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Excavation here was funded by National Provident Institution. Riverlain clay above natural river gravels was cut by a single 13th-14th c pit. Crossing the site from NW-SE was a vaulted brick drain which predated a cellared building of c1650. Within the building were two brick-lined cess pits and the remains of floor surfaces and internal walls. The building was demolished between 1720 and 1750. To the NE were traces of a wooden structure dated to the mid 16th-mid 17th c. In 1610 a burial ground was opened on the site; 606 burials, dating to between 1770 and 1849, were recovered during the excavations. Most of the burials were in wooden (elm) coffins, stacked up to eight deep, which in turn formed nine intercutting N-S rows across the site, in at least two phases. At the W end of the site a brick burial vault, truncating the earlier cellared building, contained 47 burials in coffins and a further 75 individuals that had been pushed to the far end of the vault to create space.

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