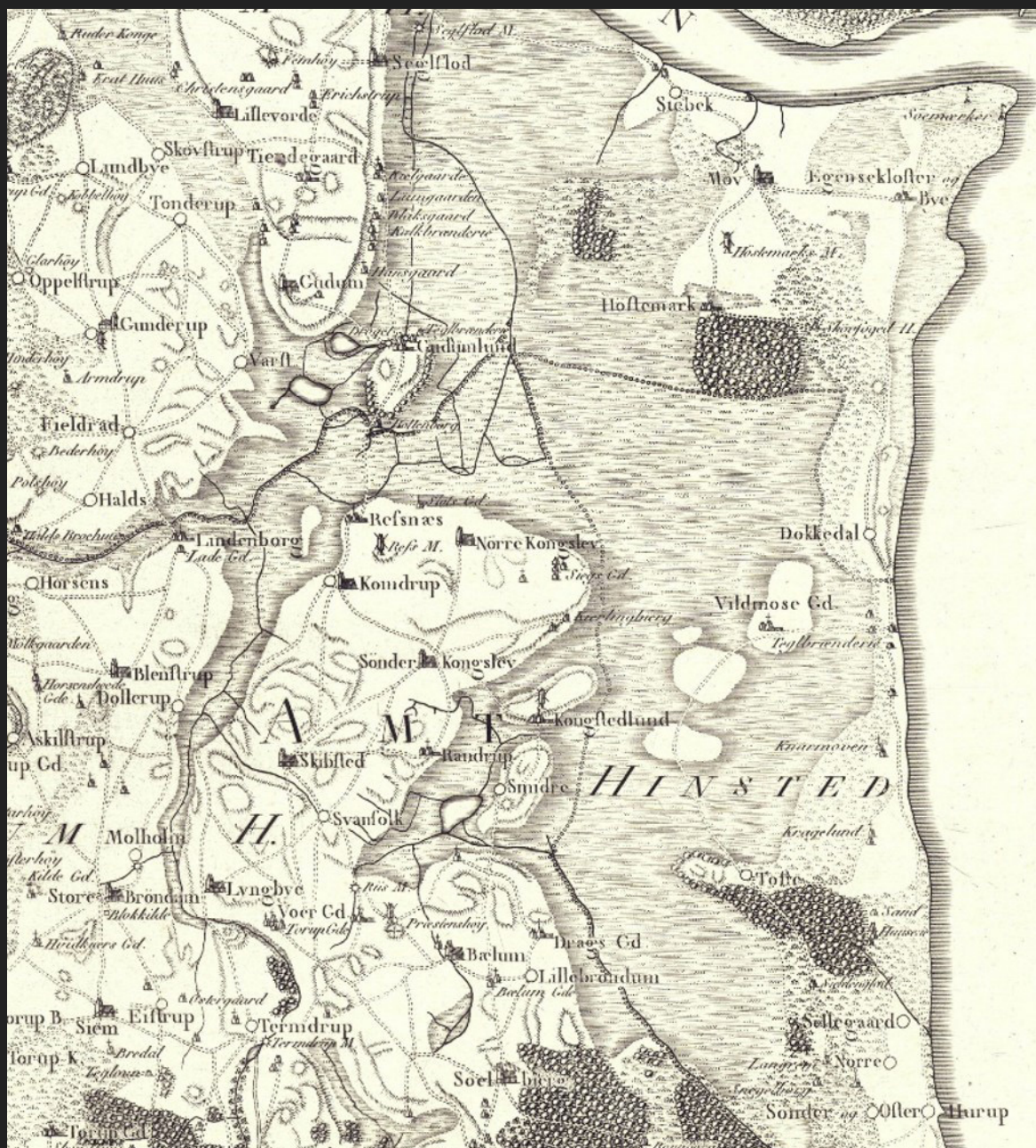
Originally, Kongerslevholm was not a real islet, rather a peninsula. But like most of East Himmerland, the settlements and the fields were placed on the edge of islets in what was once a sea. Once, in addition to Kongerslevholm, the areas were called Smidieholm, Gudumholm and Trandersholm.

Many hundred years ago there was straits around the islets. But for centuries, a level

down in sea levels and a land uplift, after the retrograde of the ice after the last ice age, have transformed the straits into bog and wet meadows. Since, man has drained areas with deep ditches, that lead the water away from the now cultivated areas.

When you are told, it is obvious to see the former islets and straits in the landscape. Often, the villages and the country roads are located so high on the former islets that you have a view down to the surroundings that used to consist of shallow sea areas.

Today it is lush fields, meadows, marshes and forests. As we move up on the edge of the islet, we are overlooking the large flat areas that were once sea, and as we move down in these lowlands, you can look up at the towns with their churches high up.



I årene 1762-1820 kortlagde Det Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskab Danmark og hertugdømmerne. Det var den første videnskabelige kortlægning af Danmark. Dette kort blev for Østhimmerlands vedkomme-
de publiceret i 1791. Holmene i Østhimmerland frem-
står tydeligt på dette tidlige kort.

*I*n the years 1762-1820, the Royal Danish Society of Sciences mapped out Denmark. It was the first scientific mapping of Denmark. For Himmerland this map was published in 1791. The islets in East Himmerland are evident on this early map.



Styrelsen for Dataforsyning og Effektivisering har på deres hjemmeside, SDFE-kortviewer, udarbejdet et Danmarkskort, hvor det er muligt at gennemføre scenarie for, hvordan havstigning i fremtiden kan komme til at omforme Danmarkskortet. På dette kort er havets indtrængning estimeret ved en generel havstigning på fem meter. Med dette scenarie fremstår Kongerslevholms udstrækning tydeligt.

The Danish Agency for Data Supply and Efficiency has on their website SDFE mapviewer a map of Denmark, where it is possible to implement the scenario for how an increase of sea level in the future can reshape the Danish map. On this map, the sea penetration is estimated by a general sea level rise of five metres. The extent of Kongsrø Holms is clearly demonstrated on this map.



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Østhimmerland, maj 2020

East Himmerland, May 2020



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Østhimmerland, april 2020

East Himmerland, April 2020

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