

FBC BC

9-18-2006

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We have started a new test unit in a location determined by Dr. Zachary Nelson. The first level will be a 10 cm arbitrary level measured from the ground level on the southeast corner. Work on this level is expected to be clearing the grass and finding roots from nearby trees and present day garbage from the street and use of the grounds.

We found several small pieces of glass and plastic. We also found a few pieces of slate, which is probably naturally occurring in the soil.

FBC

9-25-2006

Adam Moss

Tina Lee Charest

This is a new site, begun today after deciding to close hole FBC B3. This new hole is FBC A3. Today we dug 3 layers, 10cm each to finally get to the 30cm level. We found an interesting assortment of large rocks & soil indicating fire. We thought they might be either a wall or a hearth, but we are unsure. Ground slopes a lot & is higher at ^{Eastern} ~~Northern~~ end.

* The above description is actually about FBC A4 NOT B3

-Adam Eisenman

10/16/06

FBC-A4

10/16/06

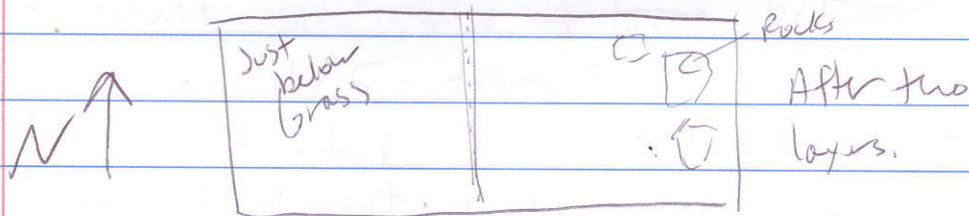
Aaron Eisman

We are a little behind on the field notes for this trench, so this will be a catchup log:

On 10/2/06

Excavated down 2 layers, 10 cm each.

Due to the slope of the land where A4 is, two layers only resulted in uncovering half of the trench. A series of rocks have been located on the Eastern wall. Approx drawing from memory:



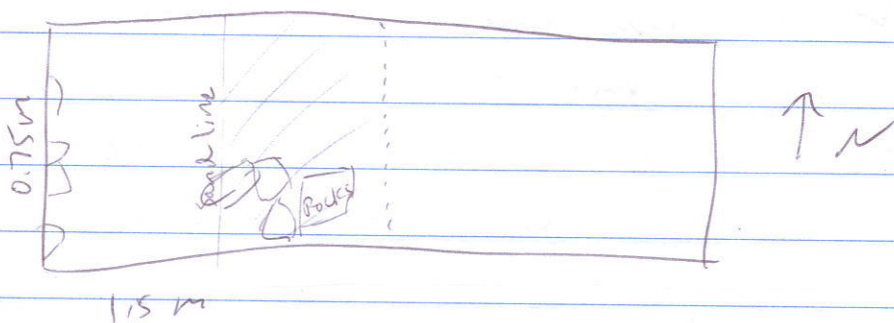
-Rocks left on pedestal.

On 10/9/06:

Focused on western half of trench which is believed to be inside the magnetic anomaly seen on the geosurveys

Dug down through 8 levels. About half way through the wall that we excavated, we observed a natural line along the NS direction. To the East of the line was a deposit of sandy soil, visible along the wall as vertical stratigraphy. Major finds include two pieces of red pottery w/ black glaze. These were found on the first two layers excavated of the day (layers 3 and 4).

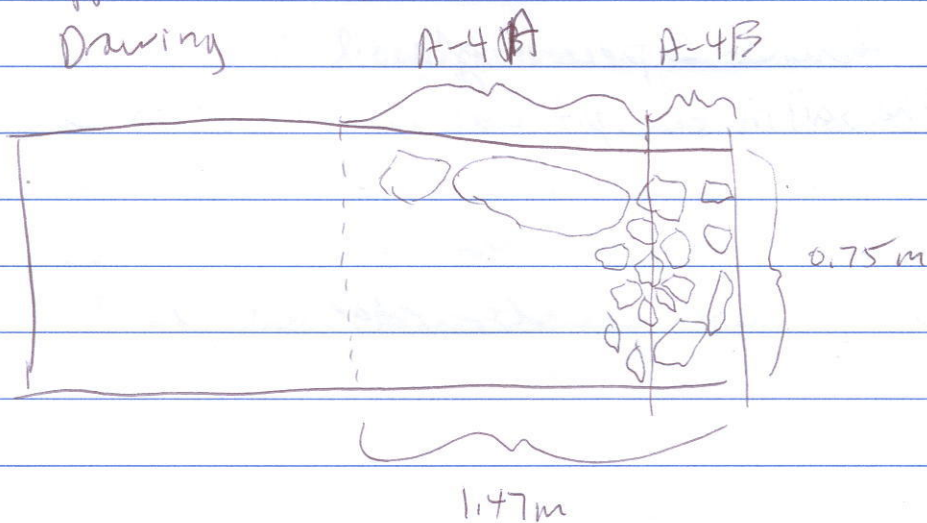
Drawing from memory:



Today 10/16/06:

Excavated other half of trench (East half)
Excavated down 3-6 levels.
Lots of rocks found in concentration near the eastern wall of the trench. The location of the rocks seems non-random.

A very large rock has been uncovered near the middle of the section estimated today. The concentration of rocks although above the rocks found on 9/25/06, do not appear to be related.



Artifacts:

Many pieces of brick

Natural stratigraphy ~~4~~ layers between layers 4/5 from dark soil to lighter clay.

10/23/06

Today we finished the 9th lot and haven't yet started the 10th lot. Today was mainly devoted to sketching the pit & we completed the plan view for the Western edge of the pit.

In the short amount of time we had to dig, we found 1 piece of glass & 1 piece of pottery (ii)

The soil in the pit was very easy to dig & we noticed two distinct soil colors. One which was a pale sandy color & the other was a darker wetter color.

10/30/06

We did not dig today. We finished mapping the plan view and the profile view.

11/6/06

Today, we began by digging the eastern portion of the pit. We dug what we assumed was the 7th layer level (there was a missing lot form). The soil here was full of rocks. It devoid of any artifacts. We then decided to level the western end of the pit. This meant bringing ~~the~~ lot 8 down from a level of 73cm to a level of 99cm (which is what lot 8 was at). In digging we found a large sewer pipe that ~~is~~ is a fragment. Also found glass, charcoal & ceramic.

11/11/06 Tina Charest & Adam Moss

The initial levels were approximately 98cm around. When digging the West portion of the Western lot, we discovered a metal tank. The tank appears to be cylindrical and extends lengthwise in the North/South direction.

The sewage pipe that we found last week was removed.

11/11/06

Adam Moss excavated, Zoe Agos took over for last 20 min or so.

Found an old ~250 gallon metal tank at W. end of pit, at 70 cm below ground surface above the tank.

Tina Charest, Adam Moss, Zoe Agos excavated, with visitor Val Hall.