

FINAL REPORT FOR A2000 (SOUTHWEST AREA)

MSE

11 July 2004

A2000 is located south of trench A1900, west of the rectangular building from Boyd's excavations, and north of the large bedrock outcroppings which separate Azoria area A from area B. In the 2003 season, the eastern half of A2000 (the large rectangular room) was completely excavated, while the western half of the trench (west of wall A2010) was only partially cleared, having been dug primarily with the goal of clarifying the exact location of wall A2010, which was not found. In 2004, only the southwest part of the trench was excavated (the area bordered by A2011 to the south and A2010 to the east), an area measuring approximately 3.8 m. (N-S) x 5.0 m. (E-W). The northwest part of the trench was not further excavated, due to the necessity of retaining a wheelbarrow path for the excavation of the southwest area and the fact that the stones of wall A2010 have slipped out much further to the west in this area, forming a clear, though greatly slipped, wall line, which we wanted to preserve.

The workman for this trench was Vangelis Phiorakis. The trench assistants were Miles Brown, Sarah Dees, Stacie Petersen, and Mikalena Stringham, and the trench supervisor was Melissa Eaby. Excavations were conducted from 5 July - 9 July 2004. The benchmark used was R17 (+364.18 m.).

The strata from the 2003 excavations in this western area were: topsoil (A2001.2-4) and wall tumble (A2002.10-13; A2008; A2009). The northern half of the 2004 excavated area consisted of only one stratum - wall tumble and washed out/erosion zone (A2012.2-3; A2013.2-3). The southern half consisted of a layer of transition from wall tumble to roofing clay (A2012.1); roofing clay (A2013.1); and surface/floor (A2014). The northern half of the area was completely eroded away - no certain remnants, with the probable exception of one boulder, of wall A2010 were found in this area, and no remains of a floor or surface were discovered (the tumble extended to pre-bedrock). The southern half of the area was better preserved, due to the intact sections of walls A2010 and A2011. A surface/floor level (A2014) was reached, which wall A2011 appears to extend slightly below; much of the preserved section of A2010, however, appears to end just above the floor, though this wall also includes a section of bedrock at the southern end, which extends below the floor.

The disturbed northern area consistently contained Archaic and Hellenistic material, primarily abundant amounts of pottery and bone, while the southern area contained less cultural material, dating A, H. Some of the finds from this area, as well as much of the roofing clay, may have washed down from the upper, east room of A2000. Although finds from tumble/erosion are of limited value in determining the function of the space, finds worthy of note from the northern half of the trench were a terracotta cow/bull's head (A2012.3), and two stone tools (A2012.3; A2013.2). From the southern half were recovered two additional stone tools (A2013.1; A2014.1).

The function of this space remains unclear after excavation. The eastern, upper rectangular room appears to form the southernmost area of the "andreion complex." The western area does not appear to access the eastern room, unless a stairway is reconstructed, in the area of A2008 for example. The western area seems most likely to have been a partially open, roofed area or possibly exterior space. Support for the

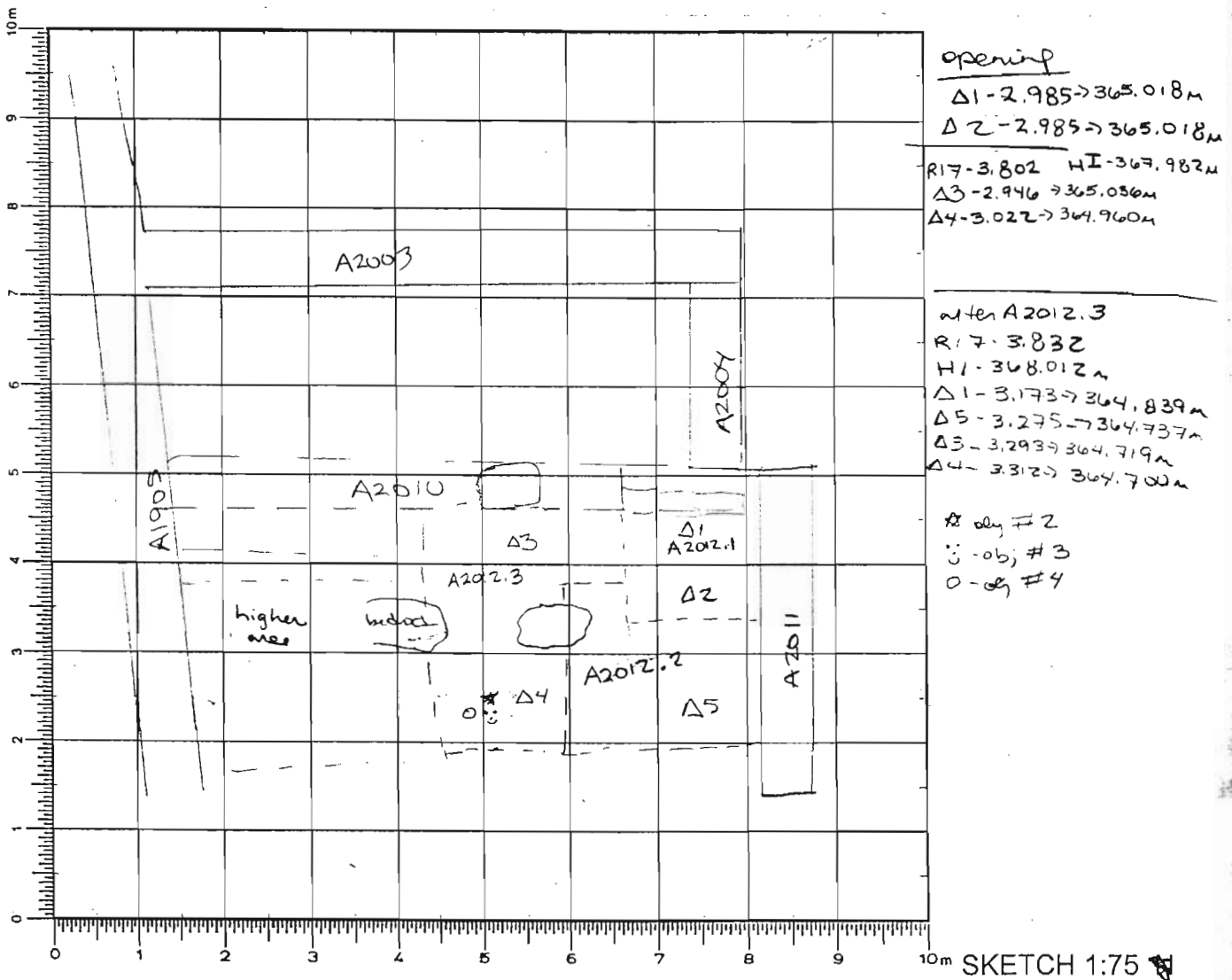
2055. floor  
A2014.1  
[LG-EO, A, H?]

(also somewhat disturbed)

hypothesis that the area was roofed is the fact that a large amount of roofing clay was found in the southwest corner by the two walls, though this could have washed down from above. The well-preserved section of floor, as well as the presence of wall A2011, would also seem to support the identification of a roofed space rather than an open, exterior space. No finds were recovered, however, which could aid in determining the function, and much of what was recovered may have washed down from the large rectangular room.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus ~~A2009~~ A2012 Excavator MSE

Elevations  
Benchmark used: R17  
Reading on 3.823  
Benchmark:  
H.I.: 368003



opening  
 Δ1-2.985 → 365.018m  
 Δ2-2.985 → 365.018m  
 R17-3.802 HI-367.982m  
 Δ3-2.946 → 365.036m  
 Δ4-3.022 → 364.960m

with A2012.3  
 R17-3.832  
 HI-368.012m  
 Δ1-3.173 → 364.839m  
 Δ5-3.275 → 364.737m  
 Δ3-3.293 → 364.719m  
 Δ4-3.312 → 364.700m

\* only #2  
 0-05, #3  
 0-05, #4

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

Today's date: 5 July 04 Locus above: A2009

Locus parameters: with A2011, S of A2010 (~~5/2 N w/ 1/2 N trench~~)

Verbal description:

~~hard packed light brown sand clay - empty down to~~  
 \* loose light brown soil w/ many large + small rocks  
w/ some clay

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

wall tumble w/ some roofing clay



Year 2014 Trench/Locus A2012 Excavator MSE

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

July 04 digging small sondage in SE corner of south "room" trench to determine if the last pass of A2009 from last year - reached the floor or just hit roofing clay

→ measurements of area 1m x 1.5m

A2012.1

(thin layer)

just below hard packed clay area soil becomes soft w/ fair amount of small rocks

(cf digging of paved area A1900) → is this area washed out floor or was this layer roofing clay?

- not finding much pottery or bone
- screening 100% of soil
- this ~~area~~ area is that which <sup>which</sup> may have been the staircase in to upper room

[this whole lower room area could have been an open roofed area w/ piers / pillar bases represented by the 2 large boulders / bedrock - coming down or tumble-into soil - v. loose w/ many medium-sized stones

change pail A2012.2 to dig through tumble layer (not change locus b/c last pass included some of this layer)

expand pass another 1.5m to west (near end of A2011)

- also expand another meter to north (expand b/c space too small to dig w/ so many large rocks)

- stopped screening b/c ~~not~~ finding v. little pottery or bone in pass

- still haven't reached bottom of walls

Year 2007 Trench/Locus A2012 Excavator MSE

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

- several flat stones (but irregular shaped) found among the tumble → poor planks from elsewhere ~~pottery~~
- this area may have been saved but disturbed by falling stones + our kama (on west end - maybe slipped stones of another wall) patch of clay observed at west end of pass by poor wall
- this layer is def. just wall tumble
- poor stone tool found during pass
- Soil contains many, many <sup>modern</sup> land snails
- finding more pottery (esp. pithos shreds) as pass continues
- huge boulders appearing in middle trench after pass → big boulders smashed so far in the floor / layer would seem to support theory that east / upper room was open on west side + the boulders fell from high up in wall A2003
- not complete pass by end of day b/c so many rocks (v. large)

July 04 Continue pass from yesterday

A2012.3

- removing tumble (v. large) <sup>inc</sup>
- finding many pithos shreds + bone
- one large stone uncovered - on line w/ south end of A2010
- prob continuing actual line wall
- near poor side of A2010 - soil becoming more gravelly in this area
- throughout trench → more tumble uncovered + a few small patches of clay
- possible stone tool found (only #2)
- head + neck of terracotta figure found (prob. cow) - obj #3 at NW end of pass in the fill under rocks
- full green bag of pottery + full + bones

Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2012 Excavator MJE

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

patch of probable pre-bedrock observed next to line of <sup>probable</sup>

A2010 (in center of pass area)

other poss. stone tool found (pos <sup>small</sup> burin) - w/ #4 - not tool

piece of plaster found in pass

other <sup>probable</sup> patches of vitals appearing by wall; elsewhere in

trench patches of clay visible + still large stones + loose dirt (tumble) in other (most) areas

level of floor is probably class, though I have the sense that any floor/surface was mostly destroyed / washed away in this area

→ <sup>to</sup> change locus w/ next pass

Year 2004

Trench/Locus A2013

Excavator MSE

**Elevations**

Benchmark used: R17

Reading on 3.835

Benchmark:

H.I.: 368.015m

after A2013.1

$\Delta 1 - 3.358 \rightarrow 364.657m$

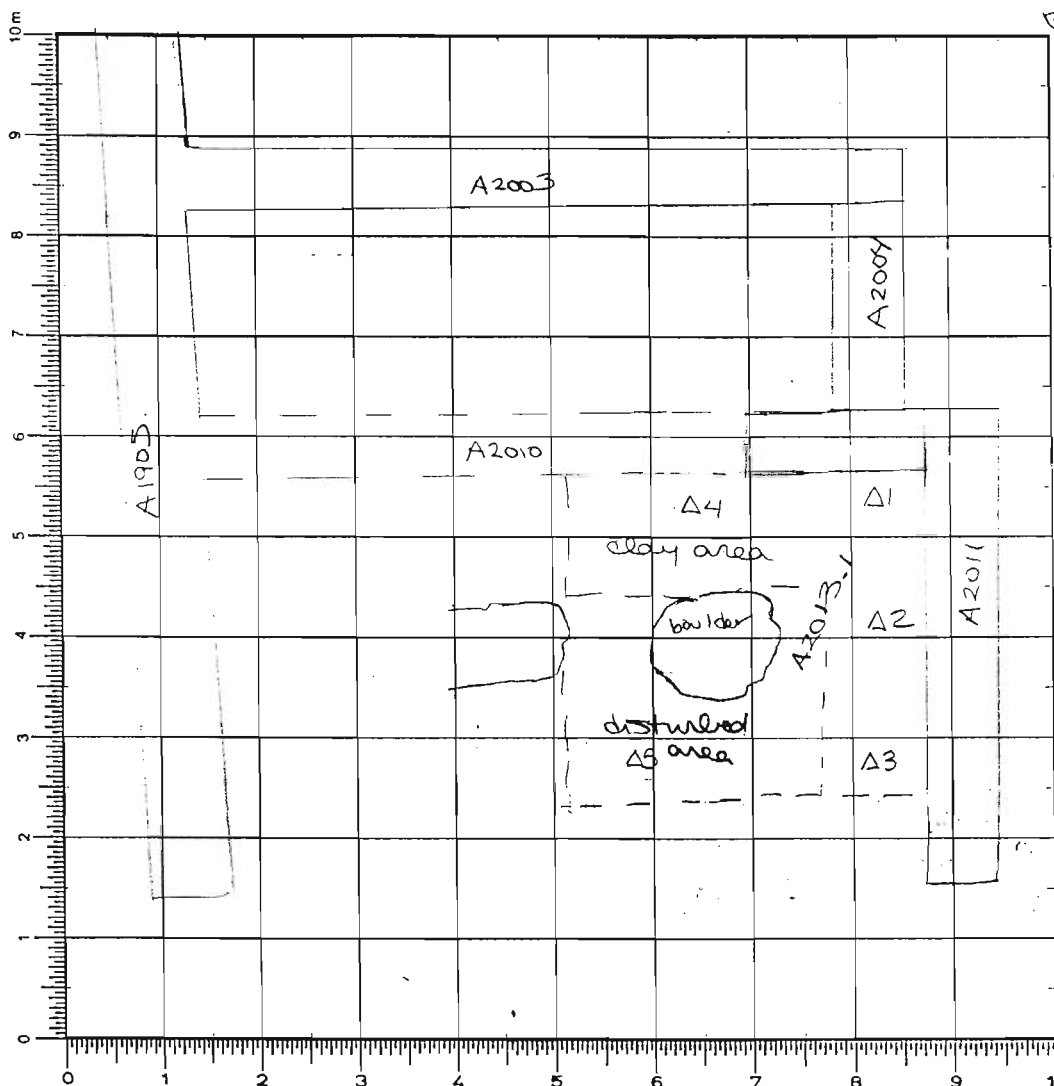
$\Delta 2 - 3.382 \rightarrow 364.633m$

$\Delta 3 - 3.358 \rightarrow 364.657m$

$\Delta 4 - 3.325 \rightarrow 364.690m$

$\Delta 5 - 3.542 \rightarrow 364.473m$

← N



10m SKETCH 1:75

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

Today's date: 7 July 04 Locus above: A2012

Locus parameters: North of A2011, South of A2010 (5 1/2 m wide trench)

Verbal description: loose brown soil w/ many large + medium stones, as well as patches of clay

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

transition wall tumble to roofing clay





Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2013 Excavator MSE

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

- 7 July 04 - changed locus b/c more patches of clay visible than in last locus + <sup>possible</sup> pre-bedrock appearing near line of A2010 = prob. near remains of floor/surface

A2013,1

- still many large stones in area of pass
- begin from southwest edge of trench
- actually still more tumble than clay
- A2011 still going down, though soil is becoming more rocky in this area
- so far, not finding much pottery or bone (same as in last pass in this <sup>section</sup> section of trench)
- SE corner definitely <sup>now</sup> down onto layer of roofing clay (or possibly the floor - cf. east upper room)
- clay + fewer stones appear

continue pass to north

- finding more pithos sherds as pass continues
- now 3 courses visible in ~~A2011~~ A2011
- 5-9 course visible in ~~A2010~~ A2010 at S end / corner w/ A2011
- this pair is really the same as A2012
- possible stone tools found (obj #1+2)
- clay found in roughly ~~1/2~~ <sup>1/2</sup> of trench - rest of the trench still tumble (disturbed by v. large boulders)

a few more stones revealed in line of A2010, though much of this wall is still destroyed

8 July 04 - begin morning w/ removal of huge boulder

- small pass to remove ~~boulders~~ <sup>stones</sup> revealed after boulder removal + complete small section not completed yesterday

A2013,2

+ sherds from boulder removal

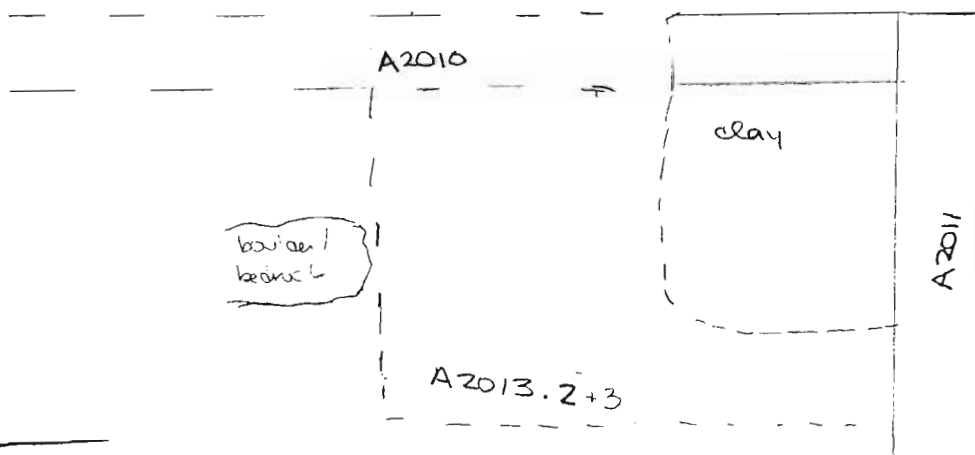
Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2013 Excavator MSE

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

← N  
 this pail also includes pass (extended along w edge of trench) to remove possible contamination before digging A2014

- els #3 - pass stone tool found in pass - NW area
- continuing removal of tumble / washed out soil area → chasing clay (floor appears to be completely washed out in this area)
- in one area rotals coming up
- not finish removal of soil from this area

← N



9 July 04 - continue removal of soil from washed out area

(w 1/2 of trench) A2013.3

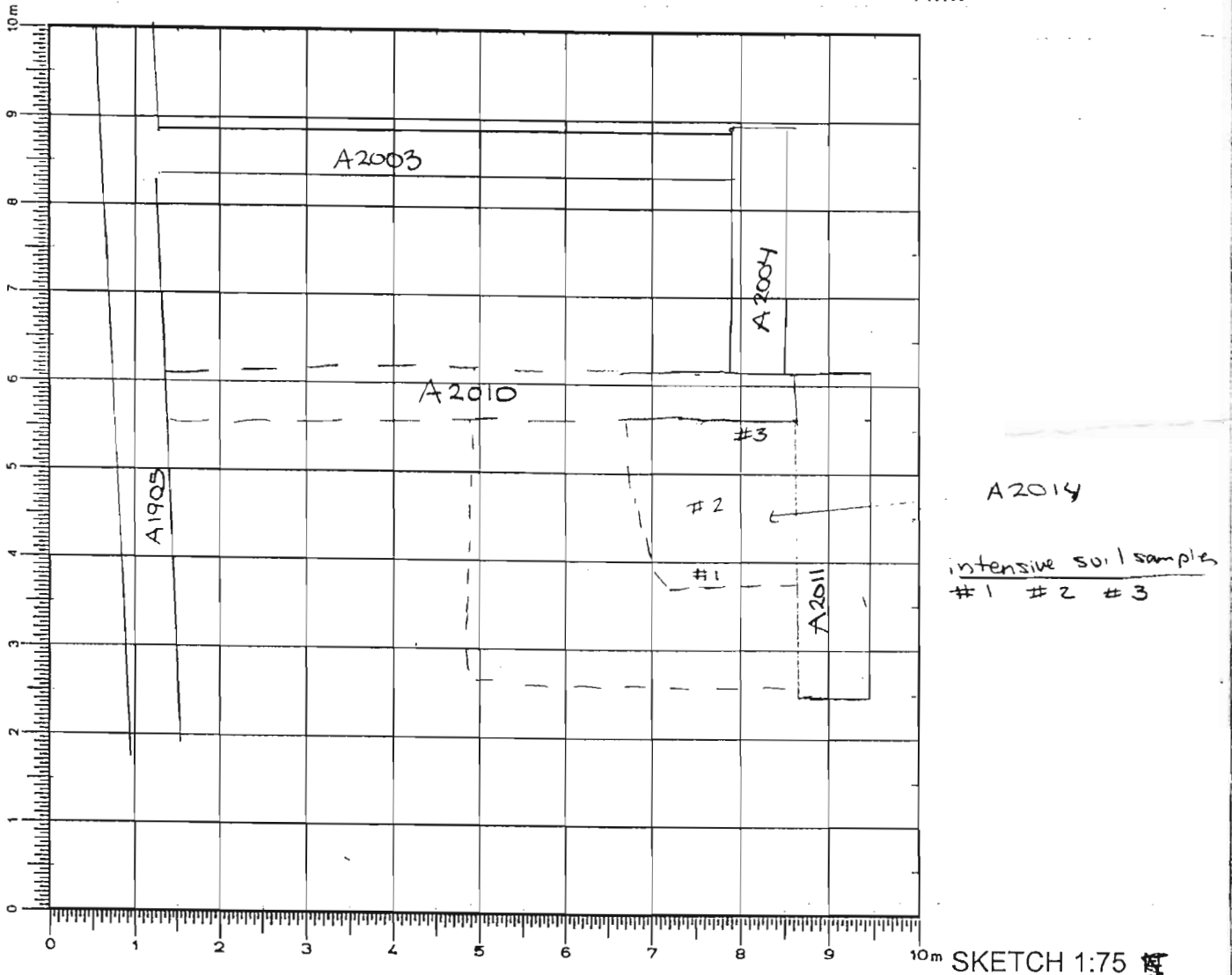
- still much pottery + bone
- coming down on what was probably floor packing (no floor or surface in this area)
- clay ~~is~~ is preserved only in area where section of A2010 is preserved
- A2013 area = erosion zone = down on prebedrock
- complete pass

Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2014 Excavator MSE

**Elevations**

Benchmark used:  
Reading on  
Benchmark:  
H.I.:

← N



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):  
Today's date: Locus above: A2013

Locus parameters: N ∩ A2011, S ∩ A2010 [E 1/2 ∩ W 1/2 ∩ trench]

Verbal description: light orange <sup>medium</sup> relative hard packed soil w/ <sup>size of</sup> ~~some small stones~~ some small stones + w/ a few patches of carbon

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

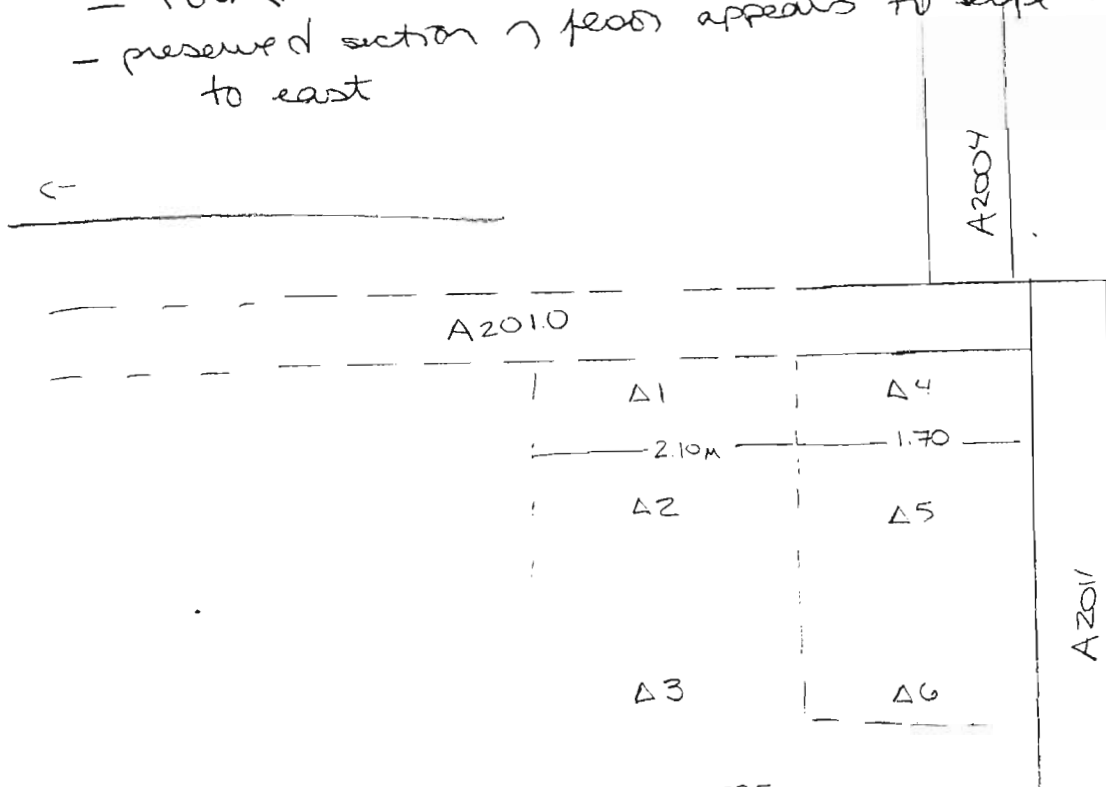
rooing clay



Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2014 Excavator MSE

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

- 9 July 04 - digging pass in area of roofing clay which was preserved along E 1/2 of A2011 + along preserved section of A2010
- coming down on surface / floor, which is a little stiffer than usual due to erosion, but still identifiable
- iron stone tool (lily #1) - not obs
- intensive soil sample #1 (10 liters) - W end
- following floor to east to crosswall
- finding a fair amount of pottery (material debris)
- level of floor uneven due to wash / disturbed
- complete excavation in this season
- found one cup base on floor
- preserved section of floor appears to slope up slightly to east



Final elevations R17 - 3.915 HI - 368095

- Δ1 - 3.805 → 364.290m
- Δ2 - 3.832 → 364.263m
- Δ3 - 3.843 → 364.252m
- Δ4 - 3.432 → 364.663m
- Δ5 - 3.517 → 364.578m
- Δ6 - 3.546 → 364.549m

- floor is real hand packed floor, not no longer as previously mentioned

Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2014 Excavator MSE

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

12 July 04 - finds from this disturbed area did not clarify whether or not this forms another room of the andretion complex, was a roofed partially enclosed area, or exterior space

- the <sup>large</sup> amount of roofing clay in the south east area would seem to support the idea that the space was roofed, though this clay could also ~~rep~~ represent debris washed down from the upper / east (long rectangular) room of A2000