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Test Pit 502,600

Base of Level 11

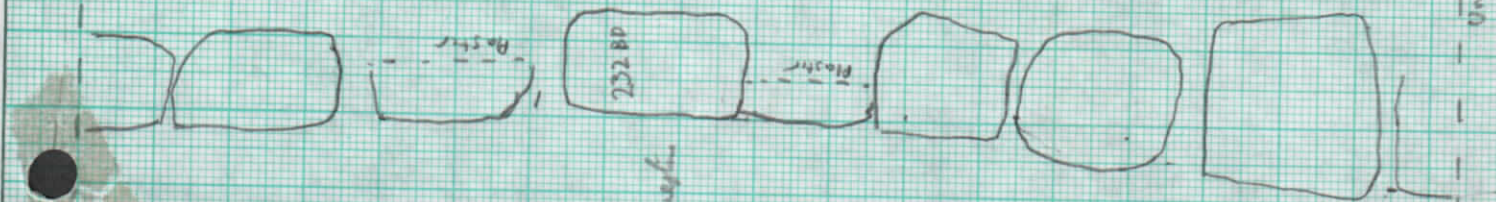
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237 BP
 Heavily Damaged (smashed by fall)
 plaster surface
 (Level 13)
 + Low Substructure

Top 242.80
 Gray soil with
 fragments of
 inclusions
 (Level 12)
 Base 265.80



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Level 12 Beginning @ 242 BP

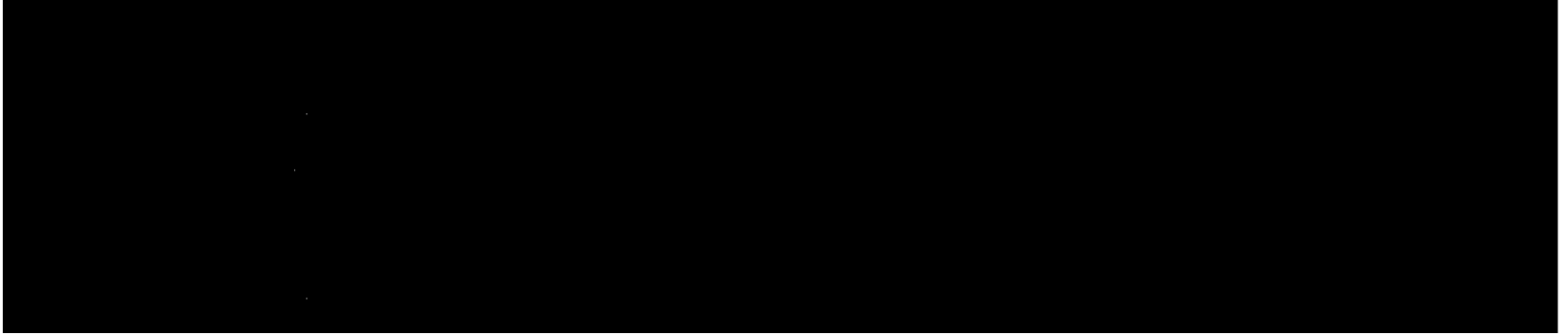
This is a gray sand with fragments of limestone enclosures that lay to the west of the retaining wall of Level 13. See the plan view of the base of level 11 for the relationship of where this level Level 12 is full placed to the west of level 12. It is probably related to level 11. This material ended at 265 BP when we hit a layer of medium sized limestone layers of flat which was some sort of prepared surface associated with level 13 loc 5479

Level 13 Beginning @ 232 BP

This level includes a retaining wall ^{at the} full that covered the eastern 175 cm of the unit (see the plan view of the base of level 11 for more detail). At ending about his platform was only 33 cm tall because we found the base of the wall is a prepared surface (of flat limestone) at 265 BP. What a boring substructure! After we finished level 12 we began to take up the substructure. I did not separate the plaster surface. This level ended at 269 BP when we hit a layer of solid platform ^(level 14) full. Note that they took out the prepared surface of flat limestone that lay to the west along with the rest of the material. This material was only 4m deep.

Level 14 Beginning 269

This is a level of large limestone in a gray brown soil (fill). We encountered the western footers bench in the northern wall of the unit, but it magnificently stopped at the profile edge. We will throw the large stones that we excavate into the portion of this "cave" that we did not fill last month (it was not going to climb in there!). We hit a



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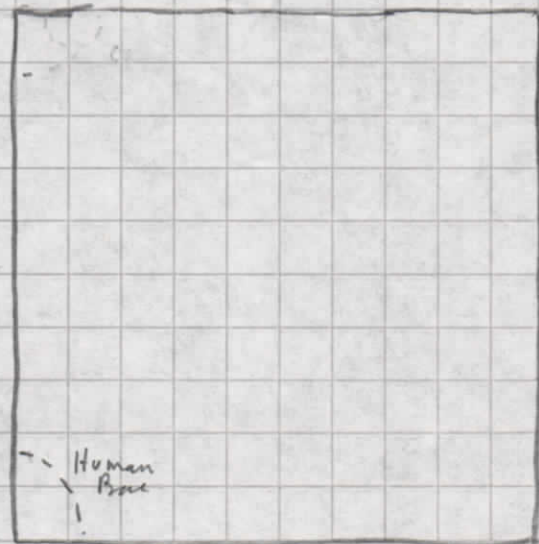
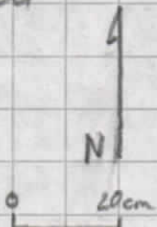
crushed floor ^(level 15) at 316 BD. It was obviously crushed by the construction of the fill layer above.

Level 15 Begun, @ 316 BP

A crushed plaster floor at the fill beneath it. Actually the whole level was like this. It was full of white fill with some limestone. I suppose that it is a fill layer of mortar, but some of it was quite soft. We found a few sherds, but one was a really large sherd for a red slipped bowl. We ended this level when we hit a light grey fill with small limestone inclusions at 340 BD. See Level 16 - a large sherd was found in Level 15 that capped a burial in level 16.

Level 16 Begun, @ 340 BD Aug. 8, 1996

This is gray fill with small limestone inclusions. Actually it is very similar to level 15, but it is gray. Maybe it is crushed mortar mixed with some earth. It is getting difficult to excavate because rocks keep falling from the profile. The unit is somewhat less than square. I am going to change to a 1x1 tomorrow. We encountered some human bone in the southwest corner of the unit. The bone was very fragile. I will not excavate this burial, but we found it at 180 BD. I took a sample of the bone that the workers accidentally removed. I think this burial originated at the base of level 15. We found a large red slipped sherd in level 15 in the area just above the burial. We did not

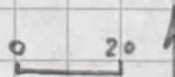


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reap it in because of shyness just was just a shud.
 I think we find another piece of this vessel left was
 associated with the human bone. I think these two shud
 were caused by the bone. What all this means is that
 level 16 is contaminated with material from level 15.
 We ended level 16 at 384 BD when we hit a
 very light tan crushed marl layer (level 17)
 Note that we find the eastern looters trench in
 the southeast corner of the unit.
 We will no longer
 excavate this part of
 the pit.



Level 17 Beginning @ 384 BD N
 I will not excavate all of
 this level. I will just obtain
 a good sample of the pottery,
 then we will not excavate
 any deeper. The looters
 trenches have made this pit too dangerous
 to excavate more. We frequently have collapses of
 stones and on a few occasions someone is going to
 get killed or hurt really bad. We only excavated
 the north 50m of the unit, but we hit the
 next level of soil - a gray brown sand at 424 BD
 we will stop here at about the unit (sorry!)

