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The Lost Cemeteries of Kingston: An Archaeological Perspective

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BELLE ISLAND





MISSISSAUGA POI

Indian Remains.—During the progress on some excavations making by the Marine Railway Company, on Mississagua Point, the remains of from 15 to 20 Indians, with beads, knives, &c., have been found, imbedded about 10 inches below the original surface of the site of the battery. The bodies appear to have been severally wrapt in bark, the remains of which were found in close proximity to the undecayed portions of each skeleton.

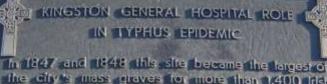
LOWER BURIAL GROUND



ST. JOSEPH'S







the city's mass graves for more than (400 lifsh immigrants who died in fever sheds adjacent to thingston General Hospital and Emily St., after Recing The Great Hunger in Ireland,

This plaque commemorates them and the selfless care givers who died nursing them.

h 1966, many remains from this site were re-interred beneath the Angel of Mercy in St. Many's Cemetery. Others discovered in 1990 now rest in Cataragu Cemetery, in 1998, a Celific Monument honouring all who died was raised in "An Gorta Mor" Park.

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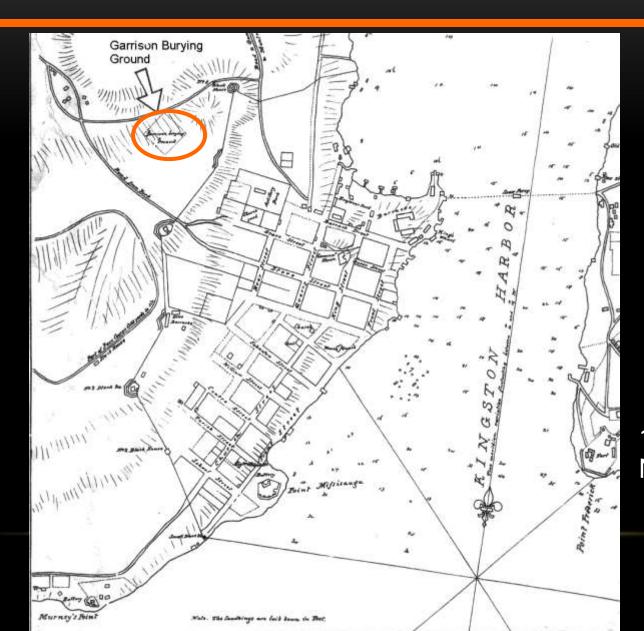
With the support of Kingston General Hospital in 1999.

THE TYPHUS EPIDEMIC 1847

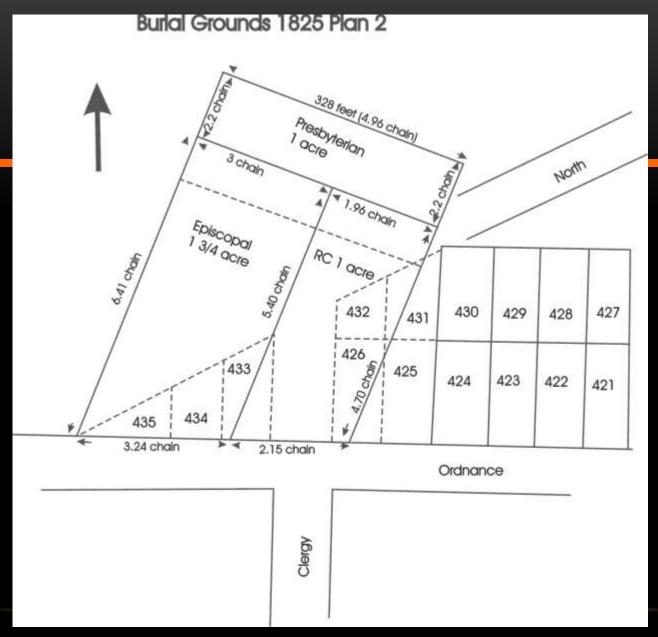
Though typins had been epidemic periodically in Canada since the 1050's the worst outfreak occurred in the summer of 1847. In that year some 90 0000 emigrants embarked for Canada meat of them refugees from the potato famine then ravaging freland. Nearly 15,000 died of typhus, either at sea or after their arrival in Canada. Those stricken while passing through Kingston found shelter in makeshift immigrant sheds erected near the waterfront. Despite the efforts of local religious and charitable organizations notably the Sisters of the Religious Flospitallers of St. Joseph and the ladies of the Female Benavalent Society, some 1400 immigrants died. Buried near the present general hospital,

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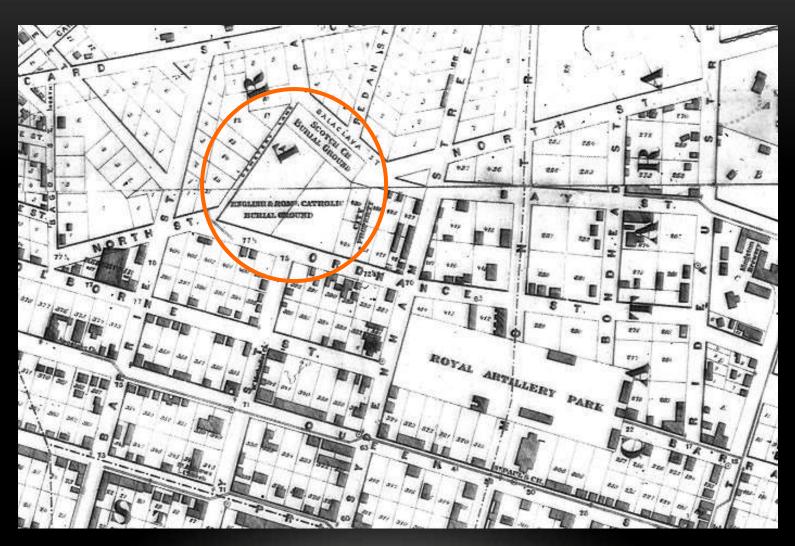
UPPER BURIAL GROUND



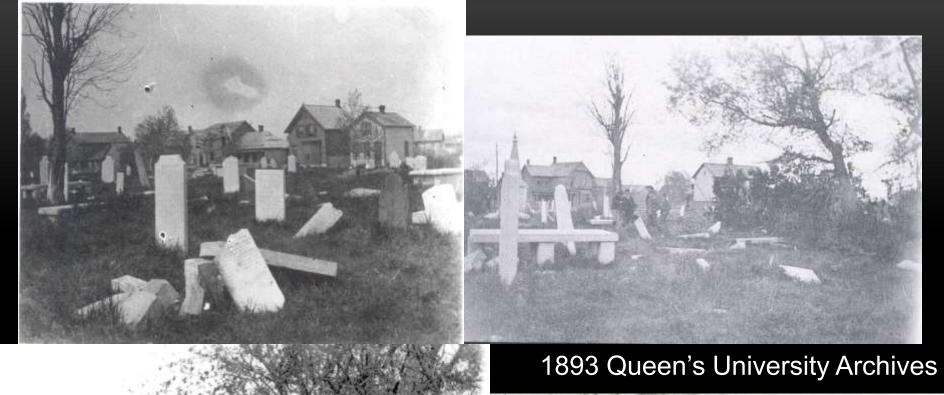
1816 Plan NMC 11378



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1865 Plan NMC 17877

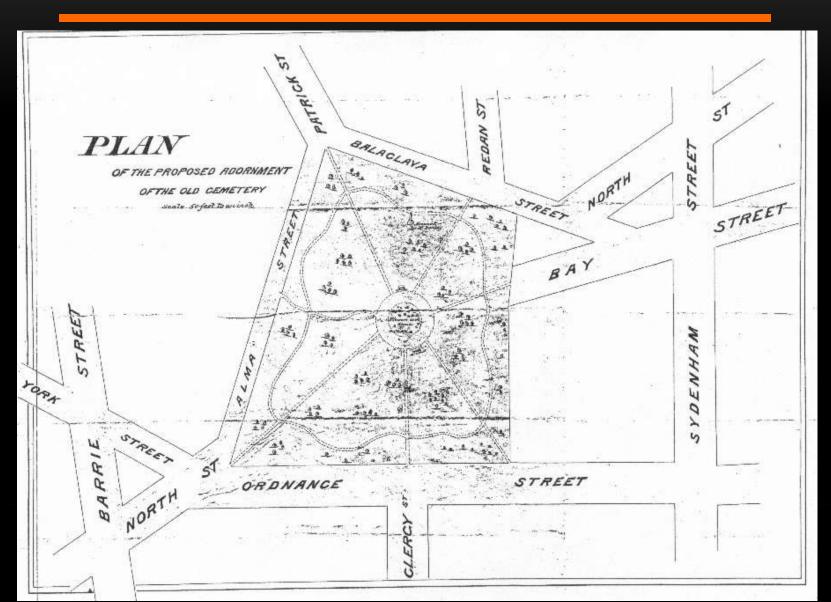






PROPOSED ADORNMENT OF THE OLD CEMETERY C.1893

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES





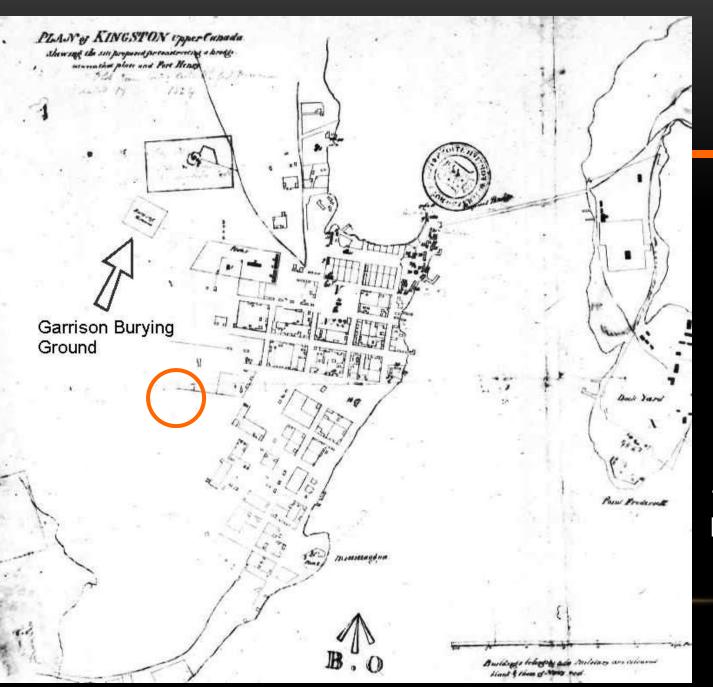
1893 exhumations, Queen's University Archives



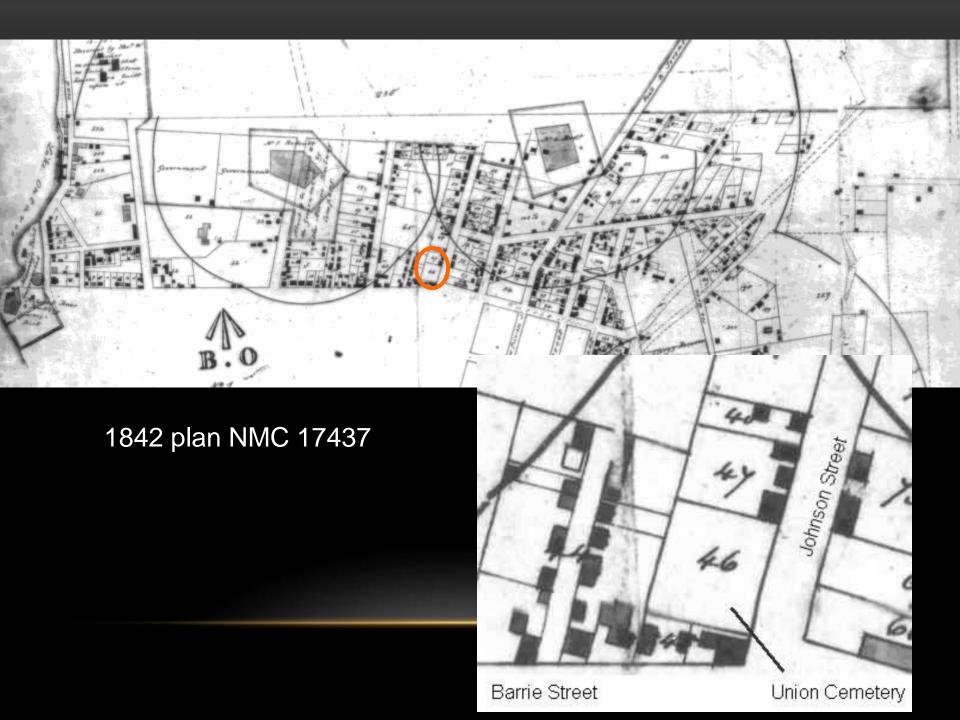
UNION CEMETERY



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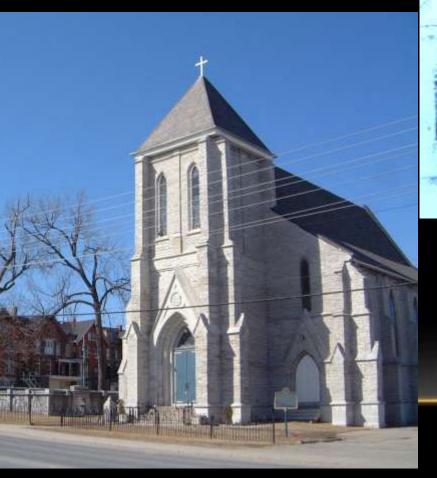


1824 plan NMC 16105



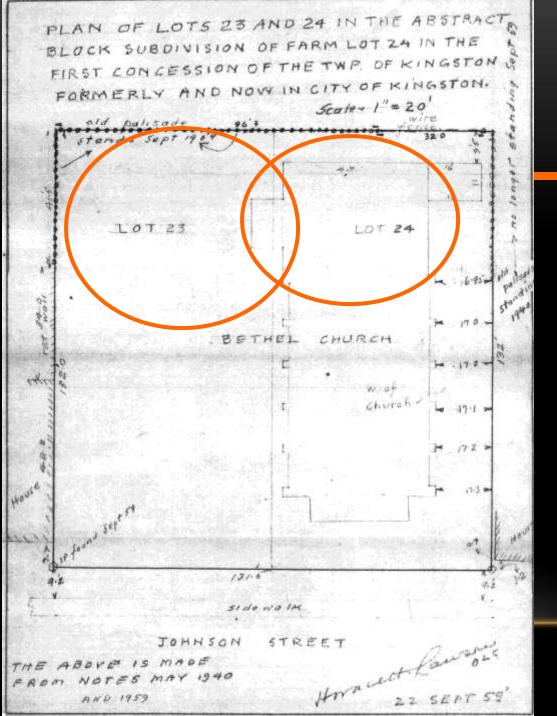


1878 Historical Atlas





c. 1880 Queen's University Archives



1959 plan

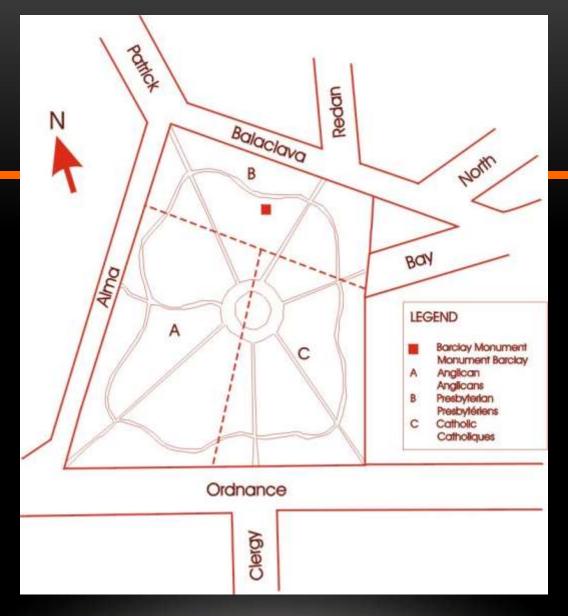
LEGISLATION

- Jurisdiction is through the Ontario Cemeteries Act
- Most powerful form of legislation
- No one can disturb a burial without authorization from the Cemeteries Registrar
- Archaeologists have a strict protocol to follow
- Archaeologists may be directed by the Registrar to investigate, and disinter a burial

THE UPPER BURIAL GROUND

Archaeological finds





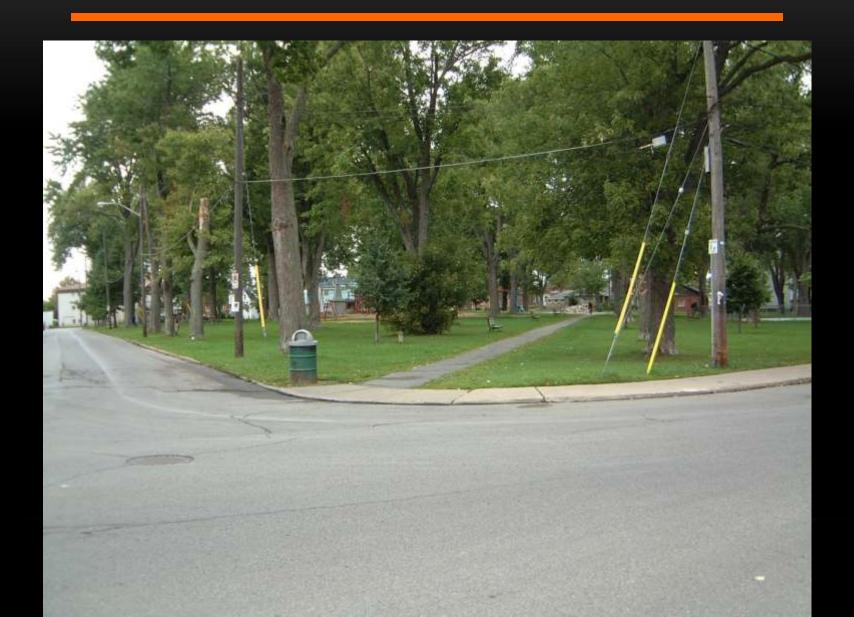
Anglican, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian Cemeteries overlaying park plan (Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation, for Kingston Historical Society)



BALACLAVA STREET



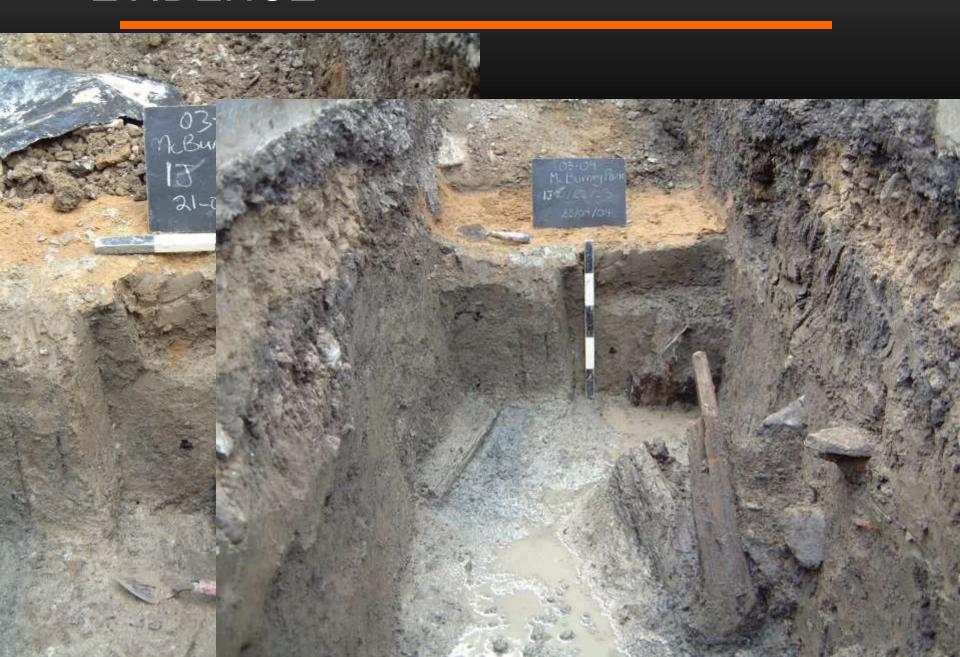
ALMA STREET



EXCAVATIONS IN PROGRESS



EVIDENCE





WESTERN LIMIT







THE UNION CEMETERY

Archaeology of a cemetery

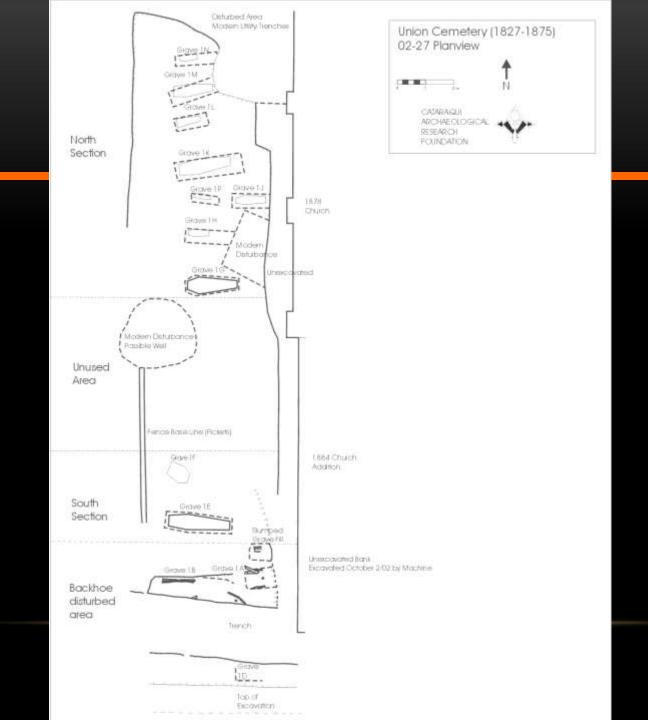


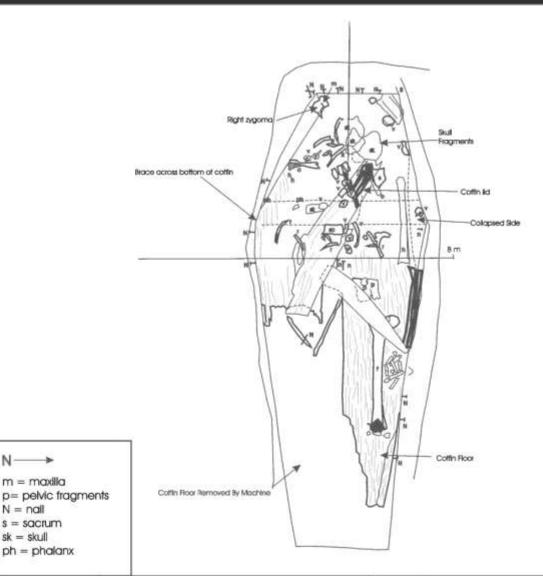












LEGEND

v = vertebra r = r l b

f = femur

N = nallh = humerus

s = scapula s = sacrum

c = clavicle sk = skull

d = digits/hand ph = phalanx

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m = maxilla

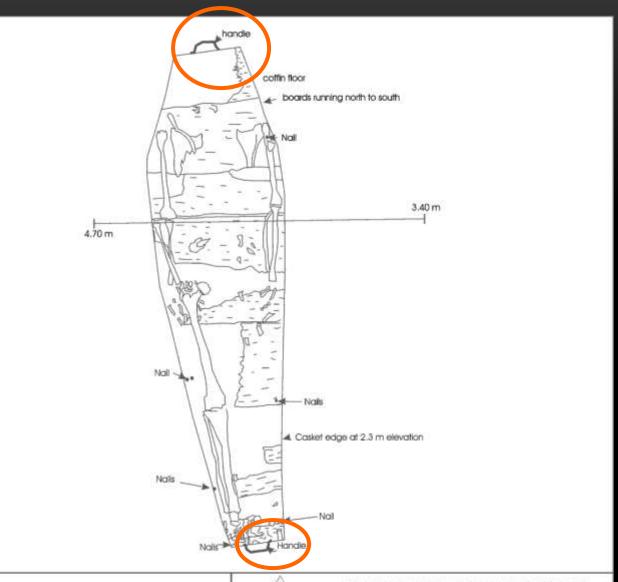
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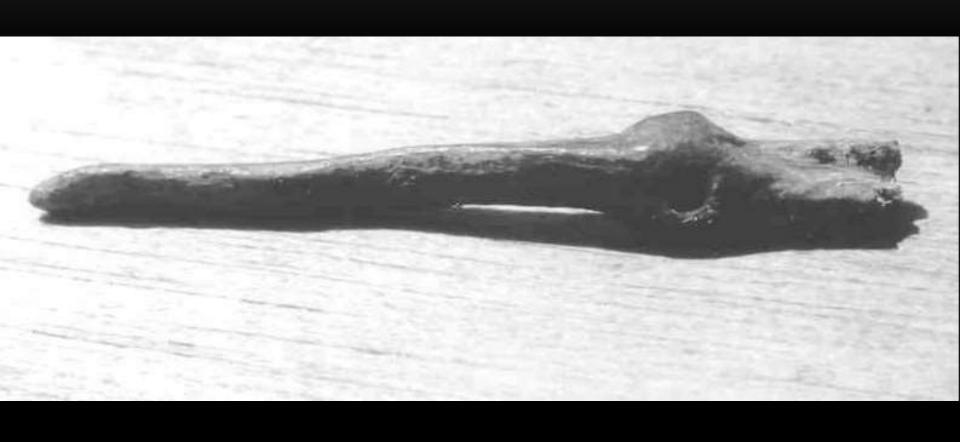
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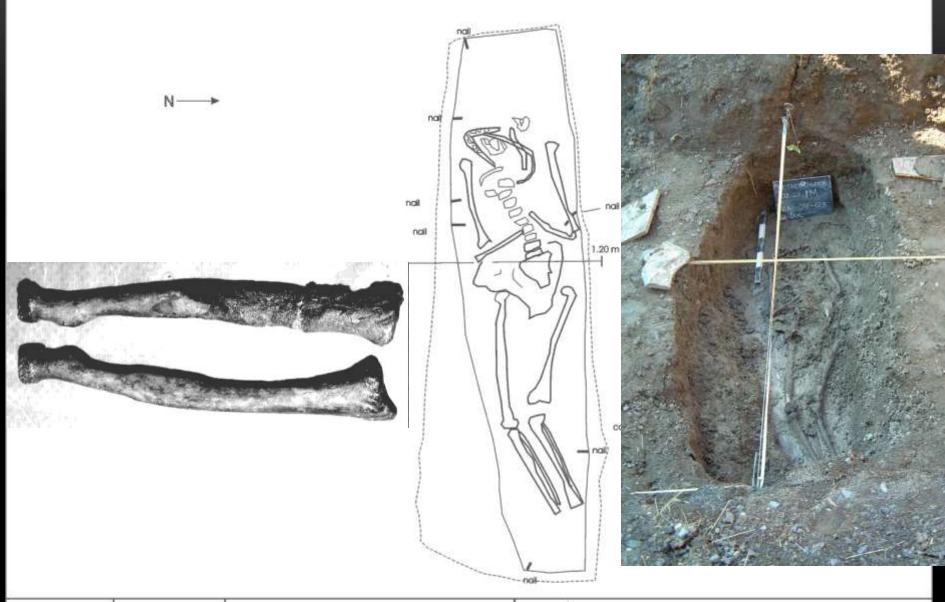












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FINAL TOP PLAN OF EXCAVATION

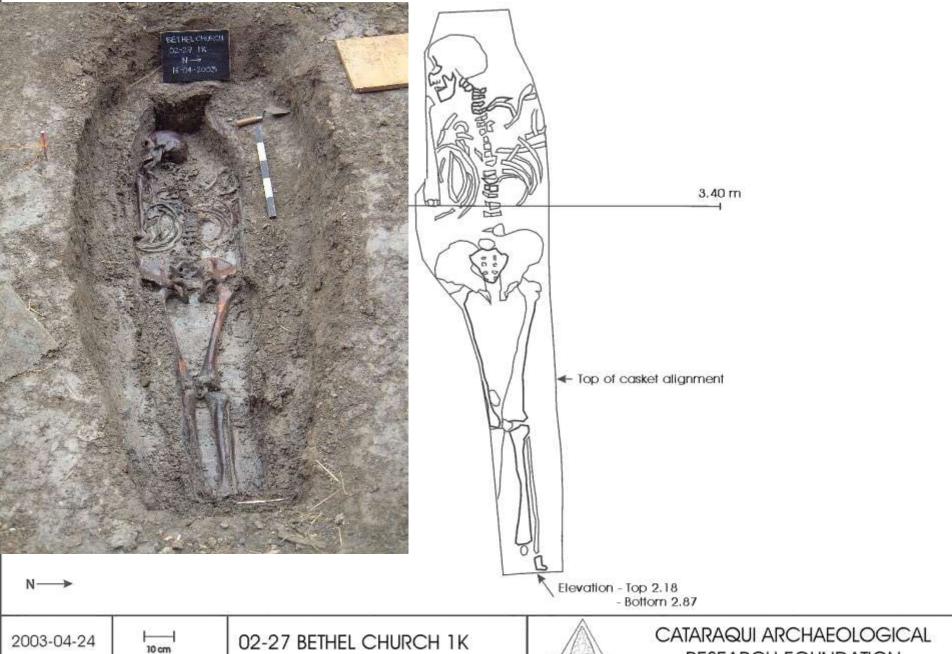


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