

A700 and A1000

Trenches A700 and A1000 was excavated from 11. June 2002 – 17. June 2002 by Gloria Park with trench assistant Kristal and workmen Tassos and Kostas.

Trenches A700 and A1000 are very similar in stratigraphy and topography to A500. High, craggy bedrock is exposed for most of the trench, and any deposits are shallow. In both trenches, the bedrock slopes down to wall A305 forming a small deposit of topsoil and one or two layers beneath. Like trench A500, the lowest layers are low in finds. It is the topsoil that contains the majority of finds which are bone and sherds. A terracotta spindle whorl or bead is found from the topsoil of A1000.

In A700, a heavy concentration of pithos sherds behind the large block of wall A509 that stands in trench A700. This localized deposit (excavated as A703) is roughly at the same elevation as the “shelf” excavated as A504, but they probably do not represent a contiguous habitation level, since A504 would stand behind a bedrock wall, and A703 is located behind a wall.

I believe these two trenches extend the exterior space of A500 to the west. Perhaps the most important aspect of these two trenches is the further definition of wall A305 and the discovery of its western terminus. The terrain the west of Trench A1000 is bedrock that slopes sharply down to the west.

Architectural Comments:

Northern terrace wall A305 at its western extent (trench A1000) is characterized by one visible course of large blocks that look like roughly worked bedrock. Each of these stones make up the full width of the wall. In some places in, smaller, roughly rectangular stones are preserved on top, indicating the larger ones as the lower foundations of the wall. In trench A700 the foundation (?) stones become progressively smaller, causing the

wall to be double-faced in some areas. This continues through the western half of trench A500, where the wall changes character again to larger, more neatly dressed stones with flat top surfaces.

At the NW corner of A300, a block with a top face that extends about 0.07m higher than the western wall blocks marks the interior space. This is a clear and notable transition in the wall architecture, and further supports the differences in character of the spaces represented in A300 and A500 (i.e. interior and exterior space). Further excavation of the northern face of this wall would more strongly reveal the difference in wall character in these two spaces, perhaps facilitating the recognition of building phases in the wall as well as differences in construction techniques as they appear in different contexts of function.

In trench A300 (continuing into trench A400), we left in place line of smaller stones on top of wall A305. As stated in the final report for A300, these stones may not be architectural is suggested by the fact that they first appear well below the floor line, and it is unlikely that such a drastic change of building material would appear below the floor, in essence weakening the ability of wall A305 to function as a terrace wall where strength would be needed most—below the floor line.

Wall A 303, the western wall of room A300, makes extensive use of the natural bedrock, with small, irregularly sized blocks filling in natural gaps between the bedrock. One large upright block serves as a southern doorjamb, and a block of similar length and width (but much shorter) seems to have served as a foundation block for the northern jamb. The threshold consists of a flat, rectangular stone positioned toward the east. On the west side, and lower in elevation, are two neatly-dressed rectangular blocks (l.=c. 0.25 m., w.=c. 0.15 m.) with pocked faces (pick marks?). Below these are a couple of stones the project out from the face of the wall, and could indicate a paving or perhaps small steps leading to the exterior space of A500. Wall A303 seems to connect to wall A305. A further cleaning of this would reveal its relationship between room A300 and the northern terrace wall.

Wall A301, the eastern wall of room A300, is constructed of foliated gray-blue blocks that are fairly regular in dimensions. The wall is of double-faced construction, except for one visible stone (part of the lowest course) that extends all the way through the wall at the very northern end of the preserved extent of the wall. This of course may not be unique, but is interesting to note because if it is unique in the lowest course of the wall, it may represent the foundation for a jamb, or a threshold block that leads to trench A400. I am convinced that the projecting block left in place on the western face of wall A301 is a tumble and not an architectural feature—there is nothing to bind it with A301, nor does it mark any significant change in the character of the floor or wall at any level.

Wall A302, the southern wall of room A300, is similar in construction to A303, making extensive use of the bedrock (probably worked down to form a fairly flat wall face). Smaller stones that appear to be of bedrock are fit into the natural gaps between the live bedrock faces. This wall extends east into trench A400, suggesting contemporary construction in at least one building phase.

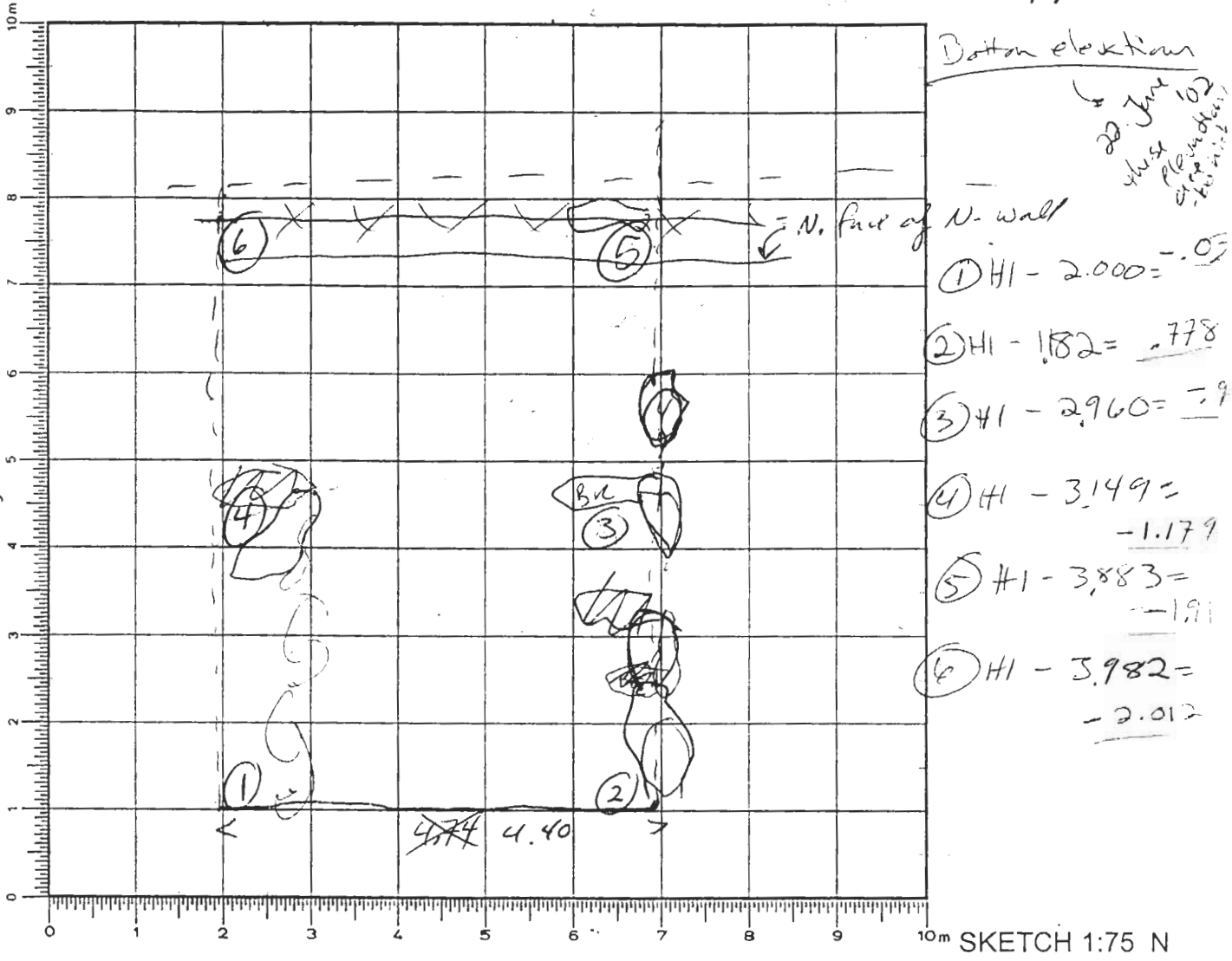
A second wall to the south (A403), extends into trench A300, where three blocks of bedrock are preserved. This wall seems to have rested on the high bedrock that continues above and to the south of wall A302. Perhaps this wall represents the upward extension of A302, set back 0.60 m. from the face of A302 in order to maximize the live bedrock and minimize new quarrying and dressing of stone, a feature that would be consistent with the construction techniques of walls A302 and A303.

Wall A509 represents a small section of a transverse wall that abuts the bedrock at the south end of A500 and extends into trench A700. In trench A500 it consists of small stones, and in A700 seems to be a bedrock block that rests on three smaller stones (perhaps for leveling the course) which it then rests on bedrock. I am not sure what this wall represents or what function (other than terrace wall) it may have represented.

Year 02 Trench/Locus A708 Excavator GRP

Elevations

Benchmark used: R6
 Reading on Benchmark: 0
 H.I.: 1.97



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

Today's date: 11. June 02 Locus above: 1000 $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$

Locus parameters: 17. June 02 $x = 1.9774$ $y = 2.760$ $z = 3.48$

Verbal description: same length as A1000 $1.726^2 + y^2 = 50.41$ $2.48 + y^2 = 50.41$

This trench has roughly the same parameters as A500, only slightly wider. We arbitrarily choose ~~the~~ a western terminus, the eastern boundary is the same line of bedrock that bounded A500 to the east. We clear the brush, and the duff, pile A700.1. ~~at~~ We can make out the northern ^{face of the N.} wall (A305) ~~at~~ for the entire width ~~extent~~ of the trench.

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

Year 02 Trench/Locus A 701 Excavator GKP

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

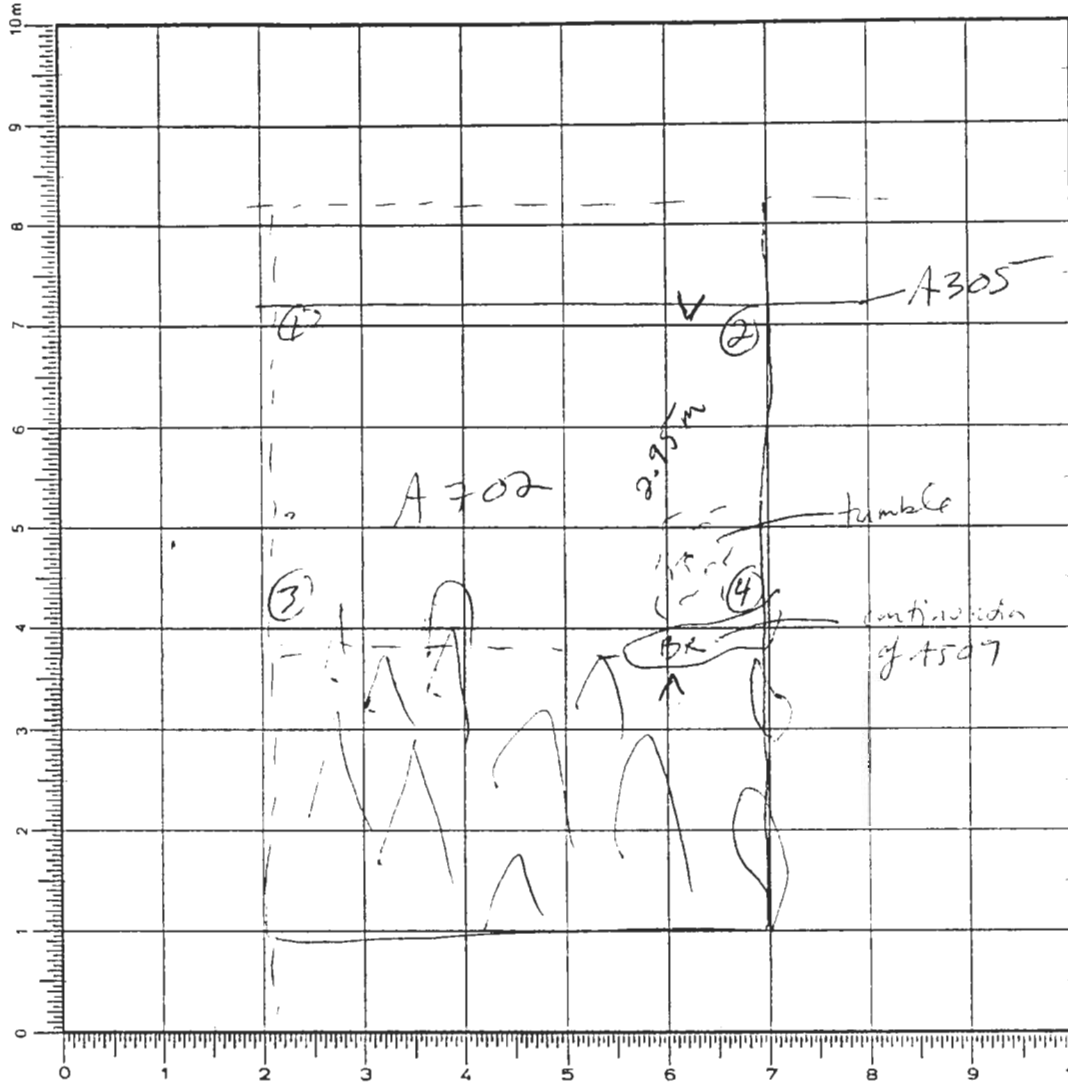
10. June '02 As we continue to clean, we begin to notice the formation of a wall which probably continued the wall[?] A 509. Wall at present exposure consists of large rock ^{c. 50cm wide} resting on three smaller rocks c. .10 - .25 m wide.

13 Jun 02 - A701.2 - pail began north of north wall. This strip, which was the last needed to complete trench. We excavated this under locus A701 since it represented the clearing of the brush and topsoil (17. June '02)

Year 02 Trench/Locus A 702 Excavator CRP

Elevations

Benchmark used: Rb
 Reading on
 Benchmark:
 H.I.: 1.735



Bottom elevations
 ① HI - 3.624 = -1.889
 ② HI - 3.442 = -1.707
 ③ HI - 3.054 = -1.319
 ④ HI - 2.978 = -1.235

20 June 02
 these elevations
 are 200

SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

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

Today's date: 20 June 02 Locus above: A701

Locus parameters: from N wall to present exposed extent of bedrock

Verbal description: Removal of topsoil. Soil is dry, crumbly. Low in finds generally. Tumble accumulation just south of A509 removed. We change parts as we move towards the bedrock since very little dirt is excavated A702.2 represents a bedrock cleaning. We reveal much more bedrock than we clean. The next locus (A704) in this area is therefore smaller than this locus.

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

Year 02 Trench/Locus A702 Excavator GRP

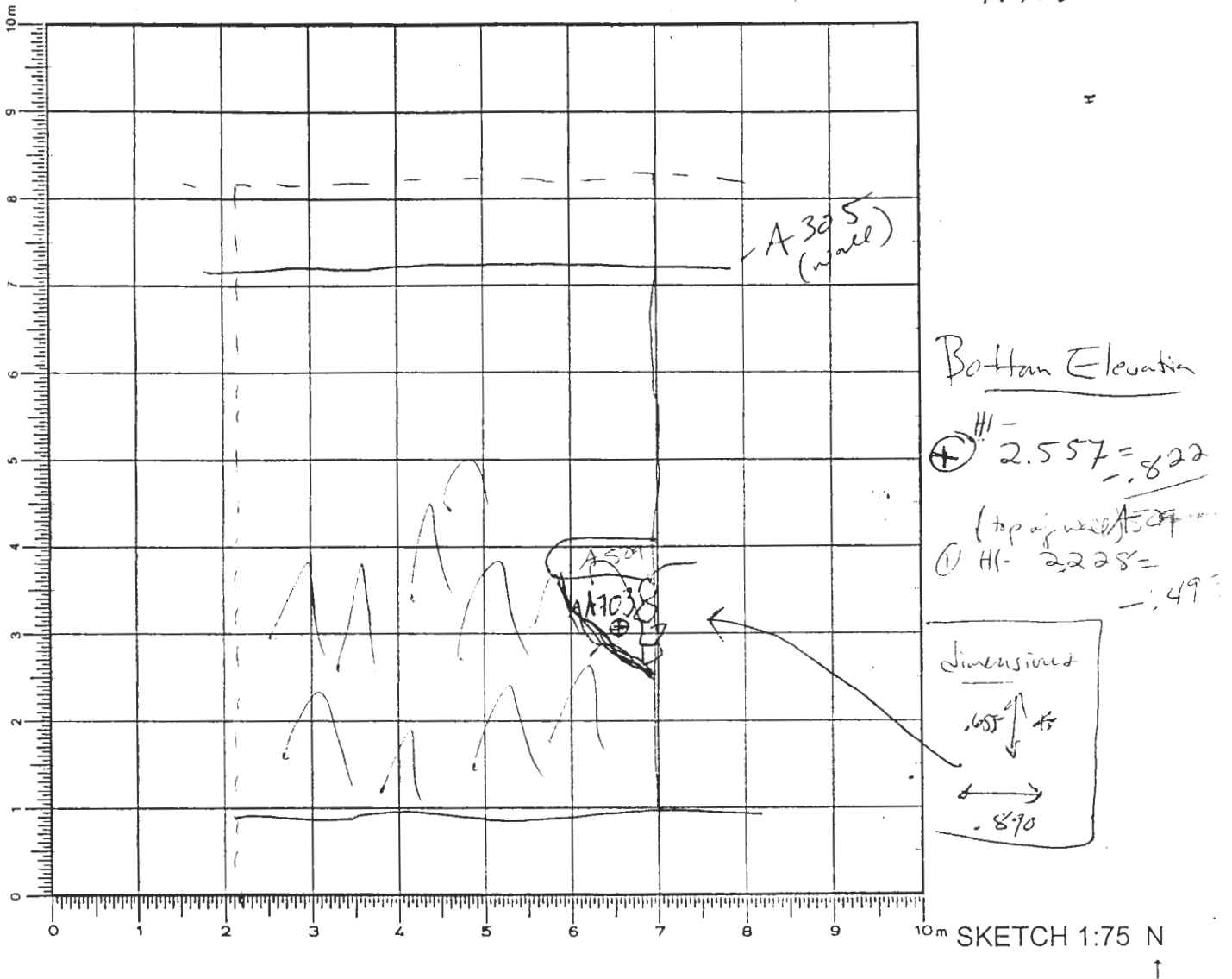
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

At the end of the pit A702.1 we come to a
layer of hard-packed soil (~~is~~ much like that of ~~A702~~ A702).
We dig this in A704.01

Year 02 Trench/Locus A 703 Excavator GRP

Elevations

Benchmark used: R6
 Reading on Benchmark:
 H.I.: 1.735



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

Today's date: 19 June '02 Locus above: A 701

Locus parameters: small area (pit?) bounded ~~to~~ by bedrock to the south and the south face of the large stone identified as A 509

Verbal description: while cleaning behind the continuation of wall A 509 we ~~uncover~~ uncover a small area of dirt bounded by bedrock to the south and west. We find many large sherds ~~and~~ of pithoi and wires, as well as bone and pumice. We excavate this as a separate locus, and also uncover a line of small stones c. 15cm wide that forms a boundary to the east. (19 Jun '02 - this "eastern boundary probably not a wall). - should be removed at a later date

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

19 June '02 an accumulation of debris from a higher elevation, or simply packing behind the lowest course of wall A 509 or pit?

Year 02 Trench/Locus ~~A702~~ A703 Excavator GRP

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

12. June 02 As we continue to clean, we began to notice the formation of a wall, which ~~can~~ may be a cross wall with a wall from the A 500 trench. the wall is made from bed rock with a large chunk sitting on three smaller chunks. (see B) (c. 50)

Small cross wall (?) transverse to western bedrock in trench A 500, SW corner.

refers to cleaning (see J 12. June 02)

A 703.1 - possible packing behind wall, lots of rubble found with large sherds of pithoi. (localized) Found a lot of pottery and bones in area. Ceased excavation for day after having dug 10cm deep in order to take elevations and finish pass. Will come back at another date. (see B) within a rectangular area which may be enclosed by walls.

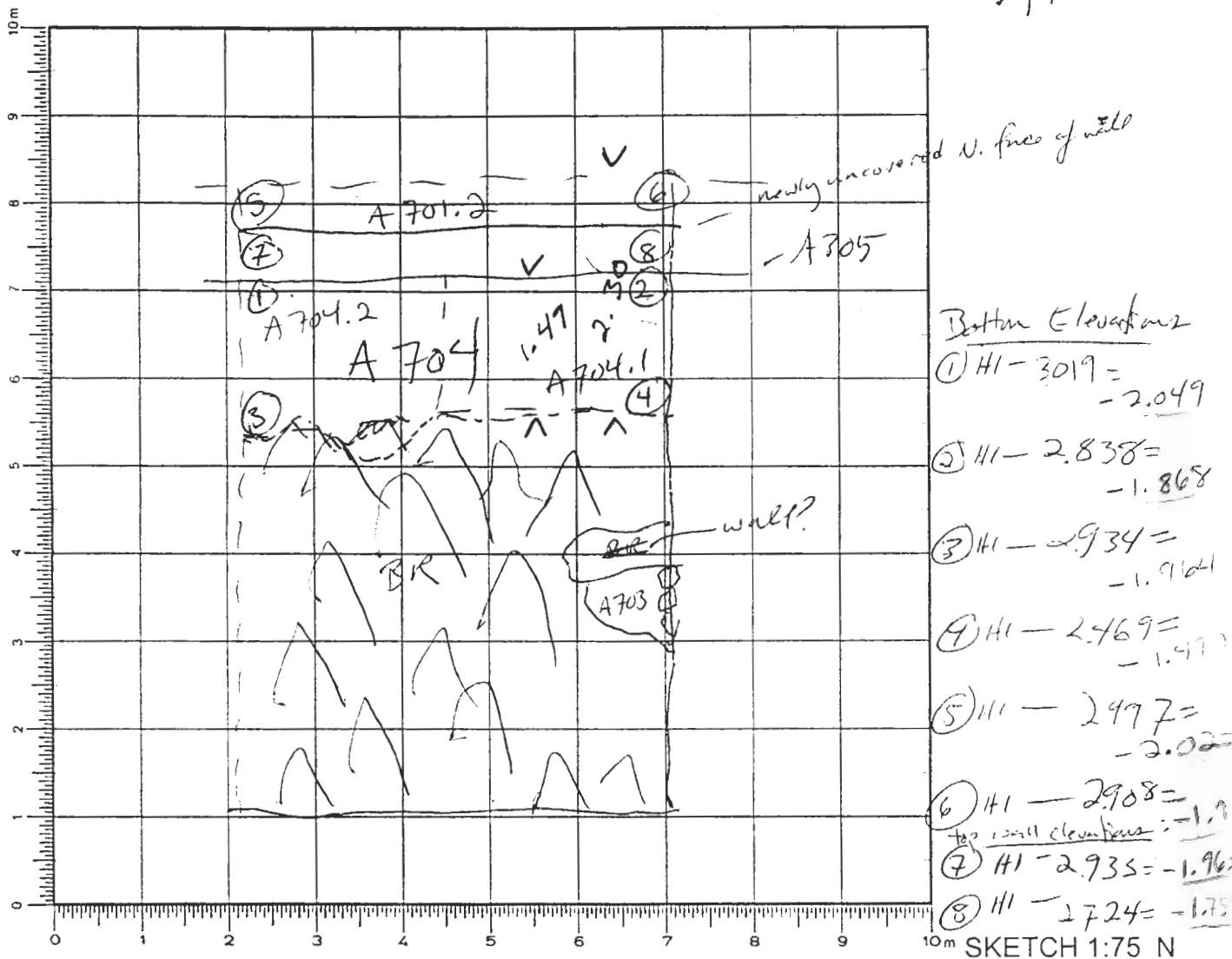
changed to A 703.1 sheet

CPP - may be a small pit or storage space.

Year 02 Trench/Locus A704 Excavator CRP

Elevations

Benchmark used: R6
 Reading on
 Benchmark:
 H.I.: .97



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

Today's date: 13 June 02 Locus above: A702

Locus parameters: north wall or bedrock - (13 June 2002)

Verbal description: 2nd pass of the area bounded by the north wall and bedrock to the south. We find some pebbles, and shreds. We get half finished ~~and~~ before closing for the day.

13 June 02 We continue the pass today with pit A704.2. We dig through the hard-packed soil ~~and~~ but still come down to more of the same. I'm becoming less convinced that this represents a floor

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

Year 02 Trench/Locus A 704 Excavator GRP

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

rather than a mud-like deposit over bedrock, although the burning in A300 ~~is~~ sets that layer apart from this one. We find several fragments of pottery - mostly fine ware, and ~~some~~ bone. We also clean the wall in this pail to reveal the southern face. ~~The character~~

3 Jan '02 ~~of the wall is exactly the same as the section exposed in A500.~~
no - we haven't yet exposed enough.

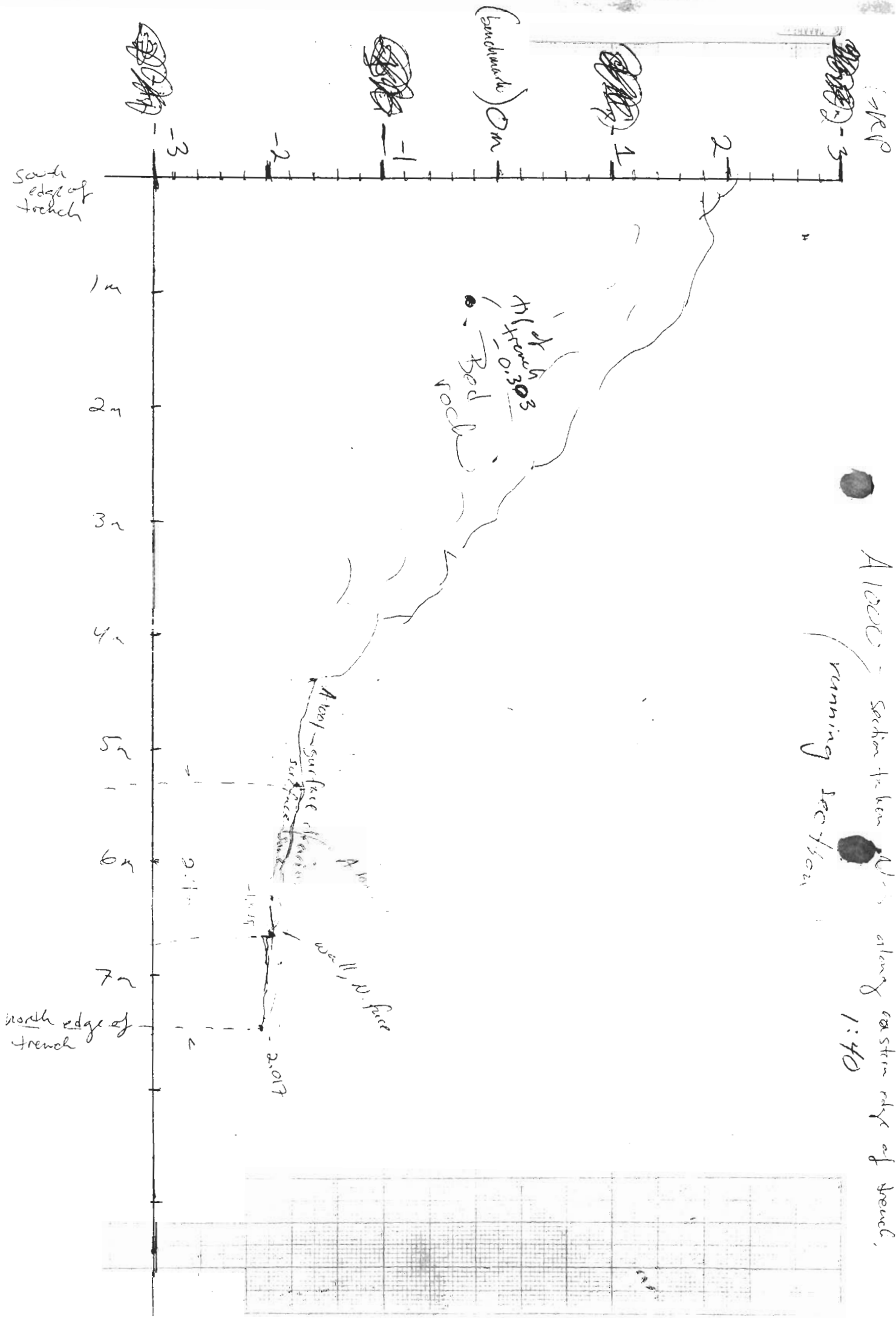
I'm beginning to believe that the north wall represent a terrace wall that either served as a southern wall for something below our trench, or ~~the~~ provided a flat surface that no longer exists, or perhaps exists as ~~is~~ high as the section of wall above.

We begin another pass and change pails - now A704.3.

A703 In fact, the bottom elevation of the section of wall is relatively close to the deposit of burning found in A500 - could this (A504) be the same habitation deposit as A703? Or did it simply slide to the edge of the wall from above?

In A704.3 we find little ~~and some~~ ~~bone and some fine ware~~ ~~and some fine ware~~. We stop just short of the orange clay ~~that~~ - the same orange clay that lies on top of the upper bedrock.

APC
 1000 Section taken along eastern edge of trench.
 running section 1:40



(backwards) 0m

1
2
3

South edge of trench

1m

2m

3m

4m

5m

6m

7m

North edge of trench

level surface of water
 wall, N. face

Rod
 0.303

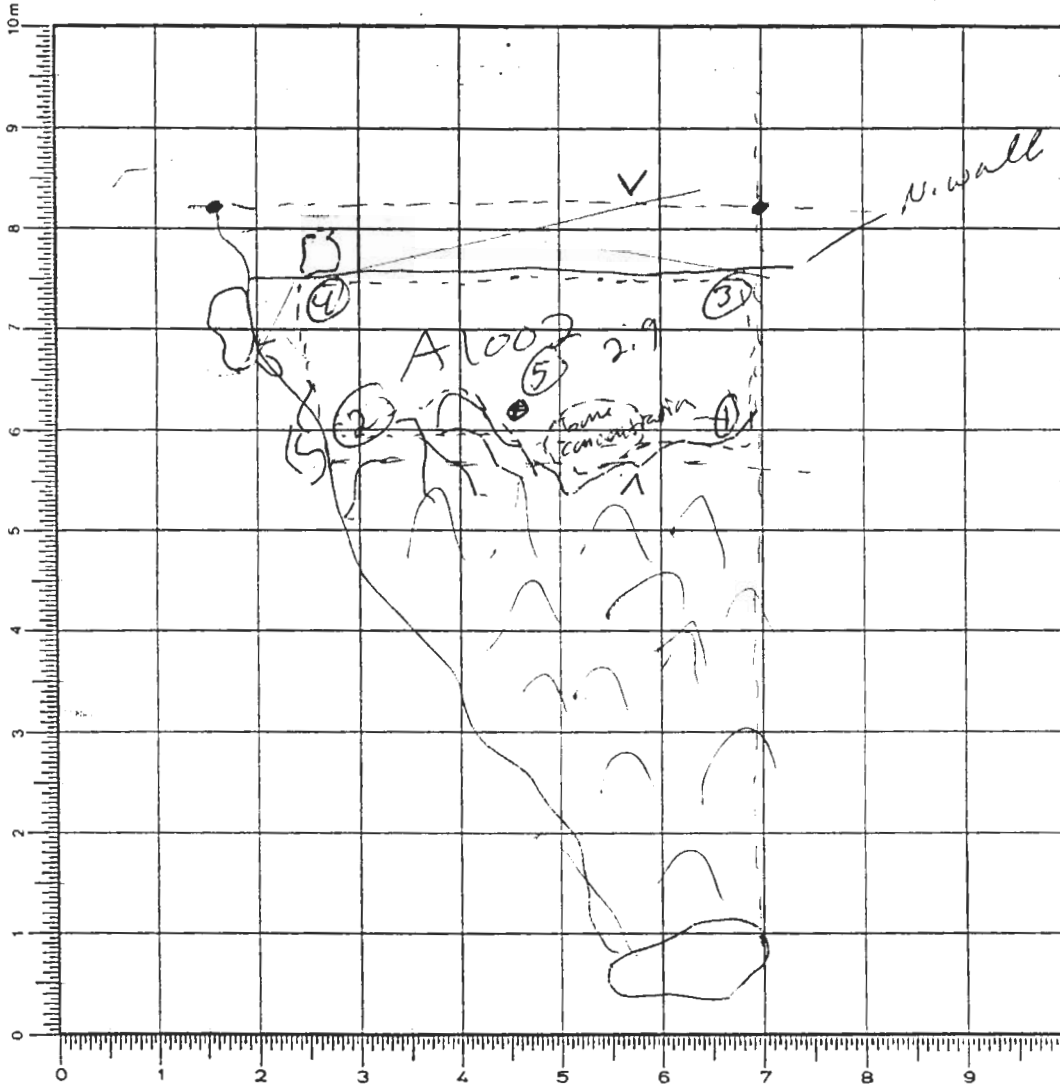
-2.017

2.1m

Year 02 Trench/Locus A1002 Excavator GRP

Elevations

Benchmark used: RL
 Reading on Benchmark: 0
 H.I.: 0.865



object #1
 HI -
 ④: 2.828 =
 = -1.963 ^{1st}
 Bottom elevations ^{pass}
 (1002.1)
 ① HI - 2.568 =
 = -1.703 ~~2nd~~
 ② HI - 2.786 =
 = -1.921 ~~3rd~~
 ③ HI - 2.740 =
 = -1.875 ~~4th~~
 ④ HI - 2.885 =
 = -2.02 ~~5th~~
 ⑤ HI - 2.780 =
 = -1.915 ~~6th~~
 SKETCH 1:75 N

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

Today's date: 14 Jan 02 Locus above: A1001

Locus parameters: from ~~the~~ line of ~~house~~ ^{N wall} to line of bedrock

Verbal description: We begin from the N wall and work our way up to the bedrock. The earth is dry and crumbly and we immediately begin to find shards and bone (A1002.1). We find a small terracotta bowl(?) or very small spindle wheel(?). We decide to screen the next pail (A1002.2) since we're finding a lot of bone. Some of the bedrock seems to contain a kind of gypsum stone. Pail A1002.2 begins by clearing the soil on top of the continuation of ~~A1002~~ ^{wall} A305 so that the southern face is now exposed.

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

Year 02 Trench/Locus A1002 Excavator CRP

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

We approach bedrock and come across many small (c. .05 cm wide) stones that appear to have fallen from the bedrock faces. We find a fragment of ~~the~~ a pithos rim, and much bone (plotted on drawing); although it is unclear if it is localized especially. A stone ball (?) is found towards the bedrock in the middle of the trench.

bottom elevation



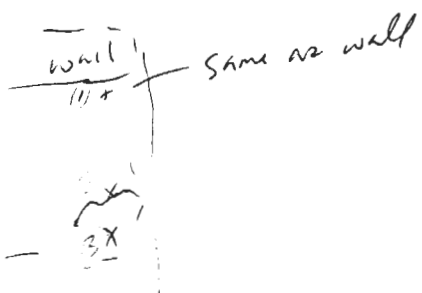
- benchmark = (7. Jun '02) ^{these are 1m. off}
- ① HI - 3665 = -2.80
 - ② HI - 3860 = -2.995
 - ③ HI - 3769 = -2.909
 - ④ HI - 3890 = -3.025
 - ⑤ HI - 3735 = -2.87

We stop for the day and clear off the dust, revealing a harder stratum of dirt that is consistent with A500 + A700's below the top soil.

Bottom elevation of A1002

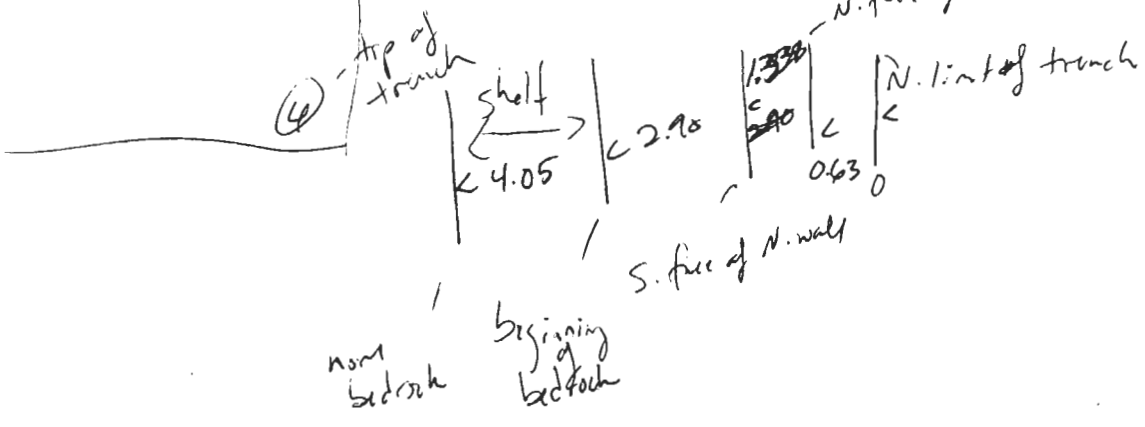
benchmark: 0.996m.

17. Jun '02



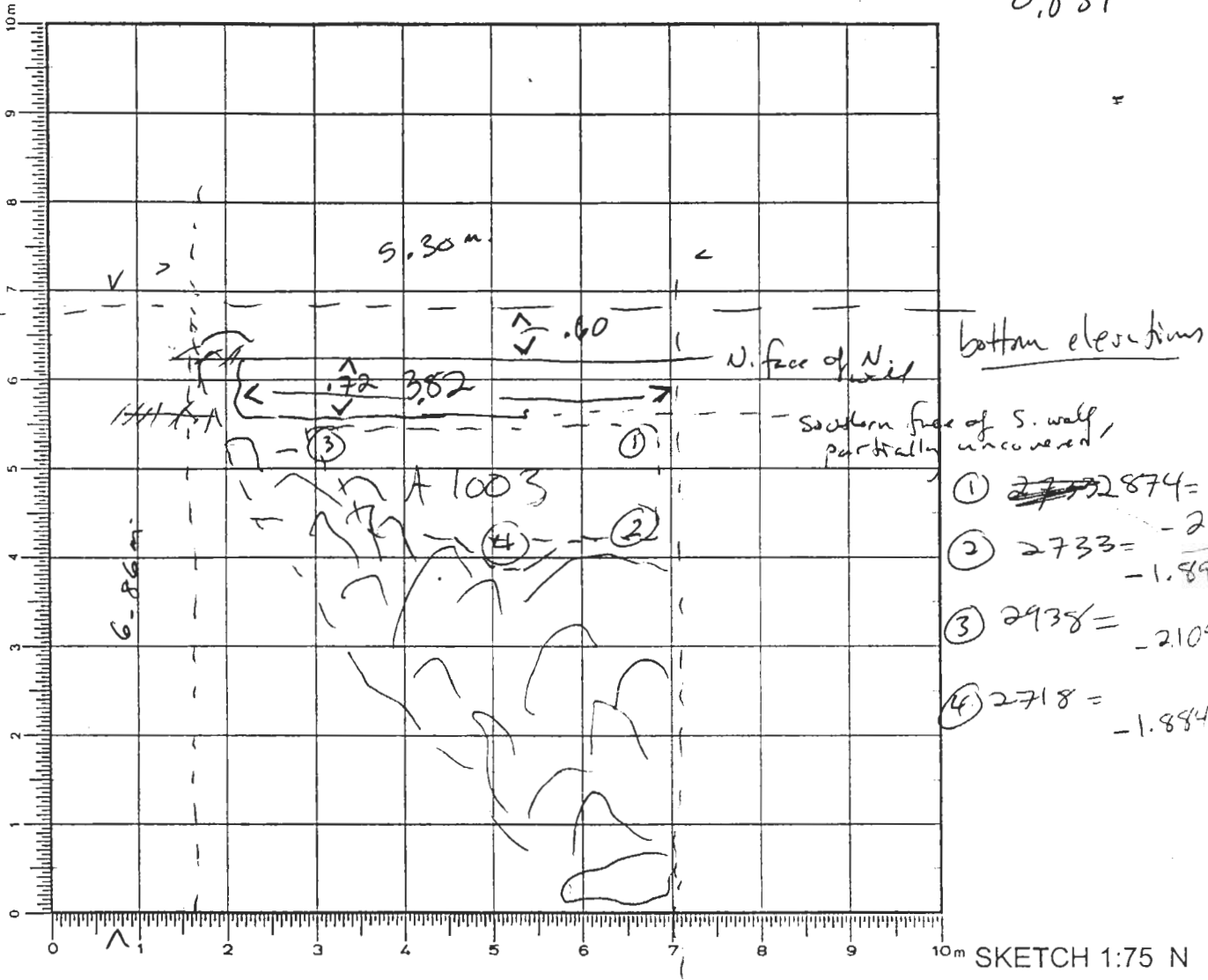
- ① 2.898 = -1.902
- ② 2.788 = -1.792
- ③ 2.319 = -1.323
- ④ 1.302 = -0.306

distance from N. limit of trench
N. face of N. wall



Year 02 Trench/Locus A1003 Excavator GREP

Elevations
 Benchmark used: Rb
 Reading on Benchmark: 0
 H.I.: 0.834



- bottom elevations
- ① ~~2772~~ 2874 = -2.04
 - ② 2733 = -1.899
 - ③ 2938 = -2.104
 - ④ 2718 = -1.884

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

Today's date: 17. Jun. '02 Locus above: A1002

Locus parameters: same as A1002.2, etc we excavate beneath the topsoil of

Verbal description: A1002, and reveal more of the southern face of the N. wall. We find very little pottery and bone.

(We take more precise measurements of the trench, and record them on A1003.)
We have stopped sifting because of low finds, & we change locus just for kicks.

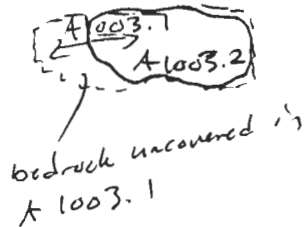
Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

17. June '02 stratum below topsoil, almost of no significance?

Year 02 Trench/Locus A~~1000~~ 1003 Excavator GRP

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

We hit bed rock in the western edge of the trench, and our next pass (A1003.2) becomes even smaller than before



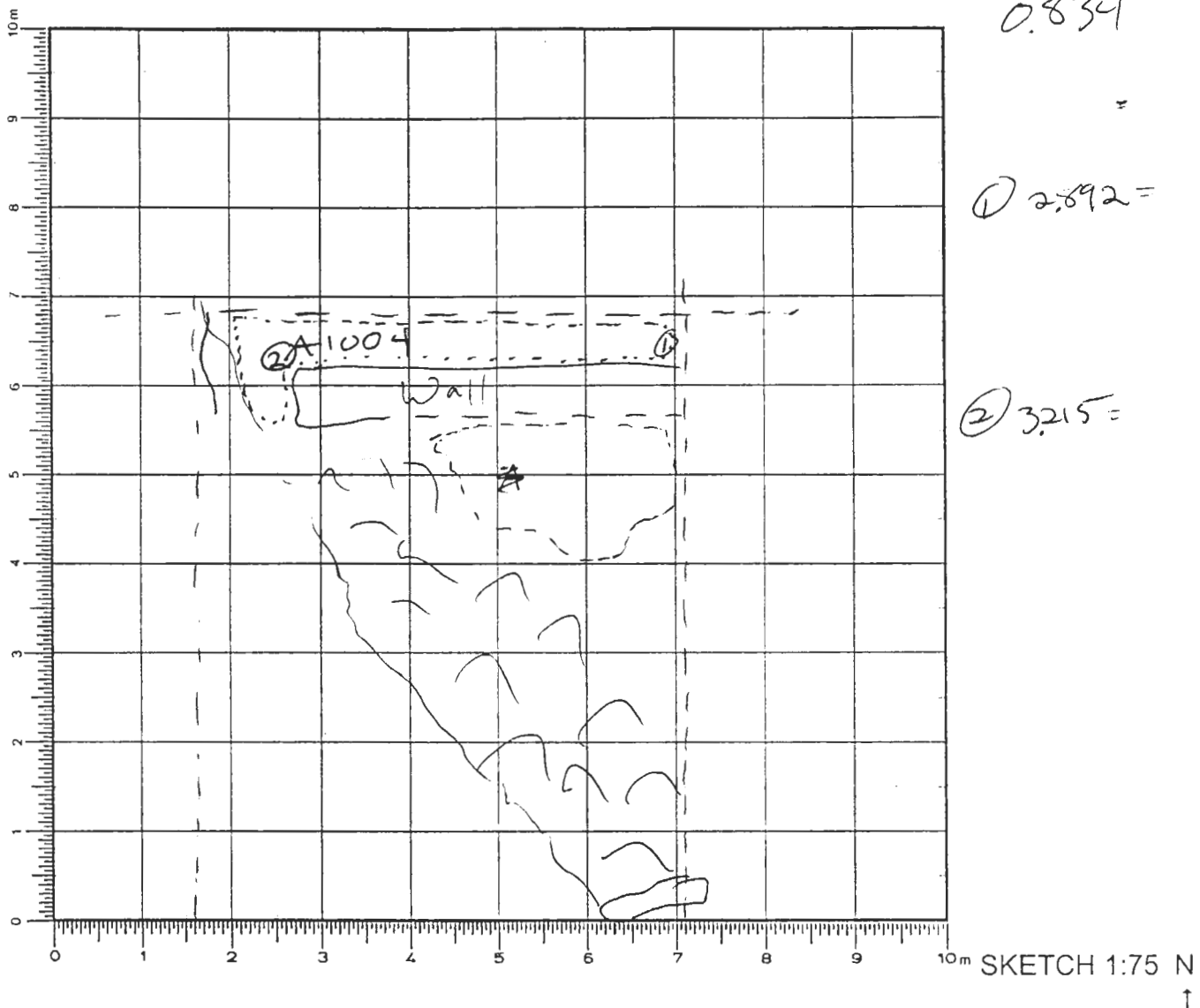
We begin A1003.2 to find bedrock and stop excavating. ~~We begin the next pass A1003.3~~

Soil is crumbly & dry & very rocky. We uncover bedrock almost everywhere ~~in~~ in this pass. The concentration of bones in this pass seems to be near the bedrock (where elev. @ is taken).

Year 02 Trench/Locus A1004 Excavator GKR

Elevations

Benchmark used: R6
 Reading on
 Benchmark:
 H.I.: 0.834



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

Today's date: 17. June '02 Locus above: A1001

Locus parameters: area north of N. wall, bounded by terrace to the north, and

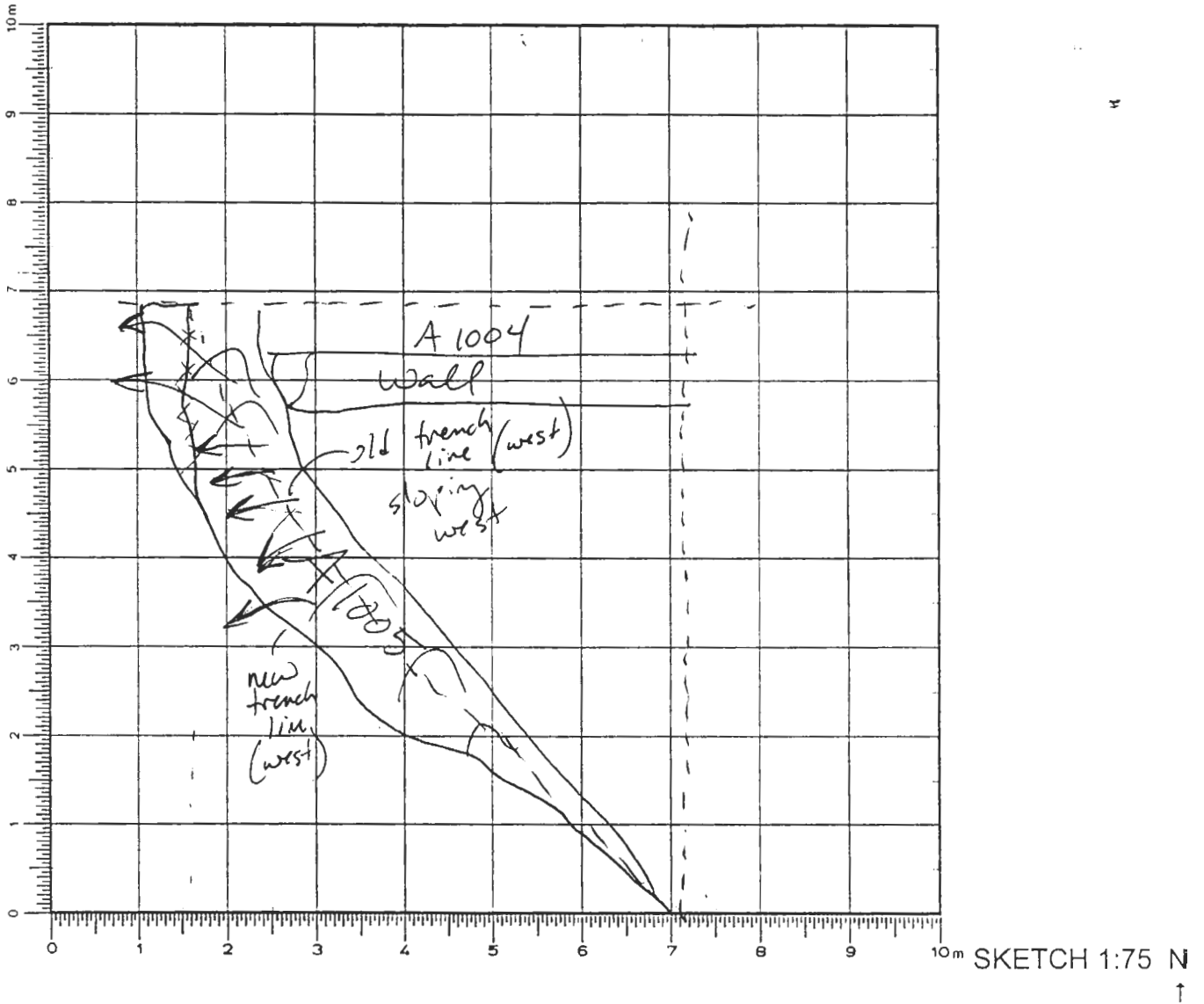
Verbal description: to the west by the seemingly end of the wall. We also dig around the last visible block of the wall and realize the wall probably ended here, where the land starts to slope down to the west and north. We find little, but expose more of the north face of the north wall

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

Year 02 Trench/Locus A1005 Excavator GRP

Elevations

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



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

Today's date: 17. June '02 Locus above: A1001

Locus parameters:

Verbal description: We extend our trench slightly to the west to follow a large bedrock out crop. A1005 represents clearing of top soil from bedrock along the western edge of the trench.

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

