

Parameters:

B 2700 is a 2.5 x 3.2 m trench located on the west slope 2 terraces west of B 1500. The area was previously unexcavated and required clearing before digging commenced. The motivation behind opening this trench was the drive to discover what lay on the west terraces below the previously excavated areas, in search primarily of domestic activity, in contrast to the majority of excavated architecture on the site. There was no visual surface architecture. The benchmark used was R 13 (352.13m).

Staff:

Serving as trench supervisor was myself: Gypsy Price. The trench assistants were Lauren Hunley, Alyssa Egger, Jeff Smith, and Costas Chalikias. The workmen were Nikolis Spiliarotis and Manolis Maniadakis.

Locus and Pail Outline:

- B 2701: .1 – partial pass (western half) through topsoil
.2 – partial pass (eastern half) through topsoil
B 2702: .1 – partial pass (western half) through slope-wash/pre-bedrock
.2 – partial pass (eastern half) through slope-wash/pre-bedrock
.3 – full pass through slope-wash/pre-bedrock
.4 – incomplete pass (up to western edge of bedrock) through slope-wash/pre-bedrock
.5 – incomplete pass (up to western edge of bedrock) through slope-wash/pre-bedrock
.6 – incomplete pass (up to western edge of bedrock) through slope-wash/pre-bedrock

Progression of Excavation:

The excavation of B 2700 was conducted between the dates of the 30th of May and the 2nd of June. The strat of B 2700 was dug in two loci: B 2701 (2 pails) and B 2702 (6 pails). B2701 consisted of topsoil, removed in two pails (B 2701.1 and B 2701.2) due to the dampness of the soil post several days of rain. B 2701.1 covered the western half of B 2700, whereas the pass was completed as B 2701.2 the following day. B 2702 and all related pails (B 2702.1 – B2702.6) consisted of slope-wash and pre-bedrock material. These two classifications were included in the same locus number due to the extreme erosion and disturbance of the material being excavated.

Conclusions and Discussion:

Very little bone and pottery was found within B 2700. The material that was recovered was badly eroded and mixed in terms of dating. There was no clear distinction between loci (or pails) and the dating of the pottery. No architecture or depositional surfaces were found. A single standard soil sample was taken from locus B 2702, from which no telling information was gleaned. B 2700 was closed once bedrock was uncovered across the entirety of the trench. Due to the disturbance of the area, no functional purpose was ascertained from the excavation of this area.

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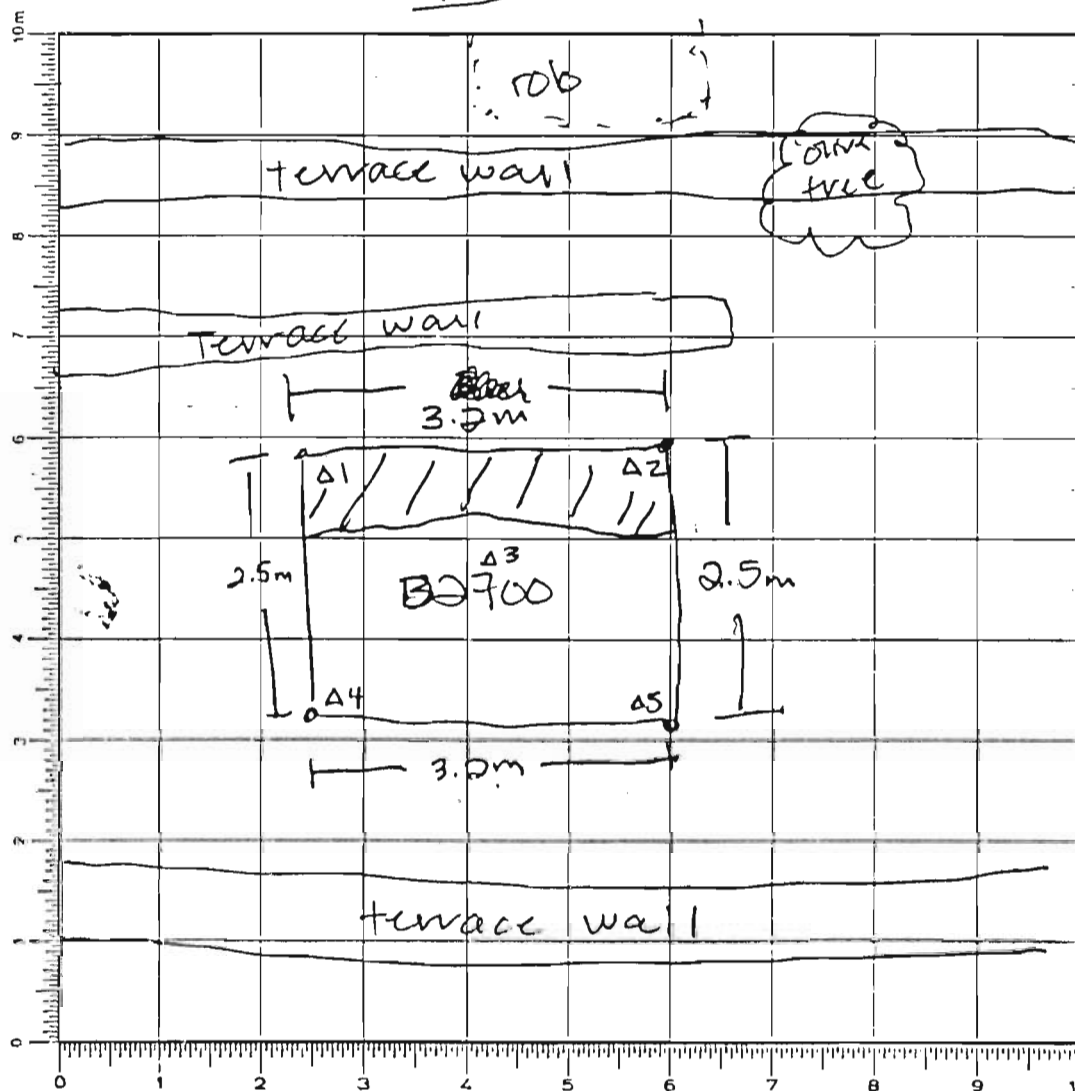
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Elevations

Benchmark used: R13
Reading on
Benchmark: 352.13m
H.I.: 352.422

$\Delta 1 \Delta 2$
 $\Delta 3 \Delta 4$

$\Delta 4 \Delta 5$
 $\Delta 1 \Delta 2$



$\Delta 1 + 352.13 =$
Top elevations 1st pair
 $\Delta 1: 1.903 \rightarrow 350.519$
 $\Delta 2: 1.811 \rightarrow 350.810$
 $\Delta 3: 2.135 \rightarrow 350.287$
 $\Delta 4: 2.315 \rightarrow 350.107$
 $\Delta 5: 2.391 \rightarrow 350.032$

Bottom Elevations
1st pair
 $\Delta 1: 2.393 \rightarrow 350.029$
 $\Delta 2: 2.315 \rightarrow 350.107$
 $\Delta 3: 2.323 \rightarrow 350.089$

2nd pair
 $\Delta 4: 1.888 \rightarrow 350.442$
 $\Delta 5: 1.885 \rightarrow 350.445$

New benchmark
readings 220
H.I.: 352.350

☐ B2701.1
☒ B2701.2

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 30 May 2005 Locus above: ~~B2701.1~~

Locus parameters: 3m x 2.5m on western slope

Verbal description: New trench, initial locus; rocky topsoil, reddish brown
? dirt from clearing by fire; loose

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE: our comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

May 30: tons of topsoil, plow debris south of the terrace walls
under Rob's trench

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OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

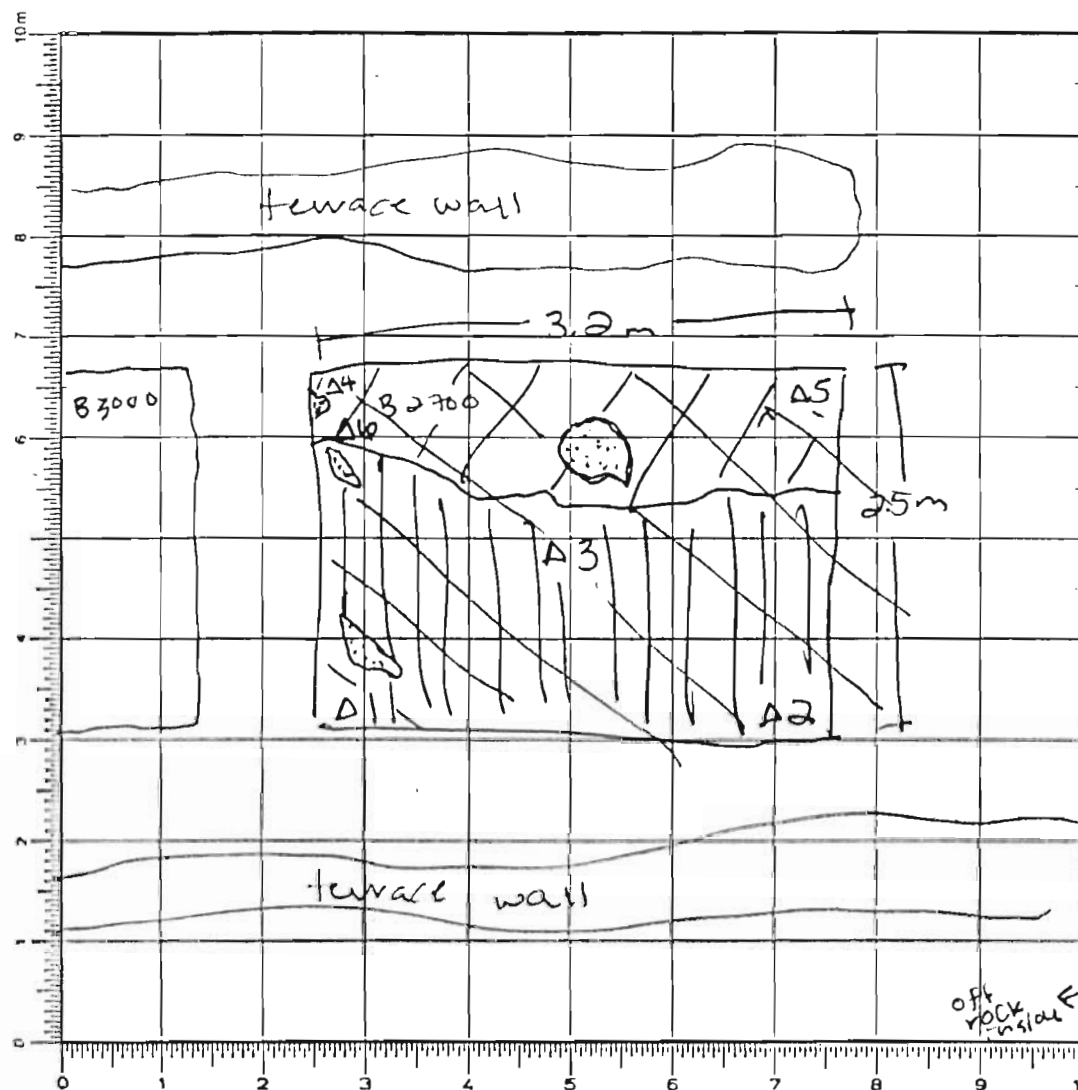
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Year 2005 Trench/Locus 2702 Excavator GCP

Elevations

Benchmark used: R13

Reading on

Benchmark: 352.13 mH.I.: 352.350Top Elevations
(see 2701 locus
sheet)Bottom Elevations
B2702.1

A1: 2.364 → 349.984

A2: 2.272 → 350.078

A3: 2.253 → 350.097

A4: 1.888 → 350.381

A5: 1.838 → 350.431

H.I.: 352.269

.139 + 352.13 =

A6: 2.070 → 350.199

□ stone

▨ B2702.2

▩ B2702.1

▤ B2702.3

bottom elevation

of B2702.3

H.I.: 352.332

.202 + 352.13 =

A1: 2.064 → 350.048

A2: 2.323 → 350.009

A3: 2.441 → 349.891

A4: 2.032 → 350.300

A5: 2.308 → 350.024

A6: 1.902 → 350.430

A7: 2.198 → 350.134

A8: 2.301 → 350.031

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A27: 2.301 → 350.031

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 31 May 2005 Locus above: 2701Locus parameters: 3.2 x 2.5 m

Verbal description: rocky soil, damp from rain, more compact than last pass (2701); still rocky (stones ~ 5-15 cm); changed locus due to lack of topsoil (no roots); change in consistency

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

31 May: appears to be empty; few rock arranged linearly may suggest architecture but lacks visual reference

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Trench/Locus B 27/2

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Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
B 2702.1	.42 kg	45	LMIIIC, 6 th
B 2702.2	.02 kg	4	EIA
B 2702.3	.35 kg	33	Hell, 6 th
B 2702.4	.205 kg	24	LMIIIC(?), 7 th , 6 th
B 2702.5	.32 kg	19	LMIIIC, Archaic, Hell?
B 2702.6	.07 kg	15	7 th , 6 th

OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2005 Trench/Locus 2700 Excavator GCP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

30 May: Began by clearing the SW terrace (beside epic dirt chute) in preparation for test trenches. No visible architecture. Began first pass through B2701.1: rocky, loose, red/brown dark soil with traces of the burnt growth from cleaning by fire. Completed 3/4 of the pass before breaking for the day, will continue with a new pair tomorrow

31 May: Completed pass as B2701.2 revealing larger rocks in the northern corner, somewhat in line w/ previously unearthed rock in the western corner. Soil still rocky & loose, still damp. Trench is cleaned & left to dry before starting another pass. Possible architecture along the NW, however still too early to tell. Pottery & one shell is found during this pass.

Second pass is started, denoted B2702.1, the beginning of a new locus. Instead of topsoil, we're pulling out more compact soil w/ smaller rocks. Reddish Brown, although we still had to stop digging of the pass due to dampness. Large stones previously mentioned (to the NW) getting larger, though no indication of relation to the stones in the NE.

1 June: Trench has dried enough to complete the 2nd pass as B2702.2, which only covers the eastern third of the trench. The eastern border reveals a concentration of rubble like rocks (10 cm - 20 cm) above the larger rocks formerly mentioned.

Began 3rd pass as B2702.3 continuing the locus from the last pass since the matrix is the same:

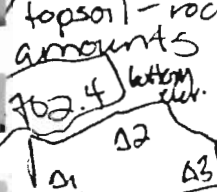
moderately compact (more so than topsoil) & rocky, although the underlying dirt is still damp. A handle (complete) is found in the south corner.

The completion of the pass reveals bedrock across the eastern border of the trench. Larger & larger rocks emerge as we move eastward, the bedrock is crumbly & irregular, breaking off in



chunks. The further east in the trench, the less & less pottery is being found.

2 June: Since finding bedrock on the eastern half of the trench, we've taken to only digging the western half, along the line of the bedrock outcropping. The soil is the same as the previous passes, topsoil - rocky & red/brown. Bone & pottery are being found in moderate amounts (very little bone, some pottery). Another pass is taken B2702.5, again on the SE of the trench. Bigger chunks of pottery are emerging although no architecture is visible yet.



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Year 2005 Trench/Locus 2702 Excavator GRP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pile(s)]:

2 June: Another pass [B2702.0] is made, final pass? soil still consistent w/ previous piles (same locus). very little pottery is found, so we have decided to close the trench. No bone. Bedrock continues down the slope. No architectural features. Final Elevations are taken; pictures are taken as well as a soil sample for locus 2702

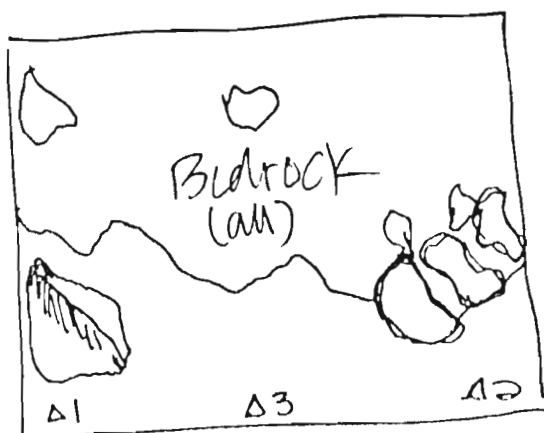
Final Elevations

$$Hi: 352.13 + .128 = 352.258$$

$$\Delta 1: 2.427 \rightarrow 349.831$$

$$\Delta 2: 2.343 \rightarrow 349.707$$

$$\Delta 3: 2.408 \rightarrow 349.722$$



Final sketch

