

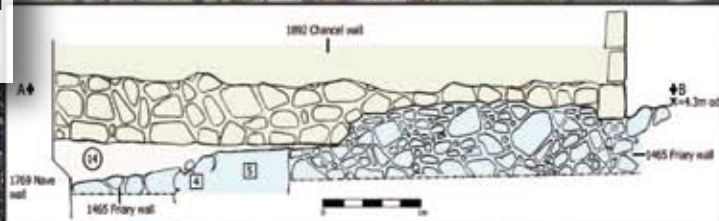
St Patrick's Church, Glenarm, Co. Antrim

In 2005 members of the NAC staff undertook a voluntary excavation at the Church of Ireland (background photograph) in Glenarm, Co. Antrim.

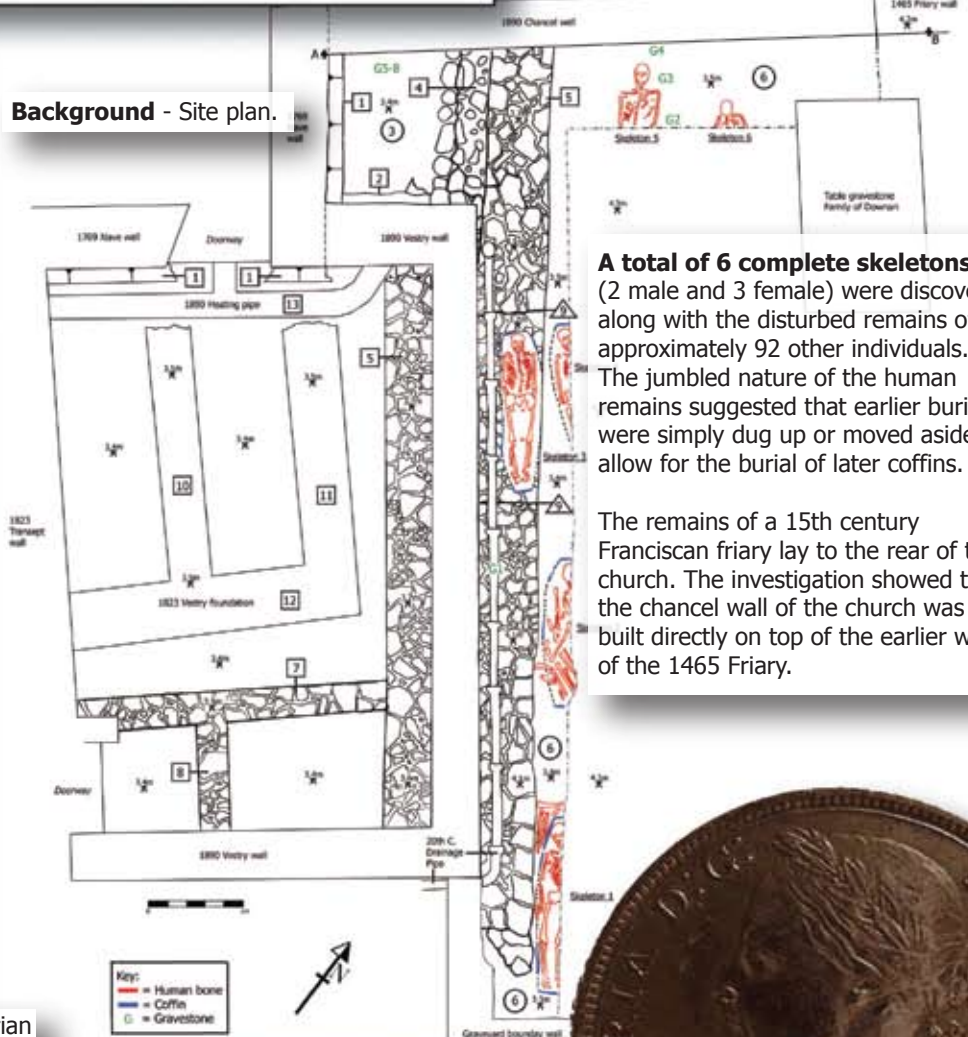
This was done in order to facilitate restoration works that were being carried out at the church. The excavation consisted of a drainage trench to the rear of the vestry and along the eastern wall of the chancel.

Right - Section showing the chancel wall over the friary.

Below - Skeleton recovered from the 17th century graveyard.



Background - Site plan.



A total of 6 complete skeletons (2 male and 3 female) were discovered along with the disturbed remains of approximately 92 other individuals. The jumbled nature of the human remains suggested that earlier burials were simply dug up or moved aside to allow for the burial of later coffins.

The remains of a 15th century Franciscan friary lay to the rear of the church. The investigation showed that the chancel wall of the church was built directly on top of the earlier wall of the 1465 Friary.

Far right - Victorian penny of 1891.

Right - Early 19th century gravestone.

