

Azoria 2004

Trench Report for D400

PL

09 July, 2004

Introduction:

D400 lies on the lower terrace on the south-western slope of the Azoria Acropolis. The workmen for the trench were Manolis Dantes, Athanasis Syritoudes and Giorgos Souriadakis. The trench assistants were Sarah Falb, Elizabeth McKinley-Ward, Charles Newsome and Lisa Niro. The trench supervisor was Paul Lesperance. The Trench was excavated from the 24th of June to the 1st of July, 2004. The benchmark used was R14 (354.37m).

The trench is bordered to the north by trench D300, and on the south by B2300. It lies on a slope which is markedly higher in the east than the west. About a meter to the east of the trench's edge there is a large modern terrace wall. The trench itself measures 4.10m on the west, 4.70m on the north, 5.15m on the east and 4.75m on the south, forming a rough trapezoid shape. The original purpose of excavating the trench was to attempt and follow a north-south wall which had appeared in B2300. In the pursuit of this wall, some material was occasionally excavated from further north than the technical boundary of the trench. Such material will be noted in the discussion. One possibility for the wall was a line of very large stones some distance in front of the eastern edge of the trench. This line, however, turned out to be another modern terrace wall and was removed with the topsoil (see below).

Stratigraphic Report:

The excavation of this trench was divided roughly into two areas. The eastern, or upslope area, had a much thicker deposition than the western, or down slope, area. Each area had its own loci or pails associated with it, and it would be best to treat each separately herein for the sake of clarity.

Locus D401 consists of the topsoil layer, which tends to be grey and loose, for the trench. In the upslope portion, which was dug first, the pails were D401.1-3. It was during the excavation of D401.2-3 that the second terrace wall was removed, in favour of the wall which would become D405. D401.2 also included material removed from excavation along the wall line outside the northern boundary of the trench. In D401.4, which lay between the terrace wall and D405, the soil colour started to change to a dark brown. A lot of pottery was recovered from this pail, with one dense concentration being given its own pail (D401.5).

Below the topsoil in the upslope area was a layer of loose darkish brown soil, which lay up against D405. This was taken out as D402 (pail 1) in one pass. This pail also bypassed the northern boundary of the trench, following the wall line. A large painted geometric sherd recovered from here was given its own pail number (D402.2). Later, some wall cleaning in the area was recovered and logged as D402.3.

Below D402, the soil near D405 became more rocky, with grey clay intermixed. This was made into locus D404, and it was hoped that a preserved floor level would be found at the bottom of the locus. The pails for this locus are D404.1-3 and D404.6. D404.4 and .5 are both special cases. During the digging of D404, a patch of hard-packed

clay floor was uncovered in the southeastern corner of the trench. Directly to the north of this patch, a bin was uncovered. This bin was defined by D405 to the north and east and by a line of stones on the south which ended in a mostly intact large pot. The bin was paved with stone slabs. A first pass across it was done as D404.4. A second pass was started (at the same time that D404.6 was attempting to find the floor along the wall to the north) as D404.5, but it was decided to make it a new locus (D406), and so the pail number was changed. Unfortunately, outside the bin area, the floor surface remained patchy and extant in only very small places. The soil directly around the bin was fairly loose and contained a good deal of carbon. It was sampled repeatedly.

D406 consists of the bin and the material recovered therefrom. Its pails consist of D406.1 (originally D404.5) and D406.2, in which the large pot which formed the southwestern corner of the locus was removed. The bin was roughly square, measuring 1.25m in each direction.

The back or eastern wall of the trench was given the locus number D405. It was constructed out of fairly large rocks, unhewn or roughly so, with smaller rocks interspersed. It runs north-south, starting off within eastern scarp of the trench, but then jogging outwards and funning north from there. It is mostly continuous, with one exception. until it passes the northern boundary of the trench, after which it peters out.

In the lower area of the trench, the deposition was a lot thinner and simpler to define. The topsoil here was removed as D401.6-7. Below this, there was a linear region of rock tumble, which was hoped to be a wall, possibly an extension of the wall D306. This possible wall/rock tumble mix ran north-south in the northern two thirds of the trench. The southern third of the trench at this level (D401.6) consists mostly of small stones and soil which is a combination of tumble and wash from upslope. The top and front of the linear tumble pile were cleaned as D403.1 in the hopes of clarifying and defining it. Unfortunately, clarification was not achieved at that time, and concentration was shifted upslope to where the bin was being uncovered. The area in front of D403 has since been given to Trench D300 to excavate. They have since defined a good wall face here below the level excavated in D400.

There was a large amount of pottery recovered in total from the trench, including several whole or nearly complete vessels, some of which were geometric in date. Several possible stone tools were also recovered, including two querns, one of which was recovered from within the bin itself. In addition, two iron nails were also recovered.

Interpretation:

It unfortunately seems that the trench has been fairly damaged by erosion, to judge by the amount of tumble, wash, and the patchy preservation of any floor surface. It does seem that there once was some sort of internal room existed in the upslope area, with D405 defining its eastern edge. To judge from the bin, the pottery and the tools, especially the querns, which were recovered, this room may have served as some sort of storage/work area for food production. It is probable that this room extended to the line of the wall, whose face has been uncovered in D300. However, the back face of this wall could not be ascertained within trench D400, so it is not clear. Likewise, there does not seem to be any sign of a northern terminus to this upslope room, since there was no indication of a clear cross wall in the north. It may be that the room was an extremely long and narrow room so that the northern wall would be in the more disturbed areas of

D300 where D405 itself peters out. Such a shape would work well with the idea of the room being for storage. In addition, the southwest corner of the trench, which would be the area of transition between this putative room, the room excavated as part of D300 and B2300, is so badly washed out that the exact relationship between these three spaces may be impossible to determine.

D 401-asm

Year 2004 Trench/Locus D400 Excavator PL

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

24 June 2004

We have started a new trench 'D400'. We have started taking out the topsoil as ~~B2~~ D401, pail 1. This trench lies to the north of trench B2300 and lies on a moderately steep slope below a terrace wall of modern origin. The area is vaguely rectangular. There is a row of very large stones near the top of the slope which may be a continuation of a wall line seen in B2300. We started a pass near the top of the slope. We did not ~~cross~~ screen the material. Soon, a line of three large rocks was found behind the line of larger ones, disappearing into the ~~western~~ ^{eastern} scarp. Further investigation will hopefully clarify this line.

By the end of the day, we had only completed a small portion of the pass. The soil is a light grey, heavily included by rocks, some up to 20cm long. We recovered one small bag of pottery and a single bone fragment. Tomorrow, we will continue the pass and then attempt to clarify the wall lines.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus D400 D401-ASM Excavator PL

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

25 June 2004

We are continuing our removal of the top soil of D400 (Locus D401). I have split it into two parts. D401.2 is from the base of the trench to the line of the large rocks in the east. D401.3 is the area behind these rocks to the east scarp of the trench. In this fashion, we hope to help clarify the wall situation uncovered yesterday. The soil of both parts continues to be light grey-brown and is a lot of rocks. Both parts are removing some pottery and a little bit of bone. The volume of soil, however, is quite large. We are not screening this material. We finished off D401.3 fairly quickly, and we started to concentrate on D401.2.

We exposed a couple rows of rocks. The soil here is darker with more rocks. Peggy came by and thought that these stones looked like a modern terrace wall. She told us to remove the loose upper course and to dig behind it in order to see if the ancient wall was behind it. We repositioned D401.3 and started in behind. The soil soon turned to a dark brown, so I switched parts to D401.4 (closing D401.3 for finally).

We also started to remove a dirt dump to the north-west part of D401.2. As we started to remove rocks ~~from~~ from the terrace, we uncovered a possible stone tool (grinder or quern) which we logged as object 1 (D401.4). Digging in front of the terrace wall (D401.2) as we took it down, we uncovered what seems like substantial portions of a whole pot. We haven't taken it out quite yet, but we have collected the fragments from the immediate area separately in preparation for logging it as an object. The pot lies in the south, near trench B2300. We are leaving it in place now. Instead we are digging around it, trying to find the face of the wall in order to give it some context.

In so doing, we are continuing eastward, beneath the terrace wall. Here we uncovered a large piece of pumice and a lot of pottery, which we put under D401.2 with the exception of one particularly dense concentration, which we logged as D401.5 together. We approached the line of stones behind the terrace wall in the south-east corner and discovered another large portion (at least) of a pithos. We likewise left this in place for the time being until we can ascertain the track (if any) of the ancient wall (if any). The likely suspect is a line of largeish rocks in the south-east up against the eastern scarp line. Here there are several large rocks one above the other in 2 courses. We are recovering a lot of pottery from the removal of this terrace wall and some bone.

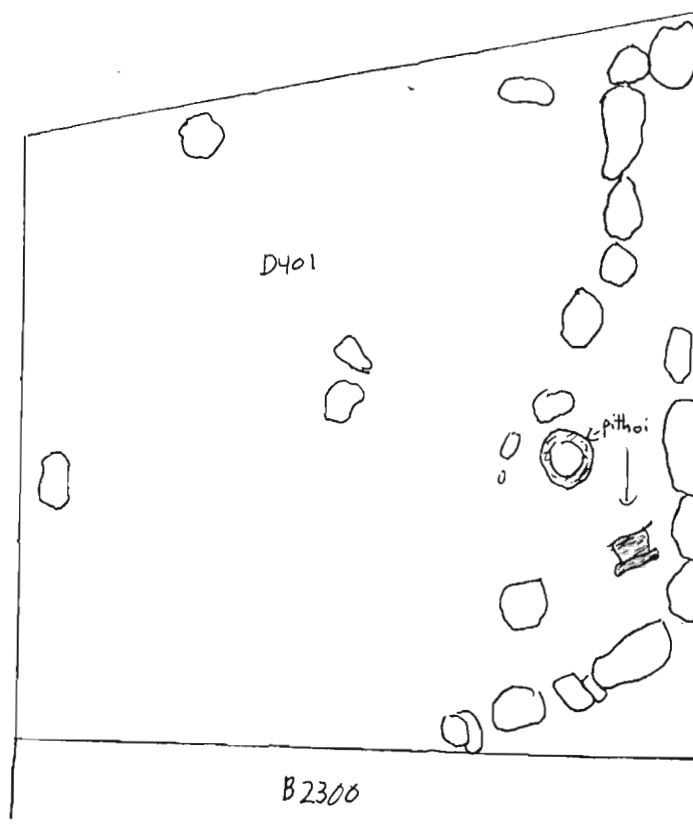
Trench D400
V: 4.10 m
N: 4.70 m
E: 5.15 m
S: 4.75 m

Year 2004 Trench/Locus D400 / D401 Excavator PL

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

25 June 2004

upslope →

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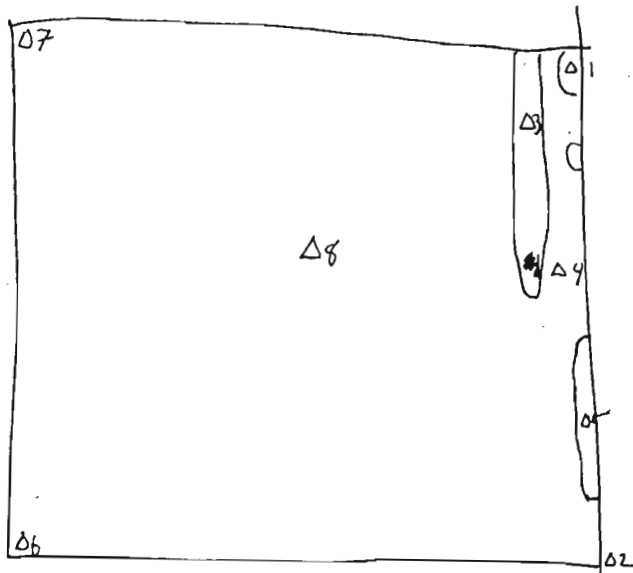
Year _____ Trench/Locus _____ Excavator _____

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

28 June 2004

We are continuing in our attempt to trace the line of the ancient wall. I have decided to call the material from this region D402 (part 1). This area is disturbed by wall tumble (from different walls) and a possibly modern terrace wall, so I'm not screening the material. The soil is a dark brown with a good deal of rocks. We started by cleaning up along the eastern side of the south trench boundary, where a pile of ^{stones} boxes may obscure a cross wall visible in B2300. We are finding a good amount of both pottery and bone in this area, but nothing overly impressive amount-wise. We are removing a lot of rocks from this area, but little dirt. Towards the east wall, we found some pieces of earthenware (some as big as the first joint of my thumb but encased still in dirt). We bagged it and took an intensive soil sample of this area (just in case). We then pulled a long 'U' shaped stone plaque, naturally worn but possibly could have been used as a drain. We didn't bag it, being naturally worn. Next, a grave was uncovered up against the east wall. We bagged it and bagged it as object #1.

Having tidied up the south-east corner so that the back face of the cross wall could be seen, we moved further north, still attempting to trace the line of the wall. Another large stone was uncovered, behind the terrace wall, and in-line with the higher ones further south. We have removed the last of the upper course of the terrace wall in order to see where the ancient wall goes. There is even less depth of soil to remove here, and so we are retrieving less pottery and bone from this area. The terrace seems to have been built right up against the line of the ancient wall here. We may have encountered a possible cross wall in that there is a particularly regular cluster of stones jutting out from the back wall which may not be part of the terrace. We are trying to remove the tumble from around it. In this tumble, we uncovered a large painted rim sherd, which we sent down in its own pail (D402.2). The formation seems less regular than first thought. It seems for the most part to be founded on dirt (there is no continuation of rocks further down). We have taken it out and have shipped to the north (technically outside the bounds of the trench previously) in order to clarify the situation. On top of the walls there are patches of pure grey clay and small concentrations of sherds. The wall may have a join founded up the wall continued along the line of the projection with the area of small stones and loose dirt (dark brown) behind it. We removed one



$\Delta 1: 2.20$
 $\Delta 2: 2.22$
 $\Delta 3: 2.36$
 $\Delta 4: 2.68$
 $\Delta 5: 2.39$
 $\Delta 6: 3.76$
 $\Delta 7: 3.87$
 $\Delta 8: 3.33$

Elevations:

$\Delta 1: 358.65$
 $\Delta 2: 356.63$
 $\Delta 3: 356.49$
 $\Delta 4: 356.17$
 $\Delta 5: 358.46$
 $\Delta 6: 355.09$
 $\Delta 7: 354.98$
 $\Delta 8: 355.52$

$R: 4.48$
 $: 358.85$

Year 2004 Trench/Locus D402 Excavator PL

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

29 June 2004

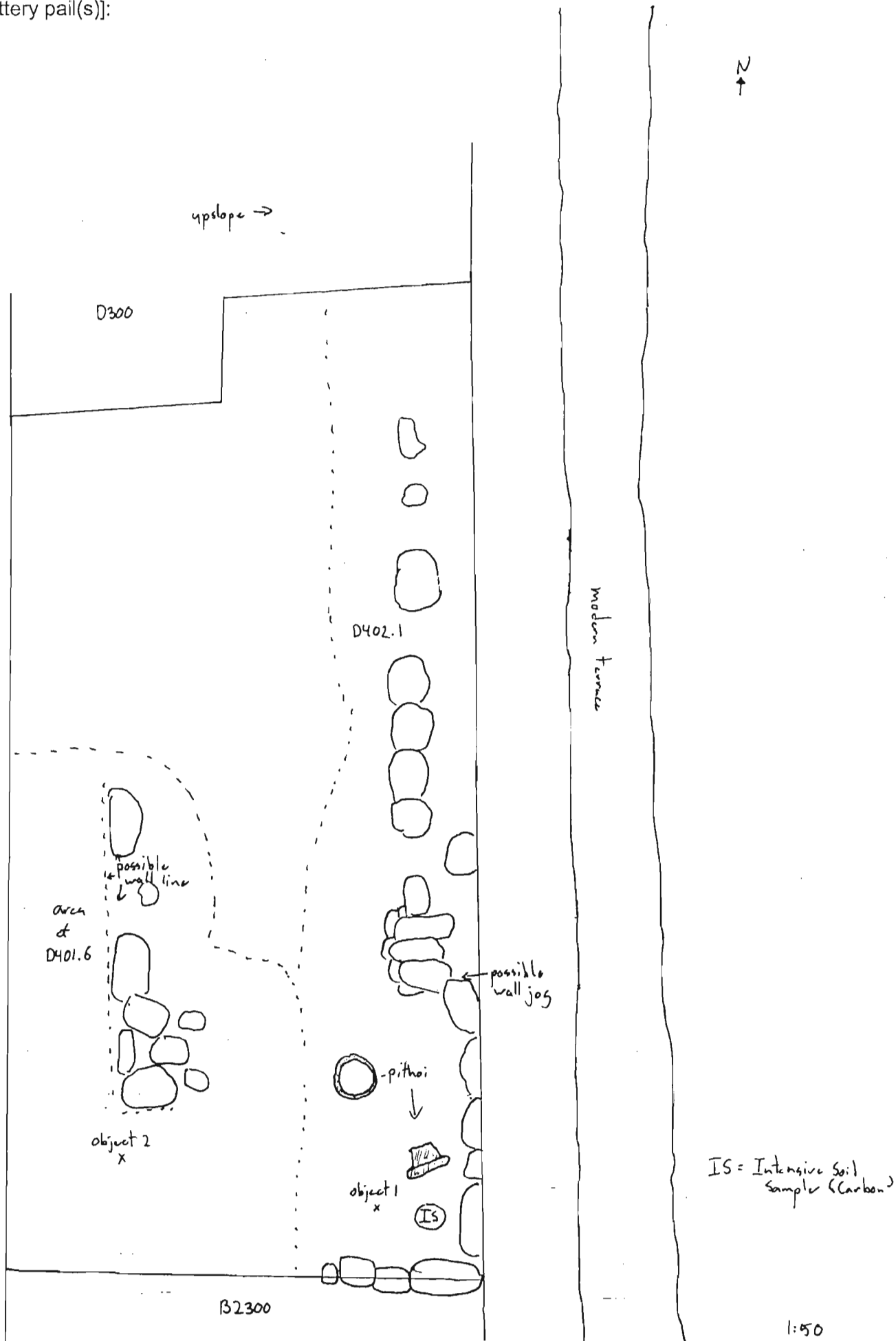
→ Large rock which was in line but off better as well as some of the backing behind it. We are continuing north and are still finding a good deal of pottery and some bone. A pebble was removed from this area and logged as other. Our pace is removing anywhere between 5-30 cm of soil, depending on the position within the pass, and on the slope. We have continued north into the area along the line of the wall where no large rocks are visible. The wall seems to disappear for a space in this area. Certainly lines of rocks of any size are less visible. There ~~are~~ ^{are} also patches of reddish material along with the dark brown.

One line of rocks, lower down, has come to light further along to the north. It too runs north-south and stands about 1m north of the end of the other line. It is perhaps a continuation of the same wall.

Having gone as far north as possible, we closed that part and started reworking the topsoil left in the downslope half of the trench under D401.6. We started from the southwest corner and are working north and east. Soon, we recovered a possible stone tool, which we logged as object #2 for that locus. The soil is a light brownish grey with some rocks. We are leaving the extremely large rocks in place for now. A group of sizeable ~~(boulders)~~ ~~(boulders of a)~~ rocks has appeared clustered ~~and~~ near the south west corner. We've found sea pebbles (possibly) in both D402.1 and D401.6 and logged them under other. We are finding a good amount of pottery and bone, but not nearly as much as we found in D402.1. By the end of the day we had finished 50-60% of the pass in a vaguely B shaped area, recovering one bag of sherds plus one of bone. It also appears that the cluster of stones may be part of a wall which may join up with one in D300.

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



Year 2004 Trench/Locus D400 Excavator PL

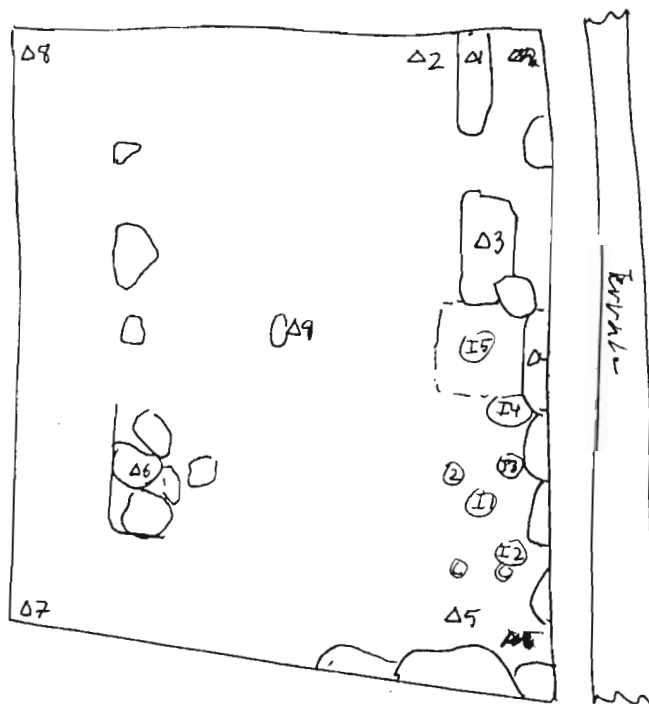
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

27 June 2004

We are completing our pass, started yesterday, in the topsoil of D400. We are calling this material D401.7 and are not screening it. The trench has been cut back to roughly its original size. The northern area, which we dug yesterday in the area of the back wall, has been given to Rob Luthrell and called an extension of D300.

We've completed our pass in D401.7, collecting some pottery and bone. Next we've started a thin pass in a rectangular area along the west side of the trench in order to help define the possible wall which may connect the trench to D300. We have called this locus D403 (pail 1). We are not screening this material. The soil is a light brownish grey. We are removing it in a thin pass of 5-10 cm. There is a moderate amount of stones in the matrix, mostly pebble size. We've exposed two near-contiguous piles of large (c. 0.30 m long) rocks which may be part of the wall. The northern pile, however, is fairly amorphous and seems to diminish in size towards the north boundary of the trench. It may have been slipped. We found two possible stone tools in the south, and logged them as objects #1 & #2 respectively. We also recovered some pottery and bone, which we logged.

Having finished this pass, we moved uphill to near the back wall. This area consists of a lot of rock and grey clay, different from the dark brown soil above it, so I made a different locus (D404) and started pail 1, which was a pass through the uppermost part of the material. We are screening 5 gembilia of this material and taking a standard soil sample. Soon, some carbon was uncovered from near the pithos base (close to where some was uncovered yesterday). This was collected and logged as an 'other'. We removed the uppermost pithos fragments. I have also decided to name the east wall D405. In D404, we encountered so much pottery that we had to switch pails (we removed the pithos base whole and took an intensive sample of its contents), starting D404.2. We completed a pass and started another lower down, hoping to hit a floor level. We named this D404.3 and are screening the entirety of the material. Although trying to leave the pottery scatter in place where possible, we nevertheless are getting a good amount of pottery and bone, including shell. We seem to be coming down on a layer of handpacked clay and stones (though fewer in number), which Miroslav thinks is a floor. Though about 1 m above our original level, we have started to follow this level.



- Δ 1: 2.28
- Δ 2: 2.76
- Δ 3: 2.31
- Δ 4: ~~1.15~~ 2.00
- Δ 5: 2.68
- Δ 6: 3.17
- Δ 7: 3.40
- Δ 8: 3.79
- Δ 9: 2.97

Elevations

- Δ 1: 356.17
- Δ 2: 355.69
- Δ 3: 356.14
- Δ 4: 356.45
- Δ 5: 355.77
- Δ 6: 355.28
- Δ 7: 355.05
- Δ 8: 354.67
- Δ 9: 355.48

BM: R14 (354.37) 4.08
HI: 358.45

Year 2004 Trench/Locus D4010 Excavator PL

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

29 June 2004 We took an intensive soil sample when we first uncovered the floor (I1). Soon, we recovered a possible stone tool, which we logged as object #1 for the locus, from the south east corner along with some carbon (also logged). We found another concentration of carbon a few centimetres from the east wall and recovered it. We also took a 10L intensive sample from the immediate area. Closer to the eastern wall the floor surface disappears, becoming much less consolidated, almost sandy in consistency. We turned north, and soon uncovered a complete quern on the floor surface. We logged this as object #2 for the locus and took its elevation. Next the soil colour changed to a near-black brown, so we took another intensive soil sample (I3). A little further north, we hit another large concentration of carbon. We took the concentration and the immediately surrounding soil down as an intensive soil sample (I4). A piece of an iron nail (object #3) was recovered from the screen and logged. The carbon concentration seems limited to the area where the floor level doesn't exist. Along the line with the beginning of the north wall, we came across a line of stones running east-west which seems to delimit the area of highest concentration of ceramic scatter. We are doing some cleaning on top of this area in preparation for a record shot. The soil seems highly carboniferous, so I'm taking a 10L intensive sample of the area (I5). There seems to be a perimeter of stones around a vaguely square area here, a bit more than a meter on a side. There are also large rocks within the perimeter. We also found recovered a pebble from the area, and logged it as 'other'. We also pulled an olive pit shell and tagged as 'other'. It may be that the square area is a bin or storage alcove of some sort.

A record photograph was taken of the bin and the area further west. Then we proceeded to do a pass in the area of the bin, removing the large fragments of pottery. We took two Intensive Soil Samples from this area (I6/I7), which we labelled as a different pile (D404.4). By the end of the day, we had not completed the pass, so we closed up and will continue tomorrow. From this pile we recovered a lot of pottery, but a rather minuscule amount of bone. We also recovered some pumice from the area.

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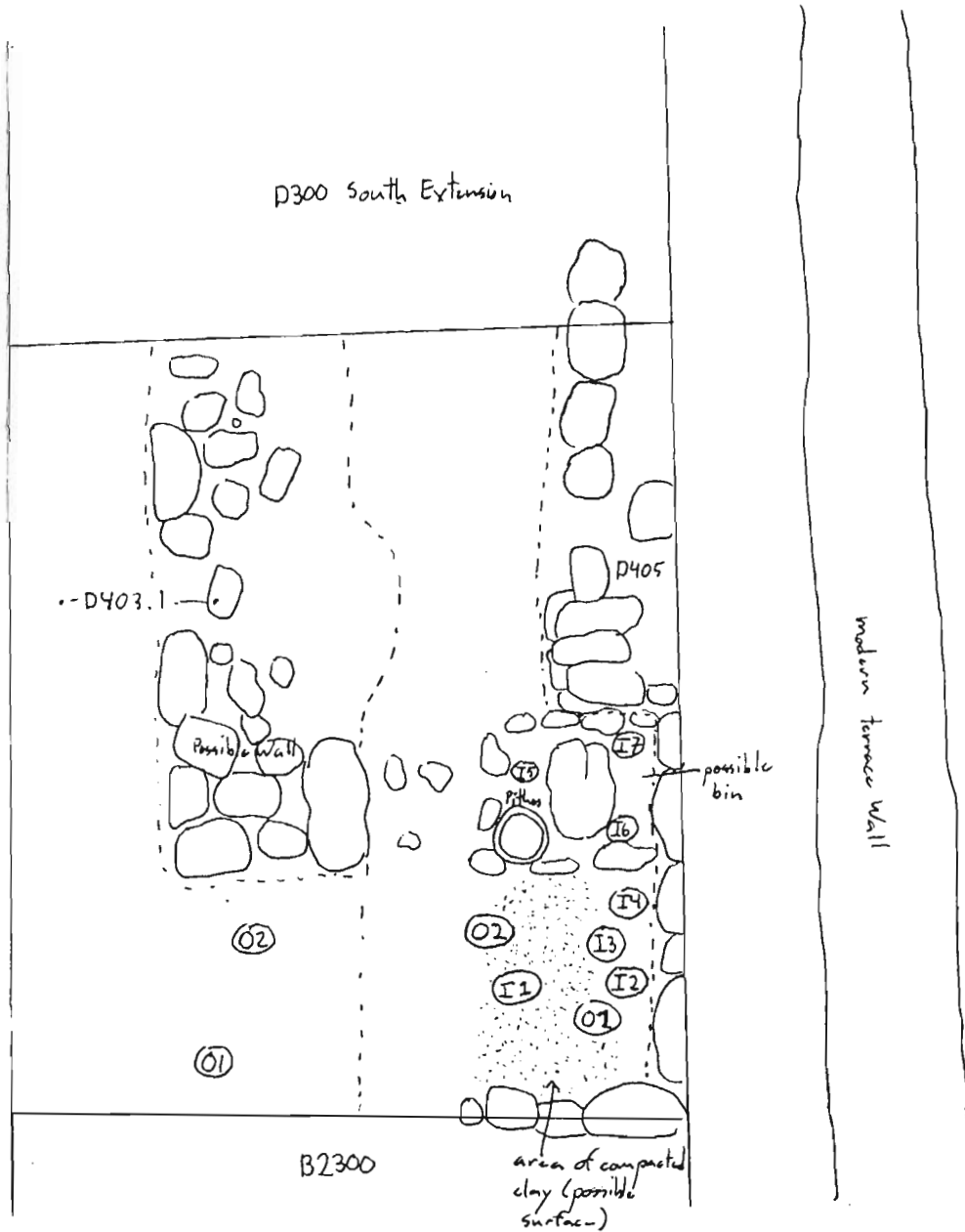
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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

24 June 2004

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scale 1:50

(I#) = intensive soil sample #
from locus
(O#) = object # for locus

Year 2004 Trench/Locus D400 Excavator PL

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

30 June 2004,

We started the day by doing some cleaning of the wall (D405) in the south-east corner, falling to D402.3. We are not screening this material. We found a little bit of pottery, but ~~no~~ bone. We finished this and began to simultaneously do passes in the 'bin' for cleaning and around the wall jog in order to try and find some sort of preserved surface, calling each D404.5 and D404.6 respectively. After discussion with directors, I changed D404.5 into D406.1 in order to recognize the distinction of the 'lin'. This feature is now locus D406. We uncovered several schist plakes in the 'lin' which seem to be the floor of the feature. We took an intensive soil sample from the lin. We also uncovered an iron nail from the pail and logged it as object 1. We finished up the bin and continued with D404.6. We cleared down the first layer with our pass. Then, we started to make another pass in the region near the lin and wall further down in order to clarify the architecture of the area. We were, however, unable to determine a clear wall line amongst the tumble. To the south, the slope is made of tumbled small rocks and the wall line is disturbed. We screened all this material, though. We then cleaned everything down

The directors came ... and were not happy! It was decided to leave the trench for now, and concentrate our attentions elsewhere. We then closed up the pail and swept everything down. We recovered some pottery and bone from the pail. We also took a standard soil sample.

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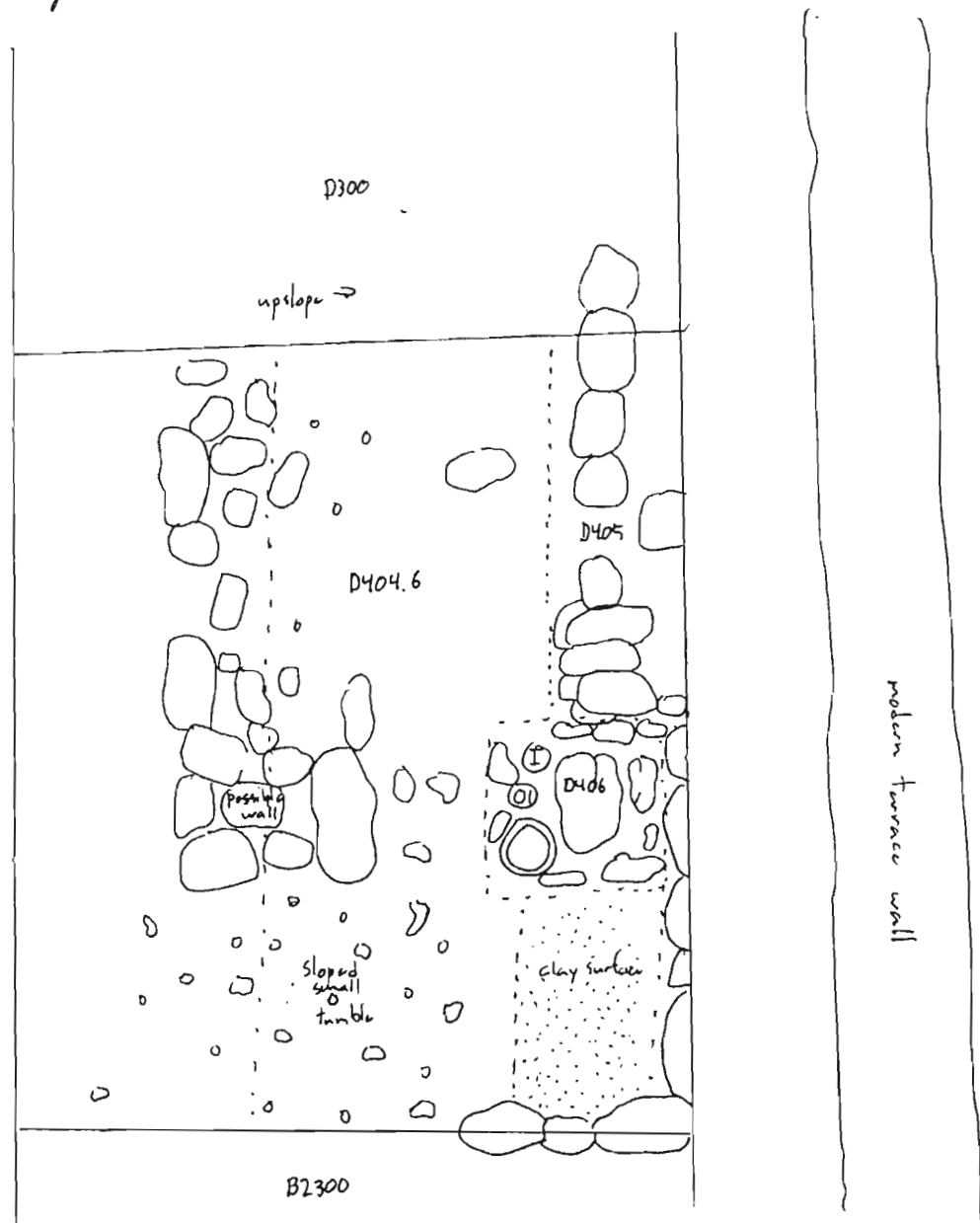
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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

30 June 2004

sketch of D400



Scale 1:50

I = intensive soil sample
O1 = object 1 (nail)

Year 2004 Trench/Locus D400 Excavator P.

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

01 July 2004

Today we removed the last remaining pot from the southwest corner of the bin, calling the operation D400.2. We removed the pot and took its contents and the surrounding soil as intensive soil sample 1. We also removed a quern from among the pavers of the bin itself, labelling it object #2. We then took a second intensive soil sample from the area. We then swept down and closed ~~the~~ the pails.

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pottery pail(s)]:

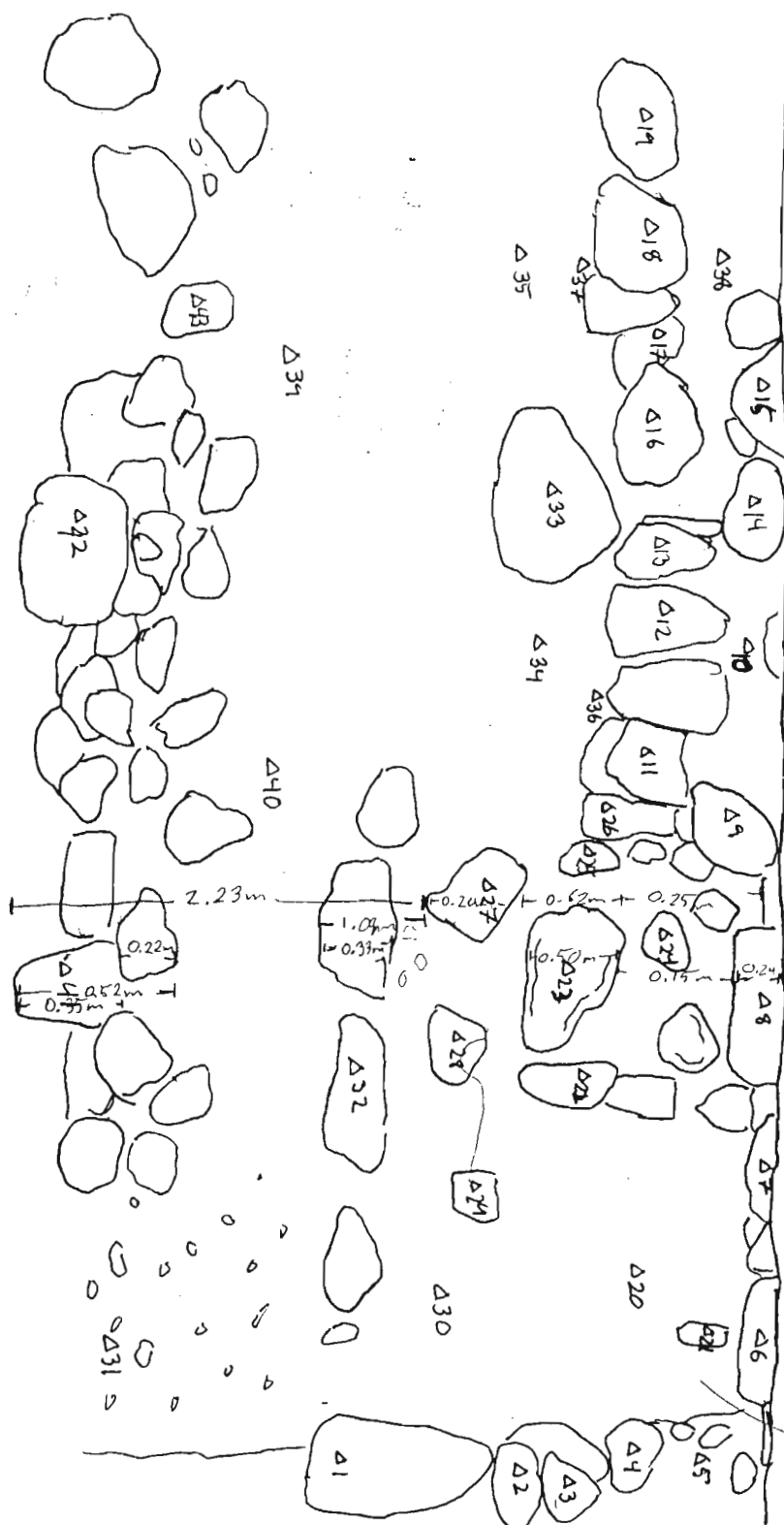
$$R14(354.37) : 3.24$$

HC: 357.61

Sketch Plan for Elevations
D400

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$\Delta 1: 1.70$	(355.91)
$\Delta 2: 1.89$	(356.22)
$\Delta 3: 1.34$	(356.27)
$\Delta 4: 1.37$	(356.24)
$\Delta 5: 1.38$	(356.23)
$\Delta 6: 1.18$	(356.43)
$\Delta 7: 1.12$	(356.49)
$\Delta 8: 1.15$	(356.46)
$\Delta 9: 1.41$	(358.20)
$\Delta 10: 1.44$	(356.17)
$\Delta 11: 1.52$	(356.09)
$\Delta 12: 1.47$	(356.14)
$\Delta 13: 1.51$	(356.10)
$\Delta 14: 1.33$	(356.28)
$\Delta 15: 1.36$	(356.25)
$\Delta 16: 1.50$	(356.11)
$\Delta 17: 1.61$	(356.00)
$\Delta 18: 1.48$	(356.13)
$\Delta 19: 1.40$	(356.21)
$\Delta 20: 2.02$	(355.59)
$\Delta 21: 1.93$	(355.68)
$\Delta 22: 1.88$	(355.73)
$\Delta 23: 1.88$	(355.73)
$\Delta 24: 2.08$	(355.53)
$\Delta 25: 1.87$	(355.74)
$\Delta 26: 1.78$	(355.83)
$\Delta 27: 1.89$	(355.72)
$\Delta 28: 2.02$	(355.59)
$\Delta 29: 1.99$	(355.62)
$\Delta 30: 2.09$	(355.52)
$\Delta 31: 2.67$	(354.94)
$\Delta 32: 2.19$	(355.82)
$\Delta 33: 1.94$	(355.67)
$\Delta 34: 2.14$	(355.87)
$\Delta 35: 2.22$	(355.39)
$\Delta 36: 2.05$	(355.56)
$\Delta 37: 2.09$	(355.52)
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$\Delta 40: 2.37$	(355.24)
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$\Delta 43: 2.38$	(355.23)



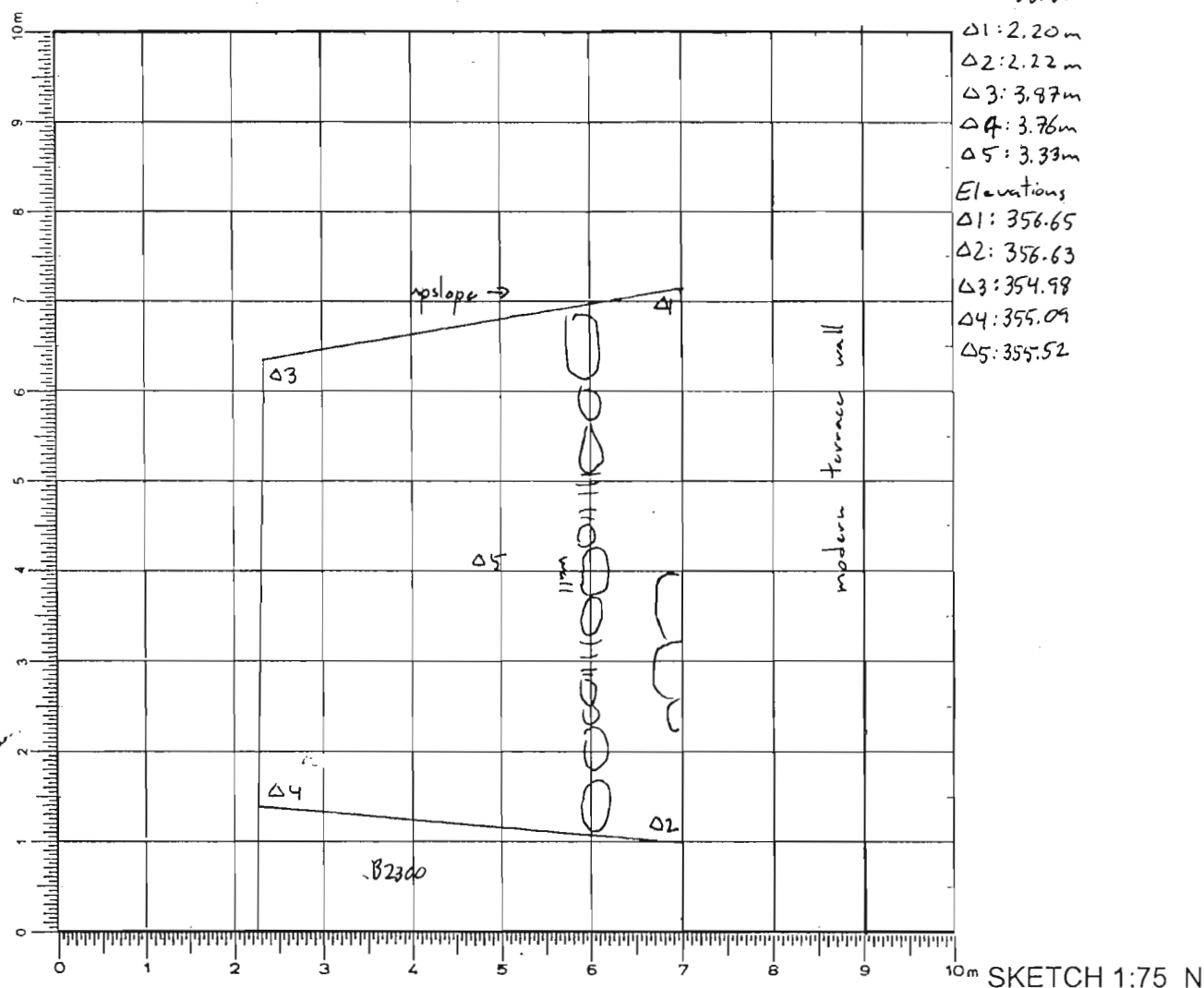
Year 2004 Trench/Locus # D401 Excavator PLElevations

Benchmark used: R14 (354.37)

Reading on

Benchmark: 4.48 m

H.I.: 358.85 m

 $\Delta 1$: 2.20 m $\Delta 2$: 2.22 m $\Delta 3$: 3.87 m $\Delta 4$: 3.76 m $\Delta 5$: 3.33 mElevations $\Delta 1$: 356.65 $\Delta 2$: 356.63 $\Delta 3$: 354.98 $\Delta 4$: 355.09 $\Delta 5$: 355.52DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 24 June 2004 Locus above: —Locus parameters: rough rectangle: west edge 4.10m, north edge 4.70m long, east edge ~~4.15~~ 4.15 m, and south edge 4.75m.

Verbal description: This locus consist of the upper most disturbed layer of D400. It can be classified as topsoil. The locus is a rough rectangle with trench B2300 along the south side. The locus rests on a slope of moderate steepness. There is a line of very large rocks which show through the soil and which may continue a wall line from B2300.

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

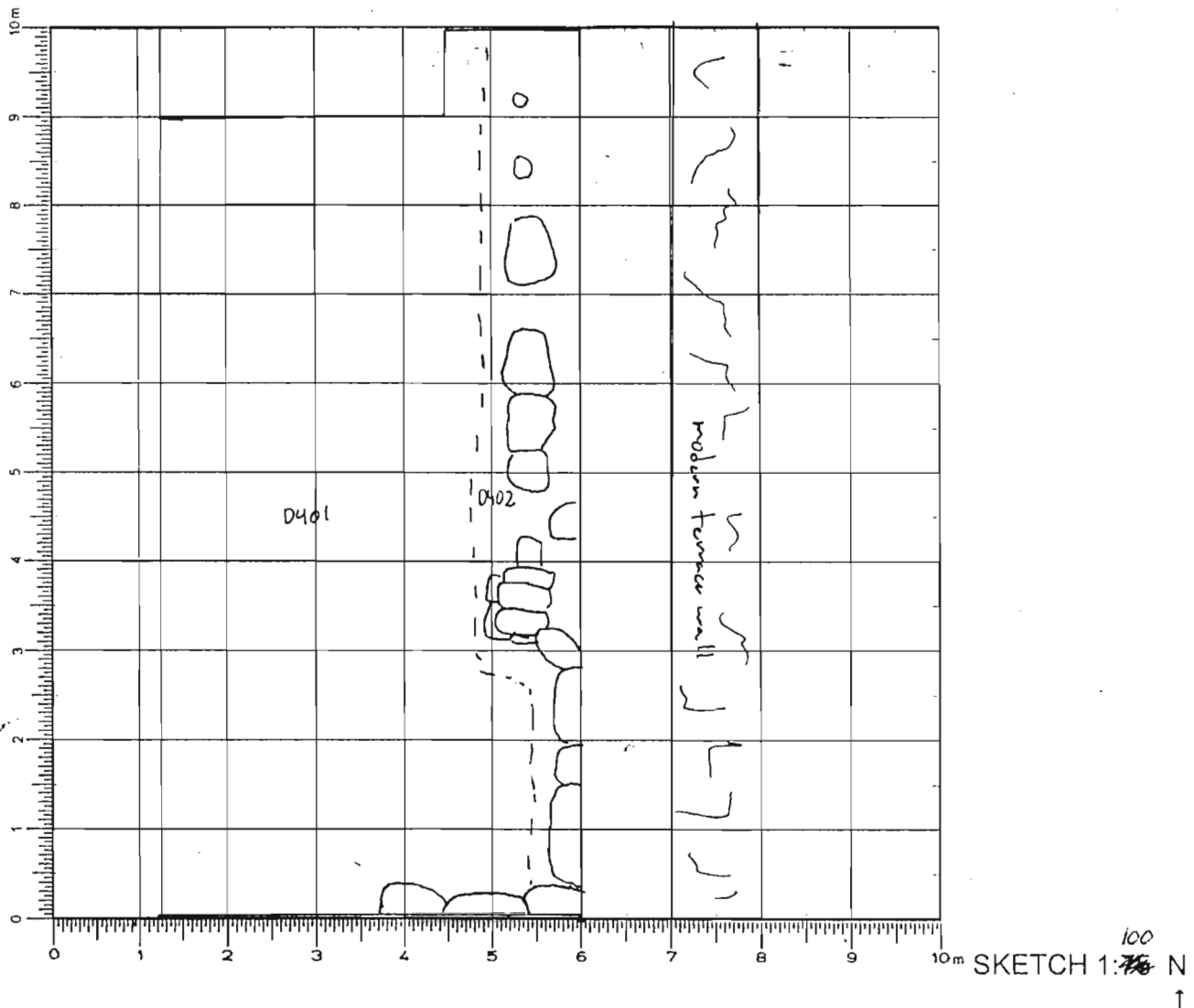
Year 2004 Trench/Locus D402 Excavator PLElevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



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

Today's date:

Locus above: D401Locus parameters: *irregular patch, some 5.5m north-south along ancient wall.*

Verbal description: *This locus consists of the dark brown soil which fronts the ancient wall at the back of trench D400. Part of it was already taken out on the 25th of June under D401.2. This locus extends along the length of the wall. There have already been uncovered 2 substantial portions of pitthoi from this area.*

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

Year

Trench/Locus

Excavator

[illegible]

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

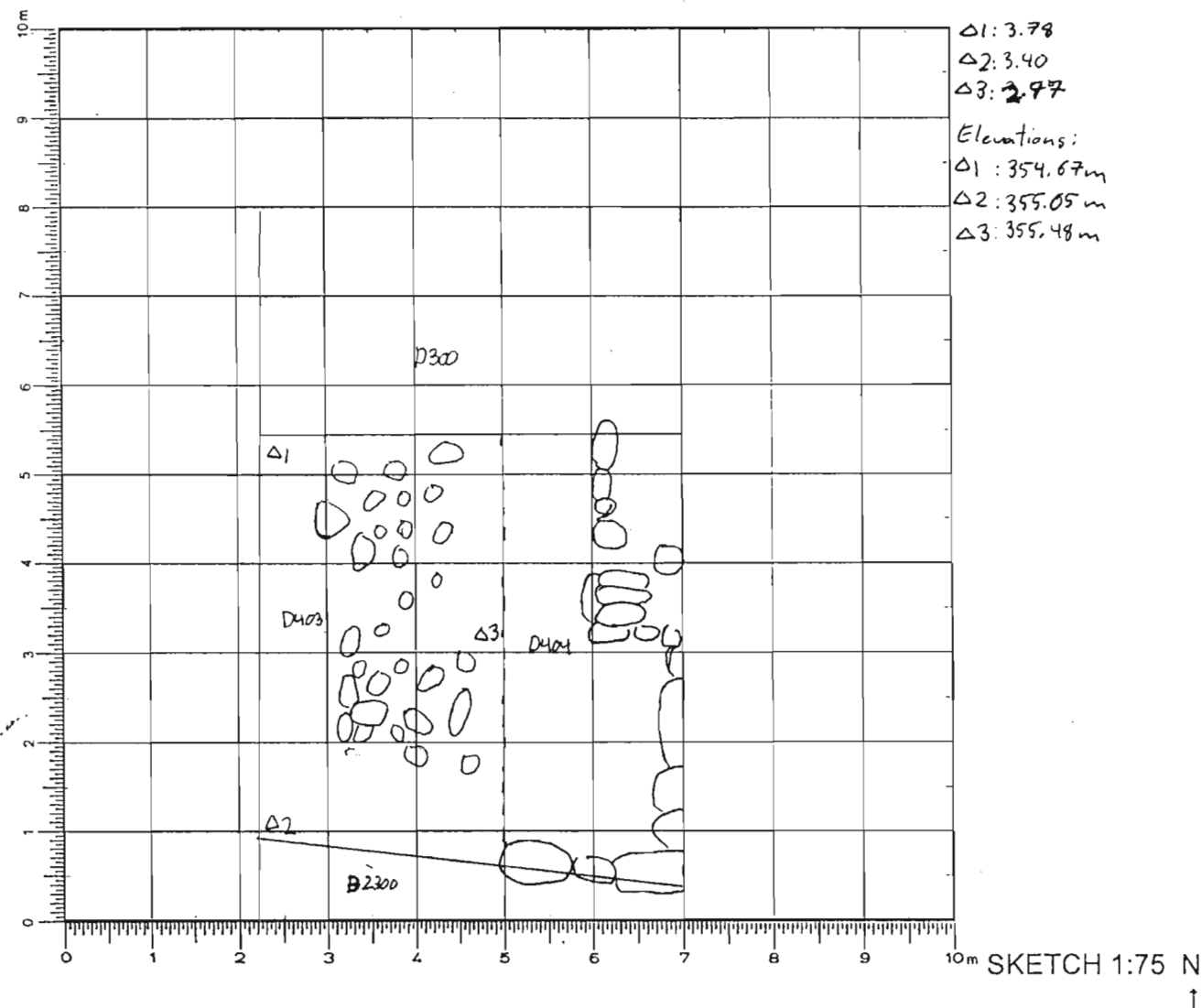
Year 2004 Trench/Locus D403 Excavator PLElevations

Benchmark used: RM (354.37m)

Reading on

Benchmark: 4.08

H.I.: 358.45m

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 29 June 2004 Locus above: D401Locus parameters: irregular patch, (□) shapedVerbal description: This is a vaguely □ shaped area along the west side of trench D400. This area includes part of the possible wall which connects to D300. The purpose of this locus is to define that feature

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

Excavator PL[illegible]

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

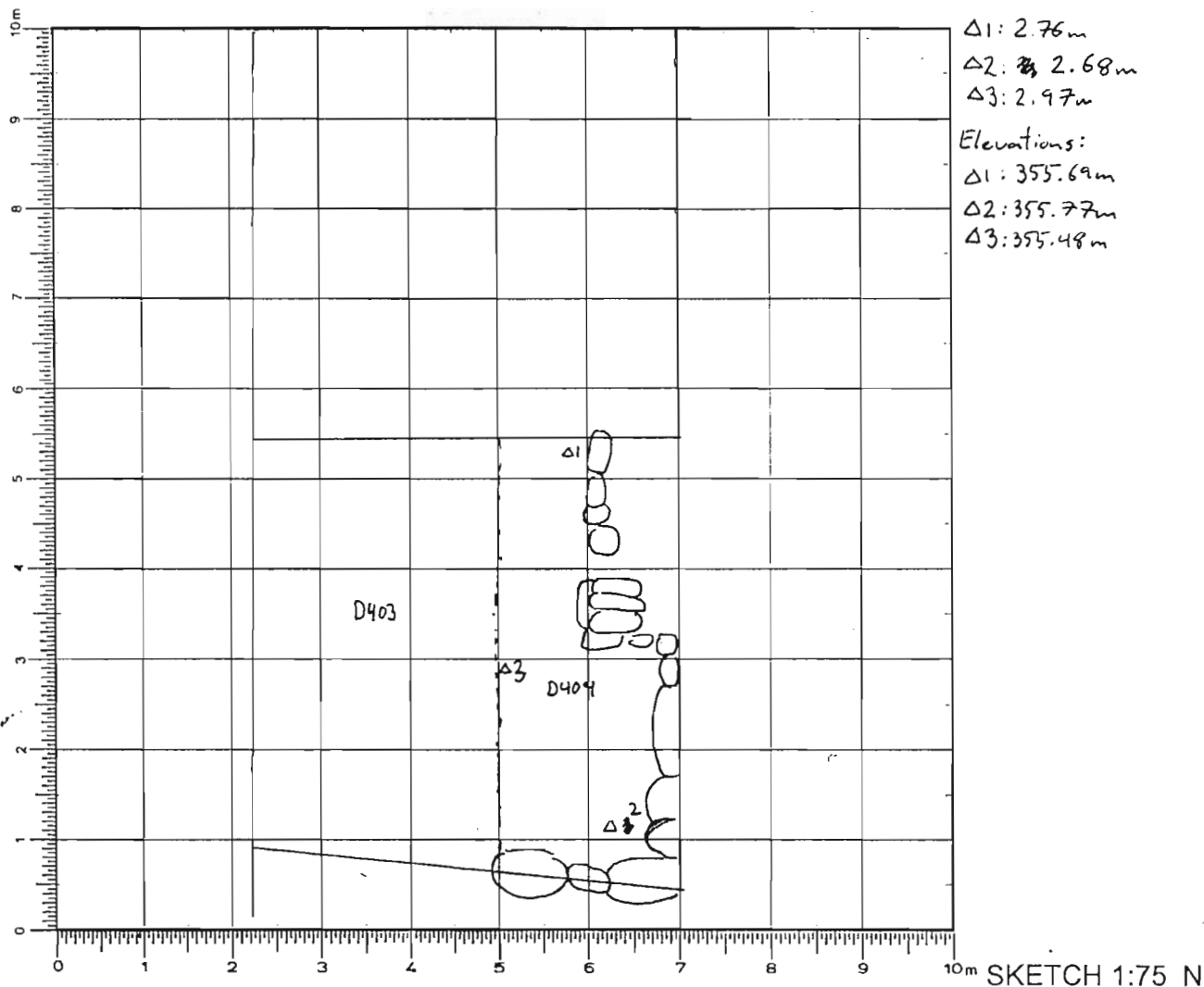
Year 2004 Trench/Locus D404 Excavator PLElevations

Benchmark used: RM (354.37)

Reading on

Benchmark: 4.08m

H.I.: 358.45m

 $\Delta 1$: 2.76m $\Delta 2$: 2.68m $\Delta 3$: 2.97mElevations: $\Delta 1$: 355.69m $\Delta 2$: 355.77m $\Delta 3$: 355.48m

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

Today's date: 29 June 2004 Locus above: D401, 402Locus parameters: *irregular patch of grey clay with rocks, concentrated in south east, some 2m wide at its widest*Verbal description: *This area consists of a region of grey clay and rocks, different from the dark brown above. It lies up against the eastern wall of D400. It lies up against the eastern wall of the trench. There are patches of darker carboniferous soil within.*

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

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Year 2004 Trench/Locus 0404 Excavator PL

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OBJECTS

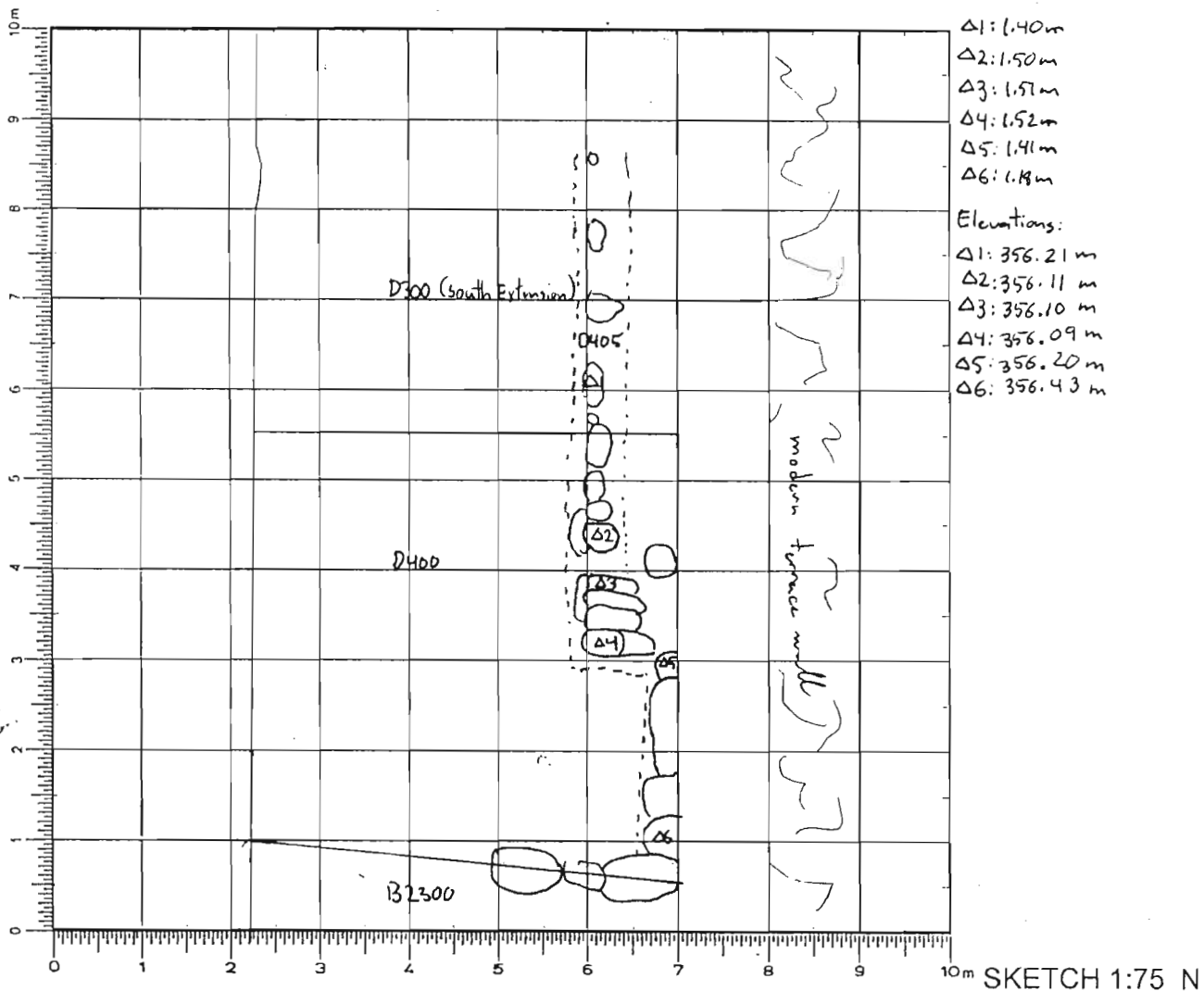
Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
1	D404.3	possible stone tool	South-east corner		
2	D404.3	quern	south-west	355.74	
3	D404.3	iron nail fragment	screen		

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 2004 Trench/Locus D405 Excavator PL**Elevations**Benchmark used: RH(354.37)

Reading on

Benchmark: 3.24 mH.I.: 357.61 mDEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 29 June 2004 Locus above: D401Locus parameters: wall

Verbal description: This locus is the eastern wall which runs along the backwall of ~~D400~~ 400 into D300. It runs north-south. There is a possible join in the line, signalled by a well made buttress that sits west of the original line. The line continues north along that line from that point.

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

Year

Trench/Locus

Excavator

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

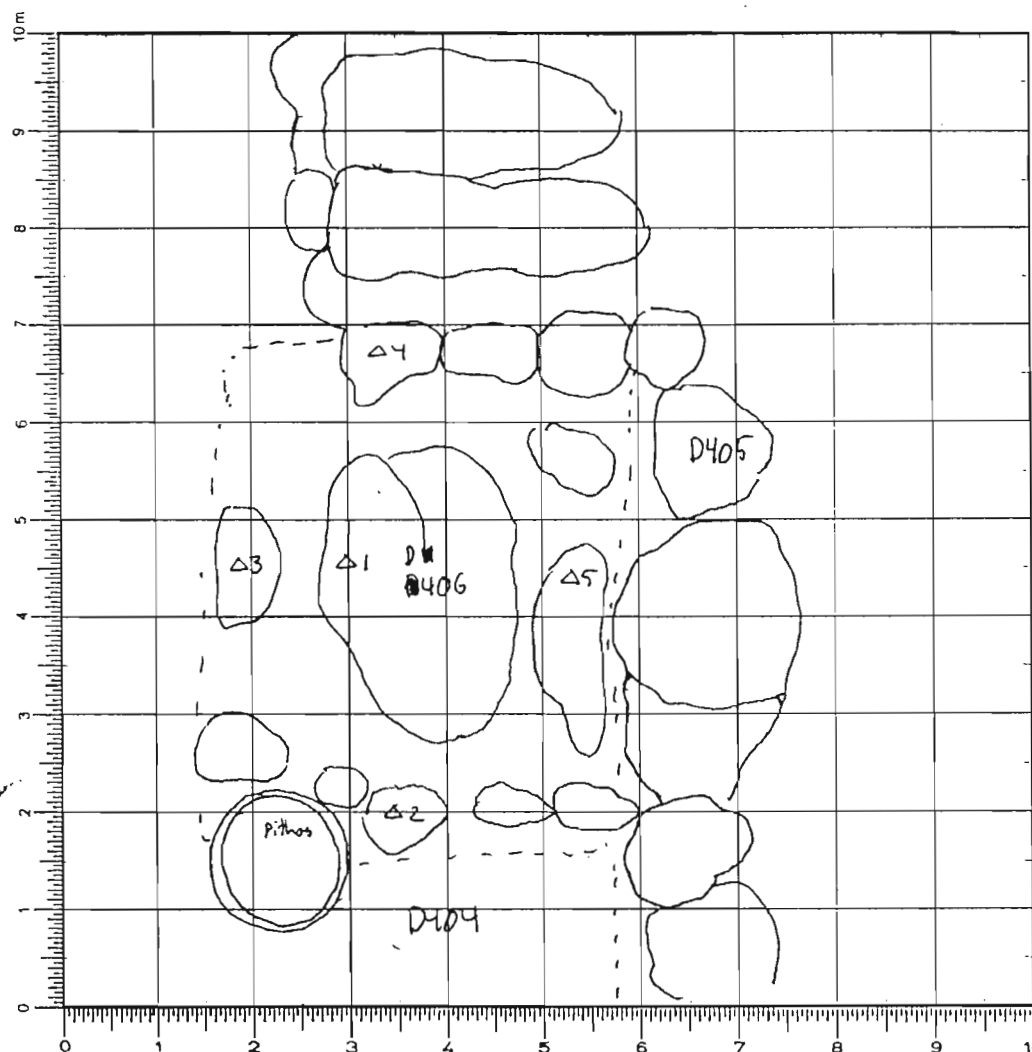
Year 2004 Trench/Locus D406 Excavator PL**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R14 (354.37m)

Reading on

Benchmark: 3.24

H.I.: 357.61m

 $\Delta 1$: ~~1.88m~~ 1.88m $\Delta 2$: 1.84m $\Delta 3$: 1.89m $\Delta 4$: 1.87m $\Delta 5$: 2.08m**Elevations:** $\Delta 1$: 355.73m $\Delta 2$: 355.73m $\Delta 3$: 355.72m $\Delta 4$: 355.74m $\Delta 5$: 355.53m20
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↑DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 30 June 2004 Locus above: D401, D402, D404

Locus parameters: a vague square about 1.25 m on a side

Verbal description: This locus consists of a square formed by the east wall (D405) of the trench on the north and east and a line of stones running along the south side. The bottom was paved with large schist planks. There is a large pithos portion in the south-west corner. The matrix is a dark brown and highly carboniferous.

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

This seems to be some sort of bin or storage above for the room, perhaps associated with the floor surface to the south.

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