

PASH 2014

T88 - Drages

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Bulldozer: July 1, 2014

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11 = 2:29

12 = 2:40

13 = 3:10

14 = 3:19

15 = 3:45

16 = 3:54

17 = 4:17

18 = 4:25

19 = 4:50

20 = 4:58

21 = Last one

$2,700 \times 21 =$

56,700
(new lease)

May 5, 2014

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- First day of excavation of T88, Quad 1
Trouble getting elevation measurements.
Began with bringing top of SW quadrant down by 40cm below surface.

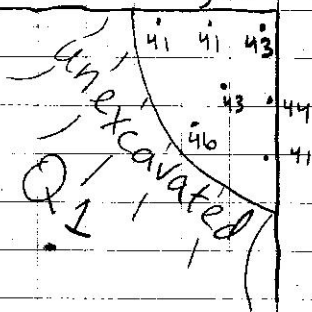
Met landowner today. He wants to chop down some of his tobacco (to better accommodate us?). I told him not to but I think he will anyway.

- Continued into level 002
- could not get dumpy level height measurements b/c mound is too tall.
Measurement of the day = 100.64 cm

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Level 001: ending measurements (cm below surface)



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- We set up tripod screen and are continuing to excavate level 002 of quadrant 3.
- We continue to find early modern (?) artifacts.
- We are screening ~ every third bucket.

- level 002 (Q1) → still not finished.

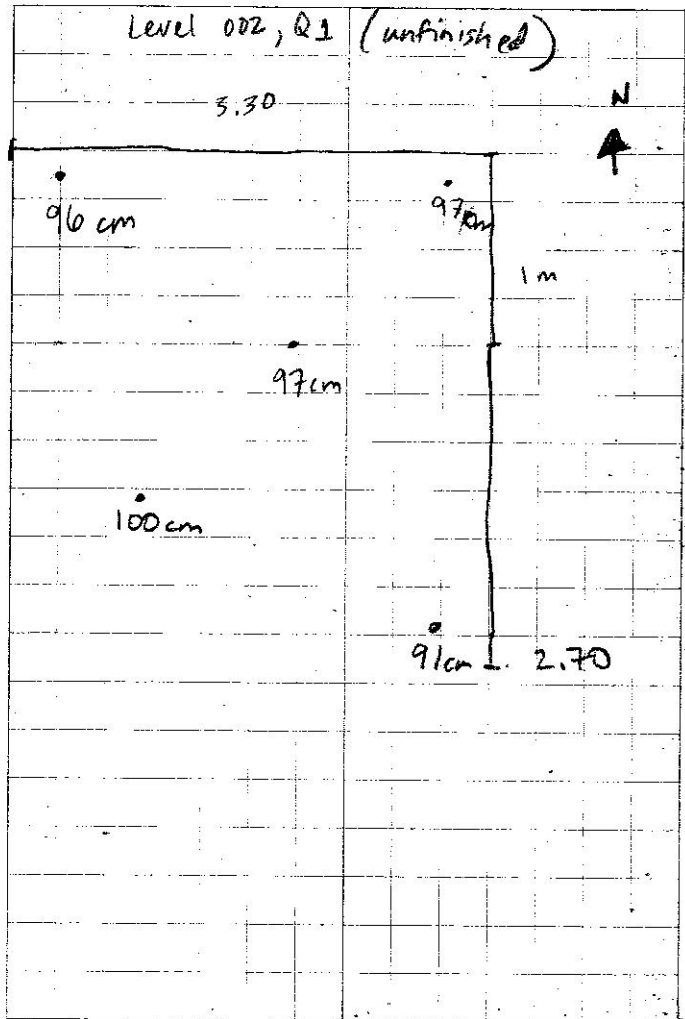
- no photos taken today

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Reference Points

A = in field, behind fence,
near path

B = behind mound, near
tobacco fields

- Today we finished excavating 088-Q1-002 and have begun 088-Q1-003. The end measurements of level 2 are 100cm below the surface, taken from NE corner of quadrant.
- level 003 remains unfinished at the end of the work day.

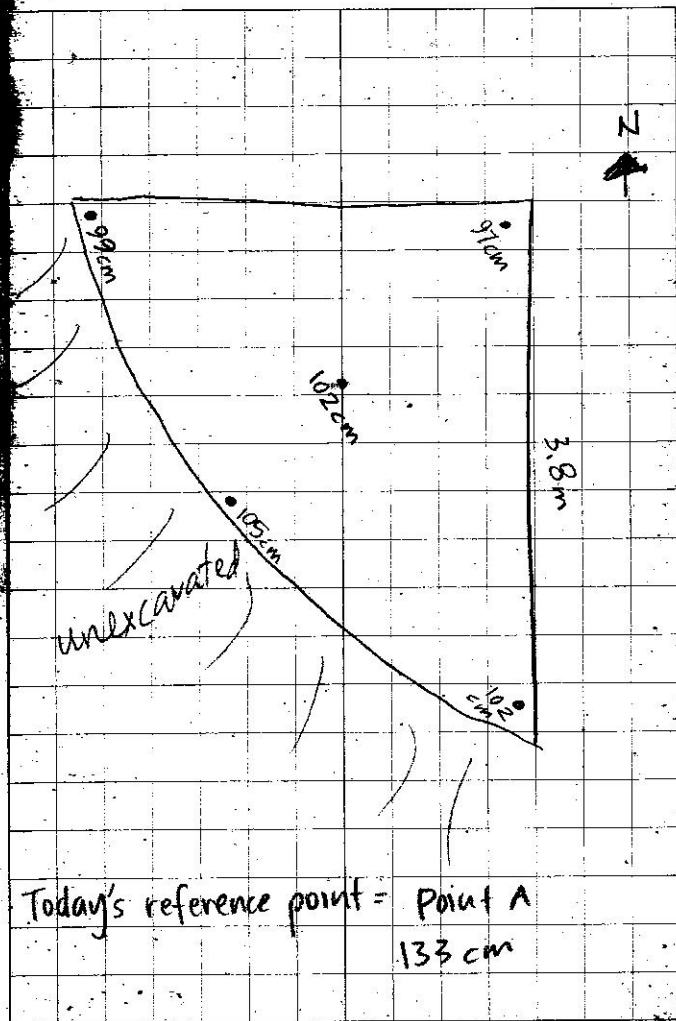
* of note: cobbles & rocks are much more dense (but continue to be evenly dispersed) throughout level. More so than in previous levels.

- well screened ~ every third bucket in levels 2 and 3.

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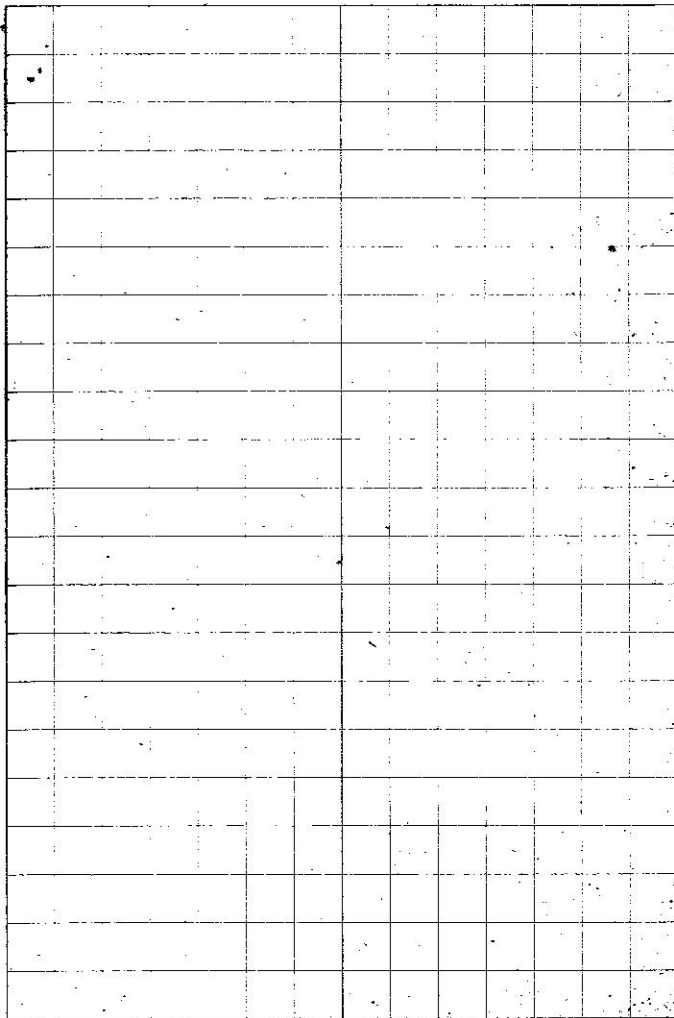
Today we continued to excavate level 003 (in Q1).

The depth of this level is @ ~150cm below ground surface (taken from center corner of quadrant). This level is unique in that the rocks are much more dense and there is less soil packed throughout. Rocks and soil were loosely distributed in previous levels.

My initial thoughts are that levels 001 + 002 correspond to modern/recent fill, whereas level 003 may correspond to an earlier construction phase. Far fewer modern artifacts found in level 003; sherds remain numerous. We collected a C14 sample from level 003 but I would like to secure the cultural context better.

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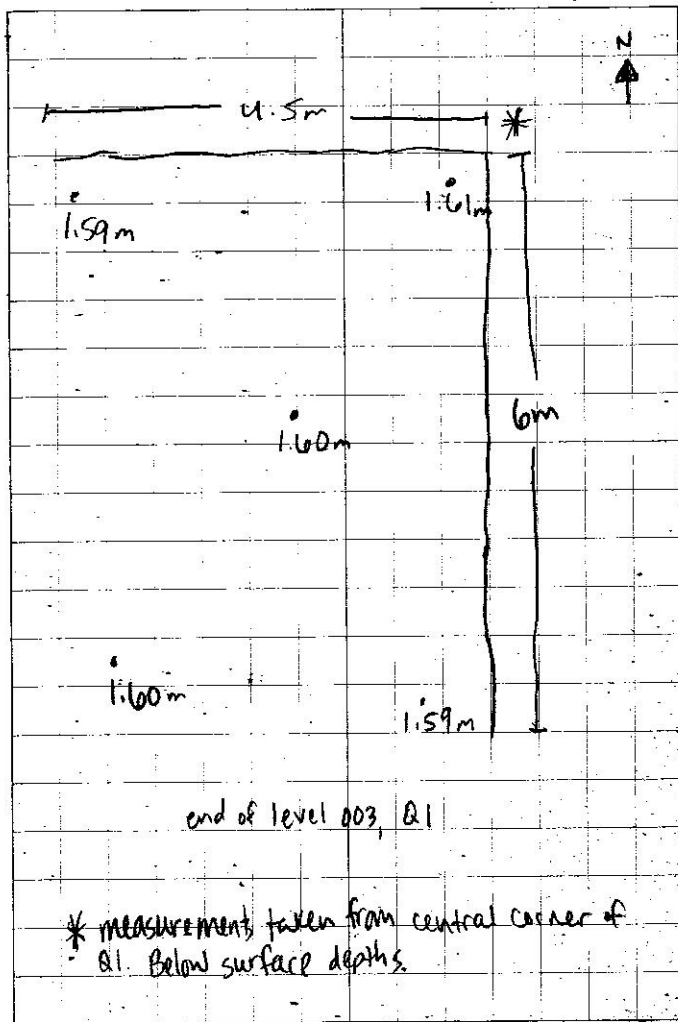
- We begin the day by cleaning excavated areas and taking photos of 088-Q1-003.

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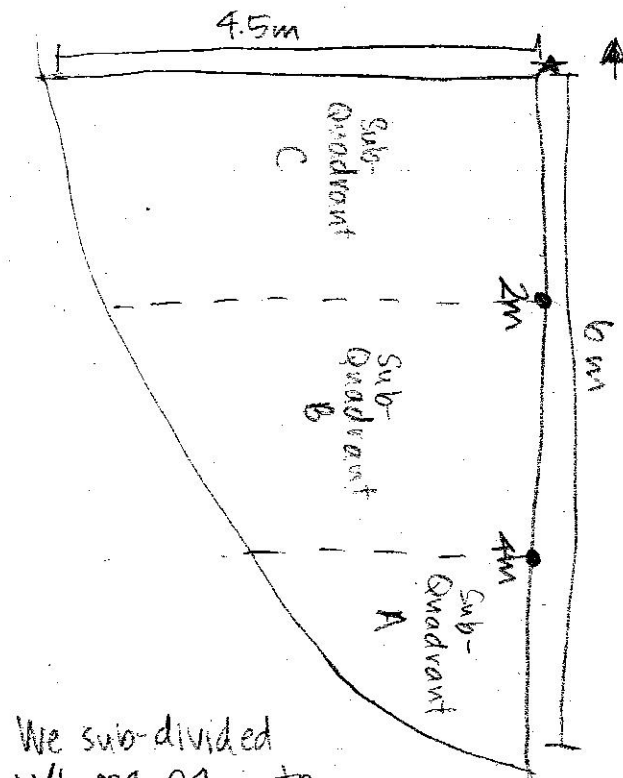
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- Feature - uncovered in level 004.
Mira hit a concentration of sherds, so Sylvia began to hand dig to determine extent of feature. First interpretations lead us to believe this is a ceramic scatter - sherds appear uniform & not modern. Edges somewhat eroded (?) so unlikely these are from a complete vessel. The concentration is near the center of our unit, though of course this may not be the true center of the mound. Previous levels yield nothing similar. Pictures taken. Zhan says in previous excavations at mounds, broken pieces of pottery similar in nature to this feature deposit were found. Sketch map of Feature 1 drawn by Sylvia & ceramics collected in separate bag from rest of LVL 004.



We sub-divided LVL 004, Q1 into sub-quadrants A, B, C to get better control over the materials coming out of the level. All bags from LVL 004 are numbered w/ sub-quadrant info.

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concentration of
Modern trash found in central corner
after we collected Feature 7. Trash
consists of plastic bags. This deposit
occurs at same level & just below
Feature 7. We are extraordinarily
perplexed about what is going on
in this level - may need to enlist a
grown up. Depth of LVL 004 =
1 meter 75/80 cm below surface.

Significant root activity in central
space at this level - this is distinct
from preceding level 003. Charcoal
frags found throughout Q1C, along
w/ change in soil reflecting burning
episode(s)? Carbon collected
from this level but unsure if useful
due to modern inclusions.

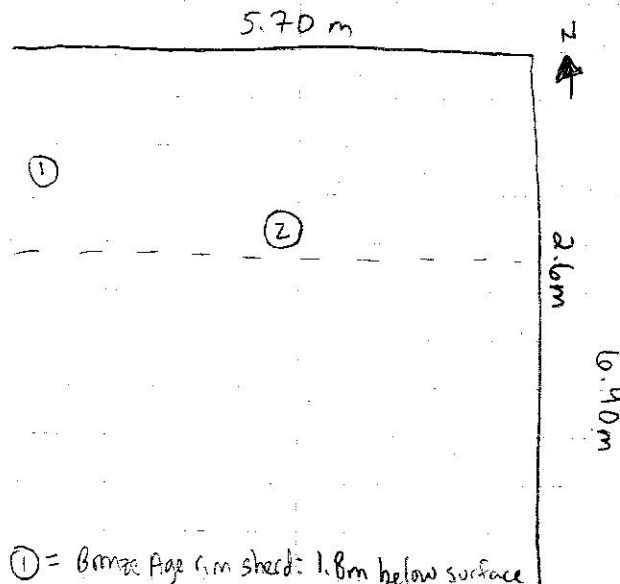
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- Today we begin w/ finishing
TBB-Q1C-004.
- In TBB-Q1B-004, we've found a
Bronze Age (?) rim sherd and a
metal object (Bronze metal?)



- ① = Bronze Age rim sherd: 1.8m below surface
- ② = metal object (decorated): 1.81m below surface

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Q1B-004:

at the end of this section we've uncovered 6 large stones. ~~linear~~
 4 are linear, the fifth curves around. The 6th was accidentally removed. The stones are equidistant apart. Consistent black soil around stones. Near the perimeter, the density of rock drops. Ceramic found throughout. Barbed wire fragment found near perimeter (~~close to~~ closest to modern surface). Lithics found near large stones. Density of ceramic much lower than Q1C-004.

- Q1A-004: rock density low; section is dissimilar to Q1B-004.

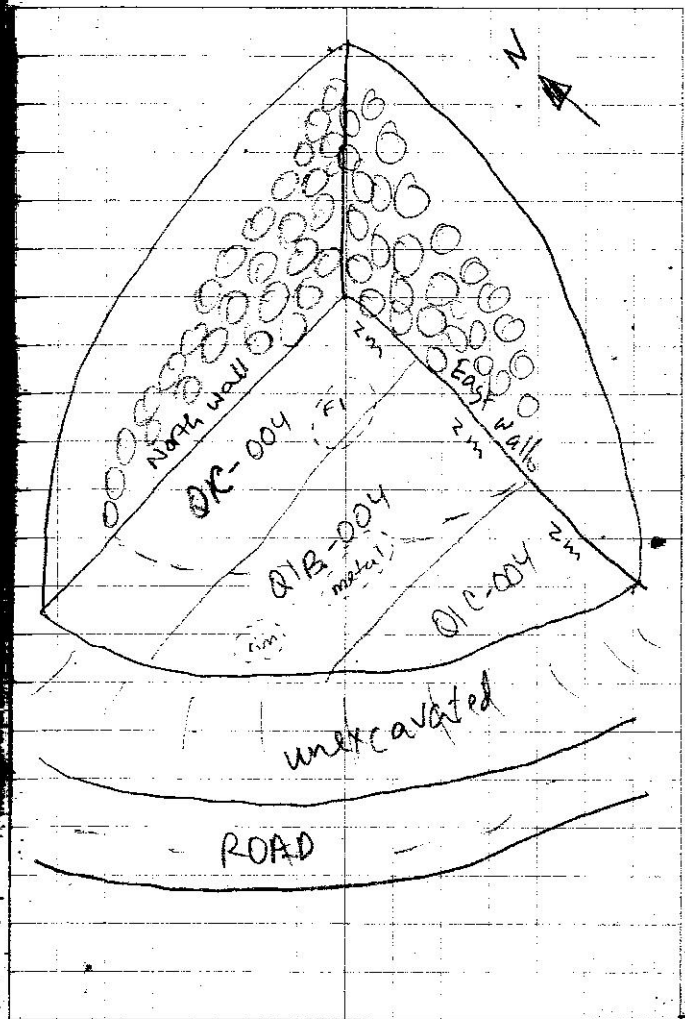
- Level 004 was excavated in 25cm.

- Soil samples collected for A, B, + C.

~ every third bucket was screened.

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Tues. May 13, 2014

- We begin w/ cleaning Q1-004 and taking photos. The level is now finished.

- Level 005 notes:

① Q1C: soil change associated w/ what we think is the prehistoric perimeter - soil looks black/charcoal gray in the prehistoric(?) portion then goes to a dark brown. 1 bag of ceramics collected, frequency most high in the "center"; Bronze Age ceramic found; 2 carbon samples collected

② Q1B: soil change seen in 1C continues; large stones documented in previous level now removed; portion of 1B looks like a different type of rock deposit (cobbles? water rolled?) - this lens roughly spans the perimeter of prehistoric mound; this

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lens of cobbles is unique in the mound thus far - very smooth & colored stones; lens spans roughly one meter wide

Density of artifacts has dropped off from previous level. Few ceramics or other cultural material pulled from Feature 1 space in this level.

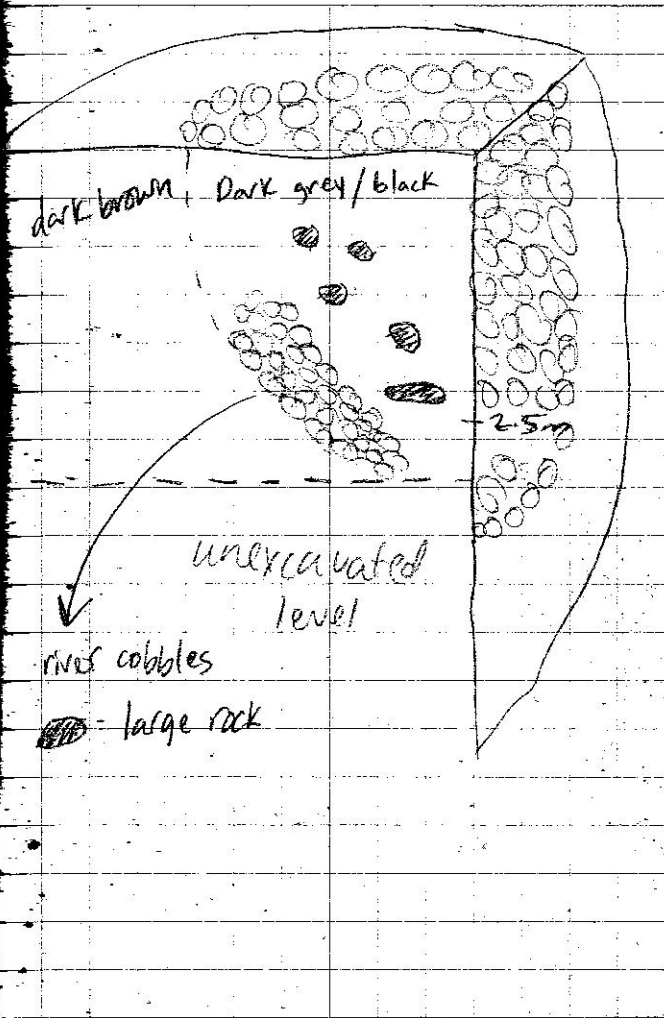
Large stones throughout, but do not appear to be cultural (i.e. placed w/ burial) - not intentional. Soil samples collected for Q1C & Q1B. Level 005 excavated in 25cm.

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May 14th = ~~rain~~ hail, no field work

May 15th = started w/ cleaning up
North wall collapse (due to heavy rain); some rodent activity noted in walls & floor

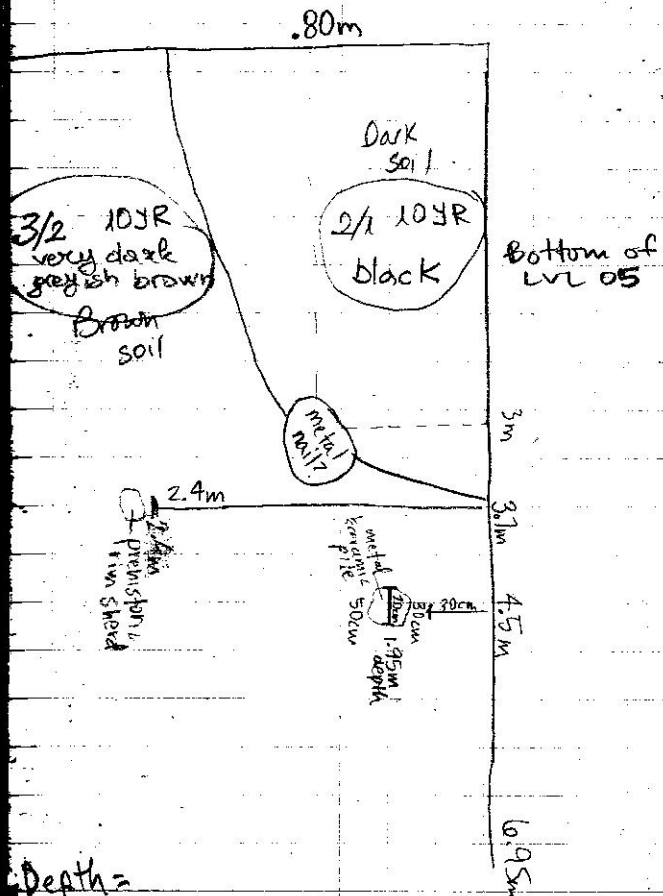
- Soil sample from Q2A, LVL 05 taken today
- black soil line is now evident in floor
- 4.5m down = cluster of metal pieces incl. one large piece; glazed sherds also in cluster → photos taken → 1.95m depth from surface
- mapped extent of cobbles - modern plastic trash found within; plastic is shredded, but unclear if this is due to rodent activity or natural decomposition
- prehistoric rim sherd found just outside of extent of cobbles at 3.7m over 2.4m

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Notes: Sylvia did a drawing to scale on separate sheet to show soil changes, etc.



Ending height measurement
for 788-Q1-005

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Reference point A

= 0.91 m

Loatasia ~~exp~~ = 2.2 m

- 11 - e pendais = 2.3 m

post = 2.2 m

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2.02 m

(a) → 99.74 m (b) → 99.67

→ 2.03

→ 2.02 m

(c) → 99.62 (f) → 99.63 m

(d) → 99.65

(e) 99.67

a = 0.81 m

b = 0.88 m

c = 0.93 m

d = 0.90 m

e = 0.88 m

f = 0.92 m

Linstan new = 1.46 m + 100

101.46 - 0.91

= 100.55 - 0.81

a) = 99.74 - 0.88

b) = 99.67 - 0.93

c) = 99.62 - 0.90

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Special find = prehistoric handle (ceramic)

1.5 m over (downslope tape) &

2 m down; depth = 2.15 m

Starting LVL 06 today (2 m depth)

Today we are screening every bucket of soil to begin - noticeably fewer rocks; we are in black soil near central portion of the quadrant; prehistoric ceramic sherds found in LVL 06

LVL 06 dug in 25 cm level

noticeable lack of small rocks in this level as compared to preceding levels - Sylvia took a picture of the large rocks

throughout (they seem irregular so we just documented them & will remove them)

Special find = prehistoric sherd Q1B-006

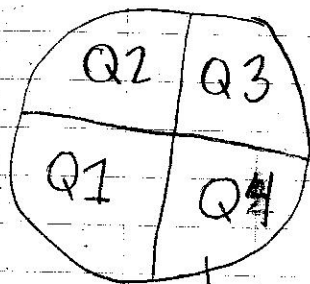
2.8 m over
0.25 m down (~2.15 down depth)

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Today we have many extra workers (Mike et al.) clearing the quadrant to the SE of the Q1. They will work on removing the modern rock layer so that this quadrant can be excavated. They set up a 1/2 m bulkwall so that profiles can be shown.



TUMA 88

modern surface
will be cleaned May 17 & 18

We finished Q1B & moved into Q1A. There is a very noticeable soil change from dark brownish black to brown (evidence for horizon?). Upon further

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inspection & the advice/opinions of grown ups w/ PhDs, we think that the rocks we uncovered in Q1C/B & did not move are constructed. They all appear to be in the same layer/level & patterned in a semi-regular manner. Artifacts in Level 006 remain similar - ceramic sherds mostly. Soil is far less rocky & fewer artifacts than in previous level 05.

Monday, May 19, 2014

Sylvia, Amy, Josh, Anisa, Zhan, Mira, Perparim

The North & East profile walls of Q1 were mapped & drawn & photod today. Multiple layers evident in profile walls suggesting the modern fill covers the prehistoric rocky surface which covers a cap of black soil. The black soil cap is covering

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The large rocks set in place in the floor of Level 006 — these look constructed/cultural. Q4 is being brought down to ^{sample 008} Lvl 006 this week + so that ~~we~~ we can see if the construction in the floor of Q1 extends into Q4. 1/2 m bulk wall kept for now between the 2 quadrants. We drew a plan view of the rock construction at the end of level 006.

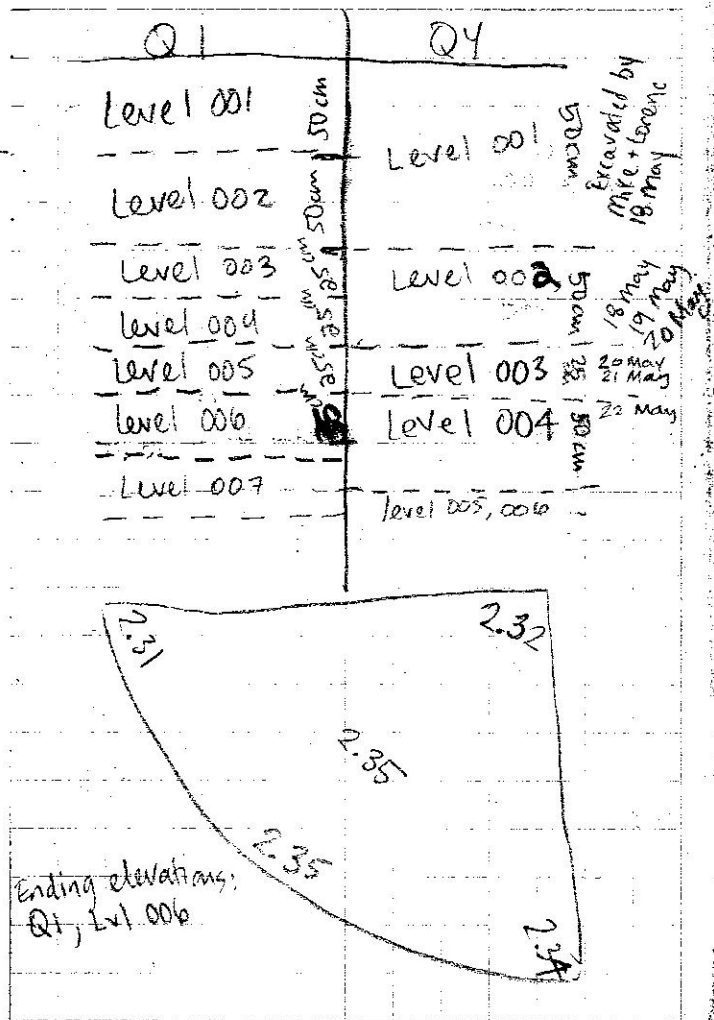
— Amy, Josh, + Sylvia closed level 6, Q1. Meanwhile, Zhan, Anise, + workers excavate Q4, bringing it down equal to in Q1, Level 006 ^(Q1) Munsell = 10YR 2/2 (very dark brown)

AVL 004

But this depth is called end of Level 002 in Q4.

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30 *perparim*

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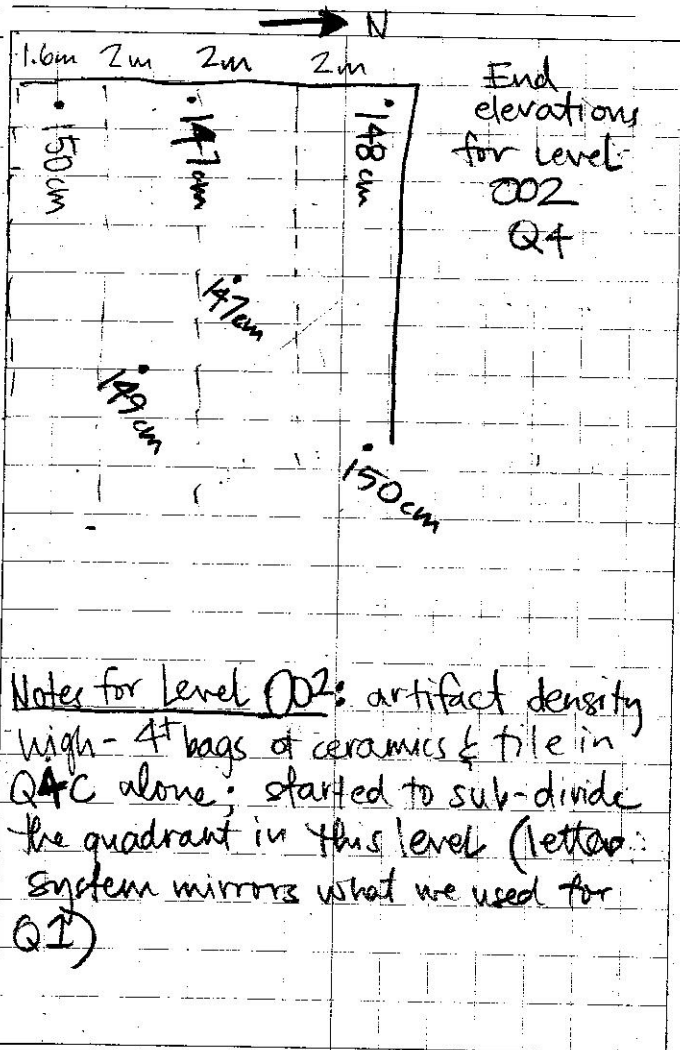
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Note: LVL 006 was supposed to be dug in 25 cm level, but we went deep (partially due to rocks) so the notes should reflect that Q1, LVL 006 \approx 35 cm.

On Saturday & Sunday (May 17-18), various other team members started to remove historic portion of mound in Q4. Yesterday & today (May 19-20), our team is working to remove modern fill down to end of level 002 - this is where we will start to see how Level 003 in Q4 & Level 005 in Q1 will compare. In Q4 levels 002 (50 cm) ceramics, tiles were found (similar to Q1). A bead was also found in level 002 in Q4. Munsell for Q4, end WL 002 = 5YR 3/1 (very dark gray)

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Note for level 002: artifact density high - 4⁺ bags of ceramics & tile in Q4C alone; started to sub-divide the quadrant in this level (letter system mirrors what we used for Q1)

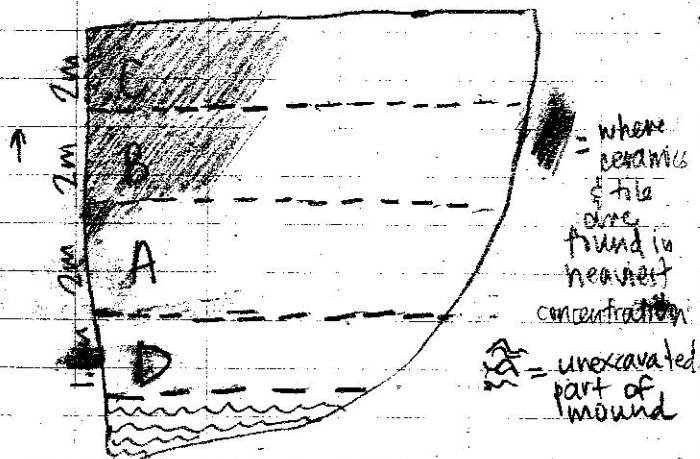
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Zhani, Josh, Mira, Kerporim

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Q4 - Level 003



The bank wall of Q4 is longer than in Q1. We've decided to sub-divide further & add a sub-quadrant D (this should reflect the modern surface). Sub-quadrant D is only 1.4m in width unlike A, B, C which are still excavated in 2m swaths. Sub-quadrant B is uniform in artifact density to Sub-quadrant C - lots of ceramics & tile (same as what

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Was coming out of Level 005 in Q1. Overall this Quadrant mirrors Q1 in soil, artifacts, etc. - Pinch samples of soil taken in each sub-quadrant starting yesterday in Q4C. Susan Allen informed us that we should take samples across the sub-quadrant (Duh! oops!) So we will begin to do that from now on.

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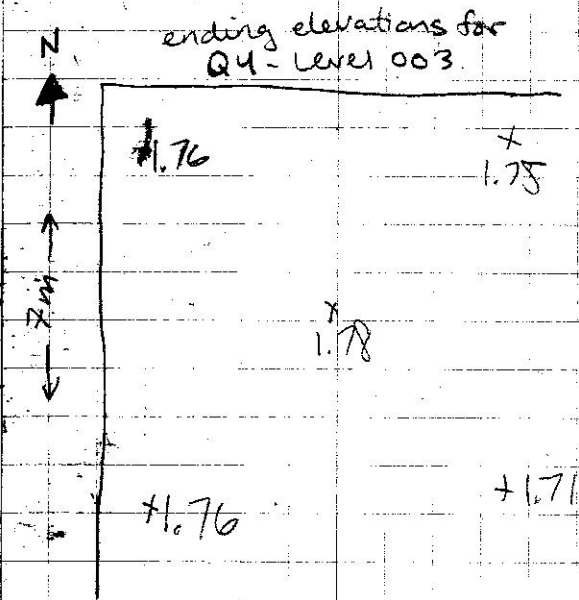
We are continuing w/ Q4A today & will continue further w/ Q4D to finish out level 003 (hopefully today - dream big!).

There once was a work crew in Albania
 Digging with all them was mania
 They drank raki & rode horses
 Found only Romans, no Norse
 Please, Carleton, don't measure their crania
 - Amy Shakerpeare
 Lord Byron

Artifact density in Q4A is noticeably lower than in Q4B. Modern glass found on edge of unit (still in historic level, so OK). Q4A encompasses a section that has evidence of modern burning, presumably for trash. Modern ceramic & glass finds reflect this. In this way, Q4A & Q3A do not match. Shredded plastic bags also found in Q4A WL 003. Q4D is

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1.4 m in width off tape but tapers at perimeter - we assume this is still the historic surface, so we will not extend digging to the end of the tape (7.7m). Sub-quadrant D is heavily disturbed - much modern refuse.



Munsell for Q4, Level 003 =
 10 YR 2/2 v. dark brown

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- we began excavating Q4(c) - Lvl 4 today after the break period. - not as many artifacts in this level (density = low)

- Q4C, Level 004 dug in 50cm - we decided to take this down in 50cm due to very low artifact density & so we could expose the floor closest in depth to Q1 to determine if there is any continued ^{rock} construction.

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Project / Client Sylvia, Amy, Anisa, Zhami, Josh, Sandry

- We begin today by continuing to take Level 004, Q4C down 50cm - lithic found in the central corner of Q4C, Lvl 004 in the color change - soil changes from v. dark brown to brown

- at the top of Lvl 004, Q4B along west wall there is a density of tile that roughly corresponds to Feature 1 in Q1 - we will know if this is a true continuation once we bring the bank wall down (the soil is very black where the tile deposit is found) -> picture taken of Sylvia & Perparim digging this out

- density of artifacts in Q4B, Level 004 is relatively low ~~except~~ for possible feature region - JUST KIDDING! Density picks up greatly in Q4B halfway through Lvl 004. Lots of tile - 6+ bags. The tile is

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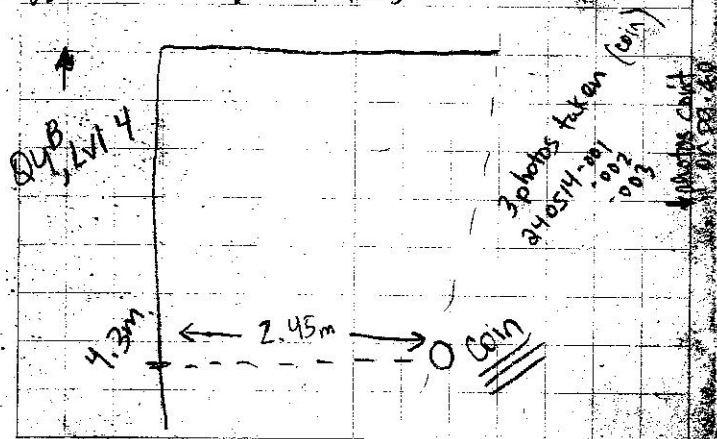
coming from very black soil which precedes the soil change at the end of LVL 004 (we noted the same change at ~~the~~ same depth in Q1). Just as in Q1, we see the black soil cap directly underneath large rocks. The Munsell for the black soil = 10YR 2/1 (black) & for the soil color change directly underneath (bottom of LVL 004 / top of LVL 005) = 10YR 3/3 (dark brown).

24 May 2014

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Project / Client Sylvia, Amy, Josh, Anisa, Zhou, Aldi

- We begin today w/ Q4A, Lvl 004 —
 artifact density continues from B (tile, ceramics) — very high frequency
 — We've decided not to dig Q4D in this level because it seems to be wholly modern — this sub-quadrant will be dug out only if there proves to be cultural material / graves in the ~~sub~~ levels
 — very black soil continues into Q4A
 — in Q4A black soil, there is again a lot of tile — consistent w/ what was observed in Q4B at this Lvl



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TUMDR-240514-004 - End LVL 004, Q4, ^{view from}
 005 - " " " "
 006 - End LVL 004, Q4
 view from top
 007 - " " " "

LOTS of tile & ceramics in Q4A -
 20+ bags taken to lab

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Aidi

- we begin today by chunking out Q4D (all historic - not important) & profiling the walls of Q4 - we will then begin taking down the baulk wall between Q2 & Q4 to expose the floor at 2.25 - 2.35 m below mound surface (wall profiles at end LVL 004)
 - at end LVL 004 in Q4, it does not appear that the rock construction in ~~end~~ LVL 006 Q2 continues into Q4 - it will be interesting to see ~~with~~ the removal of the 1/2 + m baulk

- East wall profile photod & drawn at end LVL 004 - cobble lens noted in this wall just as in profile wall of Q2 (though cobbles did not extend as far into Q4)

- baulk wall is being removed today & tomorrow

May 27, 2014

Location: Sylvia, Amy, Josh, _____ Date _____


Project / Client: Anisa, Zhan; Rep. on HMA

- today we continue to remove the bank wall (no level form made for this as we are taking it down first & chunking out)
- artifacts saved as "bank wall" from Q2 & Q4
- 2 handles; animal bone, & tile found thus far
- Note: makers marks found on many tile pieces after washing

May 28, 2014

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Project / Client: Sylvia, Amy, Josh, Anisa, Zhan, Michelle, Malva

- today we finish taking down the bank wall & begin to expose the now joined quadrants' floor
- as Michelle worked on pulling back the top of LVL 007 in Q1, the soil became noticeably different in texture & color as she made her way toward the perimeter
- once the bank wall was removed at the center, many large rocks in the floor were exposed - these were photo'd & mapped - they do not appear to have the same constructed look as the rocks in the floor of Q1, LVL 006 
- soil color change also drawn on map of floor w/ rocks in center

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100.53 Ending Elevations

0.84

Ref. point B

Height of
instrument = 1.37Q1
(top of
LVL 007)

1.0 → 99.53

1.17 → 99.36

1.14 → 99.39

1.13 → 99.4

Q4
(top of
LVL 005)

1.1 → 99.43

1.03 → 99.5

1.01 → 99.52

1.04 → 99.48

0m
20cm

UNEXCAVATED

0.5

in
back
wall

8m

95m

10m

Mound = 10m diameter

Location: May 29, 2014

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Project / Client: Sylvia, Amy, Josh, Anisa, Zhavi,
Dora

+ we begin today by excavating
Q1C, LVL 007 in 25cm
- the soil in LVL 007 is much different
than in previous levels - no more large
rocks; all smaller cobbles & lighter
brown soil; consistency is tough &
there is clay in it

→ Munsell = 10YR 3/6 (dark
yellowish brown)

- at the end of LVL 007 (255cm
depth) there are almost no rock
inclusions → Munsell for end LVL
007 is 7.5YR 4/6 (strong
brown) - looks reddish brown,
different from soil 10cm above in
same level

- because we have so many workers,
we opened up Q1B, LVL 007 at
the same time as Q1A - some
more medium sized rocks in Q1B
at this level but still nothing as
large as previous level

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- Artifact density very low in Q7C & B, LVL 007 (less than 10 ~~items~~ recovered)
- tomorrow we will continue w/ LVL 007 in Q7
- the drop off in large rocks is also evident in the wall profile at this level

May 30, 2014

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- Today we will continue to chunk out LVL 007 in Q7 & bring Q4 down to the same level (LVL 005 in Q4) to make sure the soil is sterile throughout the mound now
- big rocks seem to have been placed on the sterile ground surface at Q7 (LVL 007) & Q4 (LVL 005)
 - in ~~Q7~~ Q7A, LVL 007 tiles appear - this is likely the edge of the prehistoric

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component of the mound - tiles found in the same black loose soil as in previous levels

- ~~no~~ artifacts come out of Q4C
- the light brown sterile looking soil radiates out from center then the dark loose soil w/ tiles begins in Q7A
- Mike looked at the excavation & identified a ring of rocks that lines up w/ the darker soil that has cultural material (see drawing on level 006 form) → LVL 006 refers to the rock ring in Q7A
- prehistoric cultural material found in Q4B between sterile soil & rock ring

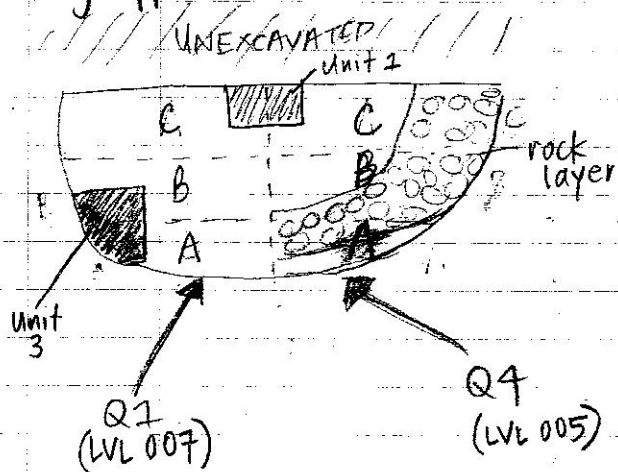
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Kailey, Rudy

- today we are putting in 1x1m units to test for more cultural material, as well as pedestaling & mapping where the rock ring appears



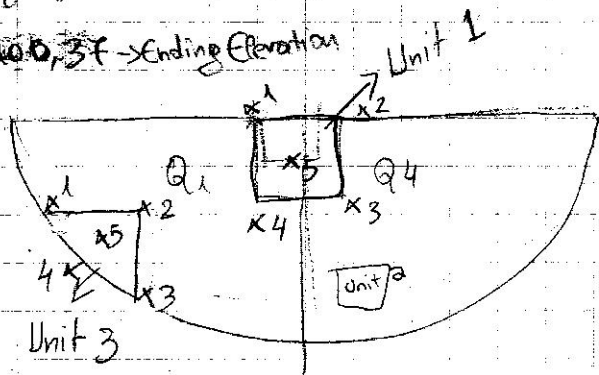
Notes for Units (all 1x1m):

- Unit 3 - 40cm level, soil is clay-like, 4 pieces of pottery found at top but then artifacts disappear. 7.5 YR 4/6 strong brown
- Unit 1 - 40cm level, sterile soil, no artifacts
7.5 YR 4/6 strong brown

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Ref point \rightarrow 0.93mheight of instrument \rightarrow 1.26m100.37 \rightarrow Ending Elevation

Unit 3

- 1-1.65 = 98.78
- 2-1.62 = 98.75
- 3-1.61 = 98.76
- 4-1.65 = 98.72
- 5-1.65 = 98.72

Unit 1

- 1-1.55 = 98.82
- 2-1.52 = 98.85
- 3-1.56 = 98.81
- 4-1.59 = 98.78
- 5-1.57 = 98.8

June 2, 2014

Location Sylvia, Josh, Kailey, Elvira, Lorena,
Date _____Project / Client Mira, Perparim

- we excavated Q4, level 006 down to level 007.
Very few artifacts recovered (mostly tile frags).
Josh and Elvira are excavating unit 002,
which straddles levels 006 + 007 (of Q4).
Today is our last day here. Mira and Perparim
are preparing the northern half of the
moat for a month-long excavation.

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Northern half of T88

Level 1 (1/2 meter):

tile: 206	0
cer: 9	9
sm: 1 (brick)	0
mod: 0	0
red: 183	0
yllw: 23	0

note: metal scraps (n=4)

Level 2 (1 m)

Level 3 (1.5 m)

tile:
cer:
sm:mod:
red:
yllw:* lots of faunal
* decorated pot
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