

status considering the nice architecture, as seen in the well-worked threshold block and doorway blocks of **A1707**. Access to the complex would have been from the northeast, through **A1000**. Above the rooms to the south there was a small line of stones called **A403** that was thought to be a shelf last summer (See trench reports for **A300** and **A400**). When excavation of **A1706** was completed, another coarse of stones appeared in the same exact line as those of **A403**. These might have been part of a small terrace wall, most of which has eroded away, since it is in the same area as the poorly preserved section of **A402**. The terrace wall might have been the southern boundary of a pathway that leads above the complex including **A400** and **A1700**.

A2300

Trench **A2300** was excavated from 26 June to 3 July, 2003, by trenchmaster Peter Vanaria, assistants Angela Ziskowski (Bryn Mawr), Lauren Hackman (Iowa State), Catelyn Spencer (UNC), and Kris Capella (UNC), and workmen Manolis Dantes and Athanasios Syritoules. Benchmark **R6** (elevation 365.72) was used throughout the excavation.

Architecture and Trench Boundaries:

The southern boundary of the trench was a line of bedrock where excavation of **A200** had ended. The western boundary was eventually the cross-wall **A1707**. **A2301** was the eastern boundary of the trench, a curved wall that at first is aligned east-west, but then curves to align north-south. Finally, the line of the spine wall that was called **A1714** in the room to the west continues into this trench as **A2310**. Other architectural features in this trench include a bedrock ramp leading west into a staircase, **A2304**, which leads up to the pathway south of **A1700** and **A400**. Along the northern edge of the staircase and bedrock, a small terrace wall was built, **A2314**. Utilizing the eastern face of **A1707** is a small bin: **A2312**, which is 1.5 m long and .67 m wide.

Loci:

A2313 – Pre-bedrock

A2312 – Pre-bedrock inside bin

A2309, A2307 – Mostly packing with some traces of ceiling debris

A2308, A2306 – Mostly Ceiling Debris with some traces of packing and tumble

A2311, A1709 – Ceiling Debris and burnt material

A2305, A2303 – Tumble

A2302, A2300 – Topsoil

Depositional History:

I will separate the history of the strata by the three possible rooms that were discovered in this trench: a roofed staircase, exterior space, and a small room with a bin. Firstly, the staircase utilized worked bedrock into a ramp upon which a clay floor was laid, revealed by pass **A2308**. The clay floor then appeared beneath the ramp, above what might have been a drain sticking out of the spine wall **A2310**. The matrix of **A2308** was roofing clay along the bedrock ramp and in the northeast corner of the trench, but the traces of roofing clay were more faint as the pass moved along the northern part of the trench, leading into what might have been exterior space (This is only in passes **A2308.2** and **A2308.3**). **A2306** also contained a matrix of roofing clay but included some burnt material in the southwest corner (near the stairs **A2304**) and some tumble in the eastern part of the

locus. The tumble above the roofing clay was in **A2303**, and the topsoil in **A2302**. It should be noted that the northeastern portion of **A2300** (.8 m from the northernmost stone in **A2301**) was dug as part of **A1800**. More specifically, **A1801** and **A1805.2** were topsoil loci which should rightly be included as part of **A1700**.

The portion of the trench that might have been exterior space runs north of the staircase and bedrock ramp, bounded by the terrace wall **A2314**, and just south of the spine wall **A2310**. An exterior surface might have been reached just north of the staircase **A2304**, as traces of a clay-like, hard-packed surface were discovered during the pass **A2309**. The matrix of **A2309** and **A2308** (in this area) only had faint traces of ceiling debris and was mostly loose, gravelly soil, giving rise to the suggestion that this was exterior space. A large amount of sherds, however, were found right above the exterior floor surface, in **A2309**. A loomweight and a flat piece of bronze also were found in **A2309**. There was no tumble at all in this area; **A2302** was simply topsoil.

Finally, the western part of the trench could also be considered a separate room, bounded by **A1707** to the west and **A2304** to the east and north. The room contained large outcroppings of bedrock upon which the continuation of the stairs would have been built. Packing and pre-bedrock material was above in **A2313**. The same matrix was found inside the bin, which was **A2312**. Above, **A2311** was a locus of ceiling debris and some burnt material, as seen in the ashy soil, but did not come down upon a floor surface. Roofing clay also appeared in the pass **A1709**, which was taken during the excavation of **A1700**, just beyond the cross wall **A1707**. Above the roofing clay, **A2305** was wall tumble, and **A2302** was topsoil.

Interpretation:

This very confusing area has been extremely difficult to decipher. As stated above, it seems that there are three distinct areas in this trench, but this interpretation might not be accurate. What is clear is the presence of a staircase (**A2304**), some of which was unfortunately removed during **A2305** before its correct identification. The bottom of the staircase is approached by the bedrock ramp and would have been 4 steps up to a paved area (which was removed) until the one step onto the proposed path running south of the complex of **A1700**, **A400**, etc. The large amount of ceiling debris found on the bedrock ramp has led me to believe that the stairway was covered. At the bottom of the ramp, the access route is less clear. There might have been a step down next to the drain, but there clearly would not have been access through the curved wall **A2301**. It is thought that the path then might continue through what was excavated as **A1800**. Another theory is that the path actually cuts back east towards the cross-wall **A1707**, but one would have had to step up on another small outcropping of bedrock. If one continues east in this fashion, a stone with a door pivot appears, and then one enters what might have been an exterior surface to the north of the staircase and the terrace wall **A2314**. **A2314** might have also helped support the roof over the staircase. Again, this area was a bit confusing. Although we definitely revealed a layer of clay, there were many sherds still visible in the matrix of the soil below. Our gauge for the level of the exterior surface was the bottom of the coarse of the terrace wall, but the floor surface might be further down, or perhaps there never was a floor in this area, if it was exterior space. Access to the bin, which is south of the exterior space, is also problematic. Since there is no clear access route through **A1707**, the best theory about gaining access to the bin is relocating a slipped boulder into its proper position and making the terrace wall **A2314** in this area a stair. Then, in theory, one could utilize the bin, but this seems like a roundabout and unorganized method of accessing it. The only noteworthy find was actually above the bin: a stone quern that was .5 m long. Perhaps there was specialized storage in the room with the bin, which was roofed like the stairs,

since there was also a lot of bone and pottery found both in the room and below it. More speculation, and perhaps more excavation in the areas below and to the west of the trench, might prove helpful in determining the original layout and function of these three areas.

A2400

Trench A2400 was excavated from 4 July to 9 July, 2003, by trenchmaster Peter Vanaria, assistants Angela Ziskowski (Bryn Mawr), Lauren Hackman (Iowa State), Catelyn Spencer (UNC), and Kris Capella (UNC), and workmen Manolis Dantes and Athanasios Syritoules. Benchmark R1 (elevation 370.62) was used throughout the excavation.

Architecture and Trench Boundaries:

The trench was extended several times, especially to the south, in order to find more definite architecture. Originally, the only wall in the trench was **A201**, and the area to the north of it had been excavated in 2002. Now excavation was carried out to the south and east of the wall, in the hopes that more of the wall would appear. The trench then extended 3.3 m to the east, ending beyond wall **A2402**, near wall **A1804**. **A201** did extend back to the wall **A2402**, only cut by a doorway. **A2402** was the eastern boundary of the trench south of **A201**, and 4 of its large stones were severely slipped out of place. 4.8 m south of **A201**, a very badly preserved wall line appeared, called **A2407**. The western boundary of the trench, which was 3.25 m from **A2402**, had no architecture but did have large outcroppings of bedrock.

Loci:

A2406 – Ceiling Debris and Bedding/Pre-bedrock

A2404 – Ceiling Debris and Habitation Layer

A2405, A2403, A2401 – Wall Tumble

A2400 – Topsoil

Depositional History:

In this trench, two rooms were discovered, one of which was mostly excavated in A200 in 2002. The northern room, which is rightly the room in A200, had a clay floor surface along **A201** and its doorway until **A2402**. Above the floor, locus **A2404** contained a thick layer of ceiling debris and evidence of burning, as seen in the large amounts of carbon in the southeast corner of **A201** and **A2402**. The rest of the room of A200 did not have any traces of roofing clay or a floor surface since it lay directly in a large erosion zone. Wall tumble lay above the roofing clay (**A2403** and **A2401**) and topsoil above that (**A2400**).

The room to the south of A200, accessed through the doorway, did not have any traces of a floor surface. Therefore, this room might have been exterior space or all traces of the floor have been eroded down the mountain. Locus **A2406** did have traces of ceiling debris within its matrix, especially in the eastern side of the trench near **A2402**. Above the roofing clay, wall tumble appeared (**A2305** and **A2301**) under a layer of topsoil **A2400**.

Interpretation:

The function of the two rooms cannot be determined simply from the features and finds. As stated above, most of the room of A200 has eroded down the mountain, with the

small patch of floor excavated as A2400 having been left only by a large, fallen boulder blocking it to the north. Whether the southern room was exterior space or a room also cannot be determined. The reasoning that it was a covered room was due to the large foundations for the wall A2402. The floor could have all eroded, but I find it strange that we did not find any traces of the floor, even in the northeast corner of the room. There was a small layer of ceiling debris, however, and although it could have washed down from above (along with the large number of Hellenistic roof tiles that were found in this area, I still think that the room was probably roofed. The western wall of the room was not found, and probably no trace remains if further excavation was attempted, since it would have been located in what is now a huge erosion zone, the same one above A200.

Peter Vanaria
17 July, 2003

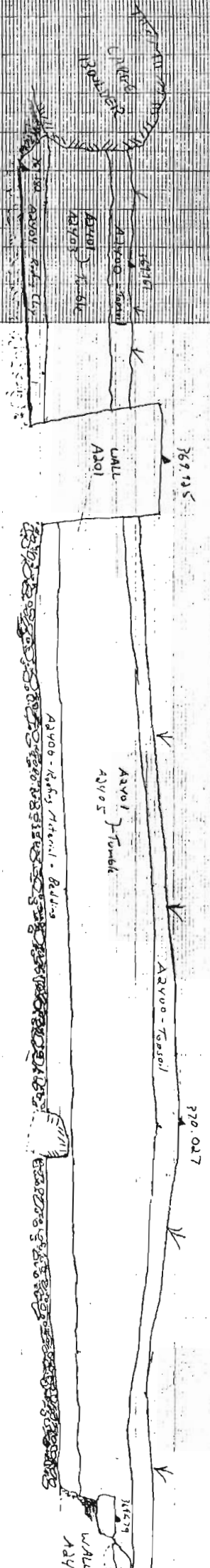
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- Floor Surface
- Clay
- ▨ Fine Grained & Peeling
- ▨ Bedrock
- ∨ Surface Material
- ▲ Elevation

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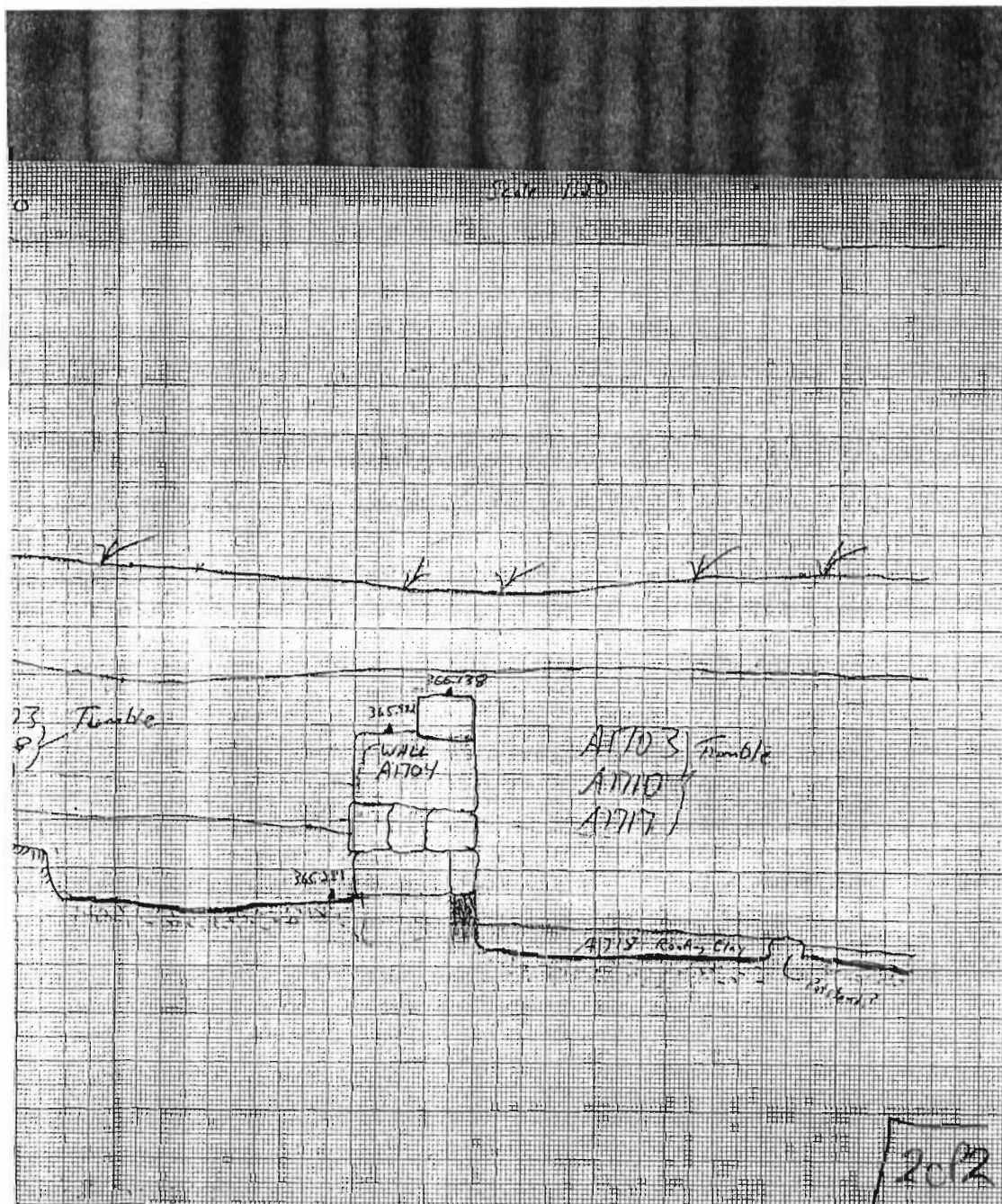
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A1705 ✓ *unbilled*
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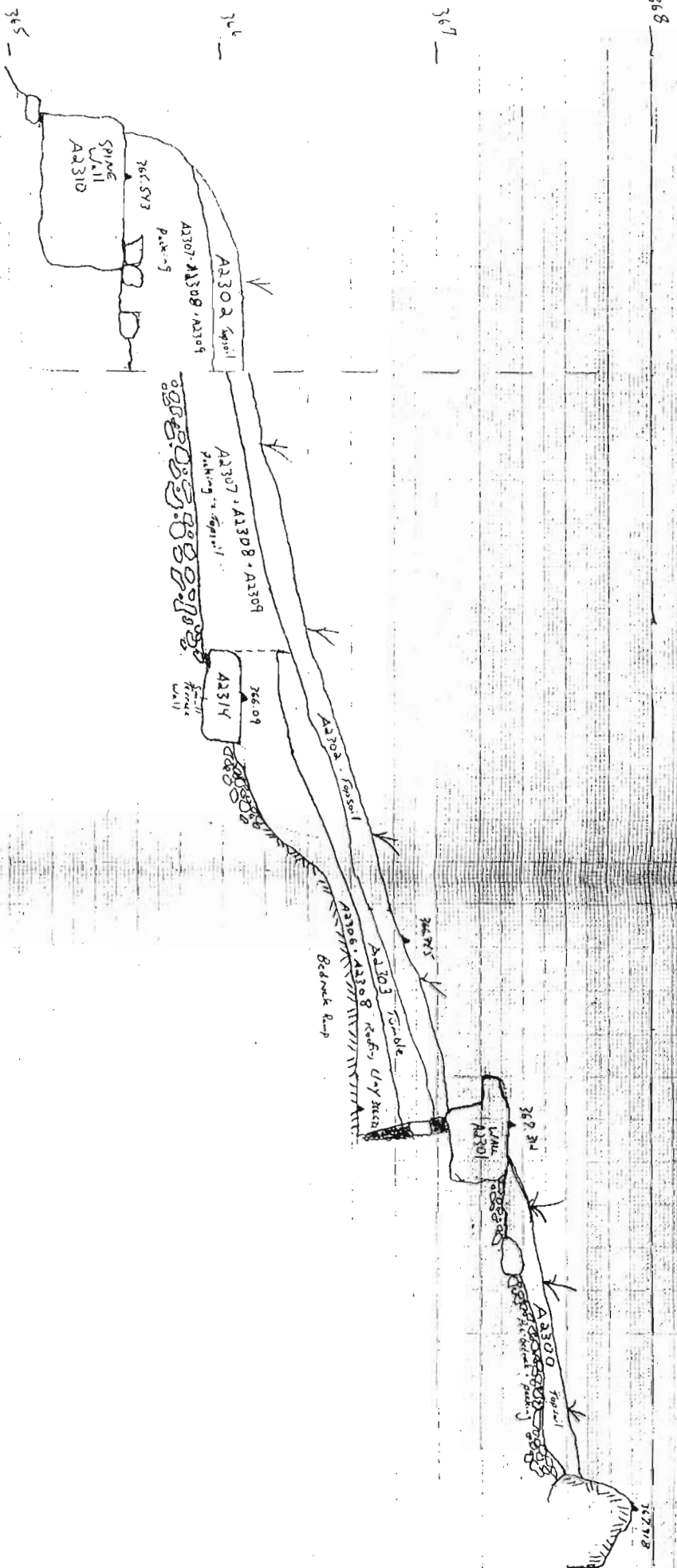
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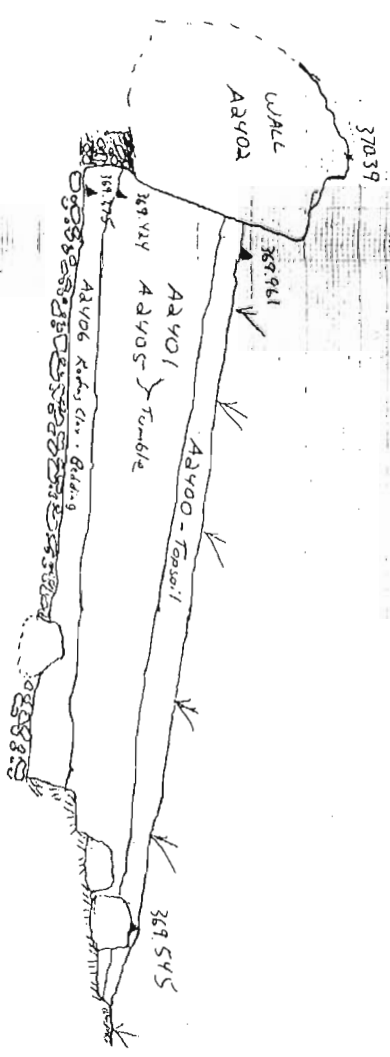
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- LEGEND
-  Bedrock
 -  Rockbedrock faulting
 -  Soil
 -  Modern Surface
 -  Elevation



Year 03 Trench/Locus A2300Excavator PAV

Elevations

Benchmark used:

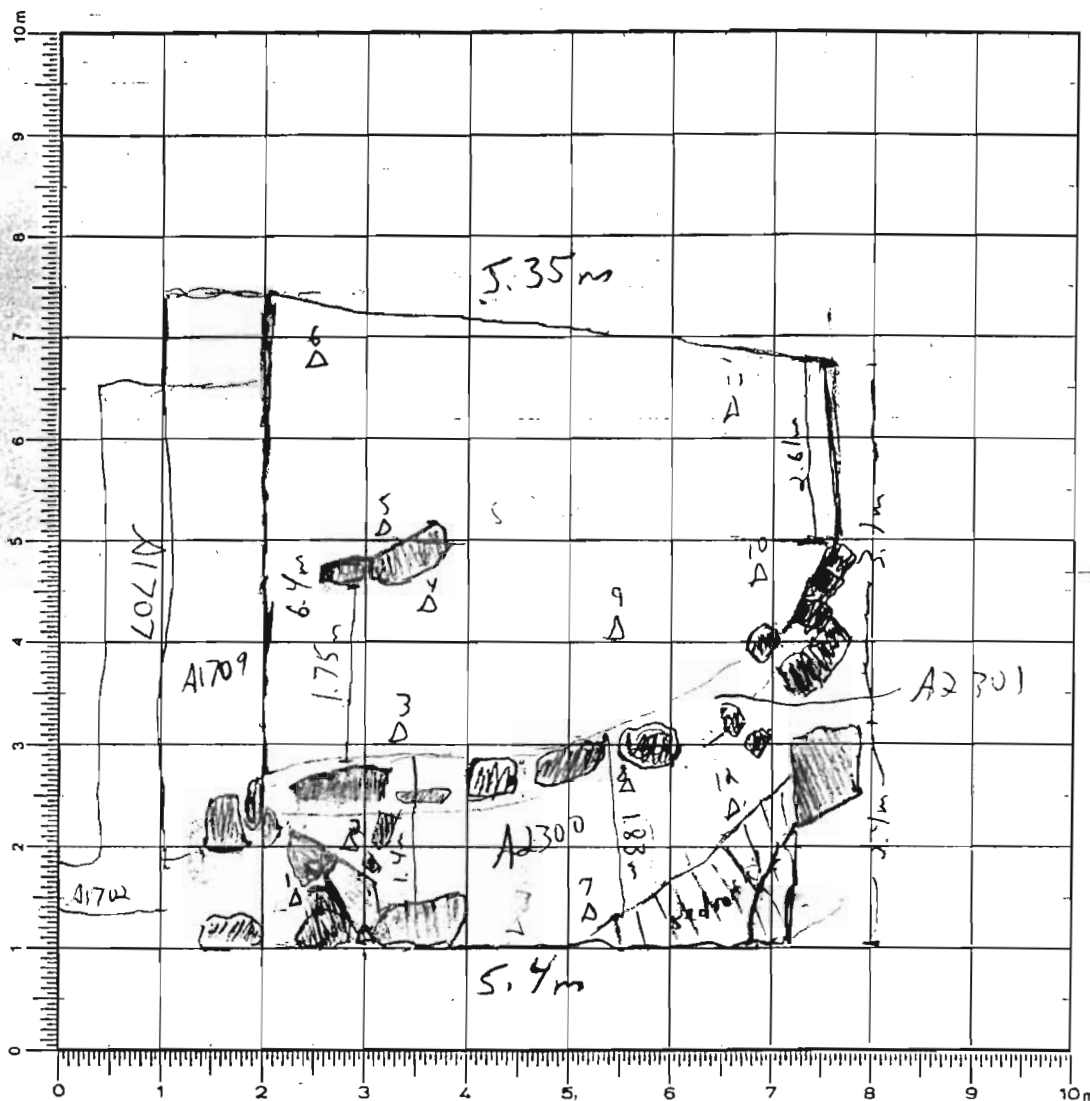
Reading on

Benchmark: 3675H.I.: 369.395TOP

- 1- 2.148 = 367.247
 2- 2.323 = 367.072
 3- 2.65 = 366.745
 4- 2.793 = 366.602
 5- 3.144 = 366.251
 6- 3.304 = 366.091
 7- 1.845 = 367.55
 8- 1.995 = 367.4
 9- 2.627 = 366.768
 10- 2.742 = 366.653
 11- 3.141 = 366.254
 12- 1.806 = 367.589

Final

- 1- 2.202 = 367.193
 2- 2.415 = 366.98
 7- 1.880 = 367.515
 8- 2.033 = 367.362
 12- 1.936 = 367.459



SKETCH 1:75 N

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

Today's date: 26 June 03Locus above: 2300

Locus parameters:

5.1m x 1.4m (1.83m)

Verbal description:

Loose, light brown soil with outcroppings of bedrock.

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

26 June - Pass A2300.1 was taken over the modern surface soil after the area had been swept and cleared of the dust from the screens which had been placed there.

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL


[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2300 Excavator PAV

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

26 June - The locus was relegated to the area above what might be a wall line, called A2301. Some pottery and bone were collected. No soil sample was taken because it was a surface pass. The pass revealed the rocky packing behind the wall A2301.



Locus above: 

References:

30 June - Some cleaning of the wall revealed some bone fragments (11 teeth) and 1230. 11

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OBJECTS

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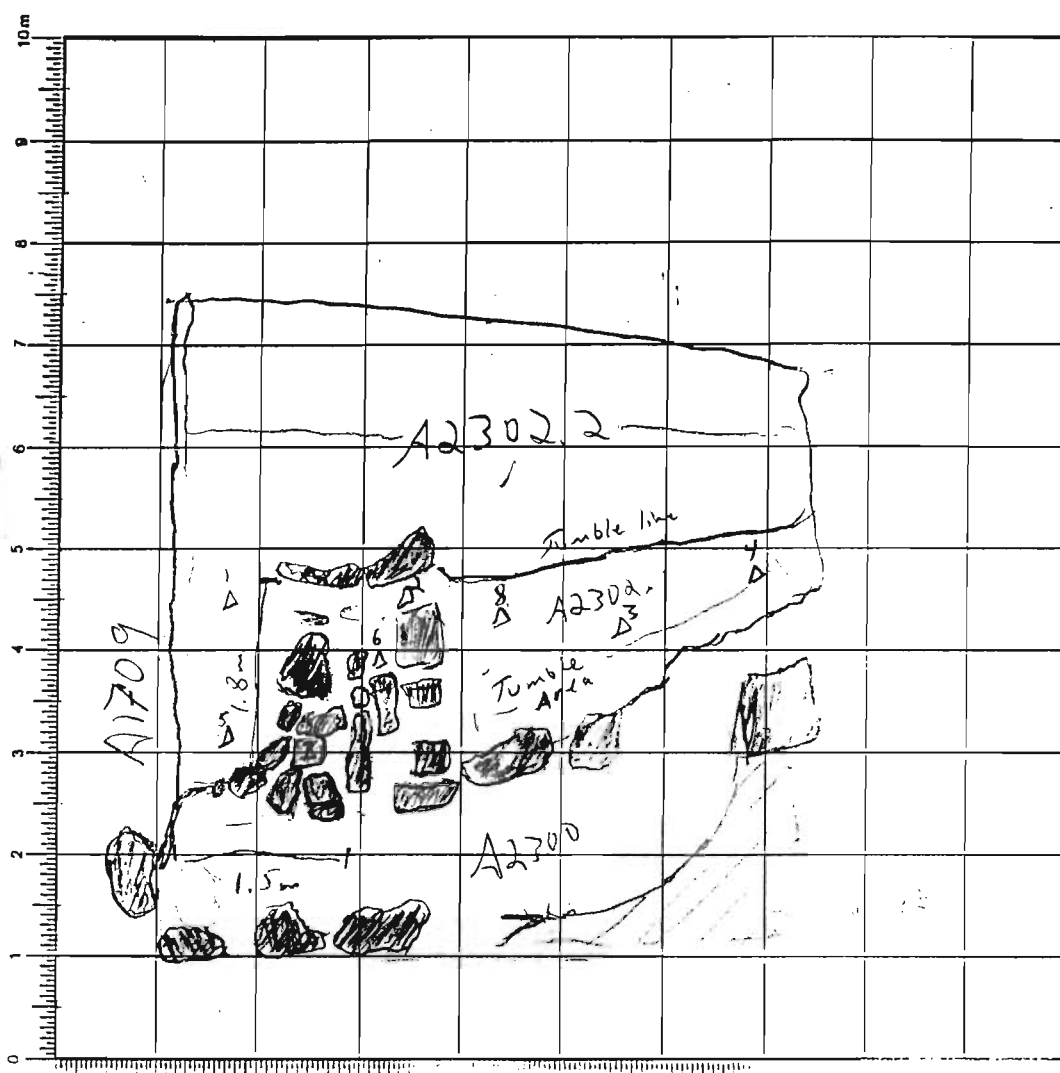
ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus AL302 Excavator PAV

Elevations

Benchmark used: R6 36872
Reading on
Benchmark: 3.815
H.I.: 369.535



Final

- 1 - 3.145 = 366.39
- 2 - 3.093 = 366.442
- 3 - 2.827 = 366.708
- 4 - 2.845 = 366.69
- 5 - 2.438 = 366.597
- 6 - 2.868 = 366.667
- 7 - 2.552 = 366.983
- 8 - 3.088 = 366.497

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

Today's date: 26 Jun 13 Locus above: \emptyset

Locus parameteri: $5.35m + 1.8m$

Verbal description:

Loose, light brown soil w/ outcroppings of bedrock

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

pages if necessary):
26 June - Pass A2302.1 was conducted in the area N of A2301.
The soil was simply topsoil with many roots still visible. Some grass
and bone were recovered. The pass first uncovered what might be a cross-wall, ~~the~~
and then clearly moved into a tumble region. The pass stopped at the extent of
Pass moved ~~W~~ to E. 1800.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1302 Excavator PAN

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

26 June - A pass was started to the N of the tumble line, from one extent of the trench to the other. The pass A1302.2 moved W to E, taking out the topsoil and some smaller rocks. The pass yielded very few sherds of pottery and nothing else. The pass revealed a pebbly layer underneath the topsoil, which looks to me like packing behind a wall. The measurements of the ~~pass~~ pass are 2.6m x 5.35m.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2303 Excavator PAV

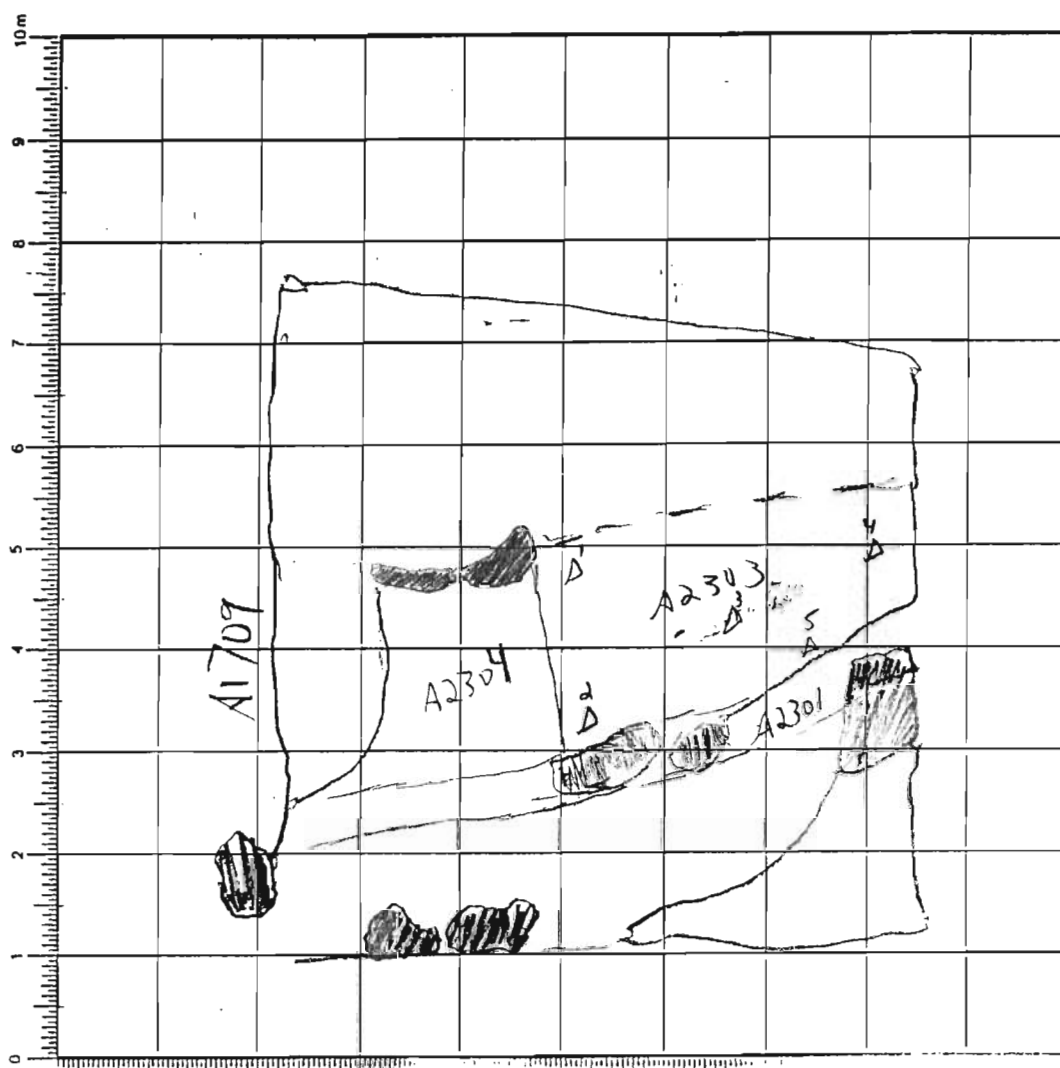
Elevations

Benchmark used: $RC \ 365.72$

Reading on

Benchmark: 3.601

H.I.: 369.321

Final
$$1 - 2.969 = 366.952$$
$$2 - 2.536 = 366.785$$
$$3-2.672 = 366.649$$
$$y - 2.778 = 366.543$$
$$5-2.639 = 366.682$$

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

Today's date: 16 June 03 Locus above: A2302

LOGUE PARTITIONNAGE: 3.4m x 1.8m

Verbal description: Large rocks (.3m-.4m long) mixed w/ loose, dark brown soil.

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

pages if necessary):

26 June - Pass A2303.1 began to remove what is probably rubble from A2301. The pass started east and moved west. Another goal was to find the line of the cross-wall better, now called A2304

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OBJECTS

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus A2303 Excavator PAV

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

26 June - Pass began to remove the wall tumble, especially along A2301, trying to define the face better. A standard soil sample was taken throughout the locus. When ~~was~~ reached the cross wall A2304, the pass revealed a nice course of the wall, 4 stones long. Also, roofing clay began to appear immediately under the tumble in the corner of A2304 + A2301. 2 of our 5 zambili were screened during this pass, both from the SW corner. Some bone + pottery were collected.

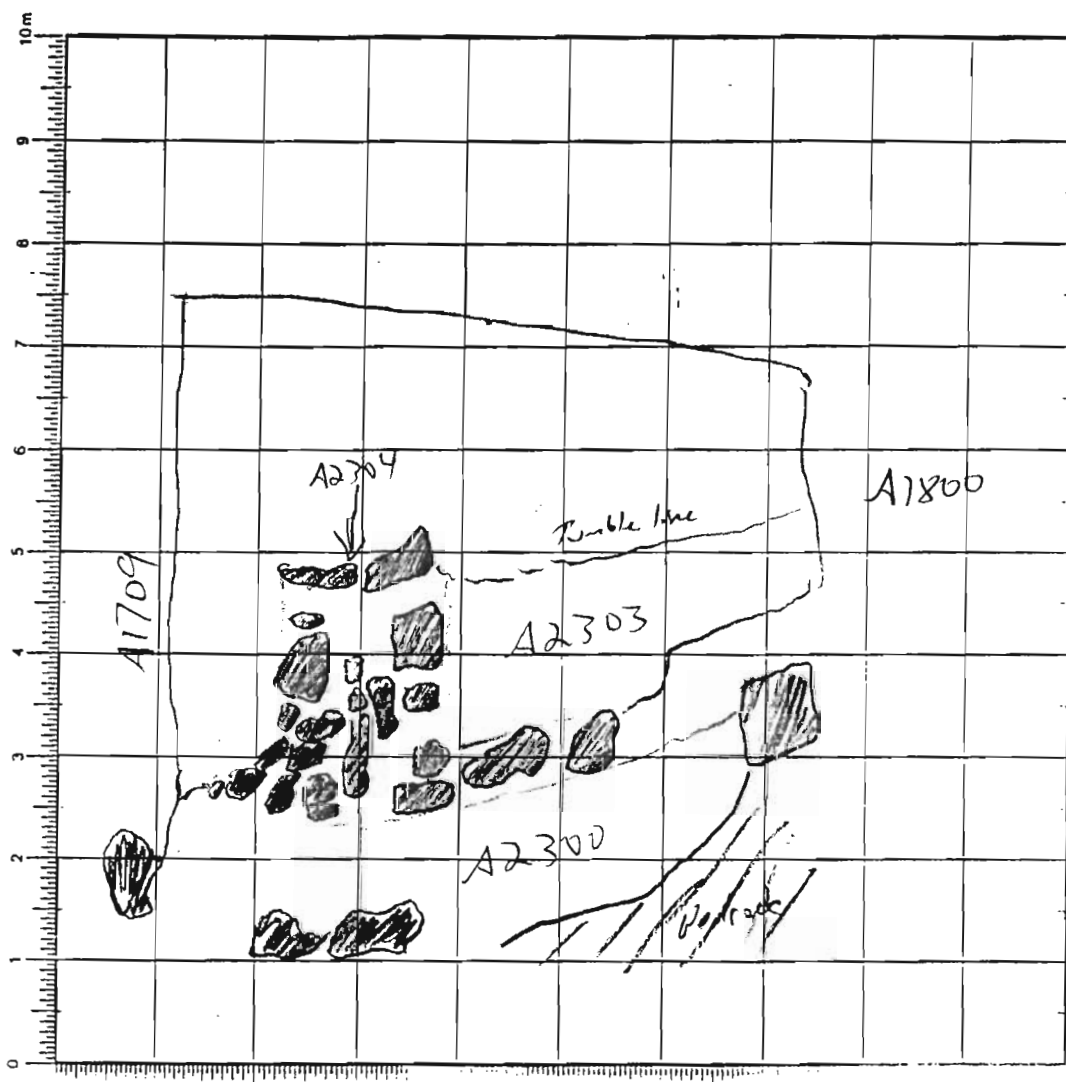
Year 03 Trench/Locus A2304 Excavator PAV**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



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

Today's date: 26 June 03 Locus above: A2302Locus parameters: 1.7m x 2.8m

Verbal description:

A scatter of rocks which separate A2303 from A1709 + part of A2302

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

26 June - Although not every rock in this scatter is part of a cross-wall, there might be a cross-wall in here somewhere. What can be determined is that A1709 comes down on roofing clay, while A2303 has tumble at a higher level than A1709.

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OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 03 Trench/Locus A2304 Excavator PAV

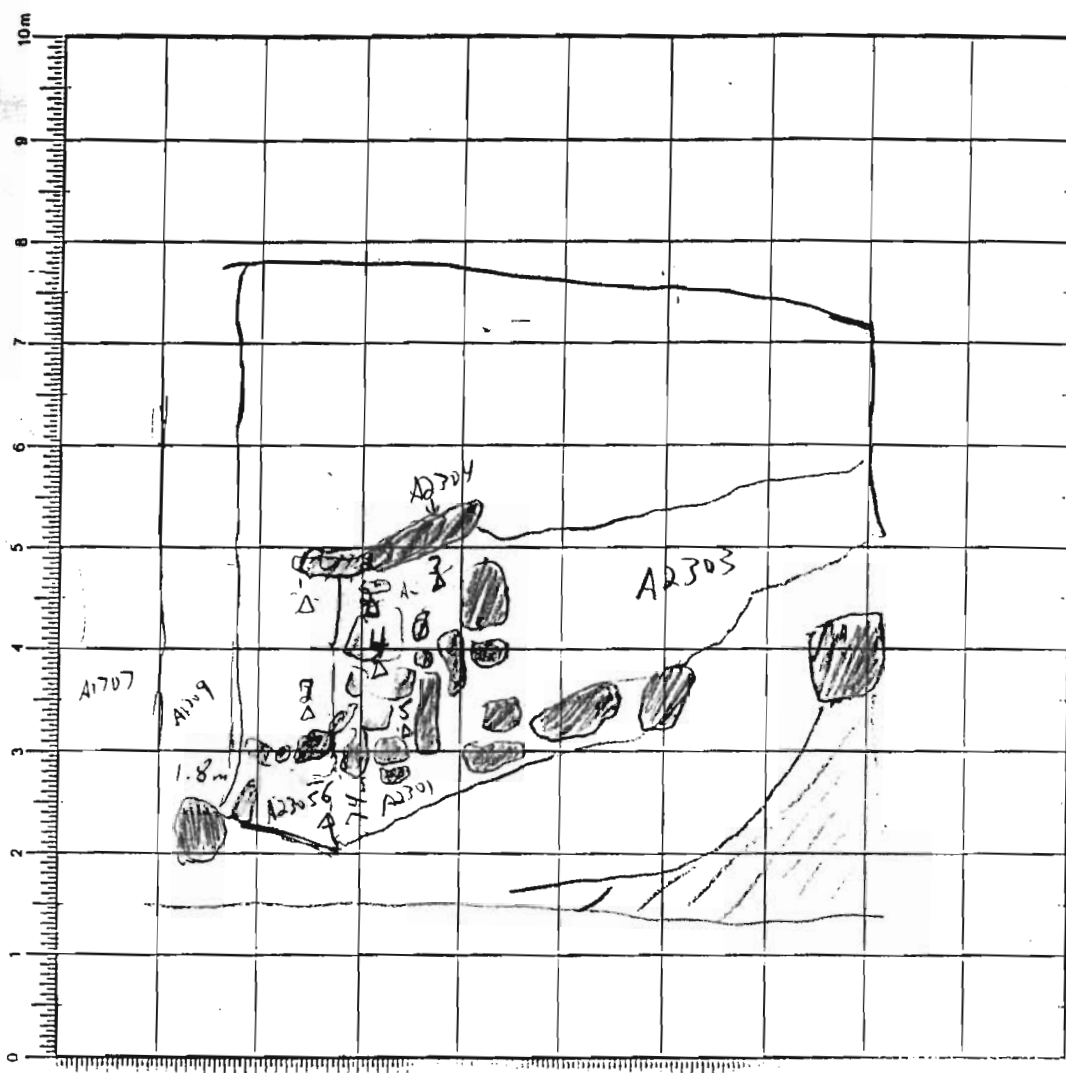
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

1 July - In previous locus sheets & dates, notably A2305, the possibility of A2304 being a staircase was discussed. After further excavation, it seems clear now that A2304 was indeed a staircase. ~~Although~~ Although the room that led into the staircase had a large amount of roofing clay, which was the reason against A2304 being a staircase, it seems as if there was a covered bedrock ramp leading up to the staircase. At the moment, there are only 3 stairs, the two easternmost being ^{wide} + flat, the 3rd being a riser, long & skinny at a higher level than the others. Some of the stones to the west have been removed, but they would have comprised of another step up and then a evening off w/ landing. The stairs, paving, probably removed in A2305.2, were held up by some worked bedrock. So from this date forward, A2304 will be considered a staircase.

Elevations

Reading on
Benchmark: 4.049

H.I.: 369.769



Final

$$1 - 3.438 = 366.331$$
$$2-3.399 = 366.37$$
$$\} - 3.241 \approx 366.528$$

$\phi - 3.233 = 366.536$

$$5 - 2.946 = 366.823$$
$$(-0.821) \times 366.948$$

7- 3,203 + 366.566

Today's date: 26 Jun 03 Locus above: A2302

Local parameters: $.7Y_n \times .7n$

Verbal description:

Some large stones mixed w/ dark brown soil

Unit 11 Trumble

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

26 June - A little work was done as a small pass under A2305.1 in order to find the face of A2304. Some of the wall tumble was removed. Some bone + pottery were collected.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2305 Excavator PAV

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

27 June - A second pass was taken in the area W of A2304, in order to define the room between A1707 & A2304. Also, it is necessary to define the other face of A2304. The pass was called A2305.2. It was decided that most of the rock scatter that was part of A2304 was tumble, and it was removed in order to find the real face of A2304. It should be noted here that some of the stones that were removed could have been part of the possible staircase in the SW corner of the trench. There was no real indication, however, that it was a staircase instead of a wall with a bench; the tumble could have simply fallen behind the wall in a way that resembled a staircase. Also, the fact that there is an abundance of roofing clay that appeared in the pass of A2305.2 makes me believe we are dealing with interior space, not an exterior staircase and road. The mandatory 5 zombili were screened and yielded some bone and pottery. Some bone + pottery were also collected during the pass.

The pass revealed a lot of bedrock underneath the tumble that was removed. I am unsure what this might yet mean for the room between A1707 & A2304.

Year

Trench/Locus

A2306

Excavator

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Locus/Pottery
Pail Number

Weight of
Sherds

Number
of Sherds

Chronology & Comments

Object
Number

Associated
Pottery Pail

Identification
(material/form)

Location

Elevation

Catalogue
Number

Locus/Pottery
Pail Number

Bones

Shell

Carbon

Pumice

Soil SampleOther
(specify)

A2306.1

 $x + \frac{1}{x}$ $\frac{1}{4}''$

Standard + Intensive

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2306 Excavator PAV

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

27 June - The pass removed most of the tumble from the area near A2301, revealing the face more clearly. The soil under the tumble in the eastern section ~~was~~ was the same mix. of burning + roofing clay as in the SW corner. As the wall line of A2301 became more clear both in this pass and in pass A1805.2, it became evident that the extent of this room cut a little in A1800.

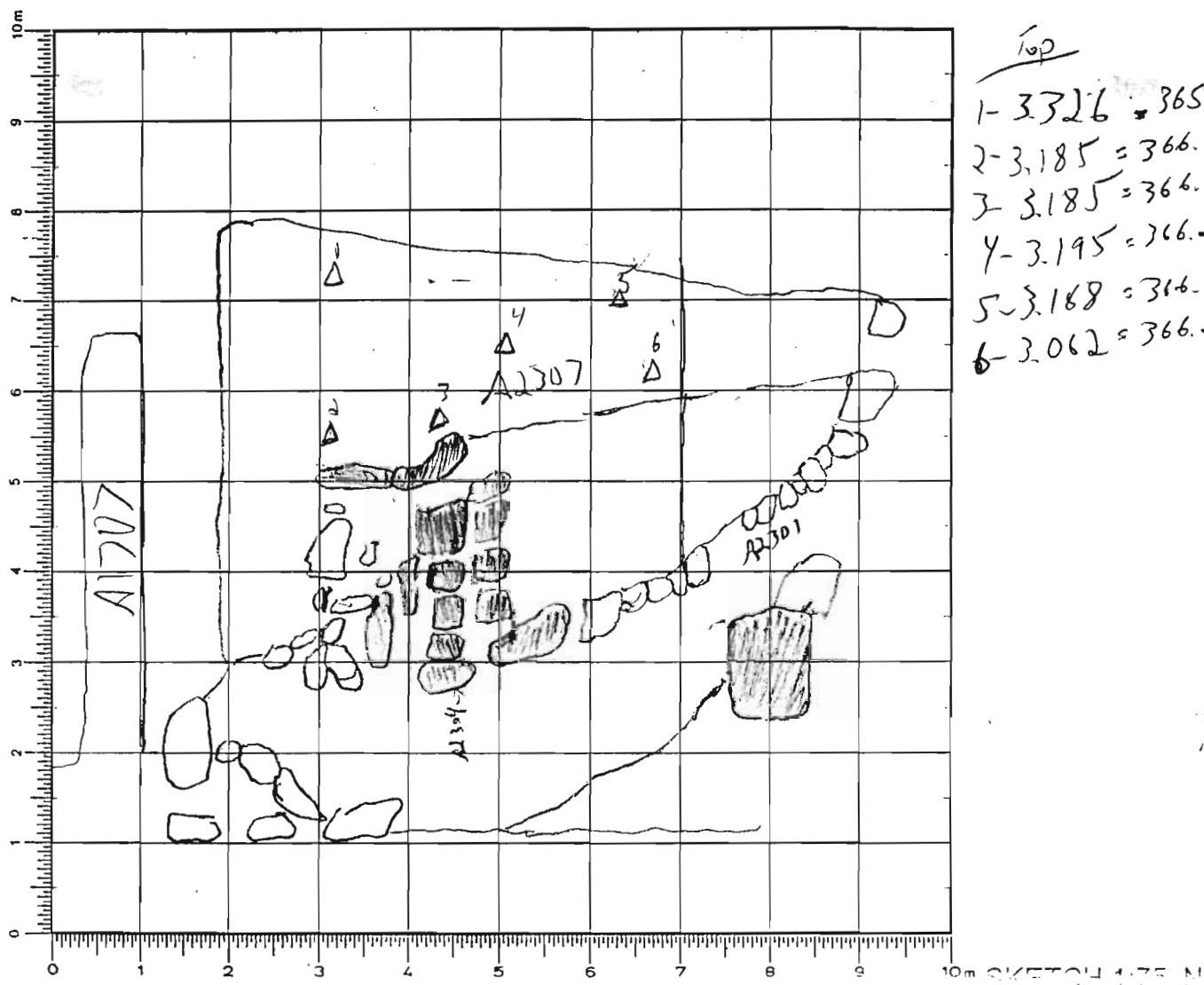
27 Zambili were screened and yielded some carbon, pottery, and bone fragments. A standard soil sample was taken throughout the locus, as well as an intensive sample in the SW corner, where there was the largest concentration of black + reddish soil. The pass also might have revealed a bench along A2304, which lies at a lower height than the ~~top~~ course of A2304. The scatter of rocks, with the bench, wall, and rocks (or tumble), ~~also~~ seems to also have the look of a staircase, but that could also be the way the tumble fell behind A2304. The pass itself has also collected a little bone + pottery.

Since the room cuts into A1800, final elevations were taken and excavation will resume under a new locus number, incorporating A2306 + A1805.

A small pass was taken in the area that was called A1805.2, but was still considered part of the pass A2306.1. After taking out the remaining tumble, final elevations were again taken in this area, which should now be considered part of A2300.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2307 Excavator RAV

Elevations
 Benchmark used: 16 365.72
 Reading on
 Benchmark: 3.584
 H.I.: 369.304



Top
 1- 3.326 = 365.978
 2- 3.185 = 366.119
 3- 3.185 = 366.119
 4- 3.195 = 366.209
 5- 3.168 = 366.116
 6- 3.062 = 366.242

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

Today's date: 27 June 03 Locus above: A2302

Locus parameters: 6.85m long x 2m

verbal description:

Loose, light brown soil filled with pebbles

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

27 June - A pass, A2307.1, was begun, moving west E, in the northern section of the trench north of the obvious line of tumble. The pass was not completed today. Some bone & pottery were collected.

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OBJECTS

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ADDITONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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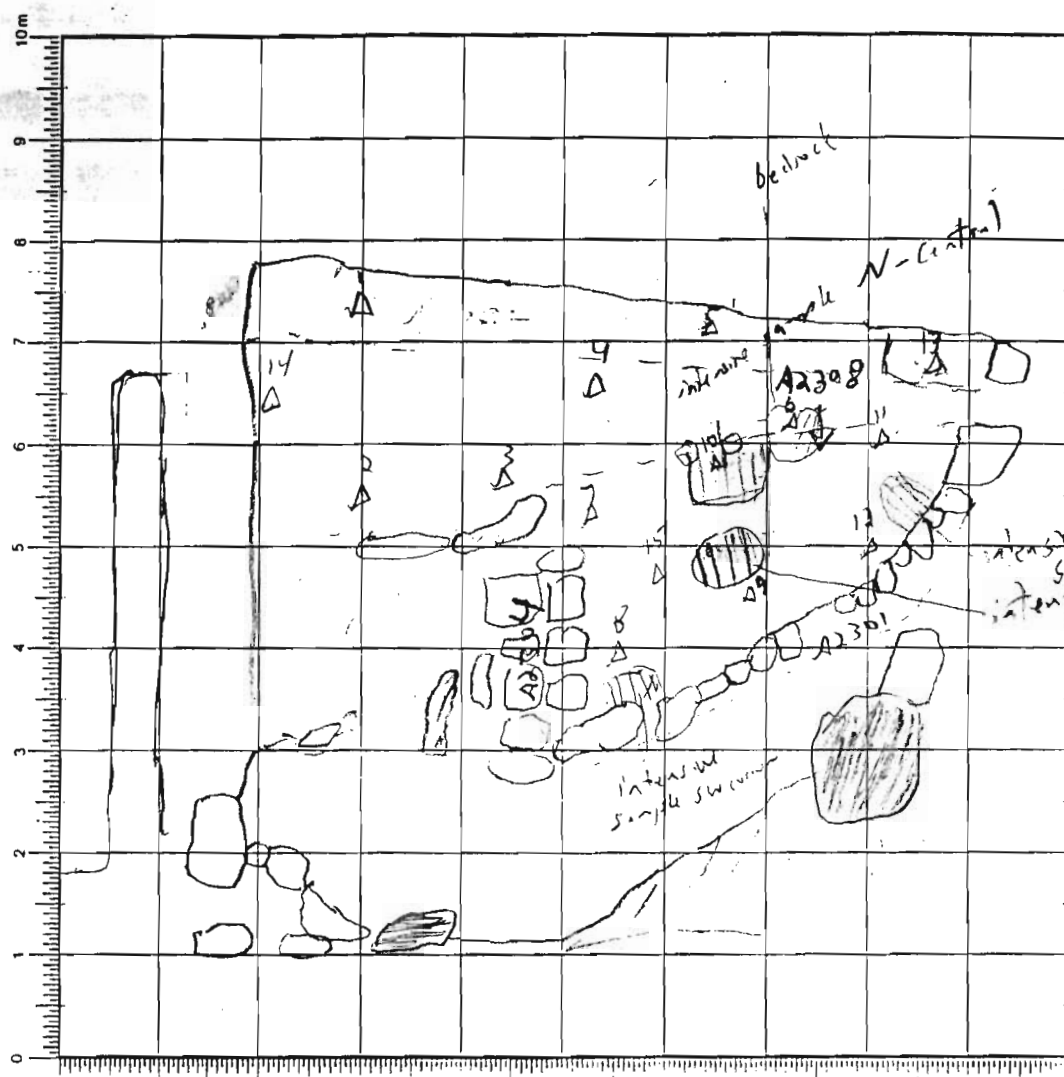
Year 03 Trench/Locus A2307 Excavator PAV

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

30 June - Pass was continued as A2307.2, finishing the pass along the north of the tumble/erosion line. Some more bone + pottery was collected. It seems as if there might be some roofing clay ~~and~~ and/or tumble underneath after seeing the results of this pass. The tumble was simply deeper due to the slope of the hill. Still, some of the locus is obviously in the erosion line.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2308 Excavator PAV

Elevations *R6*
 Benchmark used: *365.72*
 Reading on
 Benchmark: *2.848*
 H.I.: *368.568*



- 1 - 2.852 = 365.716
- 2 - 2.741 = 365.827
- 3 - 2.638 = 365.93
- 4 - 2.707 = 365.861
- 5 - 2.663 = 365.905
- 6 - 2.446 = 366.122
- 7 - 2.594 = 365.974
- 8 - 1.978 = 366.59
- 9 - 2.236 = 366.332
- 10 - 2.558 = 366.01
- 11 - 2.529 = 366.039
- 12 - 2.514 = 366.054
- 13 - 2.569 = 365.999
- 14 - 2.819 = 365.749
- 15 - 2.554 = 366.014

new 13 = 1.933 = 365.94
new 6 = 2.153

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

Today's date: 30 June 03 Locus above: A2306

Locus parameters: $1.8m \times 4.2m$

Verbal description:

Greenish-grey, hard-packed, soil mixed with black + reddish soil

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

27 June - Pass A2308.1 was started inside the room. The material is definitely roofing clay mixed w/ a habitation layer. The habitation layer is based to the roofing clay because of the evidence of burning. Full screening was begun.

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2308 Excavator PAY

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

27 June - The pass revealed a layer, in the course of digging, of burnt material just below the roofing material and just above a layer which might be the floor surface. An intensive sample was taken in the north-central part of the locus, only 10 liters, while 20 liters were taken from the SE part of the locus, was A2301. 20 liters of an intensive sample were also taken from the center of the room. Finally, a 20 liter intensive sample was taken in the SW corner.

49 zambili were screened, yielding only a little bone + pottery. The pass collected a little bone + pottery as well, plus a sea stone.

When we excavated in the SW corner by the wall/bench A2304, we found that there was an outcropping of bedrock there. The back wall A2301 has proved to be difficult to follow. More north, the pass revealed a second course of the wall underneath. But as the wall, and the pass, moved south, the wall lost its nice course, probably due to the slippage of the wall in the highest course preserved in the SW corner of this room.

The pass probably ~~didn't~~ not yet reach the floor, the wall A2301 indicates that there might yet be another course of the wall underneath.

So, another pass was begun, A2308.2. Another intensive soil sample was taken in the SE corner, as more burnt material appeared.

In this pass, we even included the northern section of the trench, above the tumble line, which was excavated as A2307.

30 zambili screened, yielded some bone + pottery. The pass revealed more of the outcropping of bedrock, which seems to ramp up to the bench/wall/staircase. The pass was moving E to W, and when we reached the center of the room, another intensive sample was taken.

The pass was not completed today, and will have to be completed tomorrow, following the strip of soil in the northern part of the trench, along the erosion line.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2308 Excavator PAV

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

1 July - Pass A2308.3 continued the pass from yesterday, following the erosion line from E to W. The pass was screened, 42 zambili, + yielded a little pottery and bone. The pass itself also collected a little pottery + bone, especially in front of A2304. The soil seems to be packing behind the spine wall which ~~is~~ creates the northern boundary of the locus.

Another pass was taken, A2308.4, this time only in the rocky clay in the NE corner up to the bedrock to the S + W. Some bone + pottery were found, 8 zambili were screened, yielding a little bone + pottery. ~~The~~ The floor probably was not reached in the NE, but it seems as if we are very close. We have reached the bottom of the last course of stones on wall A2301.

Another pass was taken, A2308.5, this time only in the area just to the north of the outcropping of bedrock, or the bedrock ramp. This pass followed a line of stones which might have acted as a terrace for what we are now calling the bedrock ramp. Only 1 zambili was screened, w/ little bone + pottery. Some bone + pottery was collected during the pass. The pass defined the stones a little better, which were obviously holding back fill + bedrock.

2 July - Pass A2308.6 was done just in the NE section of the locus, .45m wide from the N boundary of the trench. It was done in order to clarify the area around the drain moat. 2 zambili were screened + yielded some pottery + bone. The pass itself only collected a few sherds of pottery. This area above the drain is still too high to see how the drain connects with the rest of this room/path.

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2309 Excavator PAV

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

1 July - As the pass continued east, even more bone fragments + shards were found, especially up against A2304. It was discovered that a 1.4m terrace wall, now 2 courses high, was on the north side of the 2 large rocks at the end of A2304. An intensive soil sample was taken in this area, 1m N of A2304, due to some bits of carbon, black soil, and evidence of burning. In fact, a surface may have been found near the terrace wall in front of A2304, since ~~there was~~ there was some clay there as opposed to the loose soil everywhere else.

43 zambili were screened, and yielded a large amount of pottery + bone.

The pass was not completed today. A standard soil sample was also taken today, as well as a sea stone.

It is interesting that there are more traces of burning in this area, when we had previously thought that this soil would have been part of the erosion zone. Although the northernmost part is, much more of the original habitation layers has been preserved.

The question is, what is this area? It might be a passway leading from the staircase into the building beginning in room A700. Hopefully, more excavation will clarify this area.

2 July - Pass continued as A2309.2, and screening was resumed. The pass concluded when the outcropping of bedrock was reached. 12 zambili were screened + yielded very little pottery + bone. The pass itself collected a little more pottery and bone. The lack of finds here, in this part of the locus, is not surprising due to the erosion in this area.

Pass A2309.3 was started, just .77m wide from the N boundary of the trench. The pass was not screened since its purpose was to expose this section of the spine wall, here called A2310. 1.8m into the pass, and 2.2m from A2304, a small, flat, piece of bronze was found, labeled as obj. 1. 1.4m from A2304 + 0.3m into the pass, moving W to E, a burn mark was found, marked as 2.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2309 Excavator RAV

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

2 July - Pass concluded when we got to the Eastern edge of the trench. An intensive soil sample was taken above the drain, due to the appearance of some roofing clay + carbon. Not much bone + pottery collected from the extent of A2304 up to the drain, but past the drain ~~many~~ more sherds of pottery were collected.

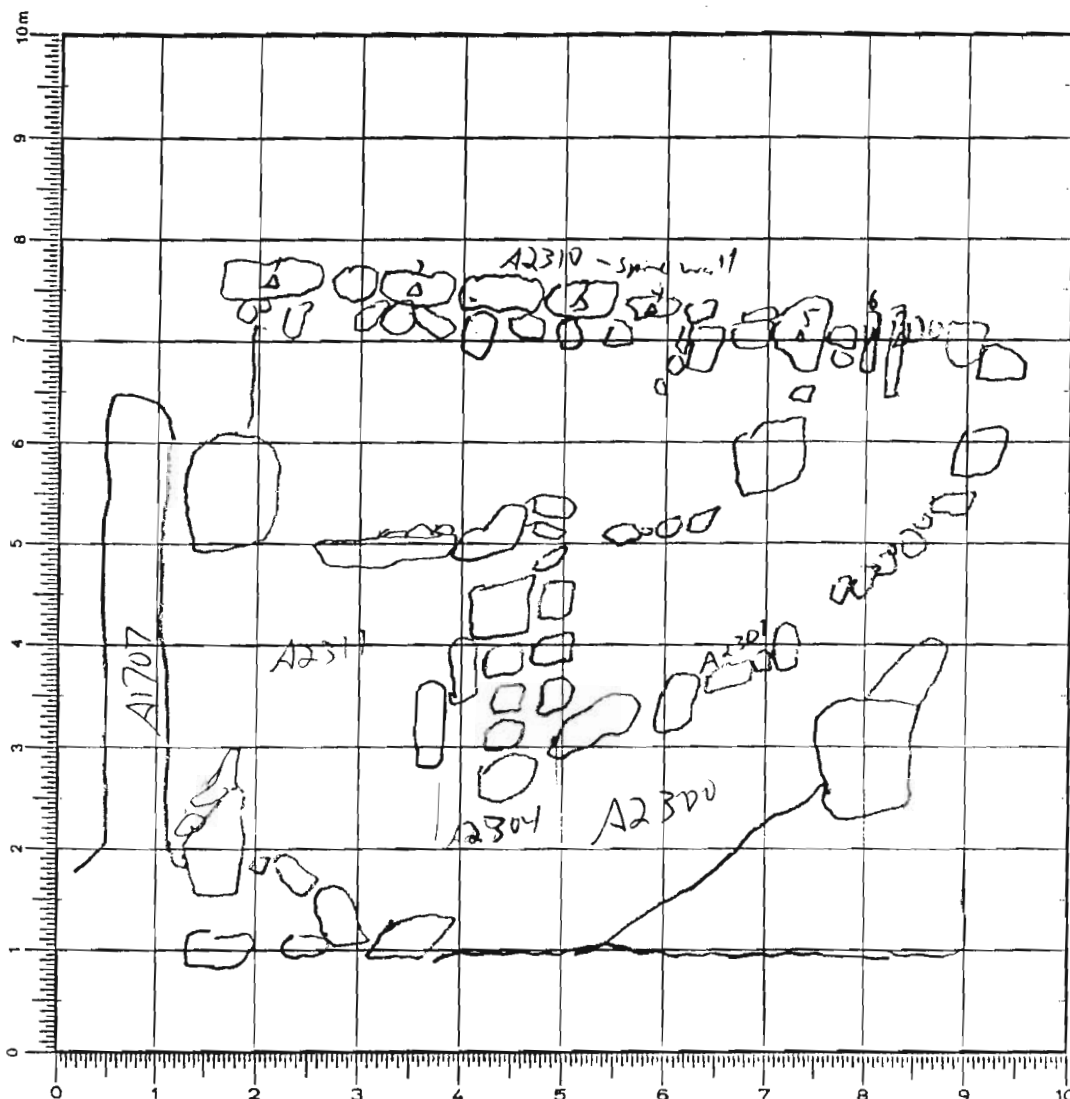
Another pass was taken in this area, called A2309.4. Again more bone + pottery were found N of A2304, as well as some sea stones. The soil was also cleaned around A2310. When the pass reached 4.3m into the locus, the spine wall A2310 seemed to dip out, but it was found by noting the pass a little deeper there.

When we reached the drain, the soil above it was ^{32cm²} screened - yielded a little pottery but a good amount of bone. The entire pass again yielded a good amount of bone + pottery. The pass concluded when we reached the eastern extent of the trench, where A2301 was found at a lower course.

One of the stones uncovered by pass A2309.1 + 2, the one directly in line w/ the easternmost stair, to the east of the large boulders, as indicated on the plan, has a small worked divot on it. It seems too shallow to be a pivot hole for a doorway, but it could be. It could also ~~be~~ have been used as some sort of workstone.

Elevations

Benchmark used: R6 765.72
Reading on
Benchmark: 2.982
H.I.: 368.702



- 1- 3048 = 365.654
- 2- ~~3~~205 = 365.497
- 3- 3142 = 365.56
- 4- 3237 = 365.465
- 5- 2907 = 365.795
- 6- 2975 = 365.727
- 7- 2985 = 365.719

SKETCH 1:75 N

Today's date: 2 July 03 Locus above: A2309

Locus parameters: ϕ_n wide $\times 7.2$ m

A line of large, worked, boulders, almost in the fashion of ashlar masonry, with smaller, unworked stones (.3-.4m) on top.

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

2 July - The line of the spine wall continues here from A1715~~16~~ as A2310. In the ~~W~~ NE corner, right under the ramp from the stairs, is the line of a drain, created by 2 long stones.

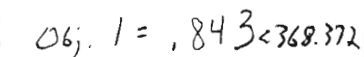
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Elevations

Reading on

Benchmark: 3495

H.I.: 369.215


$$\text{Store } T_{0-1} = 2.59$$
$$OST. = 3.432366.56$$

Final

1-29642366.169

2-3.056 e 366.477

$$Z_{3052} = 366.081$$
$$4-2.987 = 366.146$$
$$5-2,341 = 366.792$$
$$6-2.8641 = 366.269$$
$$7 - 3.042 = 366.091$$

Bench - 3.413
= 369.133

SKETCH 1.75 M

Today's date: 2 July 03 Locus above: A2305

Locus $3m \times 2.6m$

Loose, dark brown soil mixed in w/ greenish-gray soil + some black soil.

2 July - Pass A2311.1 was started in the 1.1N1E area between A1707 and A2304 which contains roofing clay mixed w/ some loose, brown soil. At first, the pass yielded a lot of bone & pottery, along the 2 giant boulders at the end of the strata A2304.

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2311 Excavator PAV

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

2 July - As the pass moved, N to S, we uncovered a patch of burning, indicated by some bits of carbon. An intensive soil sample was taken and labelled "center" since it is in the center of this small room. The pass was not finished today.

15 zambili were screened today and yielded a large amount of pottery and bone.

3 July - Pass continued today as A2311.2. First thing in the morning, we ran across a spindle wheel .9m from A2304 + .6m from ~~the~~ N. It was bagged as obj. 1.

Pass did not continue very far because the bedrock under the stairs extends out further than before. It seems as if the stairs were built on top of the bedrock. 9 zambili were screened + yielded a good amount of bone + pottery.

A new pass A2311.3 was started, moving N to S again. .6m into the pass, a deep hole was uncovered, seeming to be surrounded by 2 big rocks. The nature + function of this hole has yet to be determined. As the pass continued, more bone + pottery was found, as well as a large stone quern, which actually has been visible for some time. Only now has the object been taken out, almost .5m long, bagged as object 2.

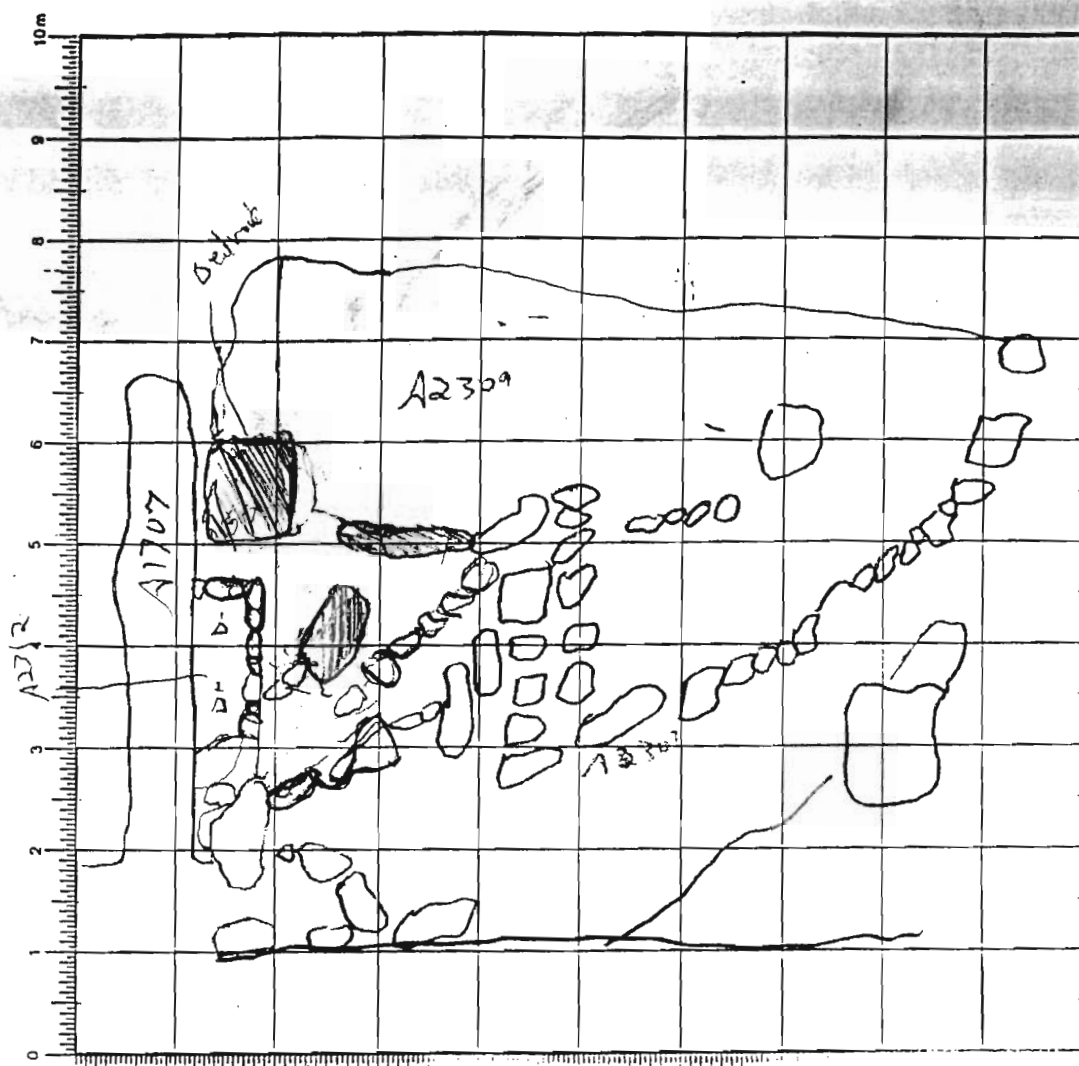
13 zambili were screened and again yielded a good amount of bone + pottery. Definitely more bone than pottery out of the screen.

Another pass was started, A2311.4, moving N to S again. As we moved across the pass, the line of stones by the hole turned out to be a built feature, probably a bin of some sort. More bone especially, but also some pottery was found inside the bin, and an intensive soil sample was taken, about 10 liters.

The rest of the pass was also completed, taking up a little more bone + pottery, and revealing what is probably a built terrace wall at the bottom of the staircase, in front of the bedrock + fill. 12 zambili screened, again w/ more bone than pottery collected.

Elevations

Elevations
 Benchmark used: 26 765.70
 Reading on
 Benchmark: 3413
 H.I.: 369.133



Top
1-3.02 = 366.113
2-2.897 = 366.239

F.L. 1
1 - 3.294 = 365.901
2 - 3.125 = 366.07
Bench - 3.475 = 369.195

Today's date: 3 July 03 Locus above: A2312

total perimeter: $1.5m \times 1.67m$.

Verbal description:

~~Arch~~ A line of stones at a right angle to another line of stones
Both near A1707, w/ one abutting it 1.5m from A1702

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

3 July. - The bin was excavated as A23N.1. It was expected to hit a surface of some kind, but no floor surface appeared, only bedrock. Only 6 zambili were screened + yielded very little pottery + bone. Very little pottery + bone were collected during the pass. Another intensive soil sample, about 10 liters, was taken inside the bin.

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OBJECTS

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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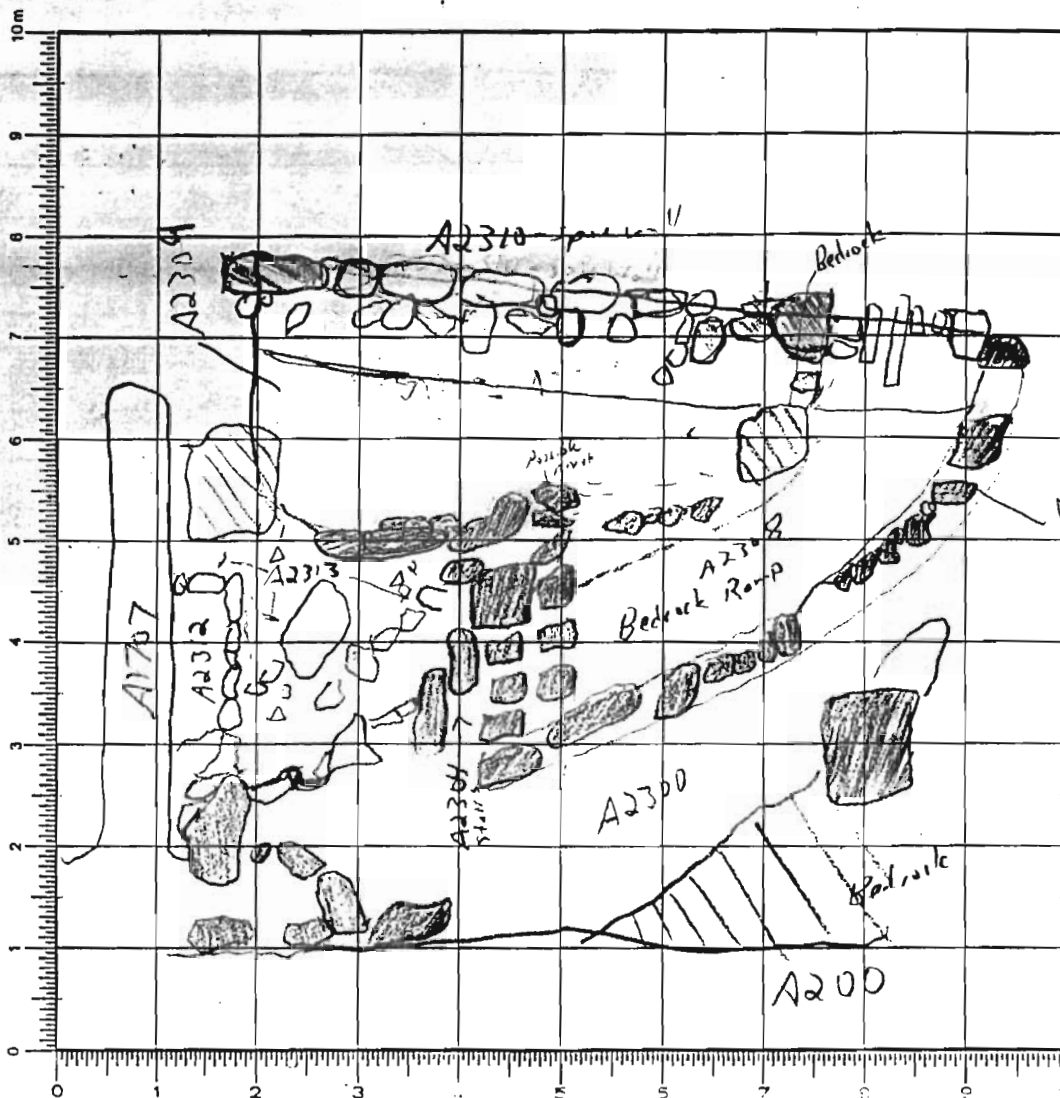
Year 03 Trench/Locus A2312 Excavator PAV

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

23 July - The bin in this little room just east of A1707 has been difficult to interpret. Except for a large amount of bone at a high level just as we uncovered it in pass A2311.4, there were very little finds in it. Also, access to the bin is problematic. Possibly, some slipped stones from A2304 are blocking the passage up to the bin. The area to the N of A2304, dug as A2309, might be exterior space where one would then step up to access the bin. It should be noted that in the NE corner of the bin, there was a hole under the stone, leading down into A2313. I think that this could simply be modern, ~~possibly~~ caused by the rainfall + flow of water down the mountain.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2313 Excavator PAVElevations

Benchmark used: R6 365.72
 Reading on
 Benchmark: 3.475
 H.I.: 369.195

Final

$$1 - 3.212 = 365.983$$

$$2 - 3.191 = 366.004$$

$$3 - 2.981 = 366.214$$

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

Today's date: 3 JulyLocus above: A2311

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

Rocky, reddish soil

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

3 July - A2313.1 was a pass taken outside the bn + under the staircase. Basically, the pass is the same as A2311, but due to splitting the locus in 2 because of the bn, a new locus # was assigned. 9 tmbli screened.

OBJECTS

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2313 Excavator PAV

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

03 July - The screening yielded very small amounts of bone and pottery, and the pass itself was pretty much clean as well. This area, between the bin + the bedrock + boulders holding up the stairs, had nothing more than packing + pre-bedrock soil.

Year 03 Trench/Locus A2314 Excavator PAV

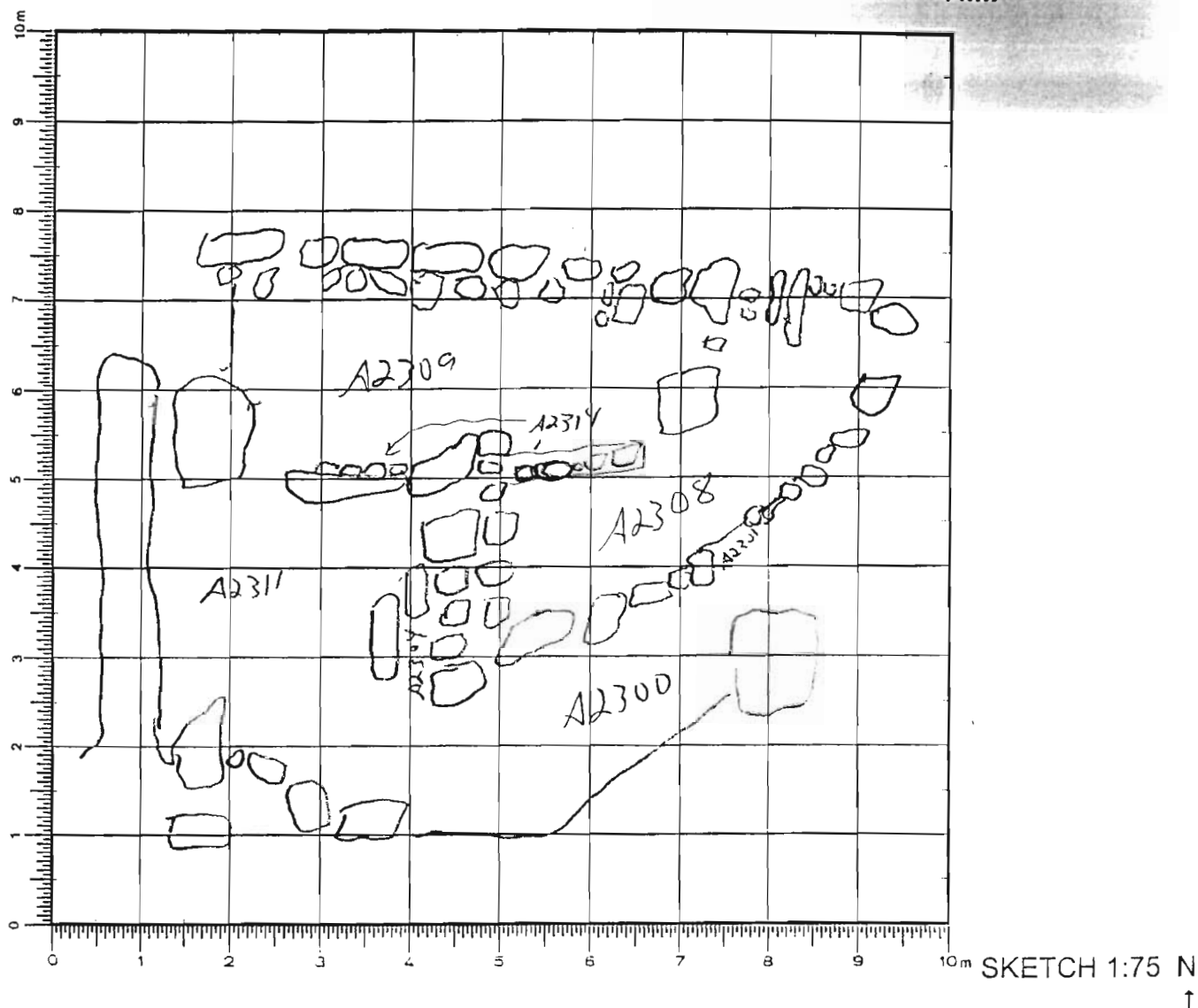
Elevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



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

Today's date: 3 July

Locus above: A2309

Locus parameters: 3m wide ~~by~~ 3.4m

Verbal description:

A line of small stones (average .3-.4m long) on either side of a slipped boulder.

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

3 July - This locus was created in order to name the small terrace wall that runs north of the stair case + bedrock ramp. One of the slipped boulders from the stairs was cut through the wall. The wall might also act as a stair for access into the bin A2312.