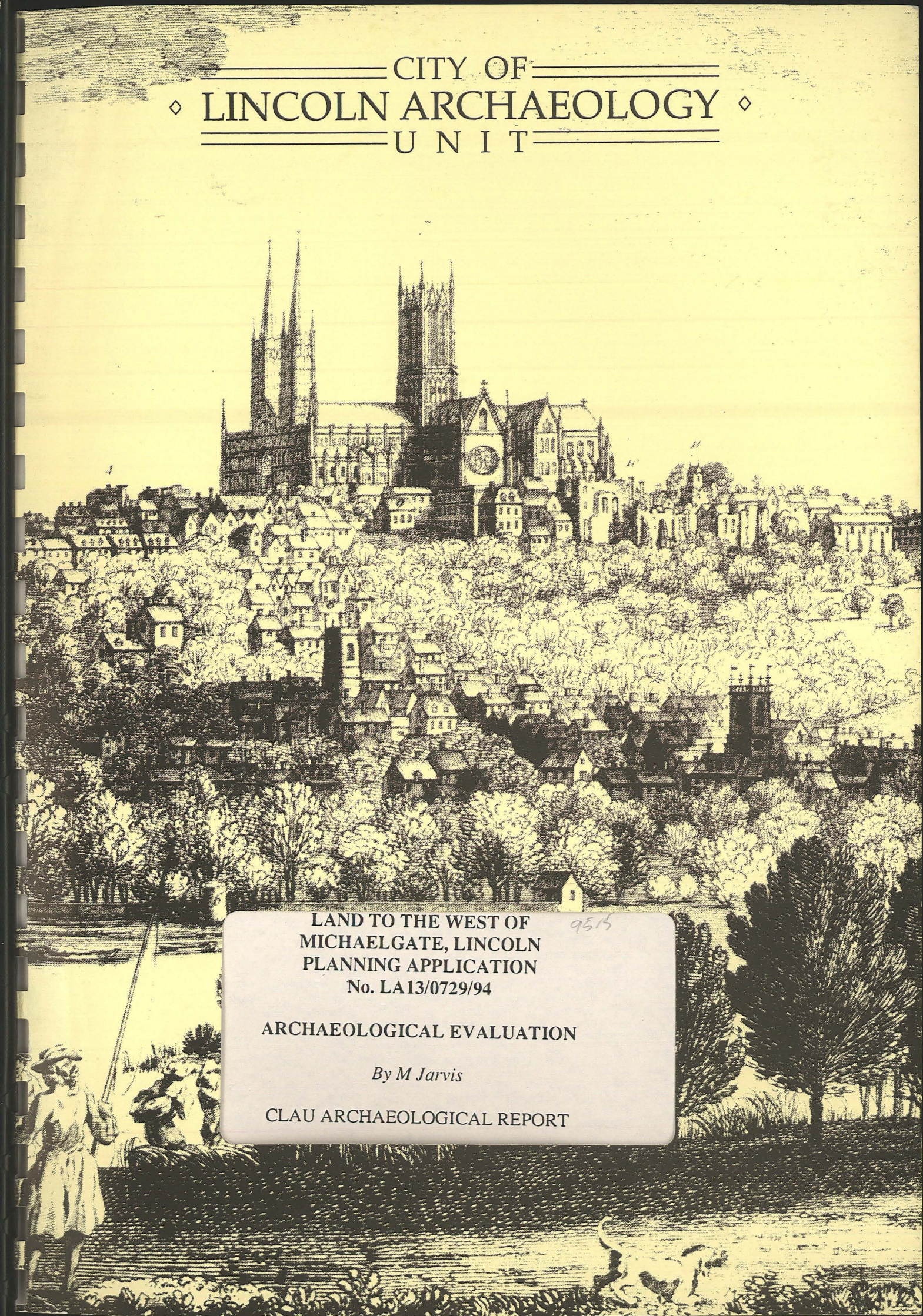


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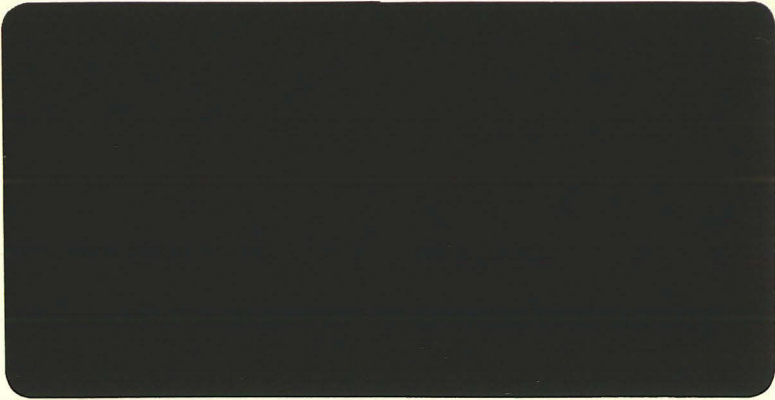


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## ***1. Introduction***

This document has been prepared by the City of Lincoln Archaeology Unit (CLAU) for Mr N. W. Cawley, to supply archaeological information in support of a planning application for the construction of a residential dwelling (application No. LA13/0729/94).

## ***2. Site Location***

The site is located on the west side of Michaelgate (National Grid Reference SK 9754 7164), immediately to the west of a block of residential apartments constructed in the mid 1980's (Fig. 1).

### ***2.1 Topography and Geology***

The site lies on the slopes of a Jurassic Limestone scarp, known as the Lincoln Edge. The 1:50000 scale geological map for the area (sheet 114) shows the site to lie on an outcrop of Upper Lias clay. The proposed site lies between the 37m and 45m contours.

### ***2.2 Background***

The proposed development lies in an area of high archaeological importance. Previous archaeological investigations on the hill slope in the vicinity of the site have revealed evidence for occupation dating from the Roman and Medieval periods. Excavations to the west of the site in 1973 revealed evidence for probable Roman and Medieval terracing. To the south of the development excavations in 1983-4 revealed a north-south Roman road and Roman town house, as well as the remains of the Medieval church and associated cemetery of St. Peter Stanthaket.

## ***3. Aims and Methodology***

Three geotechnical trial pits, primarily intended to establish ground conditions, were machine excavated on the site of the proposed development (see Fig. 1). A representative from the CLAU was present during their excavation to monitor for the presence of archaeological deposits.

The archaeological record was secured by means of trench-side observations, measured drawings and photography.

#### **4. Trench Location (Fig. 1)**

Trench 1 lay approximately 2m to the south of a low, east-west terrace wall forming the northern boundary to the residential apartments and the proposed development area. Trench 2 was situated approximately 1m north of the southern access road to the apartments and 3m from their western boundary. Trench 3 was sited midway between Trenches 1 and 2, 5m to the west of the apartment building.

#### **5. Results**

##### **Trench 1**

Deposits of natural clay were encountered within Trench 1 approximately 300mm below the present ground level [002, 003]. Sealing natural was a deposit of clay intermixed with brick rubble [001]. This deposit may be attributed to the construction of the apartment buildings immediately east of the proposed development.

##### **Trench 2**

Natural clay [006], was recorded approximately 700mm below the top of the present ground level. Sealing the clay was a deposit of ashy soil containing frequent coal inclusions. This deposit may be associated with terrace buildings known to have existed on the site up until the early-mid 20th century. A topsoil [004] sealed this ash deposit.

##### **Trench 3**

Natural clay was present 400mm below ground level. This was sealed by a clay/rubble mix similar to that recorded in Trench 1 [001].

#### **6. Conclusions**

The excavation of the three trial trenches revealed no evidence for occupation earlier than the late 19th-early 20th centuries. However, due to the complicated nature of the Roman and later terracing on and in the vicinity of the site, the possibility of encountering earlier occupation during the construction of the proposed house cannot be discounted.

#### **7. Acknowledgements**

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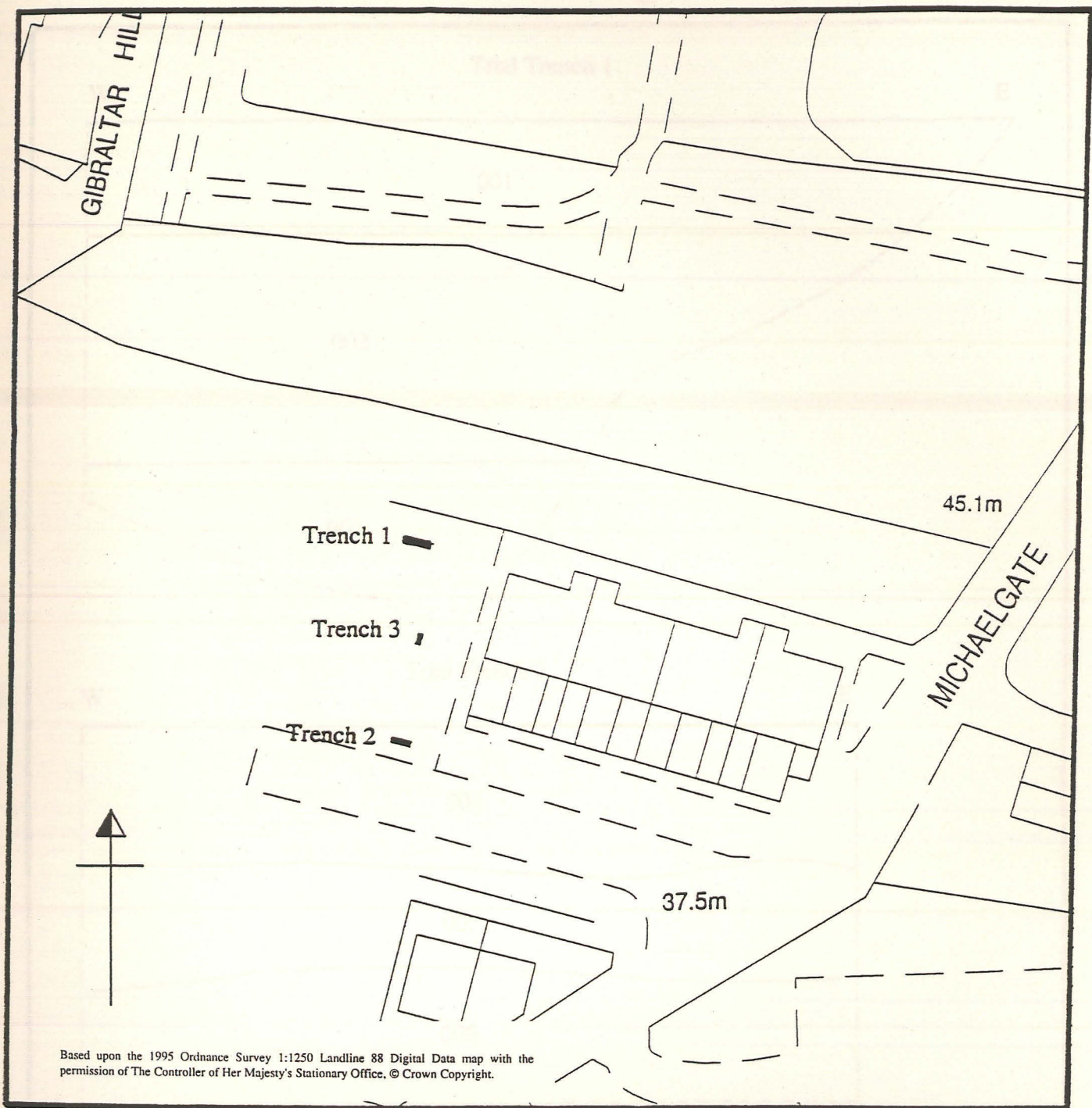
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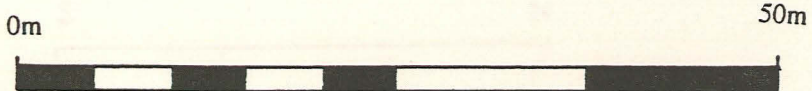
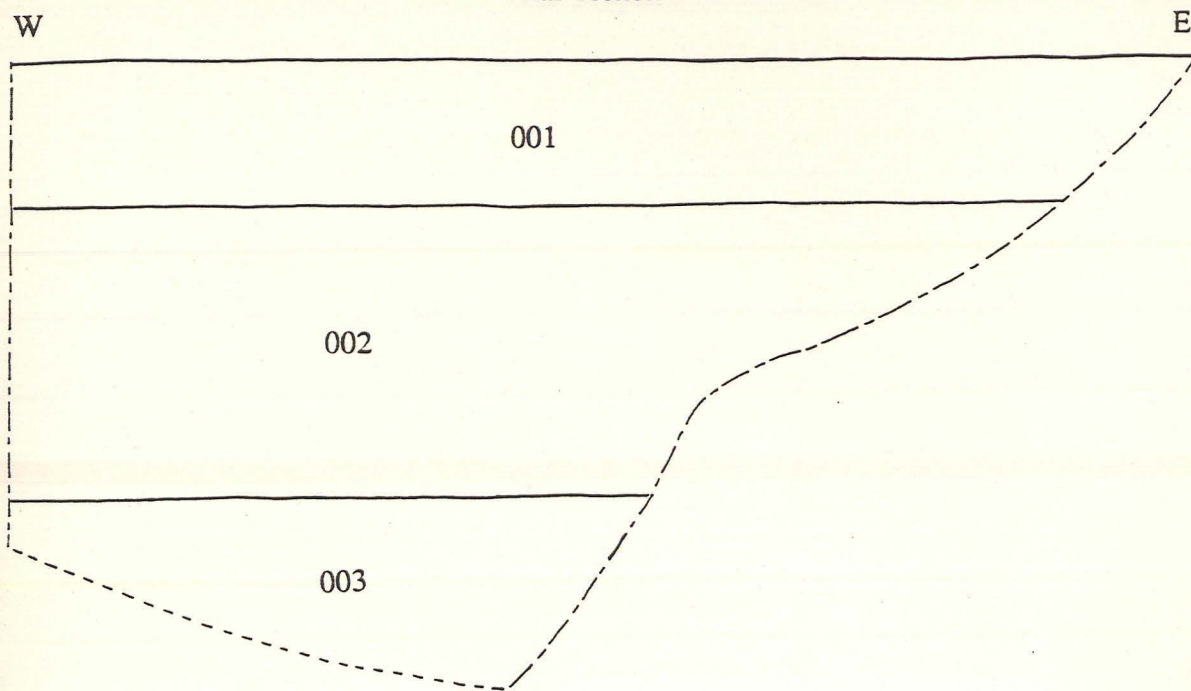


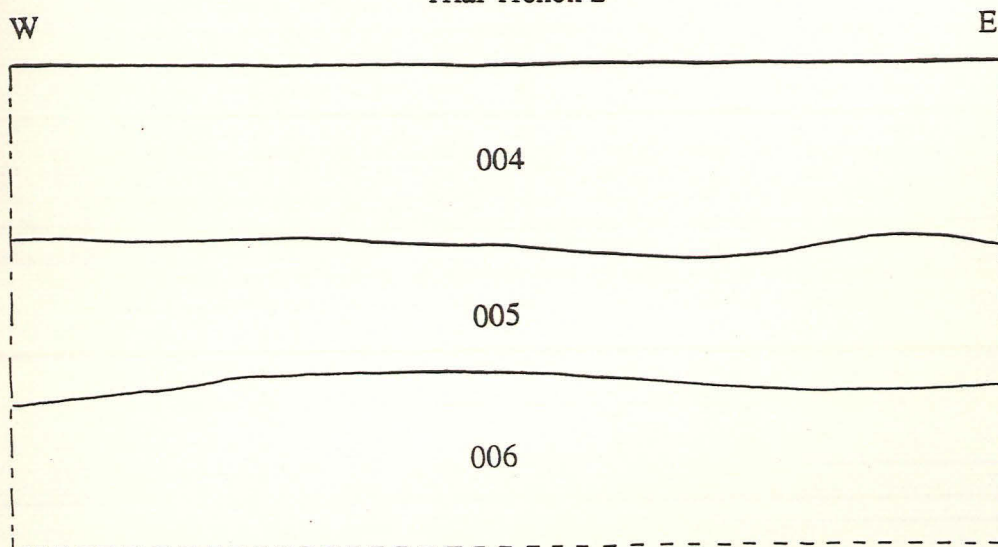


Fig. 2: Trial Trench Sections

Trial Trench 1



Trial Trench 2



Trial Trench 3

