

Appendix 10.1

Excavated Archaeological Sites

Churchtown, Hook Head: C. Ó Drisceoil (Licence no. 05E094) A burial exposed during coastal erosion was c. 400m from the early 13th-century Hook Lighthouse (SMR 54:10) and 300m from the medieval parish church of Churchtown (SMR 54:9). The burial was a formal grave cut into a raised beach and was 0.85m from the surface. The skeleton was aligned N/S and that of a male aged 21-25 years at the time of death. Skeletal evidence suggested the man engaged in physical labour and he may have been a sailor, pirate or victim of a shipwreck washed ashore and hastily buried. The burial was dated to 1650-1950 cal. AD (2 sigma) or 1720-1780 cal. AD (1 sigma).

St. Brecaun's church, Portergate. T. Breen, T. 1987 In I. Bennett (ed.) *Excavations*. Dublin, Wordwell. 30-1.