

FINAL REPORT FOR A800

MSE

14 July 2003

A800 is located south of A1100, north of A1900, east of A600, and west of A100. The room/andreion was excavated in 2002, but the exact location of the back/east wall (A808) remained unclear, due to the extensive slippage/tumble of stones. Excavations were conducted this season only in and behind the projected area of that wall, which is located between walls A807 and A812. The size of the area excavated was ~3.65 x 1.20 m.

The workmen for this trench were Bangelis Phiorakis, Stelios Koutsakis, Demetrios Chalchiadakis, and Nikos Kophinakis. The trench assistants were Sarah Levin Richardson, Emily Anderson, and Stephanie Beach and the trench supervisor was Melissa Eaby. Excavations were conducted from 27 June - 2 July 2003. The benchmarks used were R1 (+370.62 m.) and R4 (+365.74 m.).

The strata for the excavated area were: pure wall tumble and wall tumble mixed with roofing clay (A822=A802; 805; 806; 809) and pure roofing clay (A824.1-2=A813), which came down on the poorly preserved floor surface mixed with pre-bedrock (A824.3=A813.3; 815). Wall tumble passes (A822.1-3) included moderate amounts of bone and Archaic, Hellenistic, and LM IIIC pottery, while A822.4 contained bone and Archaic pottery. A pair of agrimi horns was found near the NE corner in cleaning with pass A822.3. In addition, pure roofing clay passes included a loomweight and possible stone tool, together with only small amounts of Archaic pottery and bone.

Excavation revealed the actual back/east wall of the building, A823, together with the packing behind it (bottom of A822.2). Cross-walls A807 and 812 both appear to abut this wall. A823 seems to be the original back wall of this room, extending down to the floor/pre-bedrock. This wall likely continues into A1100 and joins up with the extension of A821, the original archaic cross-wall of the building. It may also continue into A1900, though this is currently unclear. No other trace of the previously identified possible Hellenistic floor (A 810) was found; it appears to have been merely a patch of ceiling clay mixed in with the tumble. Thus wall A807, previously identified as Hellenistic, may actually be earlier, possibly reflecting later Archaic changes to this building, and Hellenistic activity in the area may have been restricted primarily to an extensive terracing of this part of the hill, as observed in A1900, possibly for buildings on the summit of the hill.

This season's brief excavations thus do not appear to contribute to the interpretation of this building as an andreion. One interesting point to note is that the large boulder/bedrock found imbedded in the floor is located nearly exactly 2 meters out from wall A823, and may have served some function in the room, rather than merely having fallen in at a later date. Excavation in this area most significantly brings into question the exact nature of Hellenistic activity in this area of the site.

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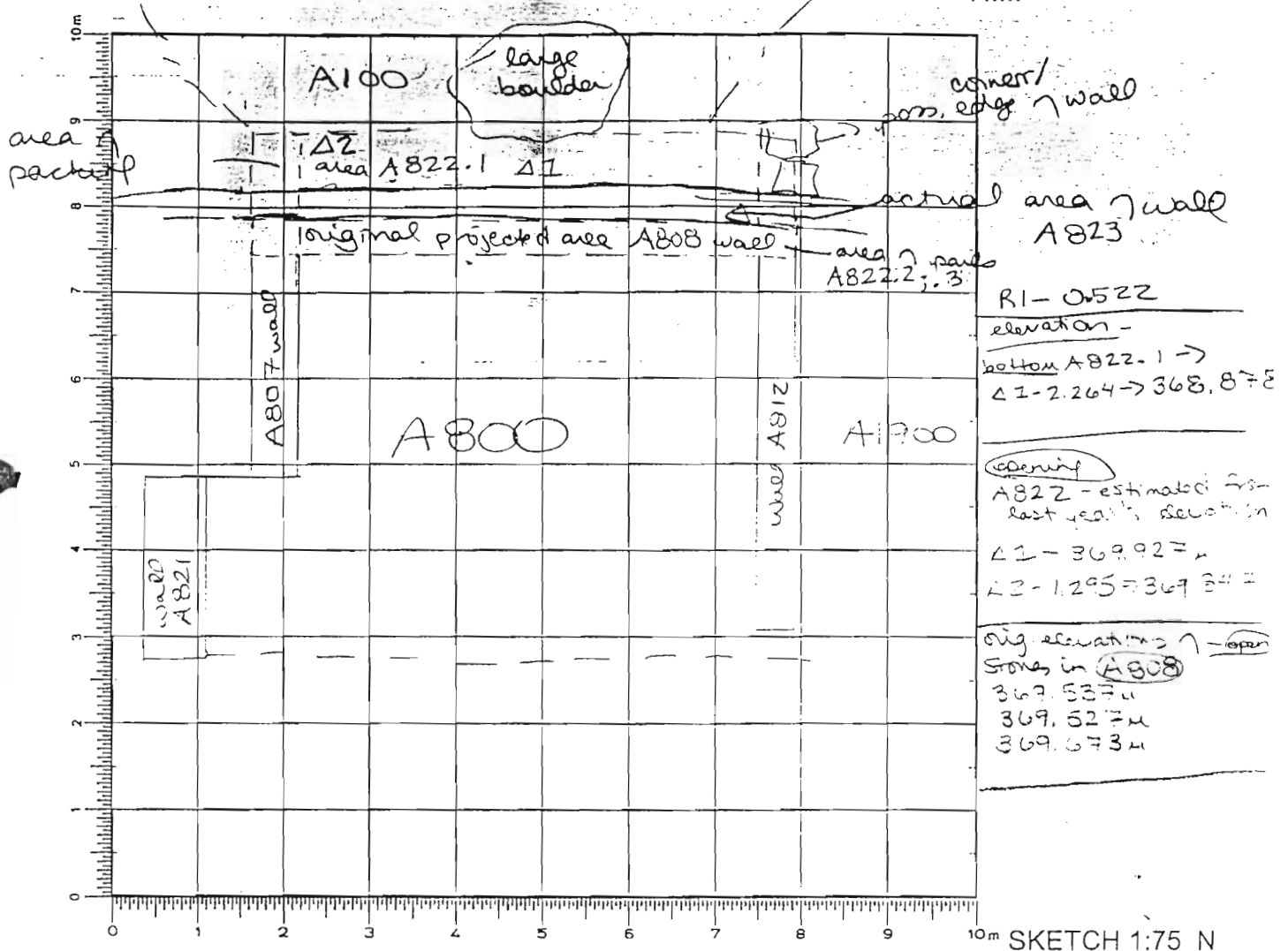
Elevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



R1-0.522

elevation -

bottom A822.1 →

Δ1-2.264 → 368.875

elevation

A822 - estimated from
last year's elevation

Δ1-369.927m

Δ2-1.295 → 369.342

orig elevations of - open

Stones in A808

367.537m

369.627m

369.673m

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

Today's date: 27 June 03 Locus above: A801, 802, 805

Locus parameters: east of wall A808, west of A100, north of projected extension A812

Verbal description: wall tumble (same as A802, 805) south of projected extension of wall A807

loose brown soil, full of large rocks

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

wall collapse

[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)]:

- 27 June 03 begin removal of collapsed stones from area of wall A808
- wall was never really ^(last year) found and so pass began A822.1 → same as A802; A805
 - in area b/w top wall A812 and A100
 - searching for archaic back wall of bldg
 - [→ pass ~~on wall~~ extends roughly 1.20m including + east of original projected/remaining area of wall A808] - ~~existing~~
 - wish large pass → area of wall packing
 - coming down on possible back wall, the real A808 ^{new locus A823} → new pail A822.2 → currently uncertain if Hellenistic or Archaic wall
 - pass from clearing top + front of wall
 - (area behind wall was coming down - in last pass on much eroded bedrock + pass, packing soil)

- 30 June 03 continue pass removing wall tumble to further reveal A823 ^{back} wall
- A822.3 - pail [pair of aggr. horns found in clearing old corner for next pass → in area of floor, roughly]
- new pass removing pure wall tumble from area in front (west) of wall A822.4
- coming down on roofing clay at bottom of this pass (cf A806; A809)
- patches of carbon → tumble

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

30 June 03 - not much pottery or bone found in passes
expose more of A823 (large cyclopean block
wall revealed)
(~~to~~ change loci b/c primarily roofing clay
now exposed + most of tumble has been
removed) → A824
→ see A824 for sketch at this point

1 July 03 - note for future reference
→ A810 → pass floor patch elevations
(opening - 368.093 m; closing - 367.798 m)

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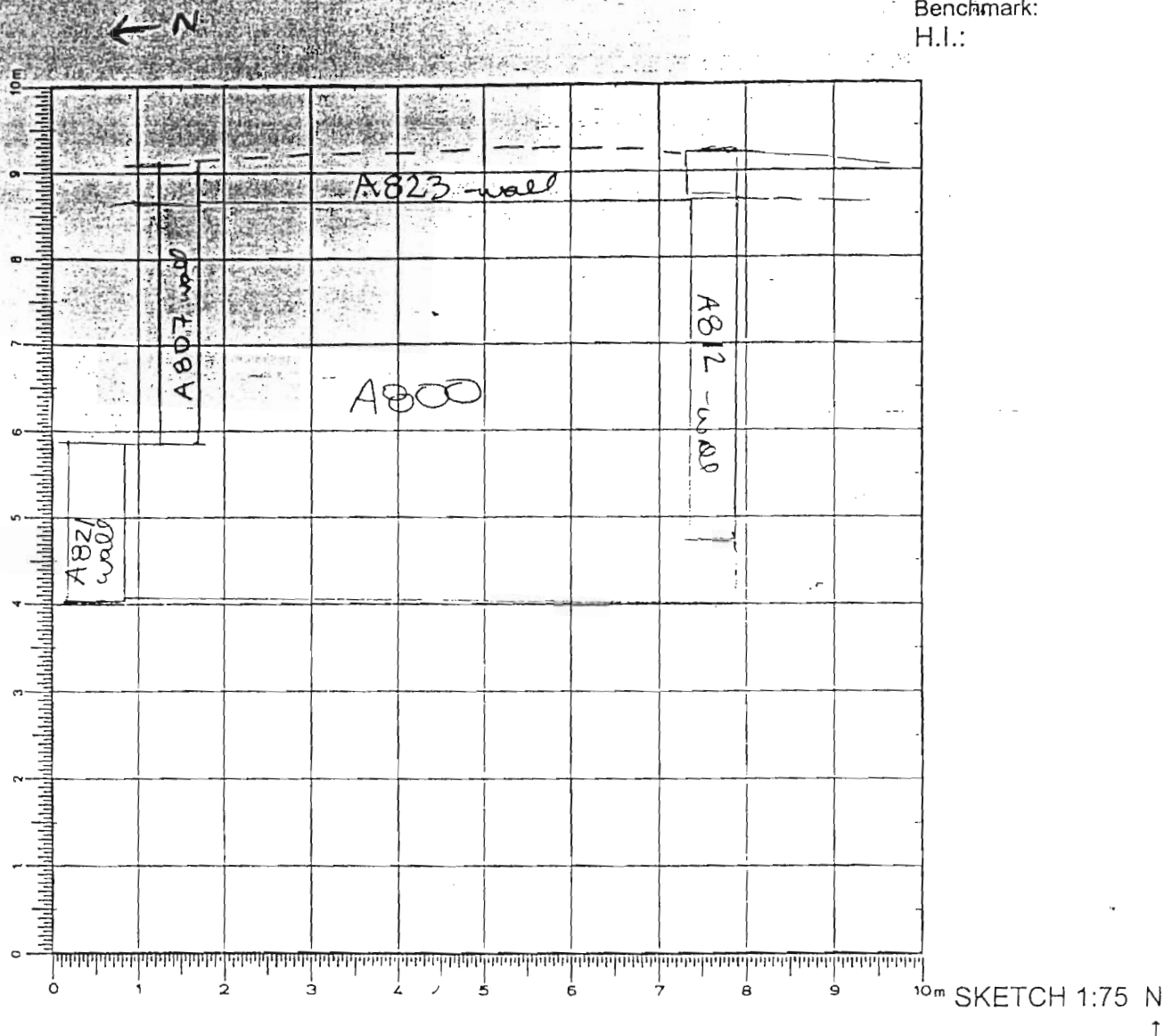
Elevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



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

Today's date: 27 June 03 Locus above: Locus parameters: east border A800, A812 + A807 cross wall n

Verbal description: runs roughly N-S; composed of primarily medium sized stones w/ a few larger ones
(size range 0.45 x 0.4m) - diff. shapes + sizes
0.25 x 0.2m unworked + roughly
0.90 x 0.60m worked field stones
rough mortar used in construction

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

back
wall, room

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

27 June 03 Wall found w/ pass A822. 2

Wall A808 was just tumble; this is actual back wall of room

2-3⁴ courses currently visible as clearing area

length ≈ 3.66 m from inner faces of A807 + A812

width ≈ 0.45 m? roughly

cross-walls A812 + 807 about this wall

\rightarrow pass continues into A1900 + A1100

A823 - bonds to A807 \rightarrow pass ^{A807} late archaic period additions \rightarrow later cleaning out of rooms \rightarrow pass just abouts

30 June 03

A823 may be original back wall of trench \rightarrow continuing into A1100, originally joining extension of A821 \rightarrow both archaic

- now 5 courses visible in certain sections of the wall; mostly 4

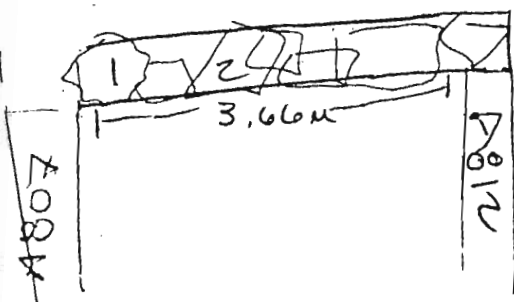
elevations on stones of wall

R1 - 0.522

H1 - 371.142

$\Delta 1 - 2.405 \rightarrow 368.737$ m

$\Delta 2 - 2.241 \rightarrow 368.901$ m



- large Cyprian stone revealed w/ A822.4 pass
- above this stone the wall ~~has~~ ~~is~~ leans out dramatically

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

A823 may be the original anchor back wall of the bldg. (to be further clarified w/ later passes) → + A807 was built up against it as part of later changes / additions to the room
→ A823 would thus in theory extend beyond A807 to connect w/ A821 (east end)

(A812 (now 4-5 courses visible near corner) appears to about A823) - up to pass. 6

only one face visible

9 July 03 - length - 3.65 m

width - pos. 0.5 m → difficult to determine
~~back~~ width of wall → where wall ends + packing begins it is not completely clear

height ≈ 1.78 m

A812 abuts A823, A807 also prob. abuts A823 but is stepped out somewhat

→ wall leans inward quite a bit

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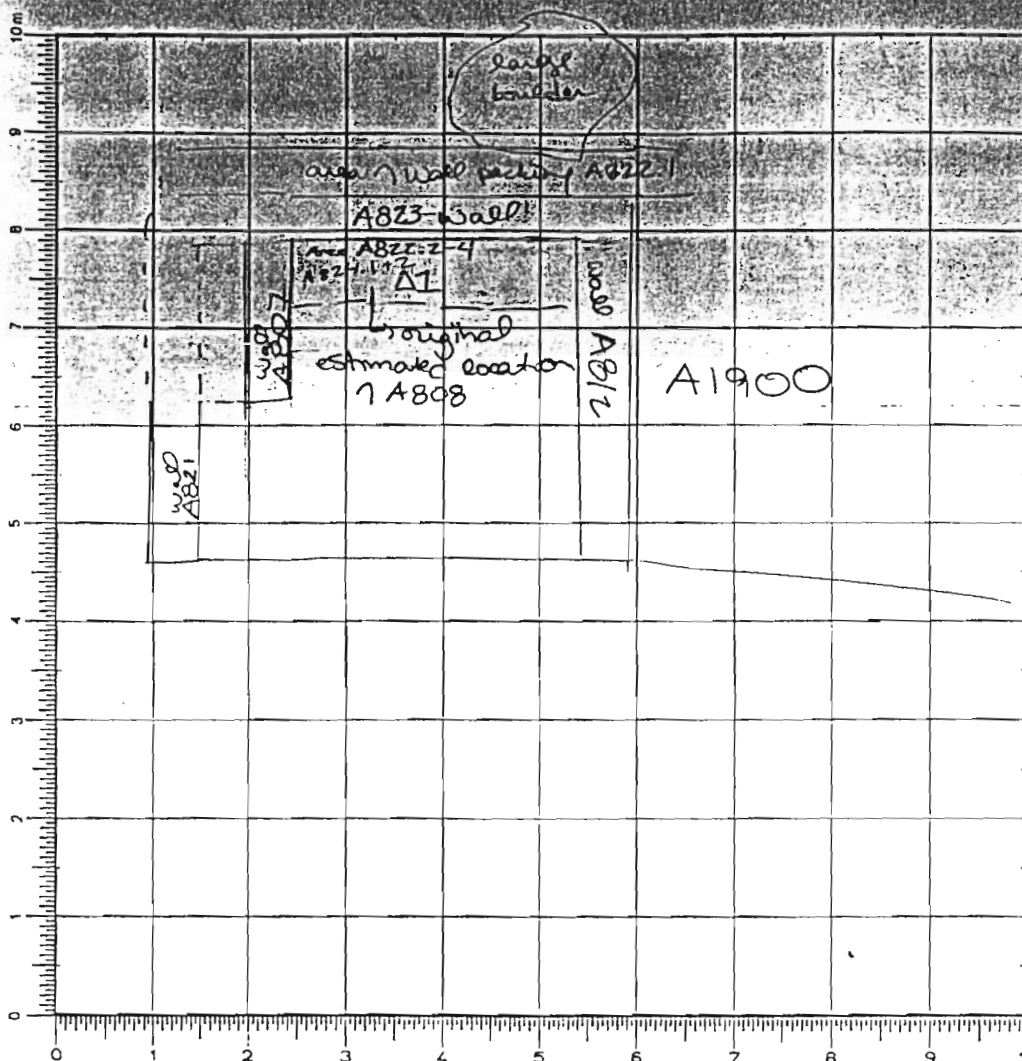
Elevations

Benchmark used: R1Reading on 0.628

Benchmark

H.I. 371.248

← N



opening elevation
(bottom A822-4)
 $\Delta 1 - 3.908m \rightarrow$
367.340m

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

Today's date: 1 July 03 Locus above: A822Locus parameters: east side trench in area previously designated was A808
banded by A807 to N and A812 to S; prev. excavated 110mVerbal description: to w

soil
→ same as A813 - pure roofing clay → clayey orange, hard-
packed soil with small rocks; small red patches clay, carbon
(a few yellow) patches

(no more rocks or loose brown wall tumble soil → so changed locus)

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

roofing clay

[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)]:

1 July 03 begin pass in ^{pure} roofing clay (A824.1)
 little pottery + bone found in pass
 more roofing clay below revealed
 → screened 100% soil + standard soil sample
 unable to dig NE corner of room due to dangerous
 pattern of fallen rock

cf opening elevation to A813 - pure roofing clay - 367.300m

begin another pass in roofing clay (A824.2)
 continue to screen 100% soil

- pos agnimi horn found

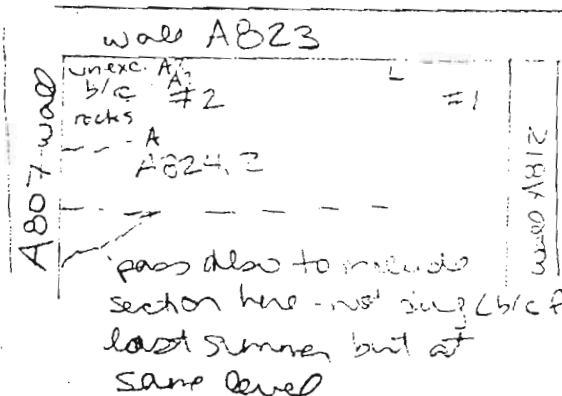
- much bone found SE corner of trench → intensive
 soil sample #1

- other intensive sample #2 from near NE end of

- begin some tsakelli near wall w/ this pass

- wall not as clearly defined in this pass

(? if top of clay could possibly have been
 floor of later phase)



#1 + 2 - intensive soil samples

L - loomweight - clay #1

A - agnimi (from A822.3)

A? - from A824.2

- other pos agnimi horns found near NE corner

floor → pass sloped upwards toward wall or was
 pitted out → see A813.3; A815

→ tsakelli near wall and in some areas in middle of
 pass, but floor not yet found near join w/ 2002
 excavated area

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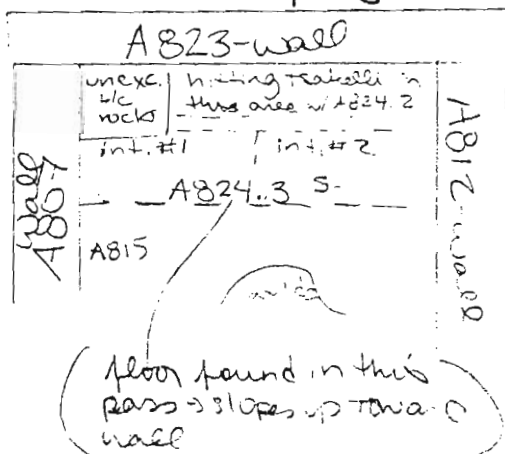
1 July 03 unable to clearly distinguish where roofing clay ends + floor begins so not change locus for final pass

→ final small pass, following level of floor preserved from last year to back to floor in west area of ^{the} expansion zone

A824.3

- finding preserved floor with this pass much carbon (small pieces) in soil

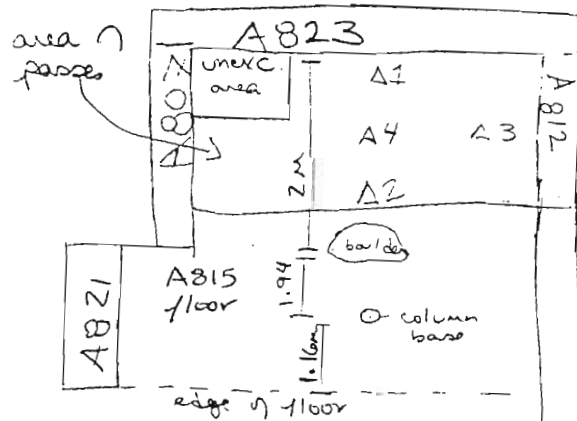
→ soil samples taken (pos. includes habitation debris, together w/ roofing clay)



- intensive #1 → North 1/2 of pass above floor
- intensive #2 → South 1/2 of pass
- 3 (pos. stone tool found) → 2

floor now reached in north-south area

← N A815 floor is not of trench → bottom 366.905m → range 366.864m



- RI - 0.505
HI - 371.125
- closing elevations
- A1 (bottom A824.2) - 4.003 → 367.122m - ^{possibly} visible
 - A2 - (bottom A824.3) - 4.077 → 367.048m
 - A3 - " - 4.041 → 367.084m
 - A4 - 4.009 → 367.116m
 - A5 - 4.012 → 367.113m

→ nearly 2m exactly from wall A823 to large boulder in middle of floor

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Elevations

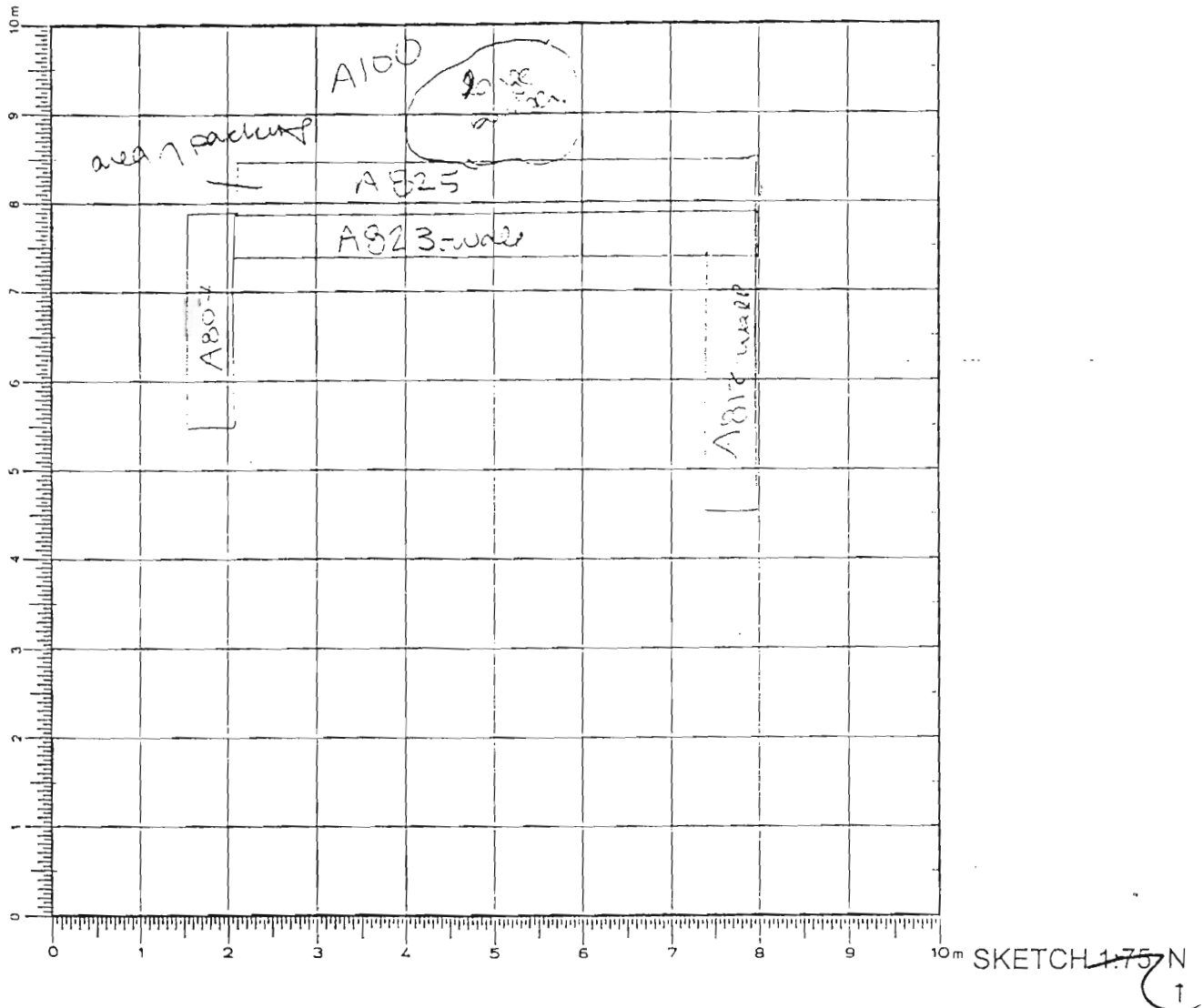
Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:

← N



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

Today's date: 2 July 03 Locus above: A822Locus parameters: east 7 ~~A822~~ A823-wallVerbal description: ~~hard packed~~ light brown soil full of many small rocks (w/ loose patches of soil)

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

wall-packing

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OBJECTS

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

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

3 July 03 begin pass in wall-packing before conserving wall -> to reveal top of rock & wall.

A823

~~basically sterile soil, few finds collected~~

basically sterile soil, few finds collected
