



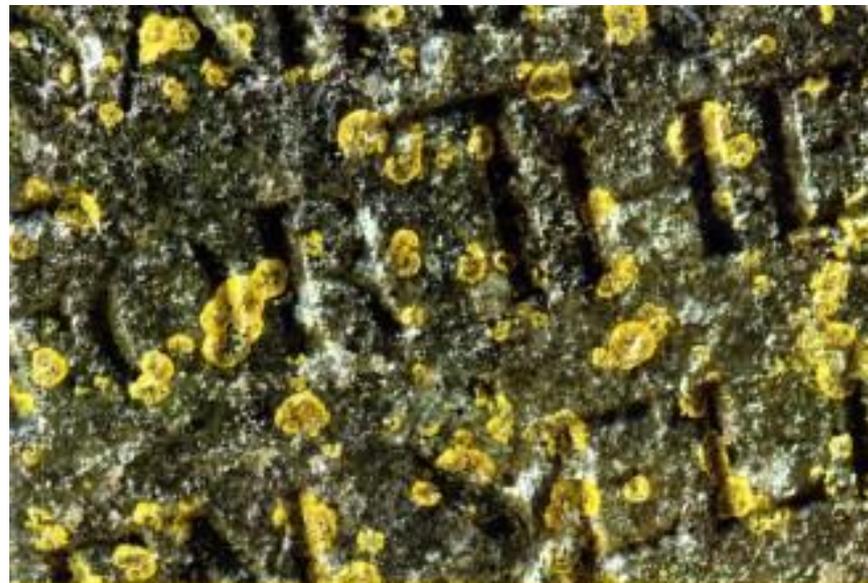
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Cork City's Burial Places

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CORK CITY'S BURIAL PLACES



A STUDY OF THE CEMETERIES, GRAVEYARDS AND BURIAL PLACES WITHIN CORK CITY

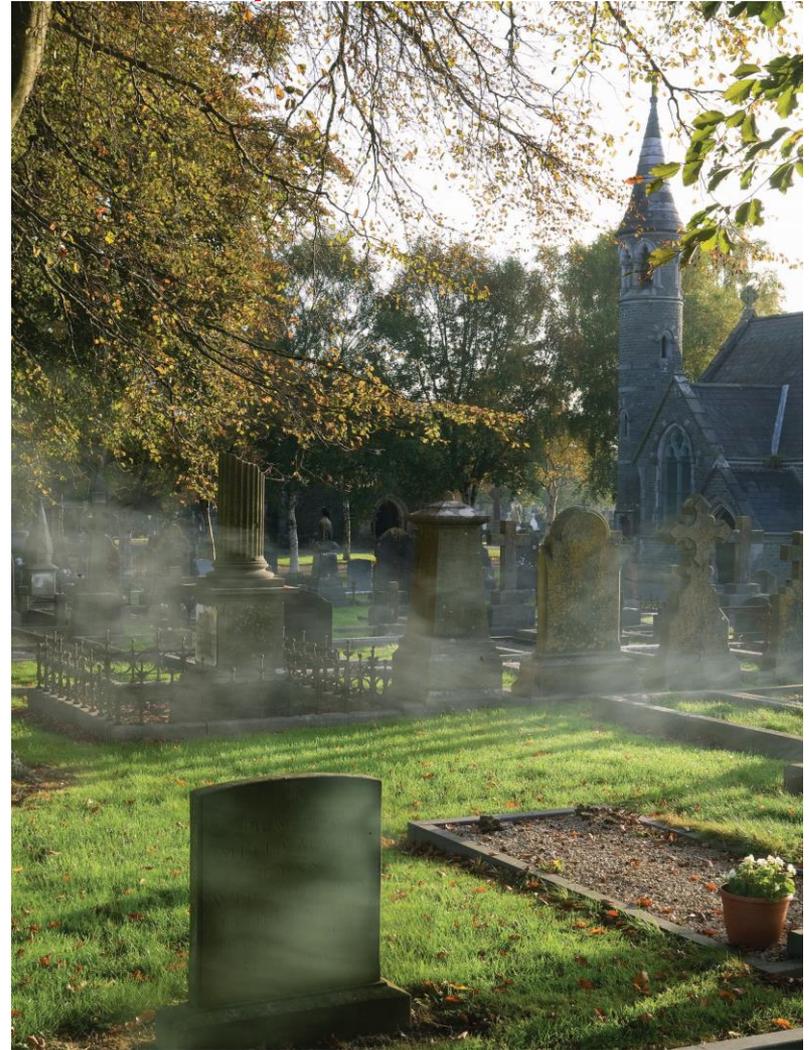
Significance of Burial Places

- Provide information on the archaeological and historical development of a place
- Enhance our knowledge of past societies
- Physical feature in a city's landscape
- Cultural and Social Value
- Honoured place for the dead
- Tranquil public place for the living



Cork City's Burial Places Study

- Study prompted by an increase in planning applications in or adjacent to burial grounds
- 1999/2000 research commenced
- Funded by the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme and the Heritage Council



Cork City's Burial Places Study



- 41 graveyards outlined
- 24 based on documentary/cartographic sources
- Vary enormously in shape, preservation, size and style

Types of Burial Grounds in Cork City

- Graveyards associated with Churches
- Churches with vaults/crypts
- Private burial grounds (e.g. religious communities)
- Mass graves
- Modern Cemeteries

Condition of Burial Grounds

- Amenity Areas
(church/graveyard no longer
places of worship)
- Landscaped Site
- Buried beneath buildings
- Inaccessible (private property)
- Extend beyond current
boundaries



Cork City

Developed on a marsh

Hiberno-Norse

Medieval Walled Town

Expanded 18th & 19th centuries

- Early Christian Monastic Settlement
- Hiberno-Norse Parish Churches
- Anglo-Norman Monastic Orders
- 18th Century Church Re-Building
- Non-conformist
- 18th /19th Century Religious Orders



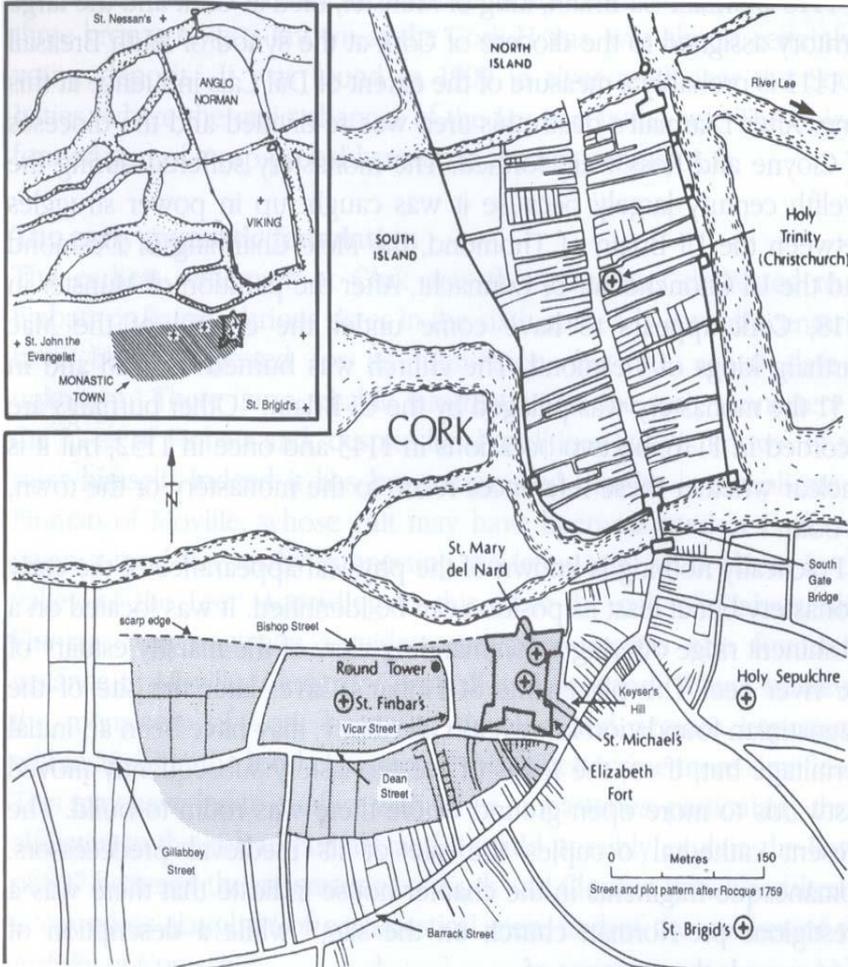


Monastic/Early Christian Settlement

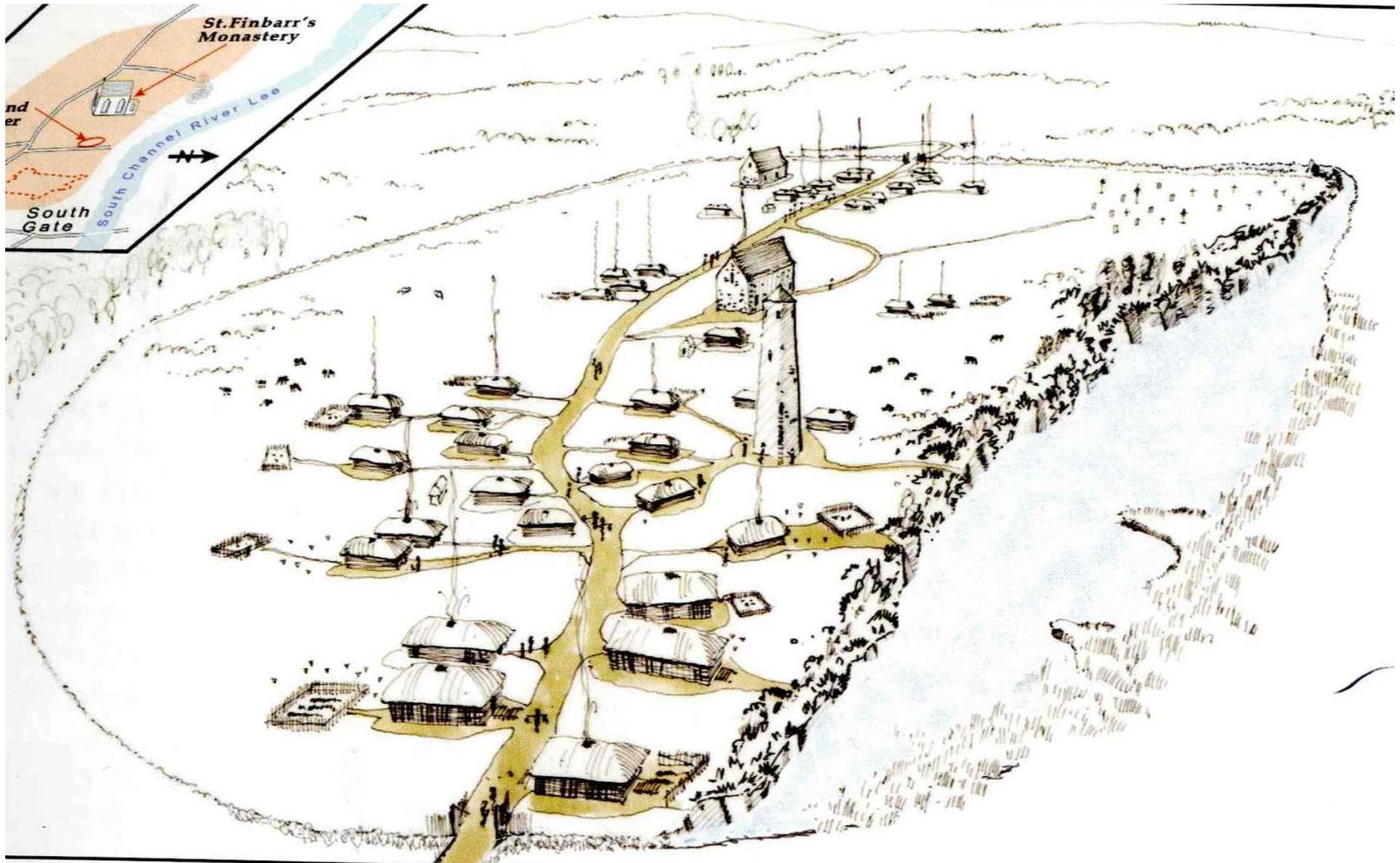
- St. Fin Barre
Origins of the city
- Gillabbey Area
- Ringforts
- Souterrain



St. Finbarr's Cathedral

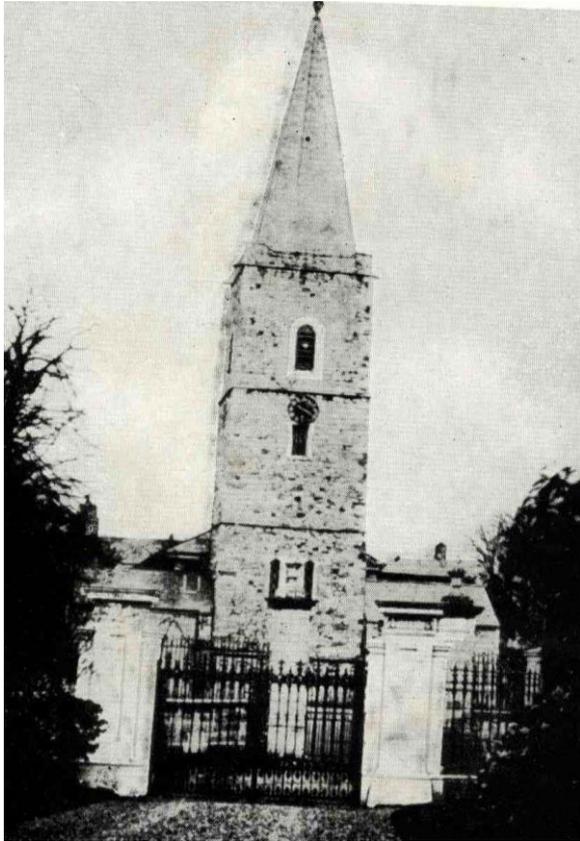


- Monastic Settlement c.682 AD
- Cathedral designation 12th Century
- Topographical and cartographic evidence
- No archaeological evidence...as yet!!!



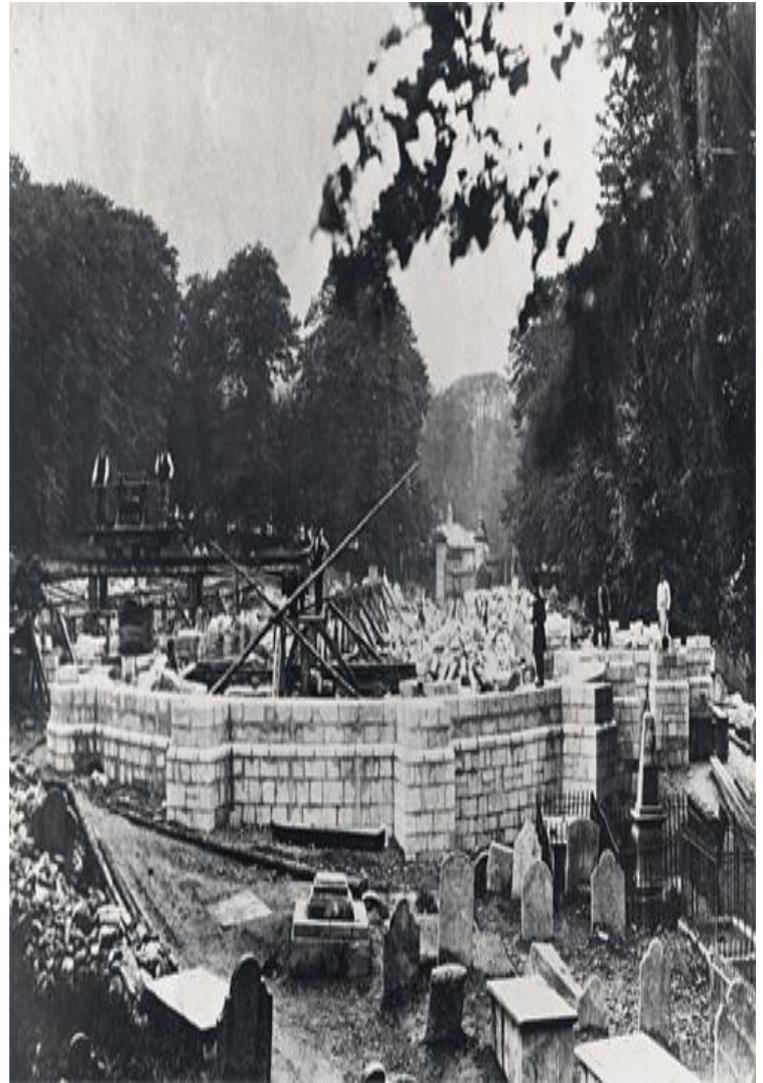
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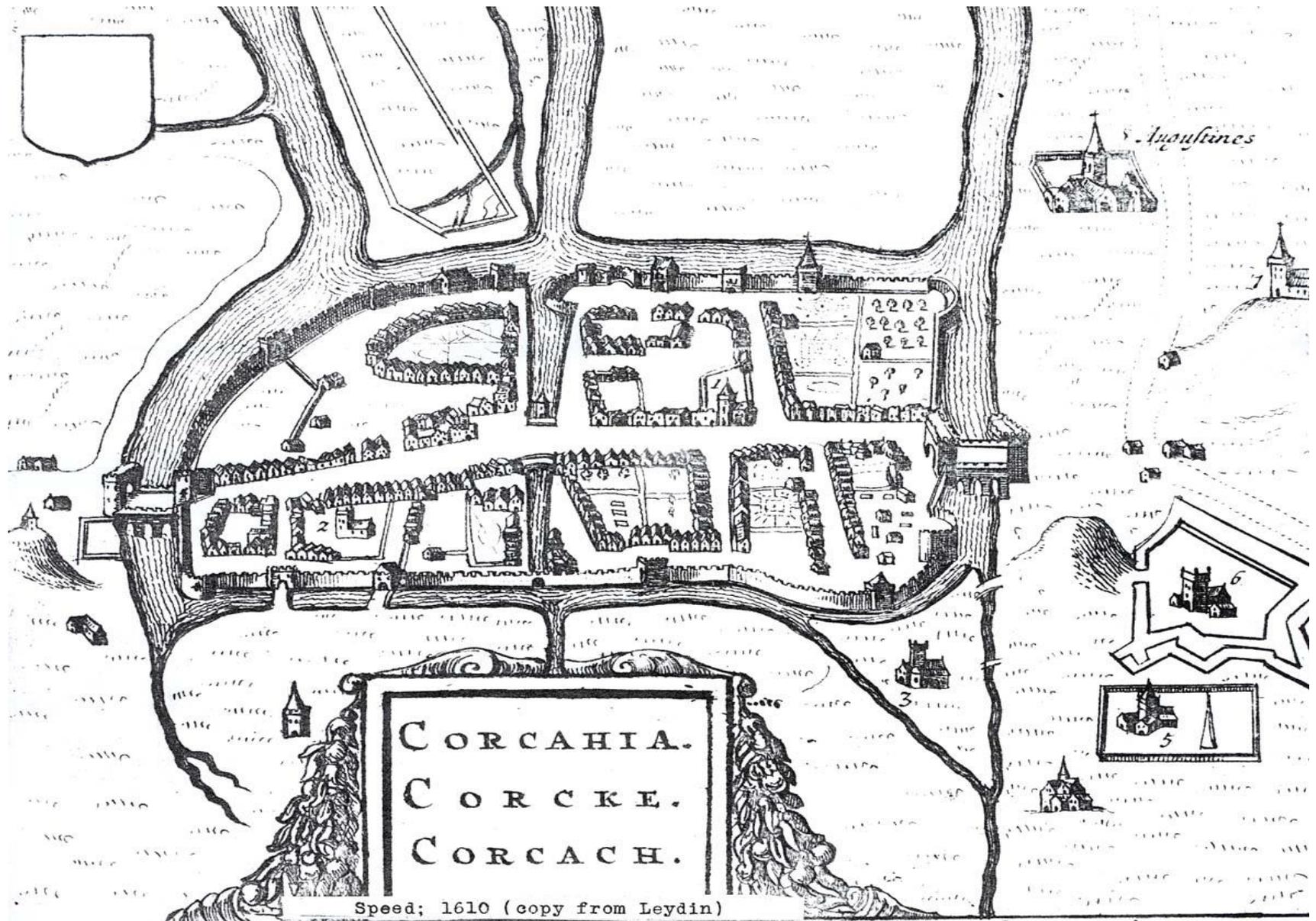
1735



1865 Burgess Cathedral







Speed; 1610 (copy from Leydin)

Medieval Parish Churches – Holy Trinity (Christchurch) and St. Peter's



Anglo Normans 13th Century

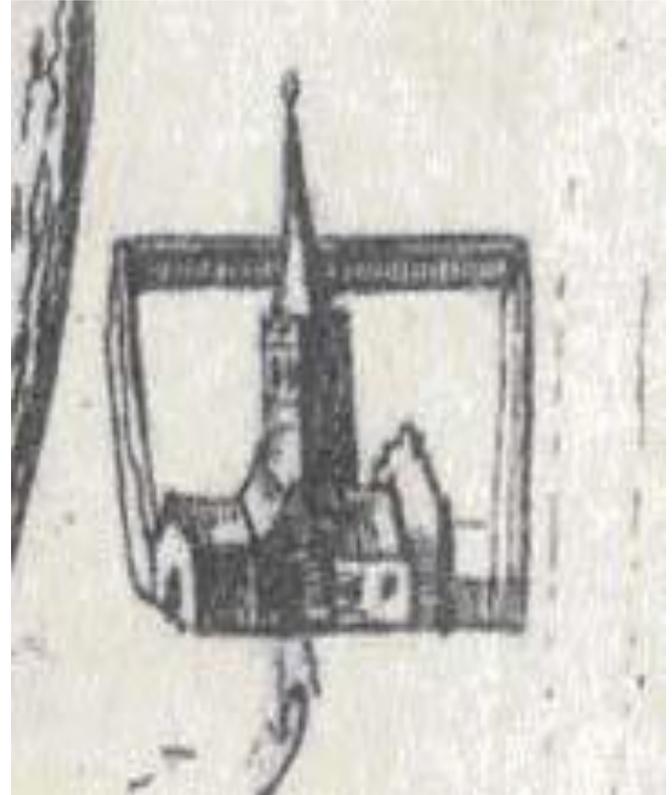
Establishment of New Religious Orders

- Typical features of a monastic settlement

Church

Domestic Buildings

Burial Grounds



*Extract from Speed
1610*

Red Abbey



- Only Upstanding Medieval Monument
- Late Thirteenth Century, Tower 14th Century
- Devolved 1541
- Friars occupation 1641

Red Abbey

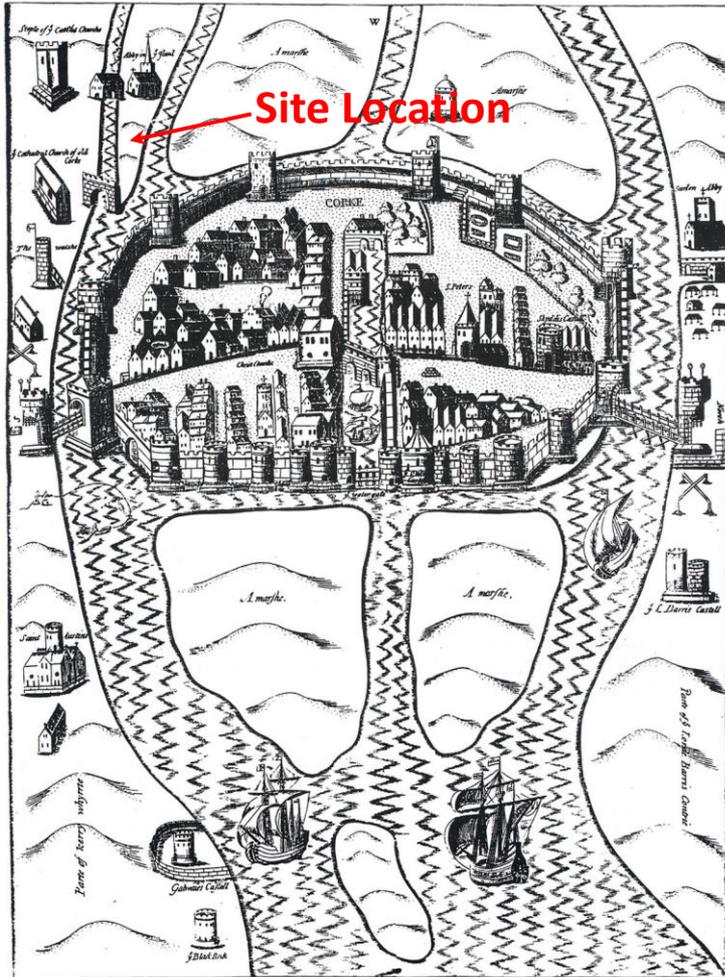


Arch at 23 Dunbar Street



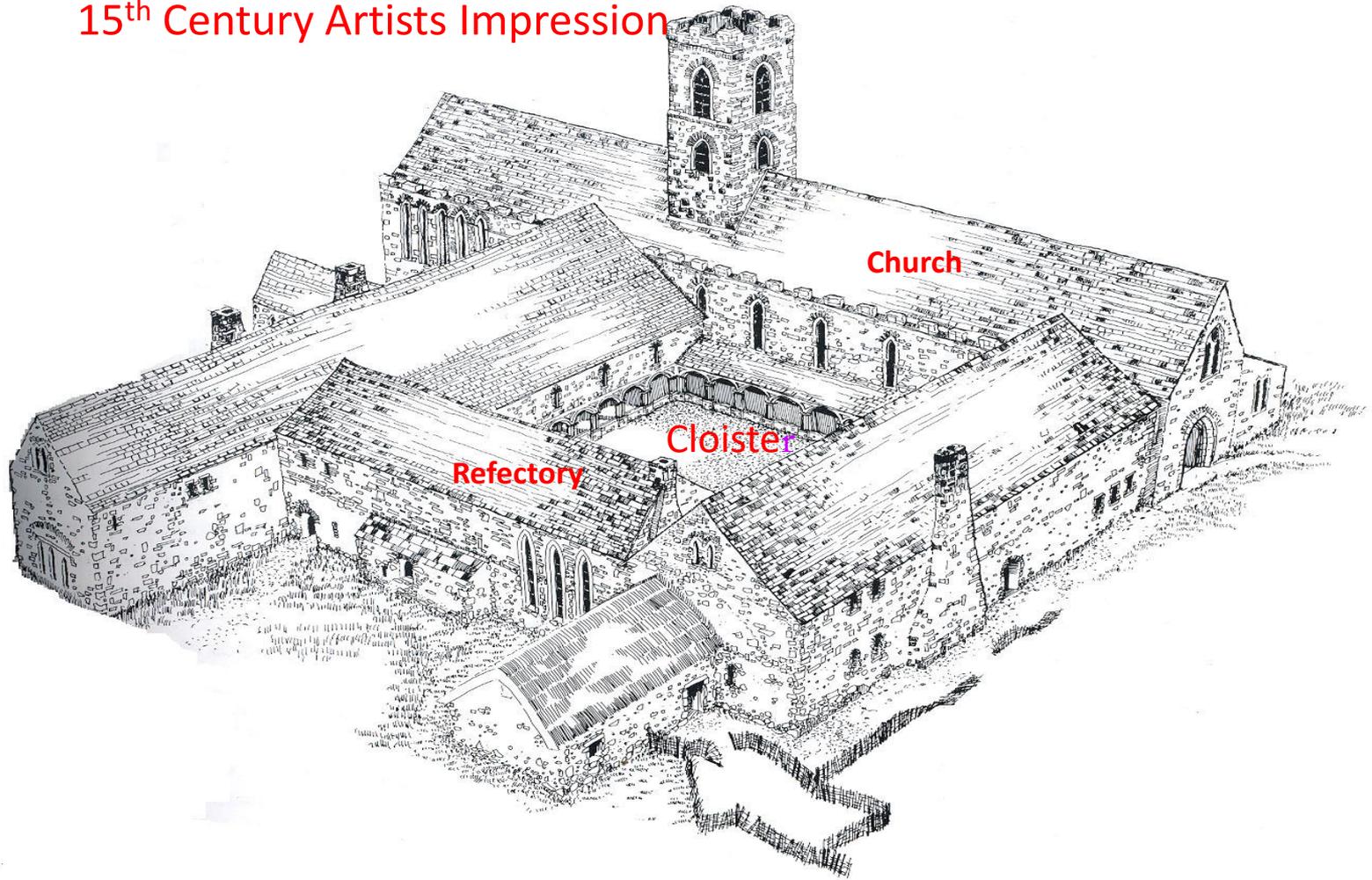
Skeletal remains

Dominican Priory Crosses Green



- The Dominican Priory in Crosses Green was founded by Lord Philip de Barry in 1229.
- The priory was excavated in 1993.
- Dominican order relied on alms from local population.

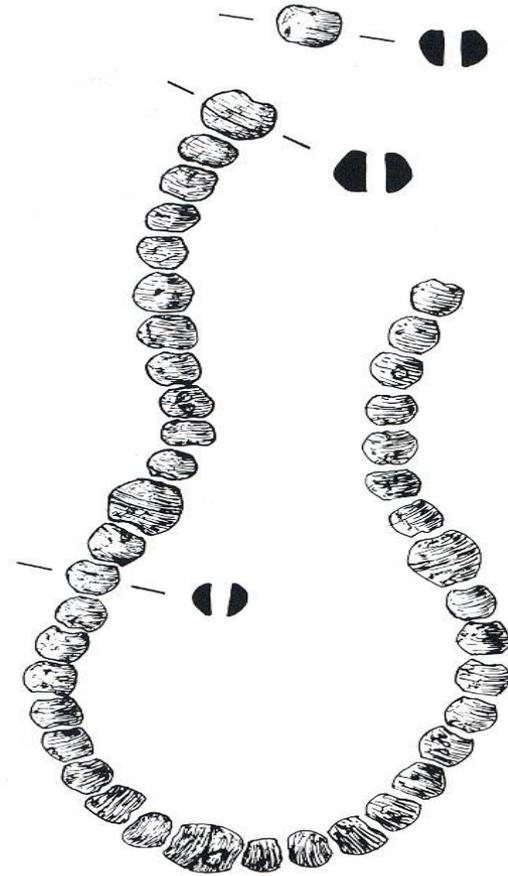
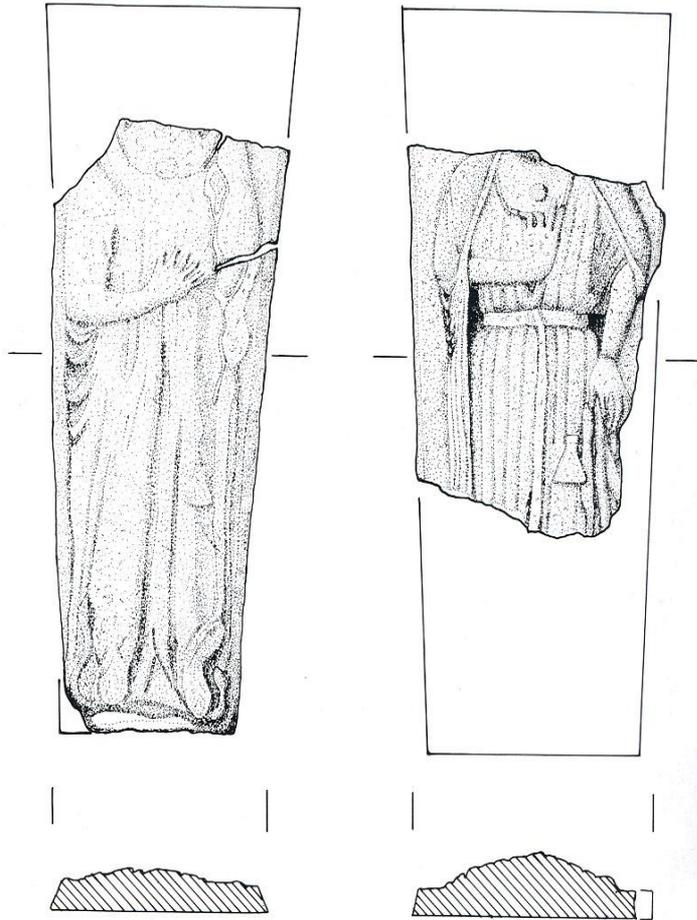
15th Century Artists Impression



Dominican Priory Crosses Green



Artefacts from Dominican Priory





Skeletal Recording Sheet

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11/10/07

Treatment of Human Remains

Appendix 2

SITE: CROSSES GREEN

Licence No: FL616

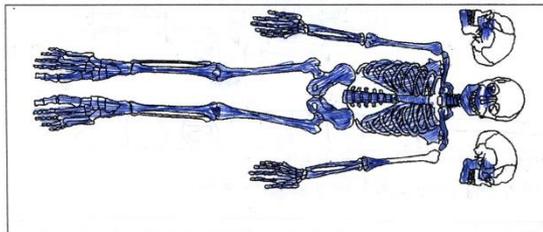
Burial No.: B35

Townland: _____

Job No: _____

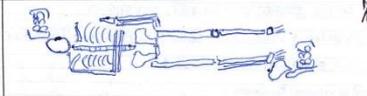
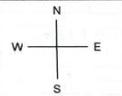
Grid: _____ Area: _____ Cutting: _____ Grave Cut: _____ Coffin: _____ Grave fill: _____

Coffin Short cist Long cist Stone lined Pillow stones Ear muffs Simple



PRESERVATION	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Weather Conditions: <u>DRY BUT TIDE COVERED</u>
POSITION	Supine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prone <input type="checkbox"/>	Left Side <input type="checkbox"/>	Right Side <input type="checkbox"/>
	Extended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crouched <input type="checkbox"/>	Flexed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Field Diagram [include if present: cuts, coffin, cist, etc., direction skull facing, arm / leg positions, assoc. finds / features / skeletons]



E-W
ORIENTATION
SKULL IN
WEST

ASSOC. FOETUS: _____ ASSOC. CHILD: _____ ASSOC. ADULT: B36 (+B26 to B27)

Physical Recording			
Cuts:		Cut by:	
Over:	<u>B36</u>	Under:	<u>F21</u>
Within:	<u>F37</u>	Contemp.:	



POSSIBLY
COULD HAVE
CUT SKULL
OF B36.

BHOLE B/W			
BHOLE GUIDE			No. of B/Ws:
COGONK	# <u>319-230</u>		APPROX. JOINT / UNDER BENCH NUMBER?
BHOLE			APPROX. B/Ws
	BOLT NO.	BRILL NO.	
B/Ws NO. 2:	<u>(1) # 2</u>		EMERGENCY/INVEST. NUMBER:
<p><u>THE SKULL FELL OFF JOINTS (SOME STONES IN POSITION OF B36 BURIED IN TRENCH OF STONES)</u> <u>B36 BURIED TO BE COVERED IN E37 (SOME BENCHING OF B30 NOTICE MARK)</u> <u>OF BURIED IN NEARBY BENCHING LEGS OF B36</u> <u>B36 IS NOT QUANTITATIVE B36 B36 B36 B36</u></p>			
Additional description / comments:			
Position of feet: <u>EXTENDED UNDER FEET</u>			
Position of right leg: <u>EXTENDED EXTENDING BENTED TOWARDS FEET LEG</u>			
Position of left leg: <u>EXTENDED EXTENDING</u>			
Position of right hand: <u>NOT NEARLY NEARLY BENTED FEET LEG</u>			
Position of left hand: <u>FEET HAND BENTED AT BENT-HIP JOINT</u>			
Position of right arm: <u>EXTENDED AT BENT WITH ELBOWS BENT</u>			
Position of left arm: <u>EXTENDED AT BENT WITH ELBOWS BENT AT BENT</u>			
Position of skull: <u>EXTENDED (BENT) BENTED EXTENDING AT HEADS</u>			
<p>Skull: <u>J 818</u> Sacrum: <u>J 818</u> Feet: <u>J 818</u> Other (sketch):</p>			
<p>Grave: <u>IBP</u> B2: <u>1 405</u></p>			

SITE: CROSSES GREEN Licence No: OF E 107 Burial No.: B36

Poor Preservation







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B85
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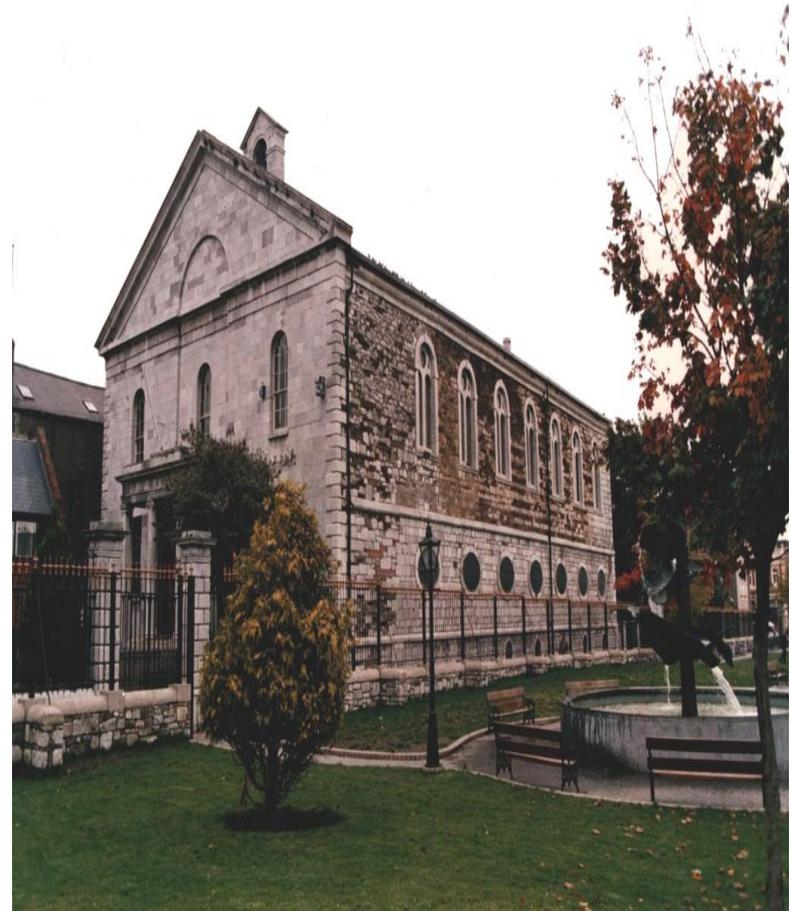
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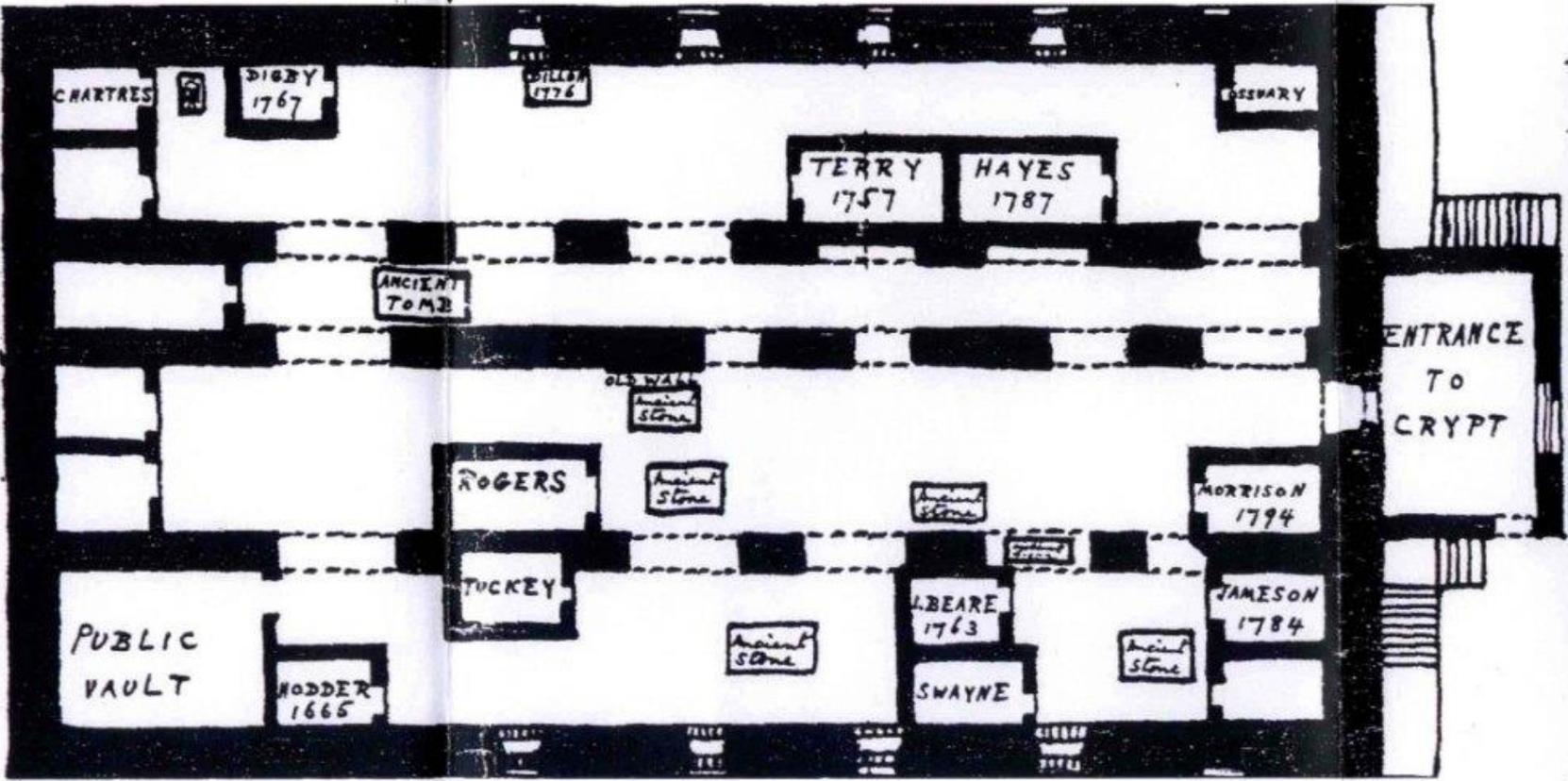


Christchurch South Main Street

- Holy Trinity
- Parish Church of Hiberno-Norse Cork
- Present Church dates to 1726
- Crypt (older, medieval elements)
- Associated Graveyard



Christchurch Crypt

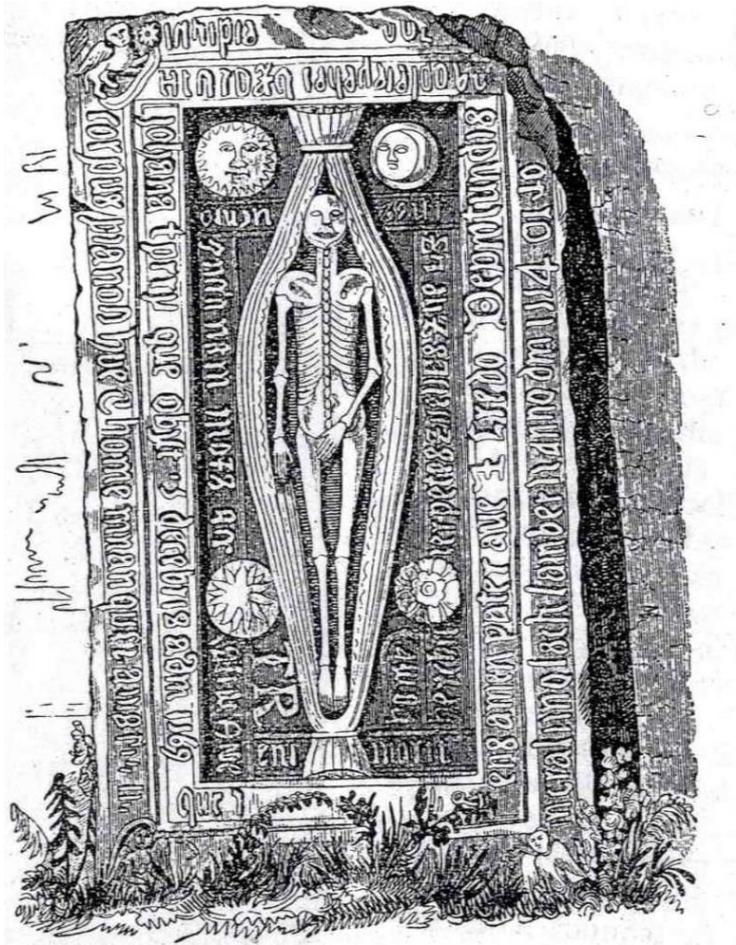


Christchurch Crypt



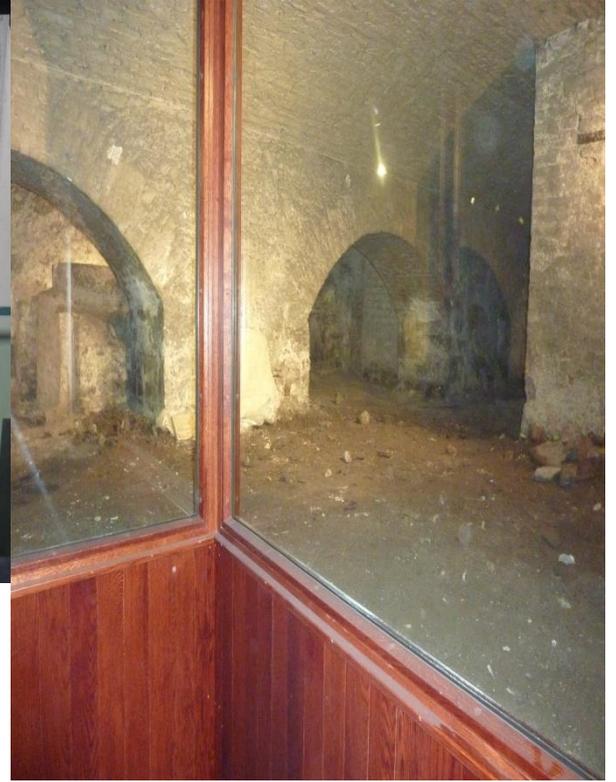


Memento Mori...Symbolism



The Modest Man 16th Century

*Be mindful, O man, since
Death tarries not; for when
thou diest, thou shalt inherent
serpents, and beasts and
worms*



Burials and Graves

Medieval Period

Extended Humation

Simple earth-cut graves

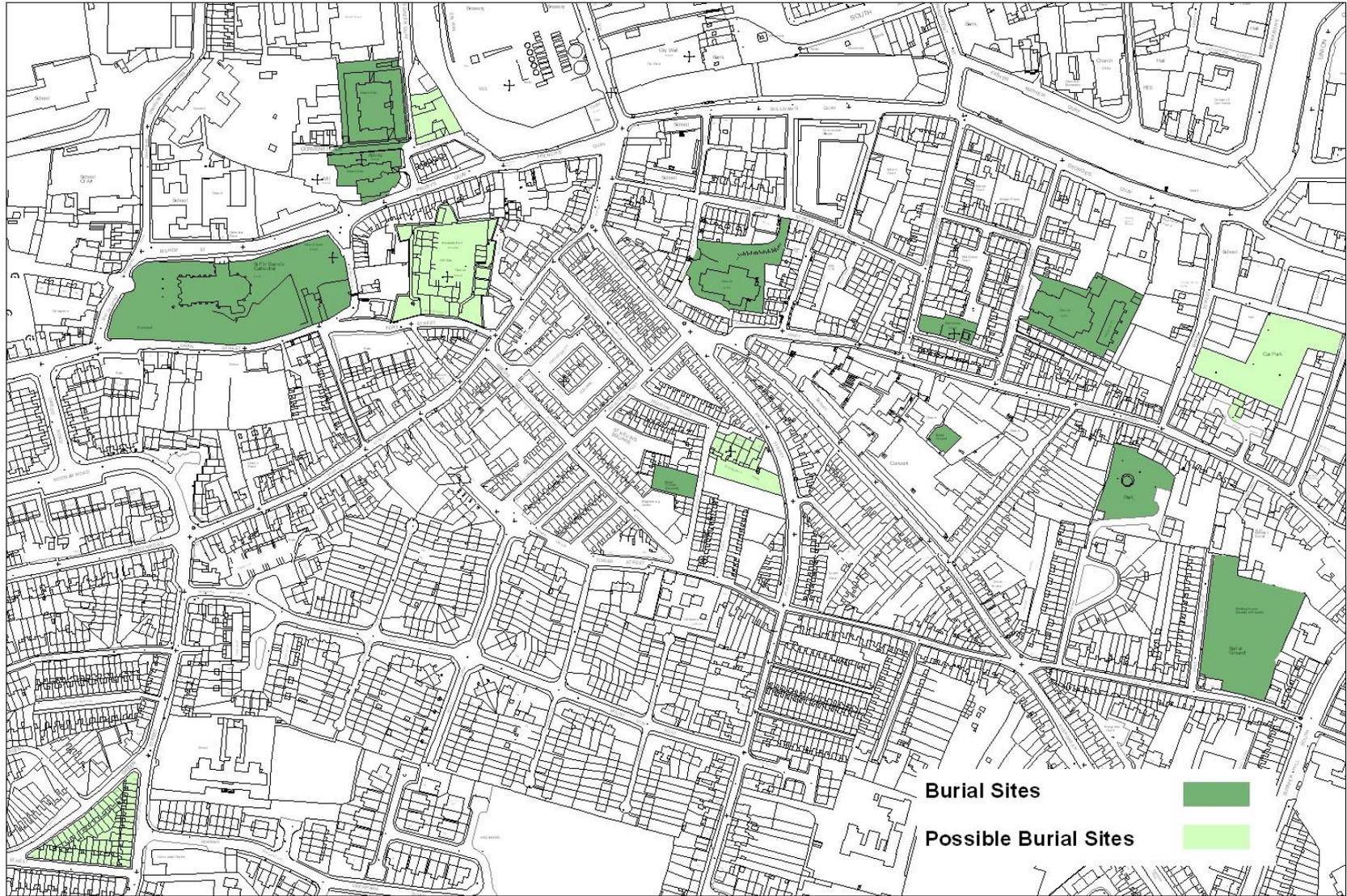
Stone-lined graves

Wood-lined Graves

Tomb effigies

Carved slabs





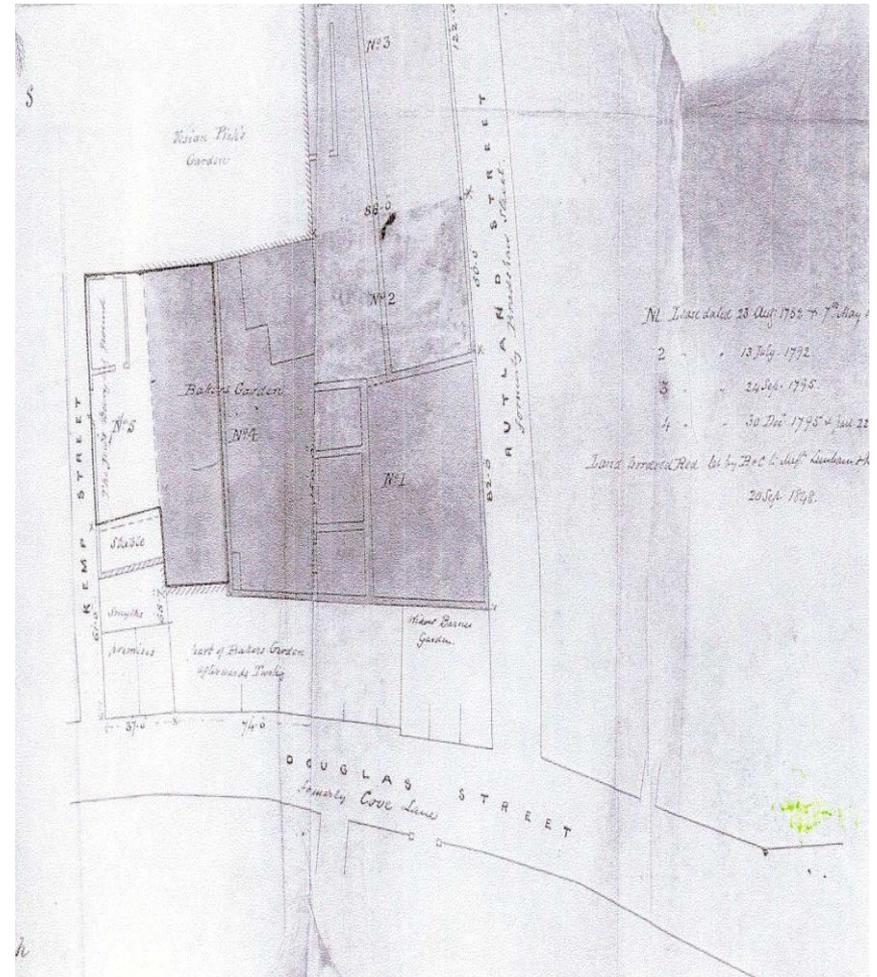
St. John's Park



Church of St John the Baptist

- Possible site of the remains of the church ..south-eastern area?
- Offer to become a tenant and to take away all the headstones at a penny a piece
- 18th Century Headstones

Jewish Burial Ground



Jewish Burial Grounds

- Associated with 18th Century Sephardic Jews
- 1725 *Shochet* and Cemetery
- Existing Jewish Community, late 19th Century Lithuanian Origin



Burials and Graves

Post- Medieval

Earth-cut coffins

Inscribed slabs

Elaborate Tombs

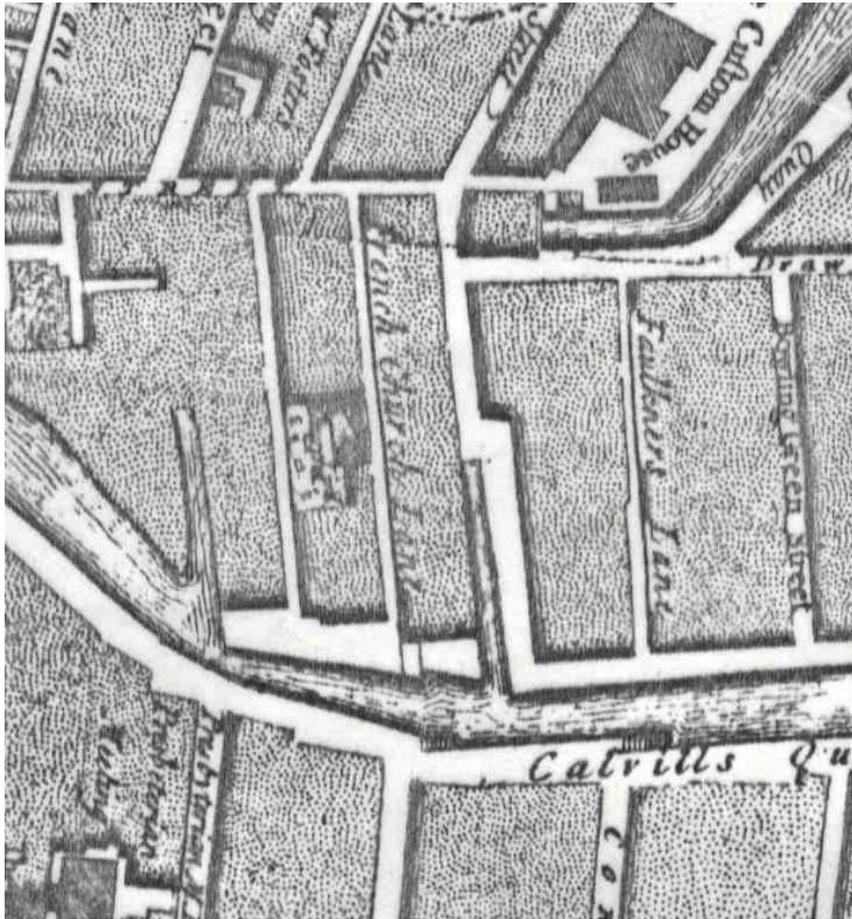
Mausoleums

Crypts---burials were not interred

Coffins stacked in locked chambers



Huguenot Cemetery, Carey's Lane



- 300 Settlers in Cork
- Church on Lumley Street (now French Church Street)
- 1733 Graveyard
- Later Methodist Church Built
- Only a small portion of the graveyard remains

Huguenot Cemetery

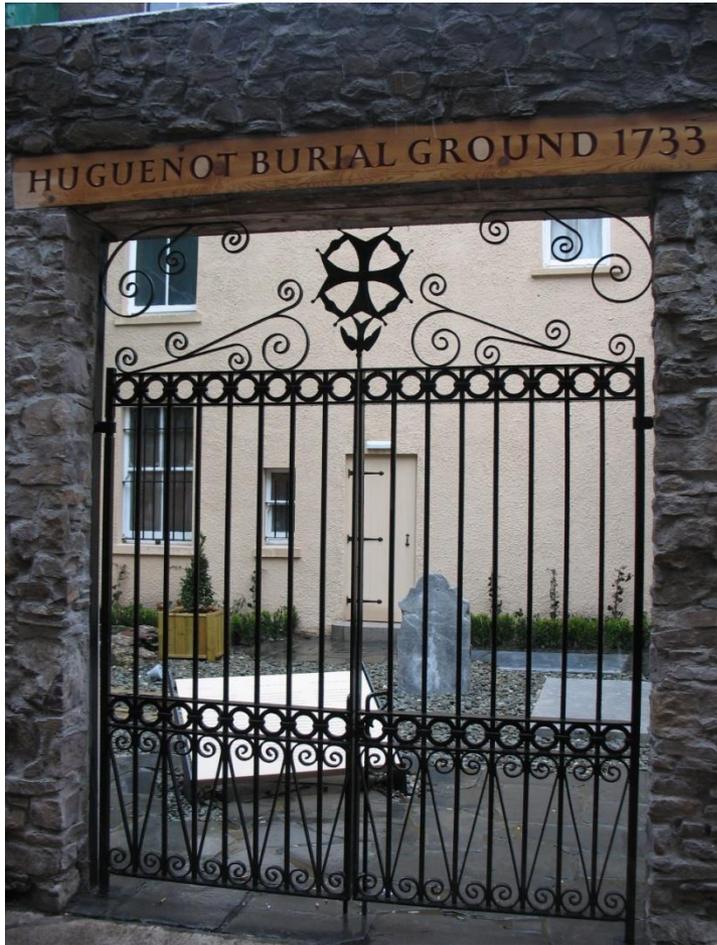


Excavation at Huguenot Cemetery

- Long complex Planning issue spanning over 20 years
- Site purchased by Cork City Council
- Limited excavation



Huguenot Cemetery Restoration



Temple Hill



Temple Hill, Ballintemple



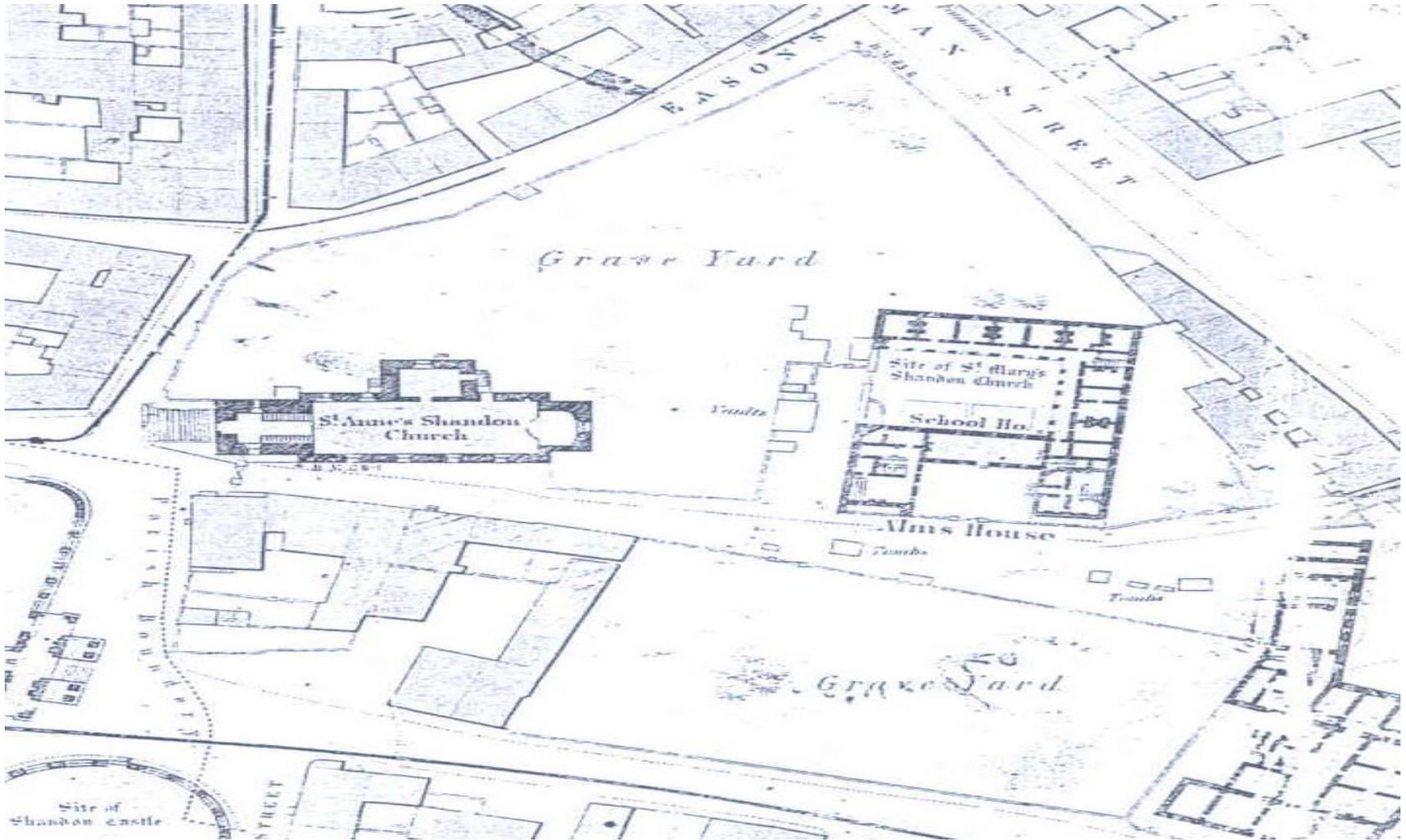
- Protestant and Catholic
- No ownership
- Late 18th century
- Baile na Teampaill
- Boreenamanna Road
- Knights Templar
(Lewis and Windele)

St. Anne's Shandon

- Earliest reference to the name Shandon occurred c. 1223-30 when it was recorded as a borough
- Site of earlier St. Mary's Church
- St. Anne's Church 1722, tower heightened in 1749



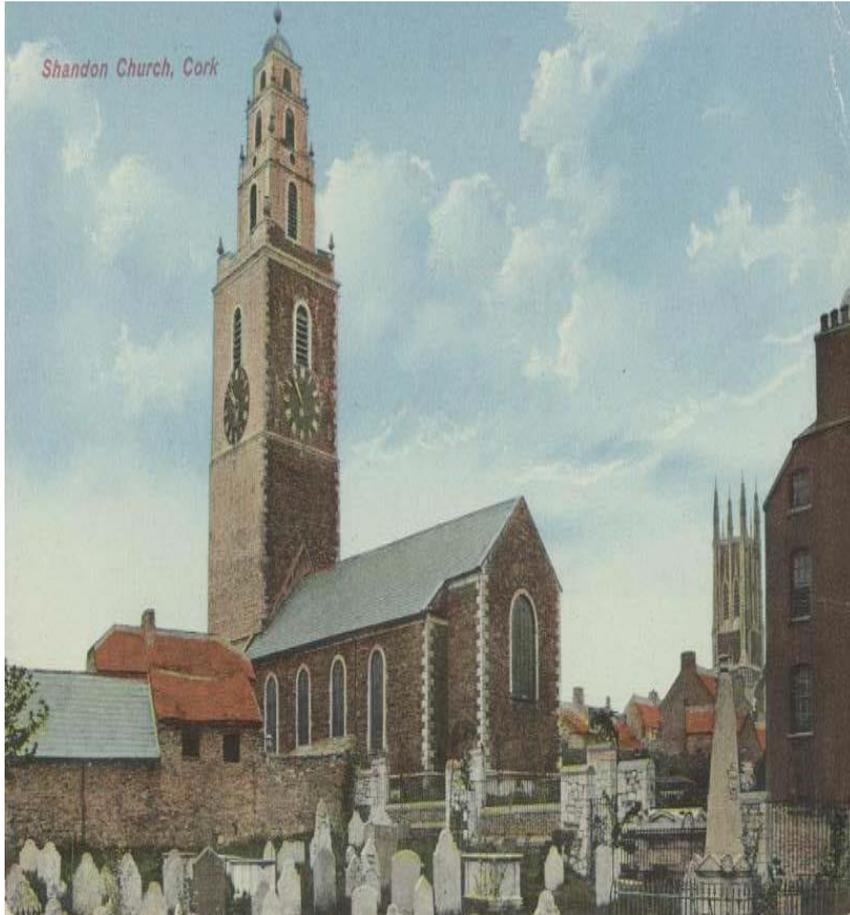
St. Anne's Shandon 1869 OS Map

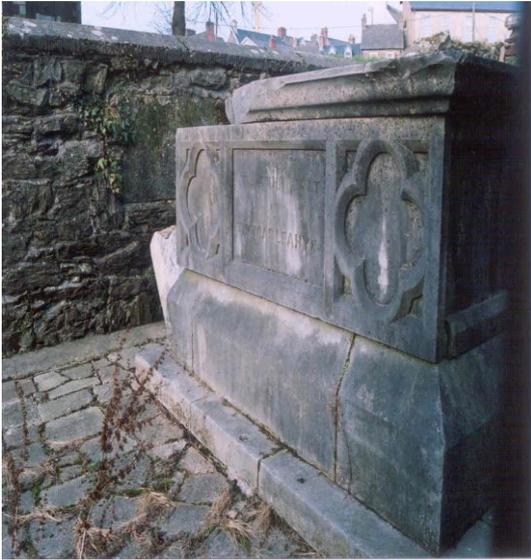




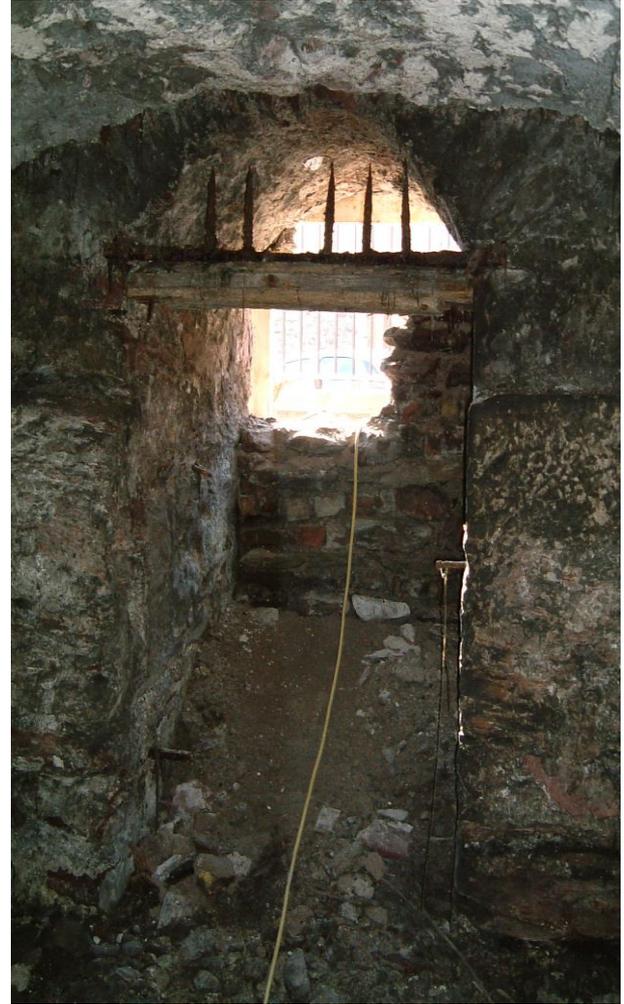
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St. Anne's Shandon





St. Anne's Shandon Crypt



St. Anne's Crypt



Archaeological Excavation at Shandon



Burials



Ardmahon Standing Stone



Military Cemetery



- Collins Barracks (formerly Victoria Barrcks) 1806
- 1849 Graveyard

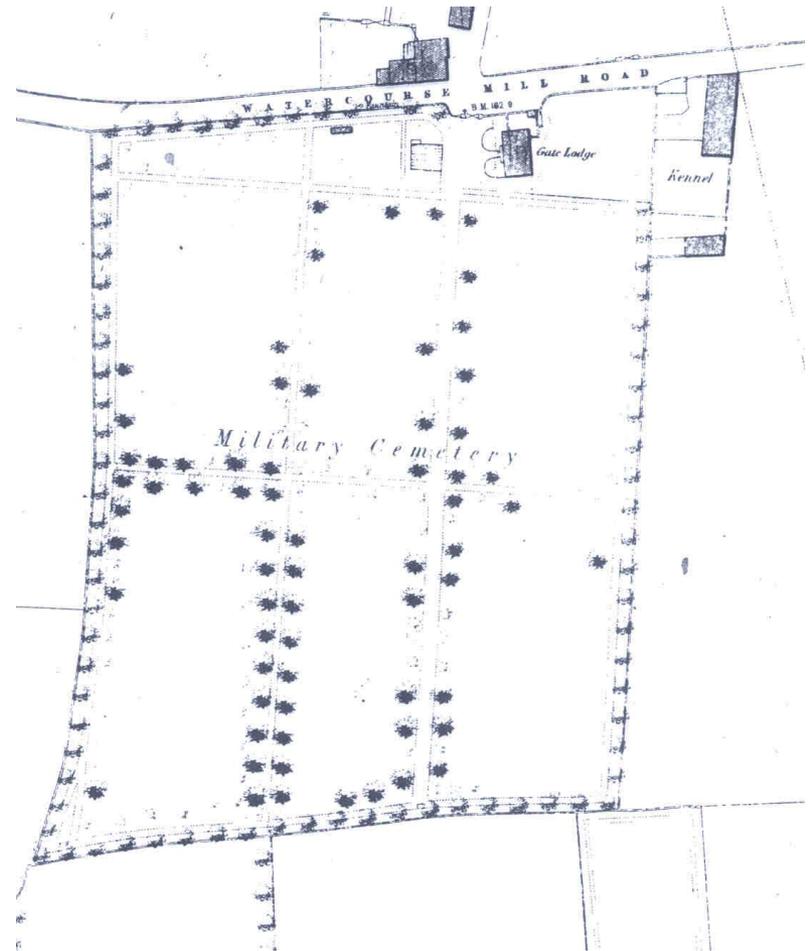


Burial Grounds Layout

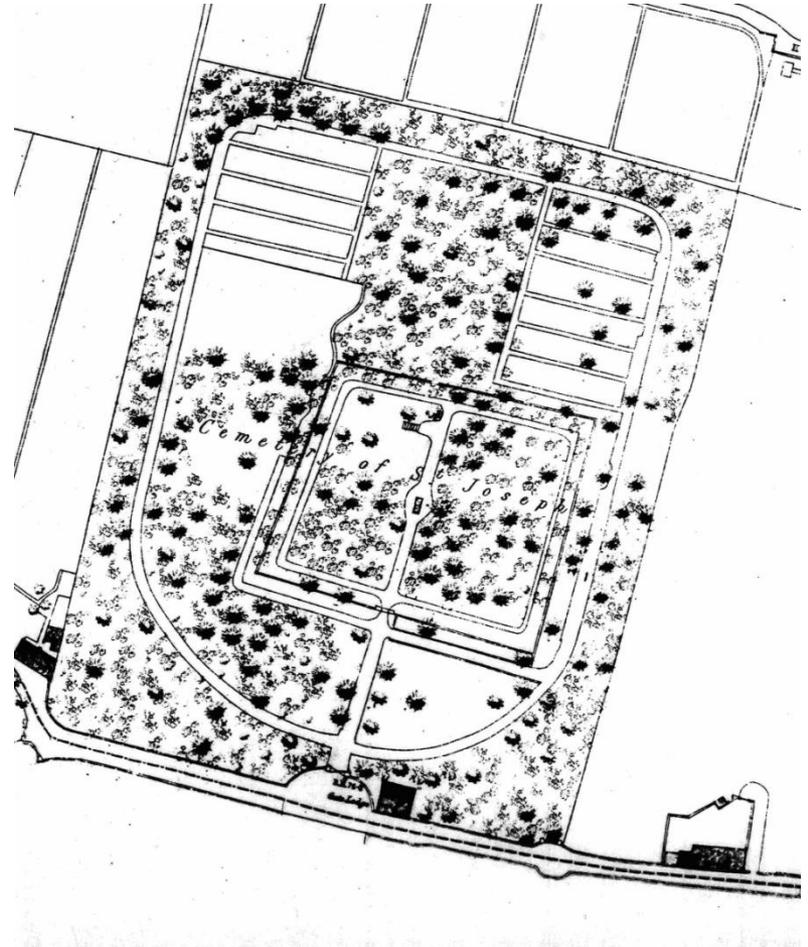
- Relatively random arrangement of east facing gravestones
- Space in churchyards ran out
- Formation of urban cemeteries like those at St. Joseph's and St. Finbarre's ---- places to visit

Burial Grounds Layout

- Highly formalised, planned layout of paths, roads and landscaping



St. Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road



Anti-body Snatching Grill



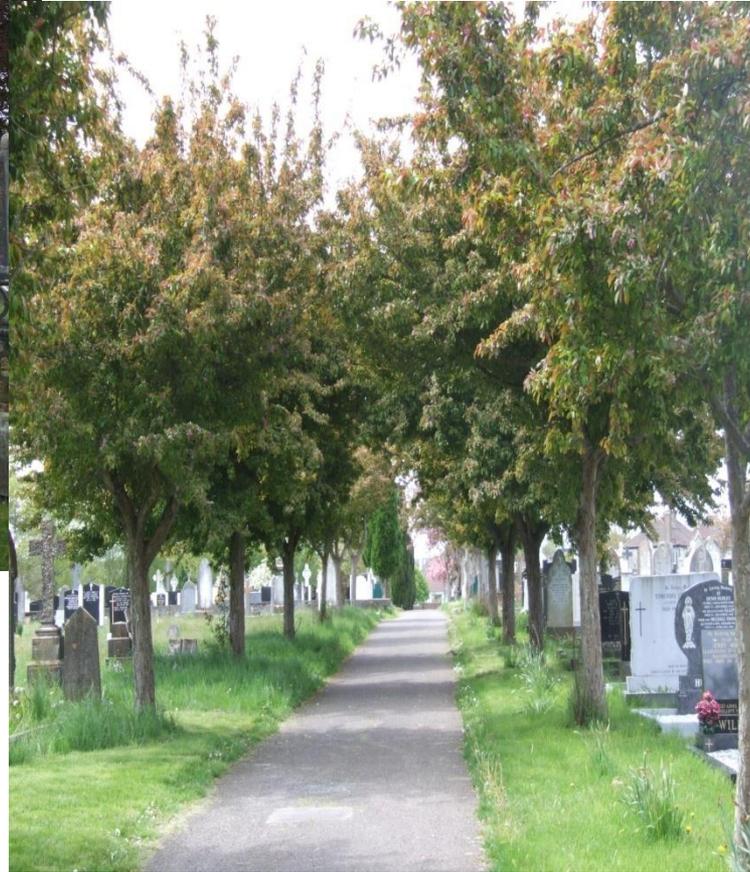
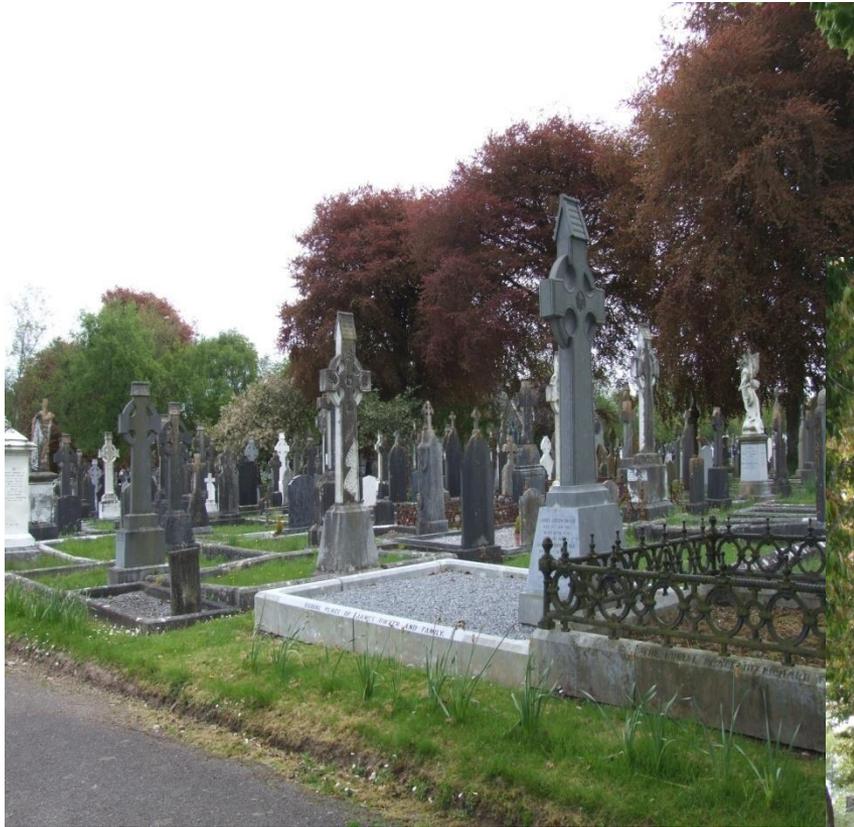
Monuments in Graveyards

- *Alignment east-west*
- *Head facing west*
- Earlier stones----heavily decorated, distinctive, artistic and cultural value
- Complex architectural decoration, reminders of death, trade symbols, detailed inscriptions

Monuments in Graveyards

- Flat or Recumbent Graveslabs
- Effigial Tomb
- Table tombs
- Chest Tombs
- Altar Tomb
- Headstones
- Wall Monuments
- Obelisk
- Vault





Graveyard Setting

- Significance

Historical, Archaeological, Social, Natural Heritage

- Condition

Illusion of permanence is deceptive.....climate,
pollution, vandalism



Care and Conservation of Graveyards

- Preserve historic setting
- Assess monument condition
e.g. Tilting headstones, exposed base stones
- SEEK ADVICE



Thank You



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