Trench D1500: Final report
AC
26 July 2006.

Trench D1500 describes a rectangle measuring 8x9 meters extending North from trench D700. The new trench in D1500 was opened in order to identify if there are adjacent rooms to the substantial room excavated in D700, north of wall D704 and D705. Excavation in this trench begun on July12, 2006 and ended on July 18, 2006. Trench assistants were Elisabeth Thurston, Mesa Lange Scovel, Niki Yanuziello and Aaron Dickinson and the trench supervisor was Anastasia Christophilopoulou. Bench Mark used during excavation were R23:+349,743.

Architectural Summary

In trench D1500, already from removing the surface material, the northern continuation of wall D705 became visible as the wall is apparent at 352, 793 m in its south end and at 353,418 m. at its north end. The wall was finally revealed to extend 3, 30 m. in the North-South direction. There is a 0,50m. gap between Wall D705 in trench D700 and its continuation in trench D1500 but the wall was given the same name.

Stratigraphic sequence and Pail numbers.

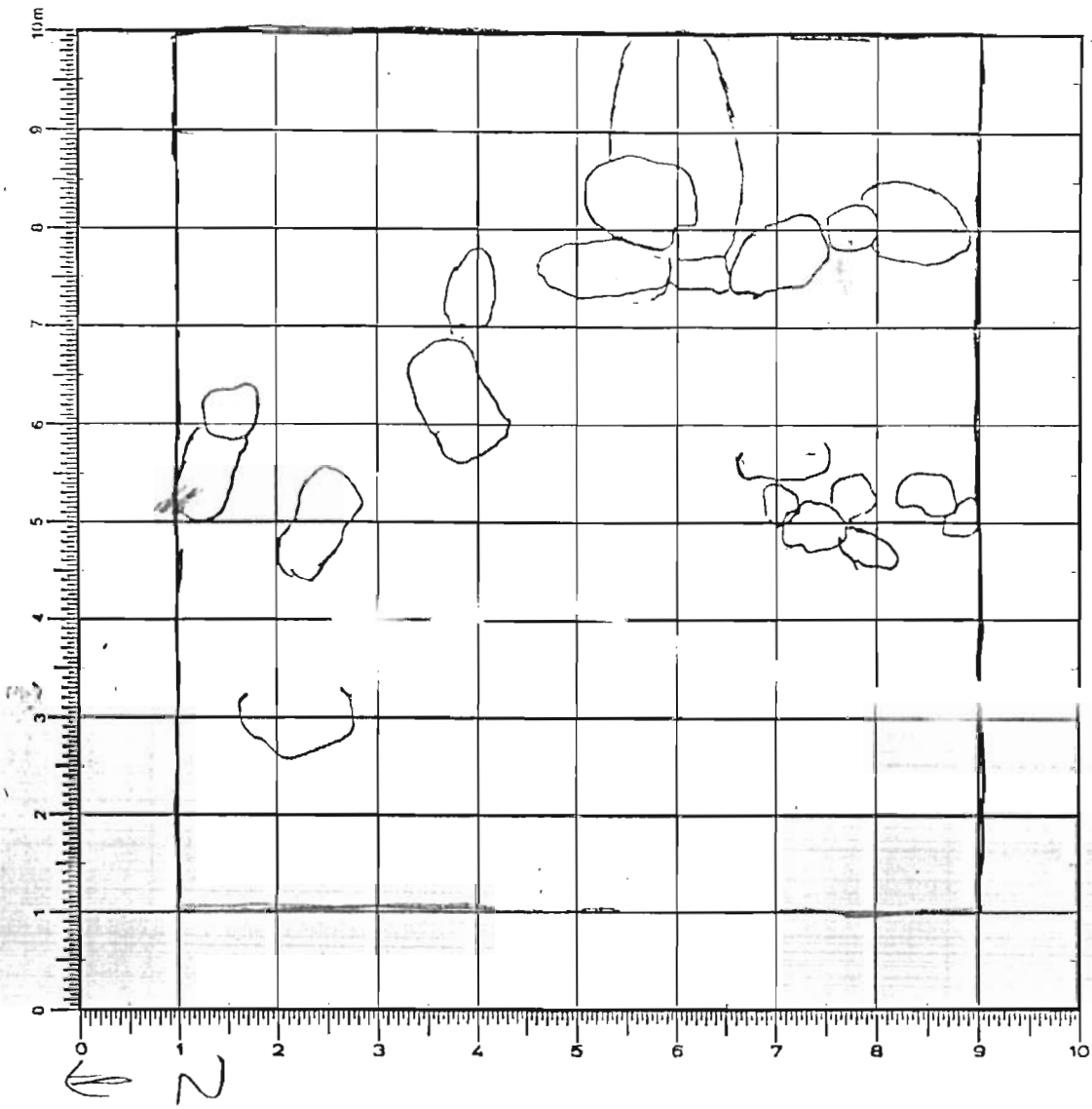
Topsoil/surface: D1500.1, D1500.2 (erosion, slope wash).Eroded bedrock, tumble amd gravel: D1500.3. Tumble? D1501.1. Removal of scarp between trenches D700 and D1500: D1500.4

Interpretation

Given the incomplete nature of this trench no secure conclusions on whether Wall D705 represents part of a new room opening to the north of trench D700 and if this hypothetical room was connected with the room in D700 via a doorway in the lower (eastern) part of Wall D704. We were also unable to establish the existence of a northern wall for the space we excavated in D1500 as the northern edge of the trench is defined by natural bedrock (but not shaped into a wall) and no traces of wall were found.

Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1500 Excavator A.C.

Elevations
Benchmark used:
Reading on Benchmark:
H.I.: 1223
349,743
3,040
352,783



~~SKETCH 1:75~~

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 12 July 06 Locus above: N/A

Locus parameters: 8 meters N→S and 8 m ↔ W.

Verbal description:
Started a new trench, D1500 measuring 8 by 7 m north of trench D700. In order to identify if there are rooms adjacent to the house excavated in D700.

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

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Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
D1500.1	600 gms	16	E
D1500.2	1,6 kgms	46	A, O
D1500.3	1,9 kgms	64	HEL, LA
D1500.4	800 gms	20	LA?

13 July
14 July

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

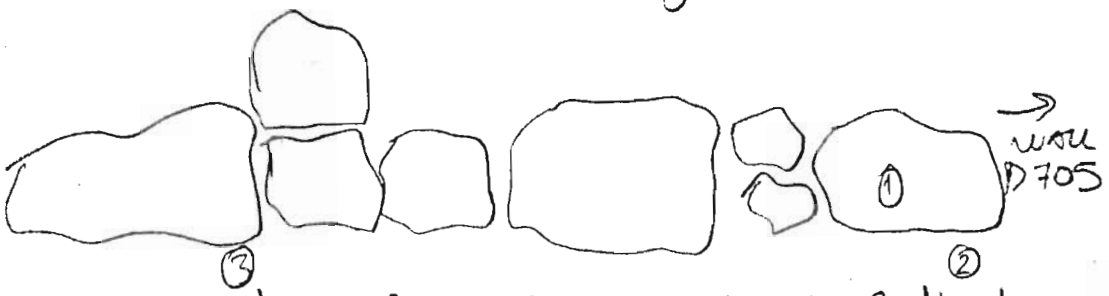
Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D 15000 Excavator AC.

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]: BM reading = R23 HI = 352,783

Beginning the new trench D15000 by cleaning up the whole space north of trench D700 (Rachel's) Already from removing the surface material and topsoil, the northern continuation of WALL D705, as already the west face of the wall, appears.



The wall can be traced for about 3,30m in the N→S direction and preserves two courses at its highest point (0,70m)

The soil is dark Brown, [illegible]ive material with only a few sherds of pottery

final levels are: 0,47 → Point ② = 352,313
0,68 → Point ③ = 352,103
0,55 → Point ① = 352,233

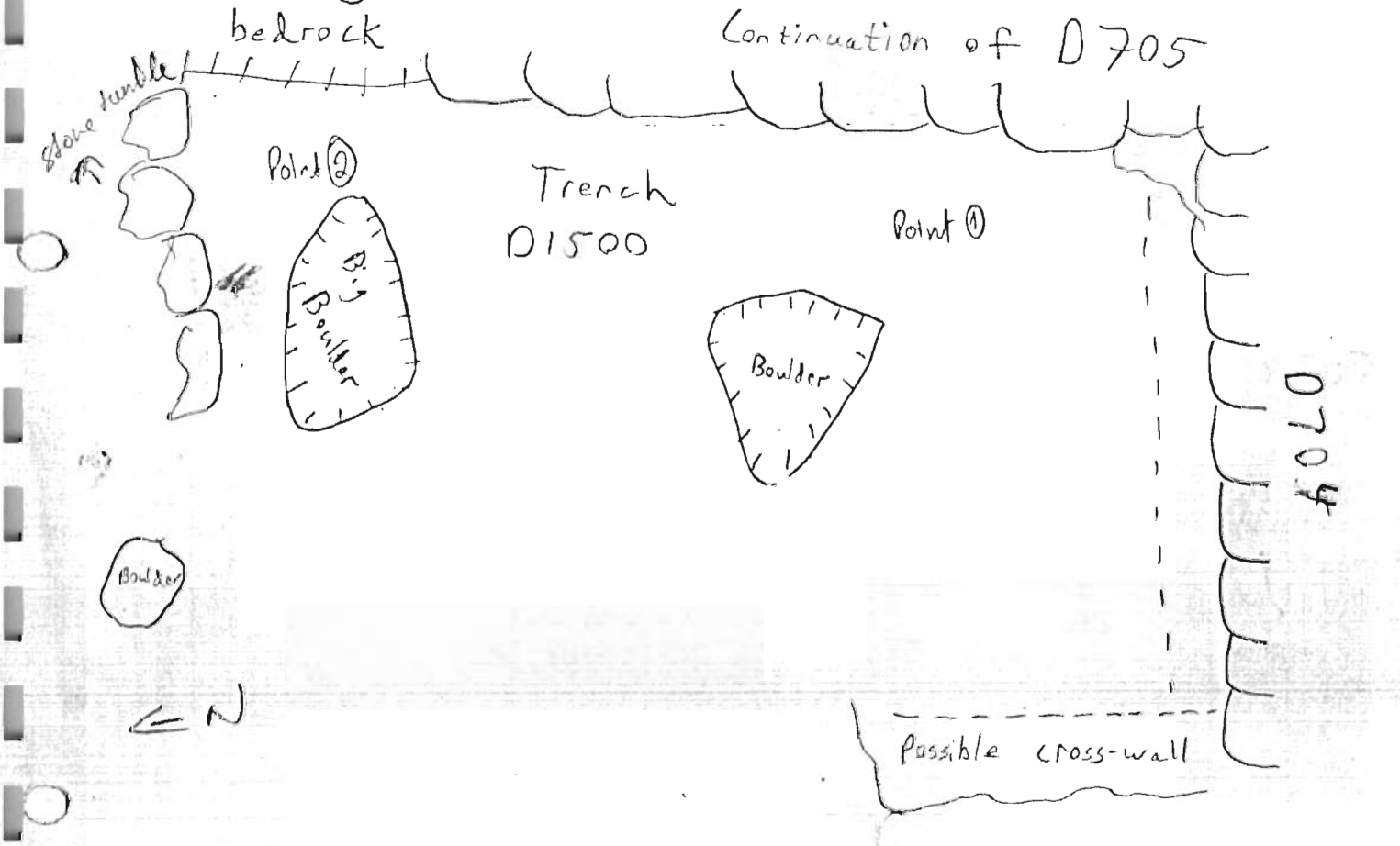
Associated pottery pail: D1500.A

Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1500 Excavator AC

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]: 13 July 2006 BM reading: 223 = 349,743 + 3,040 = 352,783

Continuing revealing wall D705 to the north of Thrench D700, removing the soil fill which is still modern/erosion and surface material.

Associated pottery pail: D1500.2



The wall D705, is now visible up to three courses in the middle of the wall, further north, from the point where the 3 courses are visible, the wall is missing as the big boulder fallen west of the wall, probably destroyed the wall.

The soil continues to be brown, dark, mixed with gravel and rocks, containing very few sherds, presumably because we are still

Wall measurements: length: 5,00 m
height (max, where 3 courses are preserved → 1,20m)
width → 0,60m

final levels: ① Point 0,26 → 352,523
② Point 0,133 → 352,653

At the north end of our trench, rubble appears but it's not clear where the E-W cross-wall is yet.

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]: 14 July 2006 Associated pottery pail D1500.3

GN scaling = R23

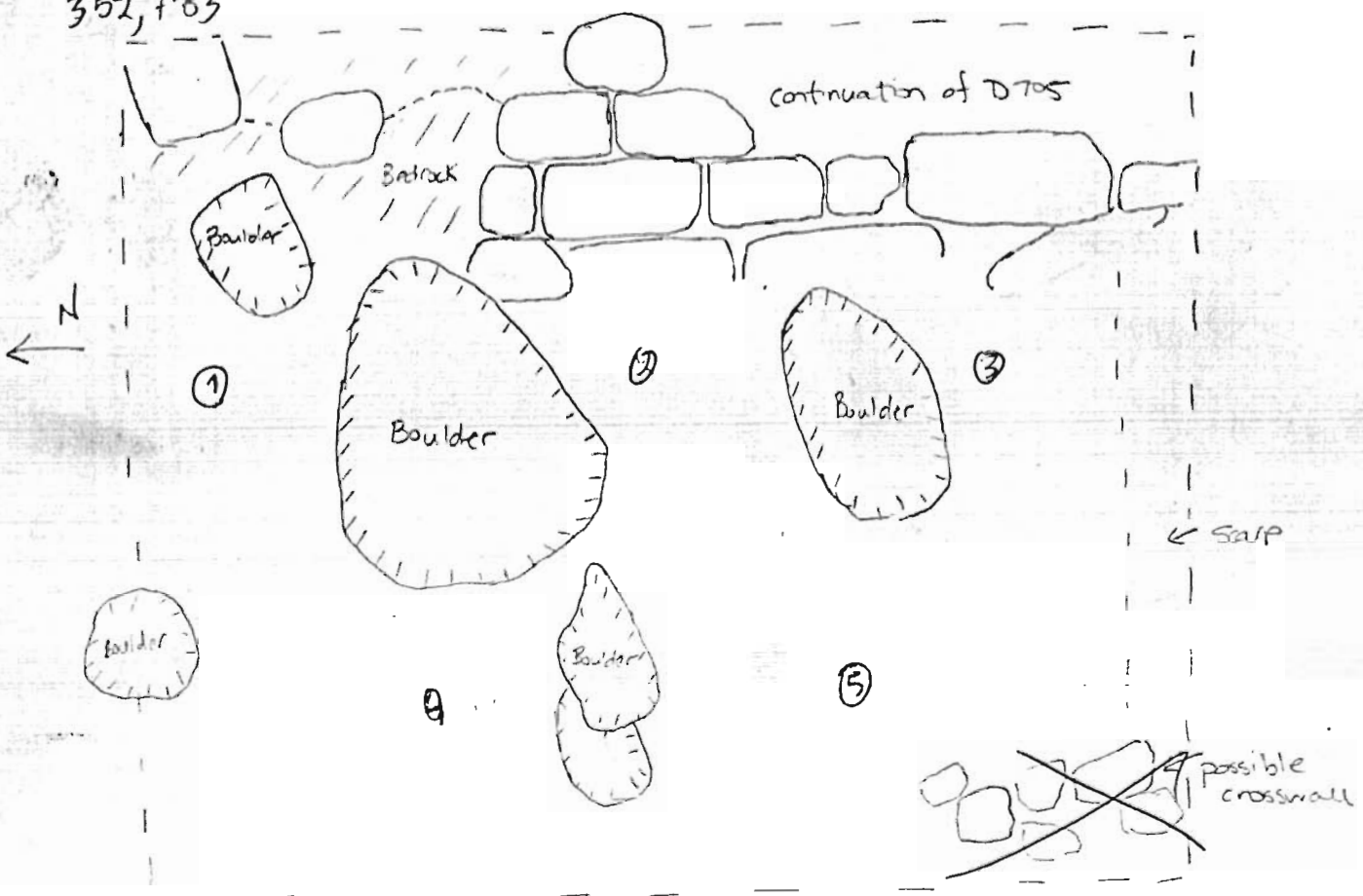
AI = 349,743 + 3,040 = 352,783

Today we will continue to work on revealing the north section of wall D705 to the north. By cutting into the topsoil on the west north area of the trench. The soil is hard and compact mainly top soil, with eroded gravel and bedrock.

Also the south edge (of wall D705, in this trench), is cleared of fallen rocks on the face of the wall and on top of it.

The level on the soil surface in front of the wall (in the south part of the trench is →)

352,783



Trench D1500

final levels:

Point 1

Point 2

Point 3

Point 4

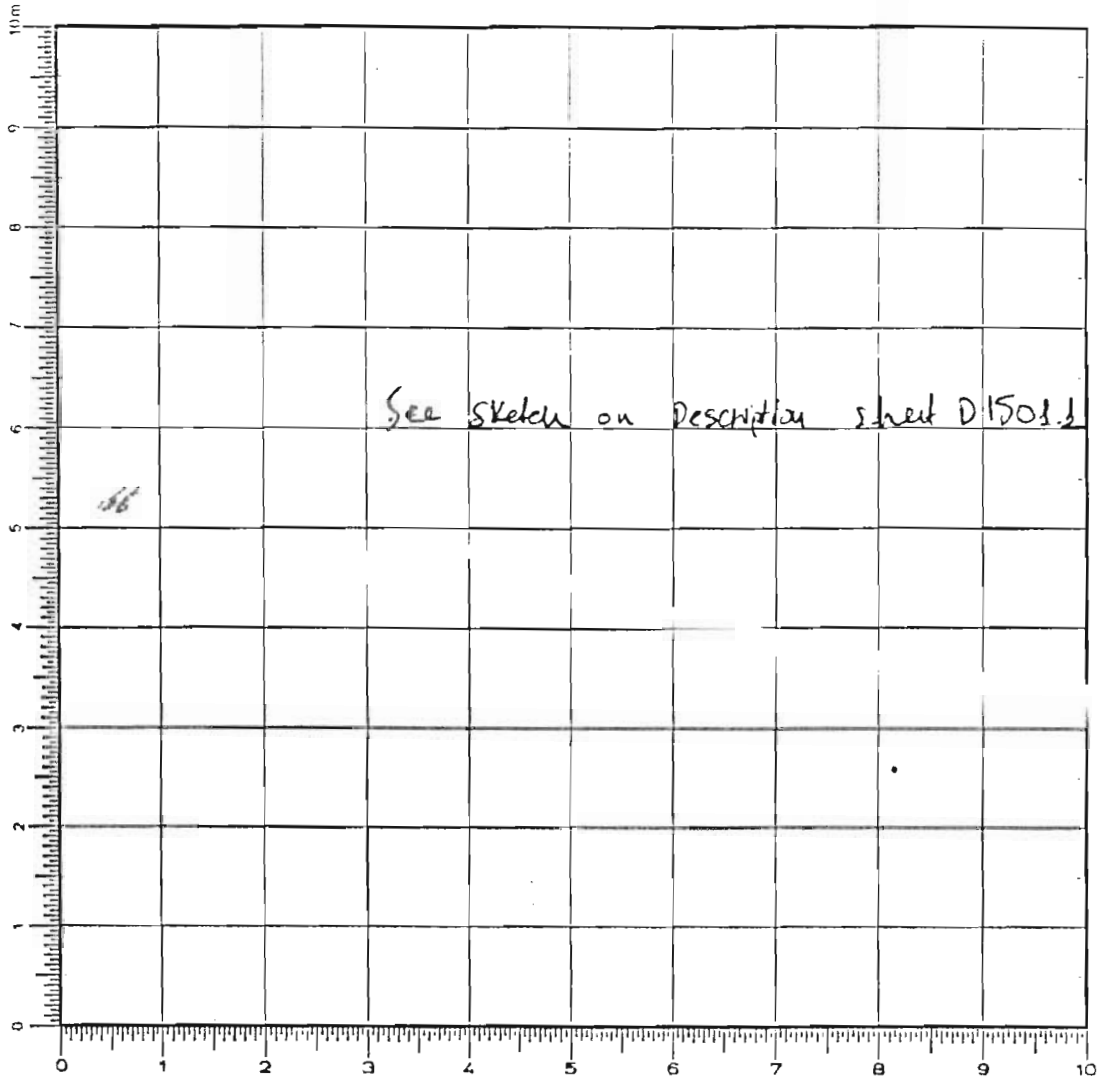
Point 5

we continued the pass to the whole trench, finding minimum pottery, while the soil is Brown, red brown. Although we remained a pass of almost 100 cm at the west edge of the trench, we did not find the lower N-S crosswall after all where the stones indicated at the SW corner of the trench. This is to be further investigated lower. At the end of this pass trample appears especially near wall D705

Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1501 Excavator AC

Elevations
Benchmark used:
Reading on Benchmark:
H.I.: 349,743
+3,230
352,973

349,743
+3,144
352,887



SKETCH 1:75 N ↑

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):
Today's date: 17 July 2006 Locus above: D1500.2

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

Starting to excavate possible humble layer? after having removed 2 passes of topsoil (D1500.1 and D1500.2) and D1500.3

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

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D15o1 A Excavator Ac

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
D15o1.1			

OBJECTS

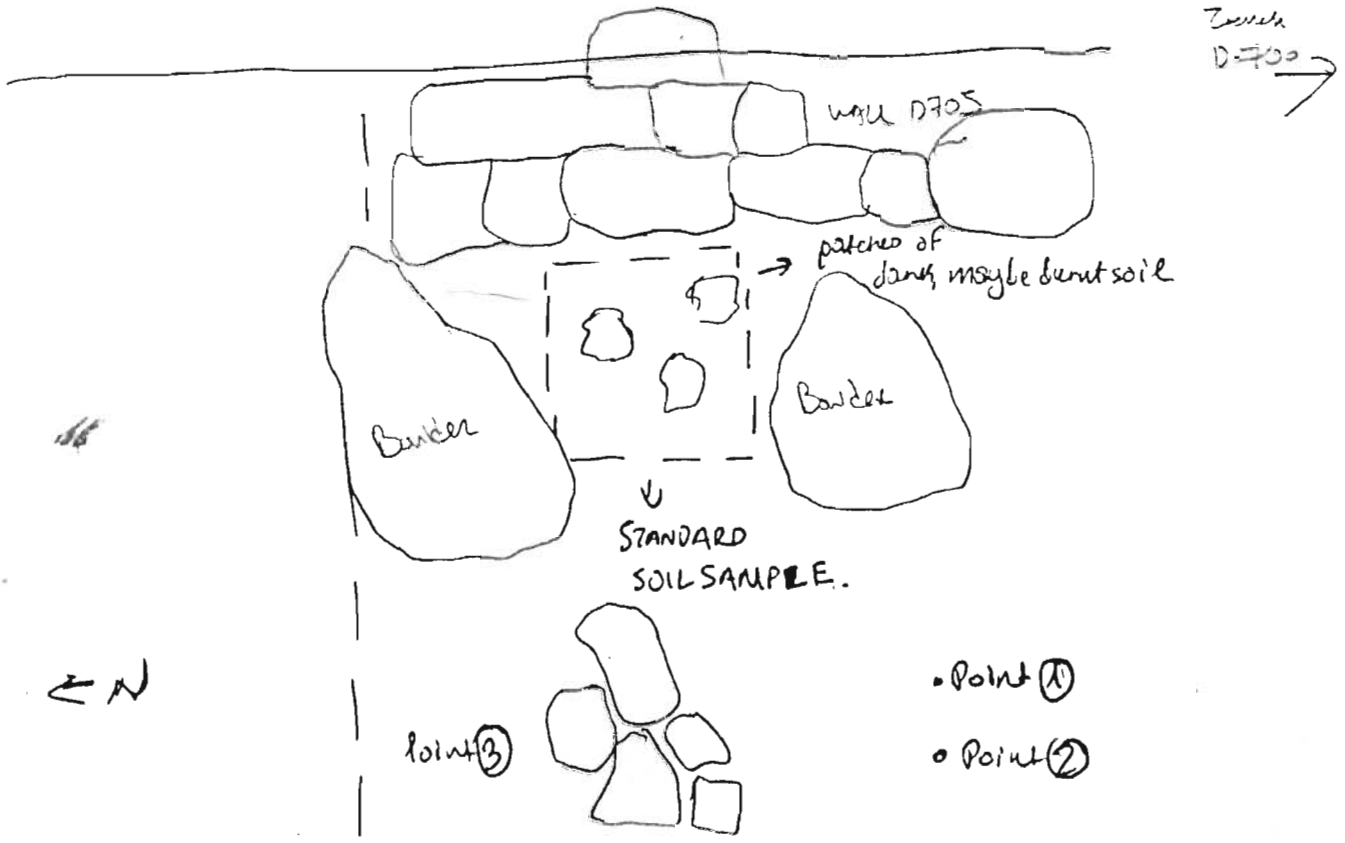
Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number

ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)

Year 2006 Trench/Locus D1501.1 Excavator AC.

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



Starting a new pass, possibly into the tumble ? layer (tumble appears on the center of the trench not so much on the western edge from a starting level of ⊖ Point ① → 351,503.

We worked on removing a thick pass, and also lowering the Balk (marty ran) that was left between trenches D700 and D1500. Also we removed a number of boulders ⊘ including the smaller one in the sketch. The soil after removing our pass, is (south of the big boulder) is dark brown, with occasionaly Black patches (a standard soil sample was gathered from the central part of the trench).

North of the big boulder the soil is natural, with no pottery & so it seems unefficient to continue with in that ⊘ space, (past the dotted line) to the north.

Associated pottery pail : D1501.1

final levels. Point ② → 351,612 and Point ③ 351,611

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Year 2006 Trench/Locus D 1500 Excavator AC

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]: 18 July 2006 SM reading R23

Associated pottery pail: D1500. 4 HI = 352,973

We continued removing the scarp between trenches D700 and D1500, from a starting level of → 351,903.

