

FINAL REPORT: A2500

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Datum Points: R17, elevation: 364.18; R16, elevation: 361.06

Excavation Dates: 8-10 June, 2004

Location: Directly north of **B1900** on the western slope of the South Acropolis

Excavation in this area was begun in order to investigate the nature of the space north of wall **B1904** and its possible relation to the area of **B1900**. It was considered a possibility that some large stones exposed on the modern surface running north-south along the eastern line of the **A2500** might represent a wall; however, any evidence of a wall here was unfortunately highly disturbed from slope erosion and difficult to identify. A further objective with **A2500** was to gain greater clarity concerning the relation of this terrace to that of **A1900** and **A2000** above, as well as to the rest of the site. It was initially opened extending approximately 4m north of **B1900** to the line of a boulder that defined the eastern and northern limit of the trench. In the southern portion of the trench, an outcropping of bedrock served as the eastern limit of the trench.

A floor level was never located in **A2500**. However, the bottom of wall **B1904** was located with pail **A2501.12**. It is likely that the floor here was lost due to extensive erosion in the area as it rests at the bottom of a steep slope.

A small possible hearth (**A2502**), consisting of two roughly rectangular stones positioned perpendicular to one another and set into cut bedrock in the SE corner of the trench was uncovered in the pass associated with pail **A2501.9**. The matrix upon this feature was burnt and reddened/darkened, and a clay surface was located below.

Excavation directly east of the possible hearth, extending into the area of **B1900**, was carried out in order to remove remaining wall tumble thought to possibly be obscuring some element of the feature needed to retain the matrix behind it. During this excavation, a bin (**A2503**), set against the bedrock outcropping (thus the bedrock formed the feature's northern wall) consisting of two rectangular stones set parallel to one another approximately 0.75m apart and two rounder stones set at the end of each of the rectangular ones, was uncovered. A clay surface was also found within this bin. These two features (the hearth and bin) sit approximately 0.70-0.80m above the level at which wall **B1904** bottomed out; no floor surface was found associated with them.

The entire trench was characterized by dense tumble within loose gravelly slope wash, however, pails **A2501.1-5** represent the modern surface, and **A2501.6-8** represent the ancient wash zone. The tumble was less dense in the lowest pails, **A2501.11** and **A2501.12**, yet still present. After our initial pass was carried out stretching the full 4m extent north of wall **B1904**, all subsequent passes were isolated to the southern third of the trench just north of wall **B1904**. The pottery dates from **A2500** ranged from LMIIC through to Hellenistic, with each pail representing the lack of uniformity in date that is expected from an area of dramatic slope erosion.

Concluding remarks: This trench was heavily disturbed by slope activity, and the surface that was likely contemporary with the construction of wall B1904 (and the paved room to its south for which B1904 served as the northern wall) had been eroded away. Given the situation of the possible hearth (A2502) and bin (A2503), these features likely date to an earlier phase of use, perhaps contemporary to the original phase of B100. They survived in the face of extensive slope erosion because of their location against (and protection offered by) the bedrock. As the two features appear associated because of their shared level and proximity, the fact that they issue forth from the bedrock in different directions suggests that this had previously been an open exterior space used as a work area. The paved room (B146) could then have been built into this area at a later stage, the unused space behind wall B131, and atop the hearth and bin, filled in at that time.

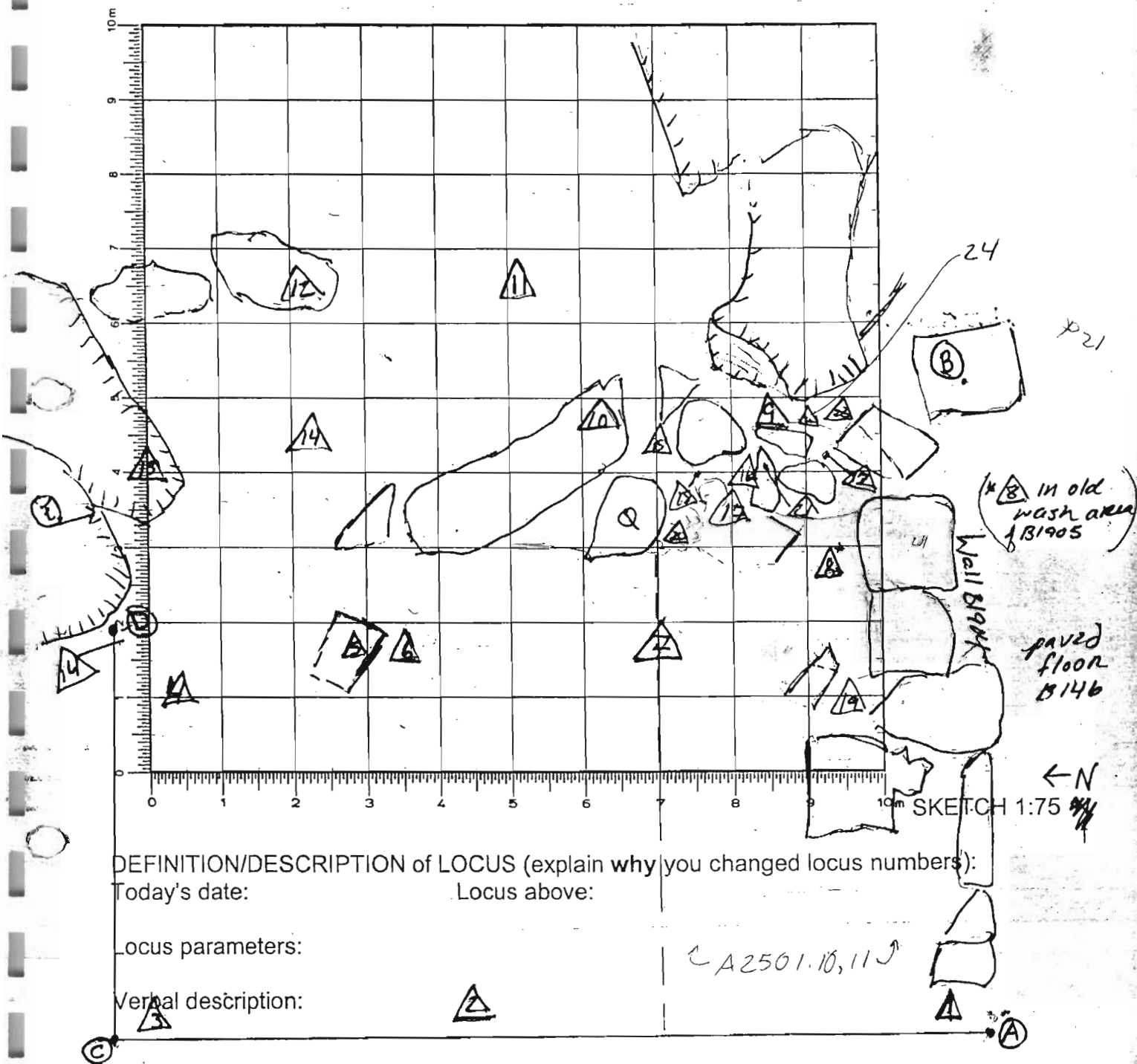
Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2501 Excavator ESKAElevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



A-B = 4.05m

A-C = 7.40m

C-D = 2.37m

C-E = 3.59m

E-B = 6.08m

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

B1905.1 is within the same area as this locus and its surface pass, B1905.1 = A

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Weight of Sherds	Number of Sherds	Chronology & Comments
A 2501.1	9.15 kg	425	LMTIC, Hellenistic, Archaic
A 2501.2	5.42 kg	180	"
A 2501.3	0.275 kg	18	Archaic, Hellenistic
A 2501.4	1.115 kg	49	Hellenistic, Archaic, Early Iron Age
A 2501.5	4.855 kg	78	LMTIC, LG - Early Orientalizing?, Archaic, Hellenistic
A 2501.6	3.35 kg	182	LMTIC, Archaic, Hellenistic
A 2501.7	4.96 kg	111	Archaic, Hellenistic
A 2501.8	1.11 kg	40	Archaic, Hellenistic
A 2501.9	1.249 kg	31	LMTIC, Early Archaic, Archaic
A 2501.10	0.560 kg	8	Archaic, Hellenistic
A 2501.11	7.56 kg	325	LMTIC, Hellenistic, Archaic
A 2501.12	6.48 kg	270	

OBJECTS

Object Number	Associated Pottery Pail	Identification (material/form)	Location	Elevation	Catalogue Number
A 2501.1					
1	A 2501.6	loom weight	SE corner A2500		
2	A 2501.6	stone tool	" " "		

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery Pail Number	Bones	Shell	Carbon	Pumice	Soil Sample	Other (specify)
A 2501.1	✓ (neg)				✓ ST	
A 2501.2				✓		
A 2501.3	✓					
A 2501.4	✓					
A 2501.5	✓					
A 2501.6	2 neg " ss.					slag
A 2501.7	✓					slag
A 2501.8	✓					
A 2501.9	✓				intensive	
A 2501.10	✓ neg					
A 2501.11	✓ neg				standard	
A 2501.12	✓ neg			✓	intensive	

clay area
 at SE corner
 of pail

Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2501 Excavator J. J. A.

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

9 June 04

361.06 → R16 reading (1.522), H.I. 362.58

1 (1.753) 360.83	6 (1.345) 361.235
2 (1.614) 360.97	7 (1.20) 361.38
3 (1.571) 361.01	8 (1.14) 361.44
4 (1.365) 361.22	9 (0.863) 361.72
5 (1.228) 361.35	10 (0.519) 362.06
11 (0.175) 362.41	13 (0.384) 362.20
12 (0.115) 362.47	14 (1.18) 361.4

9 June 04

Yesterday, @ the end of the day, we staked out and completed a topsoil pass for A2500 - we did not collect from this pass as we were simply clearing vegetation and rubble. The elevations above were taken this morning, thus @ the close of this topsoil pass

- a ~~lot of~~ rock
- this morning, we are carrying out the first pass. A lot of rock is turning up, (fist-sized, some smaller more gravelly and some larger), as well as a fair amount of larger pithos sherds.
- the soil is light brown
- we are using two exposed boulders as our northern boundary. A rough line of boulders, running N-S across the slope, forms our eastern boundary. On the south, Wall B1904 serves as our boundary. One of the objectives of excavation in this locus is to gain a clearer conception both of this wall and its relationship to the area to its north. The bedrock boulders (outcropping?) rest along the eastern and southern boundaries

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

9 June cont...

- It is starting to appear that we are coming across slipped ^{stone} Within the line of the boulders running N-S across the slope.
- we have had to begin a new pail (~~B~~ A2501.2) as our first one (A2501.1) is full
- pumice found (54cm by 3cm) associated w/ pail A2501.2
- Tassas has been moving w/ this pass from north to south. After moving over (uncovering most) some stones running \approx E-W through the middle of the trench, the pass was going significantly deeper. In an effort to avoid missing the floor (if preserved here) we are ending this pass before entering into the corner of our trench running from \approx 1/2 a meter to the north of wall BM01 on the western boundary and north east to rock Q (see sketch).
- The matrix has remained loose and consistently gravelly throughout this pass.
- pail A2501.3 was begun for sherds + bone that came from cleaning the wall.
- a large pile of wash (wall packing, etc) has been uncovered just north of center in our trench, ^{situated in ~~between~~ the wash line w/ the 2 boulders} see sketch
- elevations for the close of this pass (A2501.1-3) are:
R16-361.06 reading (1.525) H.I. = 362.59

1
2 (1.727) 360.86
3 (1.698) 360.89
4 (1.489) 361.10

5 (1.216) 361.37
6 (1.417) 361.17
7 (1.615) 360.98
14 (0.771) 361.82
15 (1.696) 360.89
16 (1.675) 360.92

some of these are taken from the same pits as the previous pass

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

9 June 04 cont... A2501.4

We are beginning a new, shallower pass through the corner area that we excluded from the last pass. This pass is only ~~to~~ ≈ 15 cm deep. We will take it east through some stones possibly associated w/ the slipped N-S wall we believe we have just found, up to the bottom of the exposed bedrock - this is along our eastern (up slope) boundary line

- this pass is our modern surface

- Tassos is coming down on more stones in this line, of course there are none atop each other, but plenty of slipped ones and wash

- as we worked towards the SE corner, up to Wall B/904, we were able to see another course in the wall! ~~hmm, or more stones below~~

- pass ~~at~~ beginning w/ A2501.5 is the second back into the triangular area. With this pass we are heavy into tumble. The wall is very difficult if not impossible to define here (the N-S wall) & the 'corner' in the SE corner of the trench

10 June 04 closed A2501.5:

We are beginning this morning by taking elevations in the corner. R/L 361.06 reading (~~+563~~ 1.570) HI: 362.63

96 9B (0.865) 361.77

15 (1.095) 361.54

16 (1.336) 361.29

17 (1.422) 361.21

on level of second pass \therefore higher

- We are taking another small pass ~~at~~ A2501.6, through the corner to see if we might have some change in the matrix

- we are screening out 5 Zembelid ~~from~~ wall tumble
- The matrix is apparently the same as previous passes here - it feels gravely and loose,

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

10 JUNE 04 cont. --

- the matrix remains unchanged as we work in against wall B1904
- a bomweight and half of what appears to have been a pierced stone tool came up in this corner
- some teeth also came from this area of this pass
- Tassos found a small chunk of volcanic rock here as well * Peggy has id'd this as slag - found it @ elev of 86
- This pass has been comprised of the same washed packing stone from the slope

Elevations for close R16^{361.06} reading (1.555). H.I.: 362.625 (362.625)
of A2501.6

19 (1.575) 361.05

166 (1.536) 361.09

176 (1.584) 361.04

156 (1.514) 361.11

86 (1.528) 361.10

A2501.7

- A new pass, beginning w/ pail B1906.7 is bringing the corner down to the approx. level of the next of the trench. With the previous pass (A2501.6) we began to see a second stone (in place?) of a lower course of wall B1904 - this pass will expose more of the face of the wall presumably as it will follow it west

- some more slag has come up with this pass, in about the same area of the trench as it did in the last pass.

- some large bones - possibly cow - have been coming up in this pass, as did a couple in the last

- Elevations for close of ~~B1906.7~~ A2501.7 (corner) R16^{361.06} reading (1.536) H.I.: 362.60 360.97

8c (1.64) 360.96 184 (1.63)

19c (1.625) 360.98 22 (1.613)

20 (1.371) 361.23 360.99

21 (1.501) 361.10

16c (1.650) 360.95

17c (1.674) 360.93

15c



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

10 June 04, cont. . .

— started a new pass w/ pail A2501.8 going back atop the probable wall area in the space in front of the bedrock; we wanted to see how the wall related to the bedrock here (if this is bedrock + not fallen) and whether this area is preserved at all. This pass has moved back east and includes the top level of modern wash. We have come down into entirely ~~surprised~~

Elevations from close of ~~B~~A2501.8 (atop 'wall')
 R16 = 361.06 reading (1.529) H.I.: 362.59

156 (0.924) 361.67

23 (1.070) 361.52

96 (1.155) 361.44

24 (1.043) 361.55

— We have begun another pass heading into the tumble, again moving back to the bedrock (A2501.9)

— An area of red matrix, located in the SE corner was found and has been taken as an intensive soil sample, (SEE sketch for location) A2501.9

— We will finish cleaning this area in order to garner better resolution on this area

— We have ~~truly~~ come upon what could be a small hearth (which will become a separate locus. We have now returned

to locus B1906, w/pail # B1906.6 to clear the tumble east of the bedrock



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

10 June 04, cont. ..

to see if we can find what would have been retaining this area above and behind the hearth

11 June 04

- We are beginning today by picking back through the tumble in the NE corner of B1906 - over pail # for this is B1906.7. Pail B1906.8 represents the small amount of material that came from cleaning on the bedrock + and associated stones. significantly higher up.
- The cleaning of this tumble, which is located behind A2502, is being carried out in order to gain greater resolution of this area and its potential relationship w/ feature A2502.
- The matrix from B1906.7 is being screened and then used to backfill the lower (western) portion of B1906 where wash removal left a depression.
- some of the matrix screened w/ B1906.7 includes swept matrix from ~~A2502.8~~ A2502.1 that came into contact w/ it when stones previously associated w/ the back (eastern) part of wall B1906.1 were removed and the surface beneath the stones was made flush w/ feature A2502.1

- We are continuing down in the NE corner of B1906 as after cleaning w/ pails B1906.7 and .8 we were able to remove some obviously out of place rocks and gain better definition of this area and its connection w/ A2502 thus B1906.9 opened
- Tassos has come down on a clay surface beneath some of the rocks beneath this matrix appears the same as that in the hearth area of A2502.

- We are, w/ discovery of this continued clay surface into B1906, removing a number of stones from behind A2502, leaving the stone that forms the back wall + an assoc'd stone.

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

10 June 04, cont.

Another rectangular stone, set // to the one forming A2502's backwall, rests ~ 70cm behind (east) of it, situated against a protrusion in the bedrock. The clay that Tasso came down upon was in the area between these 2 stones.



- Intensive soil: A2503.1

sample taken from area b/w the 2 rect. stones.

I am turning this loc area into a feature (i.e. w/ its own locus) A2503

- the loose matrix atop the clay easily brushes away here
- B1906.9 represents the pass w/ which we came down upon the "Bin" prior to it having become its own locus: the first pottery from the area would be in bag B1903.9
- a small sea stone/stone tool was found in the Bin area (A2503.1 'other')

* Peggy is taking photo of A2502 (hearth?) from west and A2503 from south

Elevations for A2502 and A2503

R16^{361.06} ready (1.154) H.I.: 362.21

1 (0.574) 361.44
 2 (0.644) 361.57
 3 (0.773) 361.34
 4 (0.747) 361.46

5 (0.750) 361.46
 6 (0.826) 361.38
 7 (0.683) 361.53
 8 (0.739) 361.47

Year 04 Trench/Locus A2501 Excavator ESKA

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

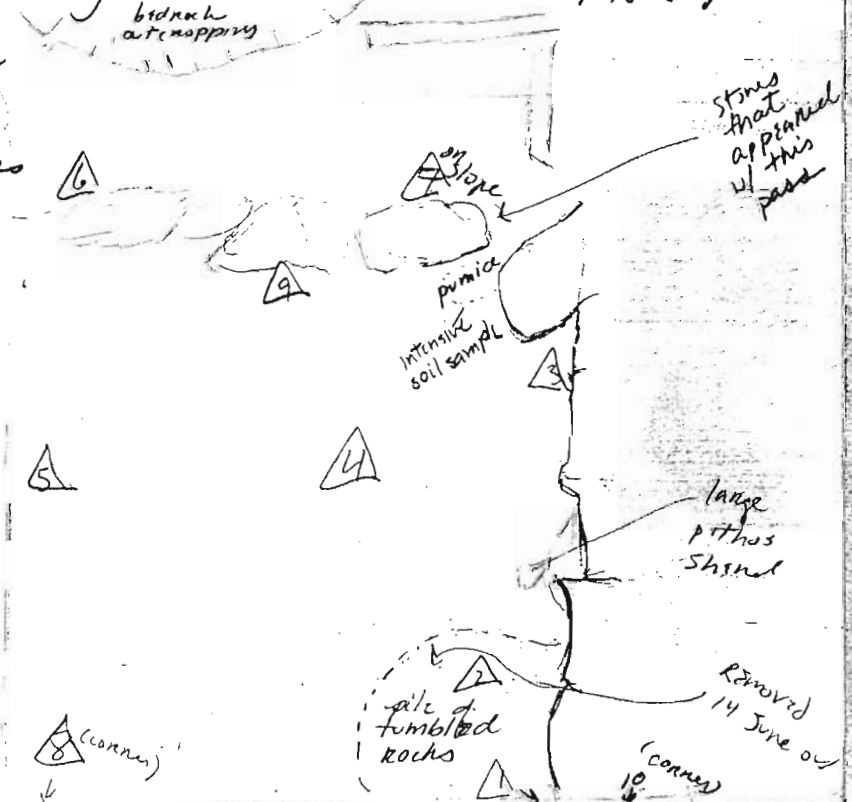
11 June 04

- We are taking another pass in A2501 from just south of Rock Q (as our northern boundary) up to Wall B1904 (our southern boundary). One objective of this pass is to gain greater clarity on Wall B1904 - we uncovered another course through our earlier passes in A2501, and we hope to see yet more w/ ~~the~~ A2501.10.

14 June 04

- This morning we are beginning by completing the pass we began Friday afternoon (A2501.10); this continuation will begin w/ pail A2501.11. This pass will work up to the ledge in the back of the trench created by the bedrock in the SE corner (the "hearth" is on the south part of this).
- a small chunk of the white concrete, probably from the Hellenistic tower atop the hill, just came up @ the bottom (west) of trench A2500 as we are moving east w/ pass A2501.11
- The matrix is continuing to be light brown, loose, and 'tumbley'

- as we are coming closer to wall B1904, what appears to be a lower course of somewhat slipped stones is appearing - the matrix continues to be loose and gravelly

Closing elevations for A2501.11
R16 Reading (1.231); HI: 362.29

1 (1.503) 360.73	5 (1.519) 360.77
2 (1.528) 360.76	6 (1.358) 360.93
11 (1.454) 360.84	7 (1.412) 360.88
	8 (1.478) 360.81
11 (1.508) 360.78	9 (1.564) 360.73

Year 2004 Trench/Locus AZ501 Excavator ESKA

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

14 June 04, cont. . .

- At the end of pass AZ501.11, a rough line of stones @ the back (east) side of the pass appeared. This could possibly represent part of a slipped AN-S wall passing through AZ500 across the slope. With our next pass, AZ501.12, we hope to gain some more clarity on this subject.
- We have begun a new pass through this area, again having its southern boundary with wall B1904. This pass begins w/ pile AZ501.12.
- The matrix continues to be the same soft gravelly wash.
- We are taking a separate pass on wall B1904 and just below (west of) it. This pass begins w/ pile B1904.1 as that is the wall's locus and this is the first pile to be assigned specifically to it. Both atop the wall from clearing and the area just below it are likely to produce wash - even some remnants of the modified wash that have not yet been removed from the area.
- some pumice has just come up w/ AZ501.12 another fist-sized piece has come up from the same area - in the SE corner of the pass. (see sketch). An intensive soil sample was taken from this same area as the matrix was a ~~markedly~~ markedly different, more yellow color. This could be wash from the hearth above as the path down to this isolated area of different color makes sense considering how the remaining stones sit.
- We have finished this pass cutting it about 30 cm more narrow (from the north side). We reached the apparent end/bottom of wall B1904 indicated by the ~~the~~ finding the

Year 2004 Trench/Locus A 2501 Excavator ESKA

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

→ 15 June 04

- We are beginning this morning by taking elevations for the close of A2501.12. We are using the same points on the sketch ~~for~~ for these elevations ^{341.06} R16 edge (0.978), HI: 362.06

1 (1.354) 360.72

4 (1.417) 360.64

7 (1.093) 360.97

2 (1.412) 360.65

5 (1.433) 360.63

8 (1.368) 360.69

3 (1.408) 360.65

6 (1.099) 360.96

9 (1.470) 360.59

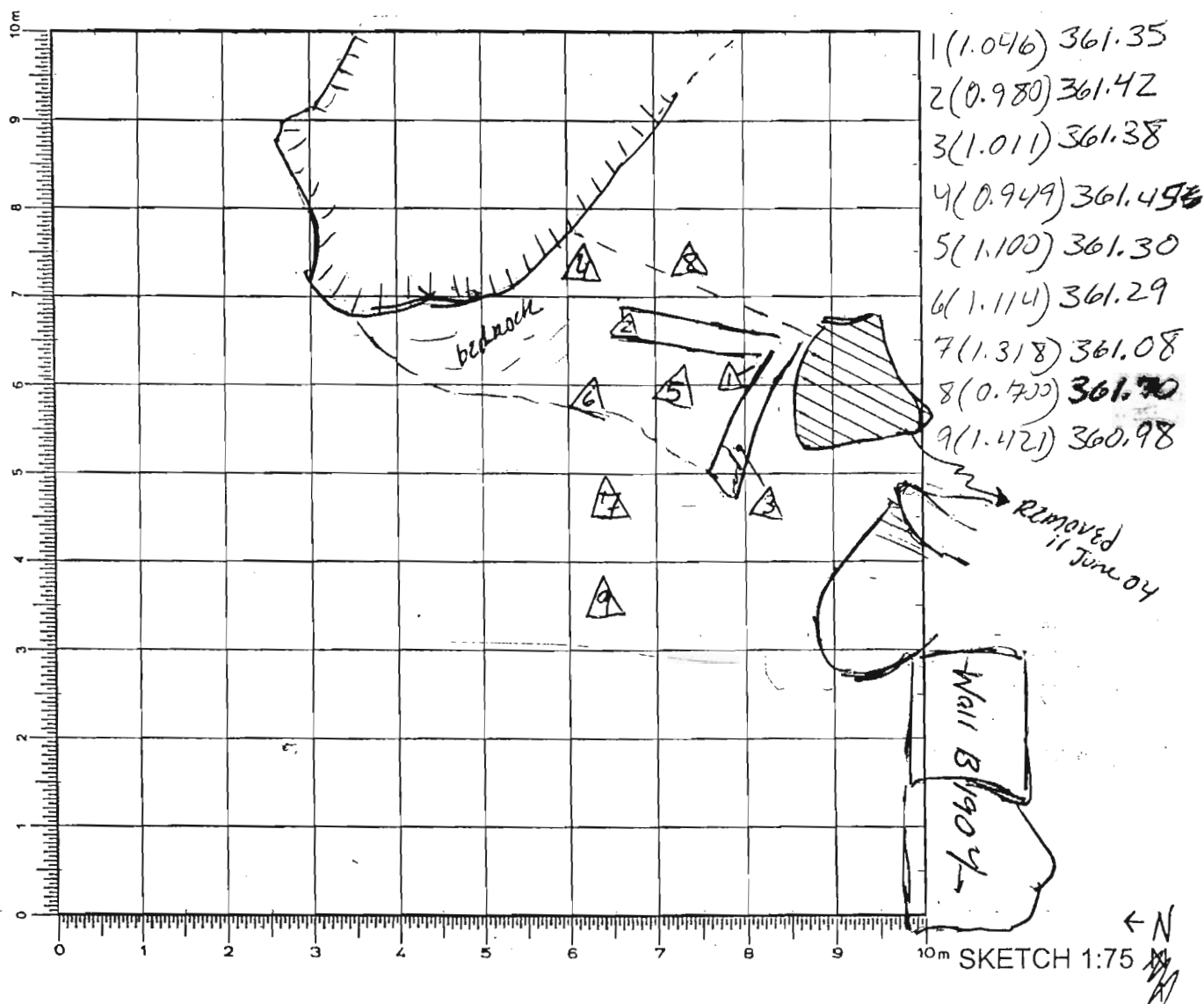
10 (1.309) 360.75

- We are closing A2500 by sweeping down the entire trench for
notes taken by
→ photographs
of whole
trench

larger
tumble

tumble

Stand w/ the set → B142 → back store 13131 → A2501 → A2506
through spine wall → bedrock → hearth/bike → A2501

Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2502 Excavator ESKA ElevationsBenchmark used: R16
Reading on 361.06
Benchmark: 1.335
H.I.: 362.395

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

Today's date:

Locus above:

Locus parameters: the SE corner of A2500

Verbal description:

This appears to be a small hearth built into/ around the bedrock. The matrix from this area was found to be red and containing gray clay (see intensive soil sample for A2501.9). Two perpendicular stones set upright remain. The bedrock set between these stones appears quite white - perhaps from burning.

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

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[illegible]

OBJECTS:

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

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

10 June 04

— We have ~~been~~ been picking through tumble behind (east of) A2502 this morning in order to see if and how any of the stones from the NE corner of B1906 (now B1906.9) are associated w/ A2502. A large stone, seemingly in place, a rectangular was found just east of A2502 and is now being treated as part of it. It is potentially a back wall for the hearth, and is set back enough to create what might be a small shelf.

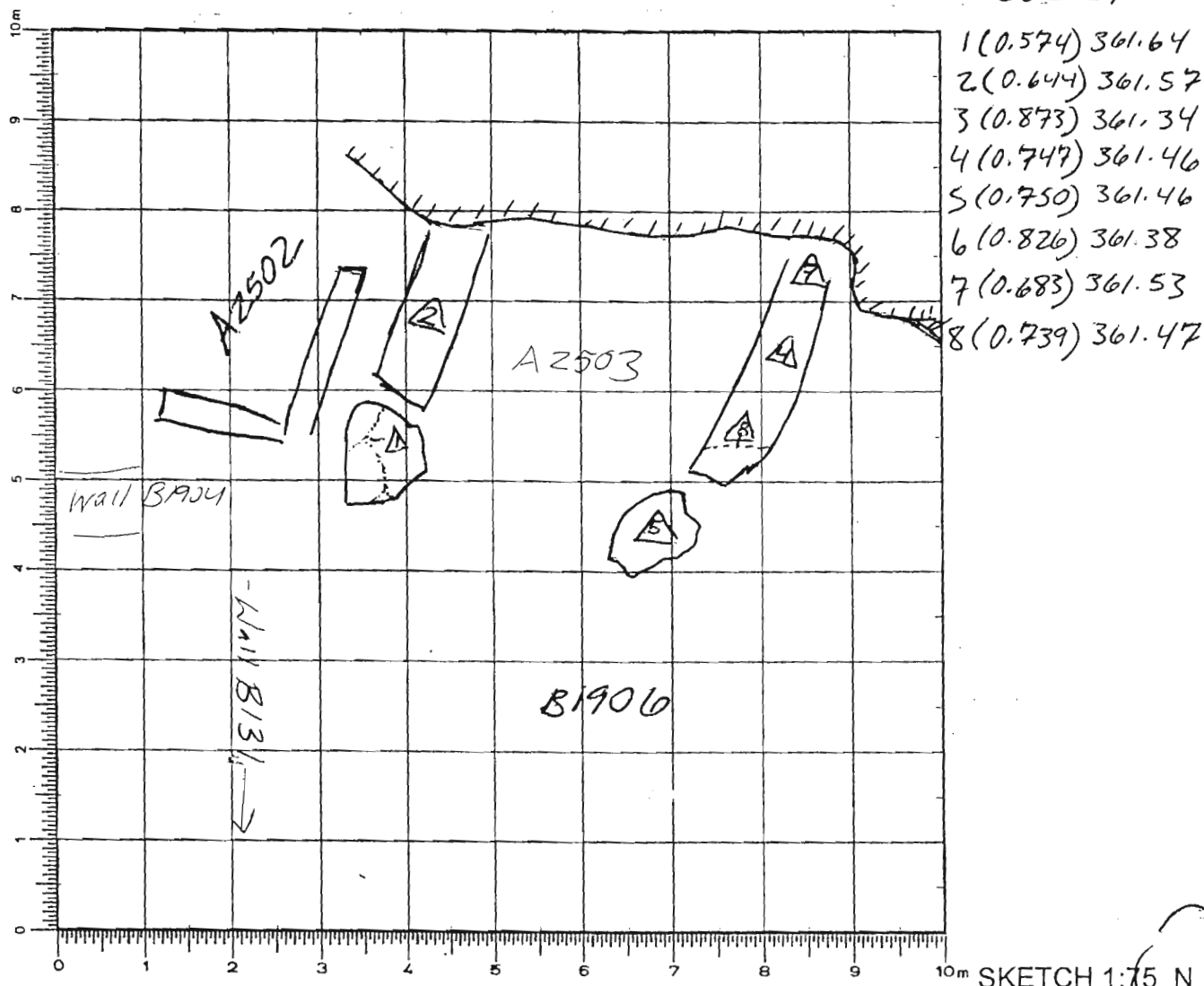
In the clearing around this area a standard soil sample was taken (assoc'd w/ B A2502.1) was taken. A small isolated area of the same red clay matrix was found on the southern area of this small 'shelf'.

We will screen the matrix removed from this area, B A2502.1 although there is likely to be some contamination from the floor of the trench (taken down in this area w/ A2501.9).

— While picking through tumble behind (east) of A2502, which was situated against (south of) the bedrock, another rectangular stone was found in para w/ pail B1906.9. This stone was set parallel to the 'back wall' stone of A2502 some 70cm to its east. There are two smaller, rounder stones, one associated with each of these rectangular ones, set just off of their south ends (see sketches from A2501 notes p. 8, or p. 2 sketch plan for A2503). Between the two rectangular stones a clay surface was preserved beneath the loose and easily wiped away tumble atop. This area is being treated preliminarily as a bin-feature A2503.

Year 2004 Trench/Locus A2503 Excavator ESKA**Elevations**Benchmark used: R16

Reading on

Benchmark: (1.154)H.I.: 362.21

SKETCH 1:75 N

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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):Today's date: 11 June 04 Locus above: B1906Locus parameters: w/in the area of B1906

Verbal description:

- The possible bin discovered during pass B1906.9
- Bin? is ~~the~~ position beside A2502 (a hearth?) and seemingly associated with it.

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

