

Weoley Castle – the reduced archive

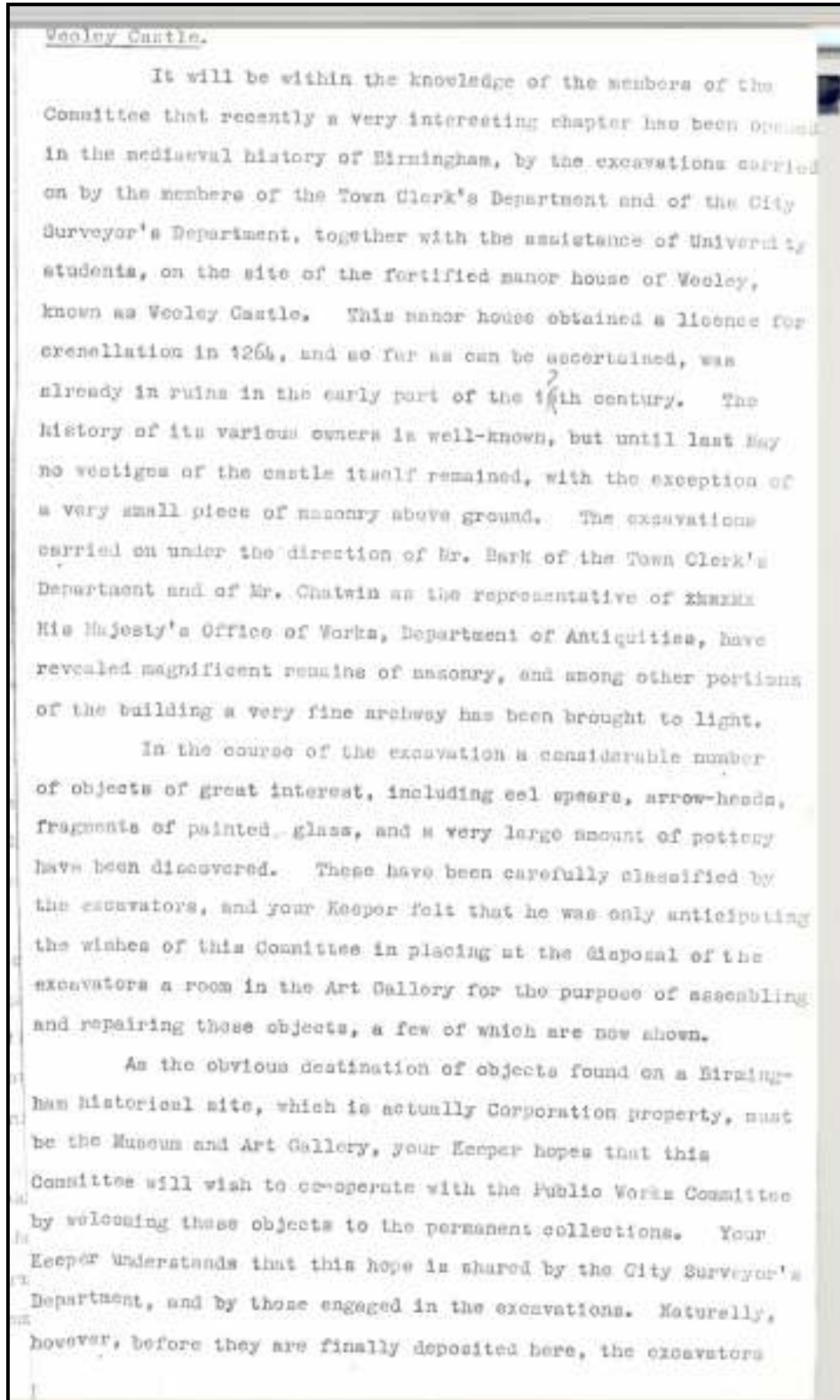
2.0 Pre-war Excavations



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2.1 The Archive

2.1.1 Site Reports etc.



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would wish to have free opportunity of exhibiting them and discussing them with the Archaeological Society and with other interested.

Cant Collection.

Mr. Holden has now completed the distribution of the casts allocated to the Schools of Art in the City, and an application has been received from the Head Master of the Ryland Memorial School of Art, West Bromwich, for a selection of the casts still remaining for distribution. Your Keeper hopes that the Committee will regard this application favourably, and will allow him to use his discretion in the allocation of casts from among the very few still remaining for distribution.

1932

INTERIM REPORT.

WEOLEY CASTLE EXCAVATION.

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SITE.

This covers approximately one acre entirely surrounded by moat, the ground level being approximately four feet above the present water level of moat. The whole is covered for the first eighteen inches in depth with vegetable soil, which, with the exception of that lying immediately next to the walls, appears to contain very little of importance, and could be removed should such soil be required for any purpose on the adjoining Housing Estate.

The stratum immediately below the vegetable soil to the depth at present excavated (4-ft. below) is varied in character. In places it consists of rubble (i.e. broken masonry and disintegrated sandstone and cement) and in others a puddle clay, particularly alongside the north wall, which is rather suggestive of being dumped during the construction of the canal adjoining.

STRUCTURE.

From examination walls have been proved on three sides, north, south and west, but very little appears to remain of the east wall, though this may be discovered at a greater depth than at the moment reached.

NORTH WALL.

This has now been exposed for nearly its entire length at varying depths from ground level to 9'0", proving to be both instructive and interesting, and from the finds which have come to light it appears that some of the more important chambers of the castle were situate in this portion of the site.

SOUTH WALL.

This wall has now been partially exposed, but has not been excavated to sufficient depth to venture an opinion as to its purport.

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WEST WALL.

This contains evidences of an important archway which was in all probability the main entrance, a horse-shoe bastion, and perhaps a wicket adjoining the main archway, but again a deeper excavation is necessary to prove its definite relation to the remainder.

WALLS GENERALLY.

These are constructed of Frankley stone, which in parts is sound but in others is of very poor quality. They are rich in masons' marks, but very little of the moulded and decorated stone still remains in situ. From the stones which have fallen and have been retained it is safe to say that there was window tracery of thirteenth century style, while another part of the building is of the Perpendicular period. The walls appear to be constructed with faced stones filled in with rubble core.

FINDS.

For the short space of time at our disposal and the shallowness of the works up to date the finds upon the site have been both gratifying and, one might almost say, surprising. Amongst these are moulded stones, ornamental tiles, lead flashing and leaded lights, stained glass, decorated plaster and potsherd. From the nature of these finds it is safe to assume that the building was grandly decorated, and the workmanship of a high order. Special mention should be made of a double constructional arch which is "in situ" in the north-east corner of the site about 3'0" below ground level. It appears to be the top of an opening leading from a larger chamber to a smaller one which has small openings in three of its walls which have the appearance of ~~decks~~ ^{decks} but until a deeper exploration is possible its use cannot be definitely ascertained. Amongst the tiles is an edging tile with fleur-de-lys design, which is in a good state of preservation. The glass discovered appears to be of two kinds, "pot" and "flash". The pot glass, which appears to be blown in one piece, is well

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preserved, while the flash, which is made in layers, powders badly when dry and is difficult to preserve.

HISTORICALLY.

Up to the present nothing has come to light to add to the facts already known. There is no reason for supposing that any building stood upon this site prior to the licence to crenellate in 1264. There are evidences of what might have been later additions on the north wall, but these are as yet insufficient in detail to justify an opinion as to period.

WELL IN GARDEN OF FARM HOUSE.

This is now excavated to a depth of 20 feet, but the water level has not yet been reached. For the first ten feet from the top it is constructed in ring formation made from sand-stone, then the remainder as far as we have gone is bored out of the sand-stone rock. Very little of interest has appeared in the debris drawn from the well except a few potsherds of doubtful period and origin.

GENERAL.

Although the building has always been known as "Weoley Castle", it is safe to assume that it is really a fortified manor-house. No evidence of a keep has been found, or is expected.

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NO. 1036 (S, 24 Nov)		Negatives 1036-33, 34, 35 1036-36, 37, 38 1036-39, 40, 41, 42 1036-43, 44, 45 1036-46, 47, 48 1036-49, 50, 51, 52 1036-53, 54, 55 1036-56, 57, 58 1036-59, 60, 61, 62 1036-63, 64, 65 1036-66, 67, 68 1036-69, 70, 71, 72 1036-73, 74, 75 1036-76, 77, 78 1036-79, 80, 81, 82 1036-83, 84, 85 1036-86, 87, 88 1036-89, 90, 91, 92 1036-93, 94, 95 1036-96, 97, 98 1036-99, 100, 101, 102 1036-103, 104, 105 1036-106, 107, 108 1036-109, 110, 111, 112 1036-113, 114, 115 1036-116, 117, 118 1036-119, 120, 121, 122 1036-123, 124, 125 1036-126, 127, 128 1036-129, 130, 131, 132 1036-133, 134, 135 1036-136, 137, 138 1036-139, 140, 141, 142 1036-143, 144, 145 1036-146, 147, 148 1036-149, 150, 151, 152 1036-153, 154, 155 1036-156, 157, 158 1036-159, 160, 161, 162 1036-163, 164, 165 1036-166, 167, 168 1036-169, 170, 171, 172 1036-173, 174, 175 1036-176, 177, 178 1036-179, 180, 181, 182 1036-183, 184, 185 1036-186, 187, 188 1036-189, 190, 191, 192 1036-193, 194, 195 1036-196, 197, 198 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NO. <i>WC 1934</i> <i>5 Jan</i> <i>1 Nov</i>		Negatives <i>1479 1487</i> <i>1495, 9</i> <i>15/14</i> <i>1611-2, 4</i>
Description		<i>15/14/15</i> <i>WC 148-5</i> <i>SSY-2000</i>
Source <i>W. tower + wall + round tower</i> <i>N. wall</i>		Slides

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(4) *Weoley Castle*. The question of the possibility of co-operating with the Birmingham Corporation in the complete excavation and preservation of the remains of the Castle buildings was referred to a special Sub-Committee. As the result of the Sub-Committee's report, and after most careful consideration, your Committee very reluctantly came to the conclusion that there was no prospect of its being able to raise the large sum required, and consequently it did not see its way to issue an appeal to the members. This decision has been communicated to the City Surveyor with an intimation that, if a scheme were formulated in any other quarter, your Committee would gladly render any assistance in its power and would use its best endeavours to obtain the support of the members of the Society.

In the meantime, the clearing of the ruins is being continued by our member, Mr. G. M. Bark, assisted by voluntary workers. Your Committee has made a small grant to assist the work.

TBAS LUN (1937)

P5023-B11(C)

1020-1934

NO. <u>WC 1935</u> <u>7 July</u> <u>15 Dec</u> <u>20 Dec</u>		Negatives <u>186/4-5, 4-9</u> <u>10-12 1450</u>
Description		Photographs <u>WC 500-500</u>
Source <u>SW corner</u> <u>round tower base</u> <u>W wall + double entrance</u> <u>N wall</u> <u>W wall internal</u>		Slides

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(5) Weoley Castle. The excavation of the remains of the Castle is being continued. By arrangement with the Public Assistance Committee a number of unemployed men have been engaged in rough digging throughout the year, the spoil being transferred to adjoining land which is to be laid out as a playing-field.

The Public Works Committee has made a grant towards the cost of consolidating the masonry, and this work has now been executed by H.M. Office of Works, which is also fixing the floor levels, making the masonry-work more secure and rendering the site more attractive.

No grant is available for the work of excavation which is still being carried out by voluntary labour under the supervision of Mr. G. M. Bark, F.S.A., with the advice of Mr. Philip B. Chatwin, F.S.A. The year's work has been mainly in the vicinity of the postern gate and round tower. Interesting results have been obtained.

18AS LIX (1936)

P2703-B21(C)

1019-1935

NO. <u>WE 1936</u>		Negatives
<u>Y</u> <u>25 April</u>		<u>213/2-7</u>
Description	<u>WE 381 Thimble (?) 1952</u> <u>WE 350 Spindle-whorl</u> <u>WE 347-348 Spins</u> <u>WE 419 Shearman</u> <u>WE 432 Shovel</u> <u>WE 443 Staircase</u> <u>WE 466 Shoe</u> <u>WE 506 Bell</u>	Photographs <u>WE 381-388</u>
Source	<u>NE arch</u> <u>NW corner internal - guest room</u>	Slides

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	<u>7-V-36</u>	<u>photo</u>
<u>Bham Mail</u>	<u>7-V-36</u>	<u>photo</u>
	<u>11-V-36</u>	<u>article</u>
<u>Bham Post</u>	<u>26-IV-36</u>	<u>letter</u>
<u>"</u>	<u>28-IV-36</u>	<u>photo</u>
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<u>Bham Mail</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Bham Post</u>	<u>4-V-36</u>	<u>"</u>
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PROB. B25(C)

1013-1936

NO. <i>WD 1934</i> <i>19 Aug</i>		Negatives <i>213/8-12</i>
Description		Photographs <i>we 589-595</i>
Source <i>E side internal</i> <i>NE corner</i>		Slides

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(6) *Weoley Castle*. The clearing of the moat and consolidation of the masonry of the castle walls has been continued during the year, under the superintendence of the architects of H.M. Office of Works, in consultation with the City Engineer and Surveyor, and the President. A further sum of £215 has been paid by the Society on the certificate of the City Engineer and Surveyor towards the cost of the work. This payment, together with the payment of £500 made last year, exhausts the special fund raised by the Society. It is, however, gratifying to report that the City Council decided that the work should be continued.

Mr. G. M. Bark, F.S.A., who for several years devoted practically all his leisure to the study of the history of the castle and superintended the band of voluntary workers, having now left Birmingham, it has been found necessary to dispense temporarily with voluntary assistance. Your Committee wish to record their high appreciation of the valuable work done by Mr. Bark in connexion with this site, unique in the City.

T&AS LXI (1940)

1010-1937

NO.			Negatives	
WC 1938			245/5	
June			17	
5 Aug			16	
			18 (1483)	
			19	
Description			Photographs	
	WC 1061	Zonaphis fluvial	WC 390	solids
	WC 34	Stony out		
	WC 31	Face jug		
	WC 399	Stalagmite right		
	WC 408	Drunk pipe		
	WC 431	Staircase		
	WC 383	Ed III		
	WC 440	Bucket		
	WC 388	1/2 wheel		
Source			Slides	
moat SW octagon tower			find spots	
moat S of NE angle				
moat - near bridge				
moat W side				
moat NW tower				
passage octagon tower			slides	
room " "				
north wall of dairy				
kitchen				
apartments NE arch				
south wall			notes	
west side + drawbridge				
			S tower	
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Description wc 405 Jordon	Slides
Source Museum - trap well Great Hall	

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T&AS LXIII (1944)

1004-1039

FURTHER NOTES

(8) *Weoley Castle*. The work of excavation is being continued by voluntary labour under the supervision of Mr. G. M. Berk, F.S.A. H.M. Office of Works is still engaged in consolidating the masonry. Turf has been laid down on the floor levels of portions of the buildings, which enables the ground plan to be more readily understood. The expenses incurred by the Office of Works up to March 31, 1936, were met by a grant from the Birmingham Corporation, but owing to the necessity for retrenchment in civic expenditure, an intimation was received that the grant could not be renewed. Your Committee, while appreciating the dilemma of the Civic Authorities, could not contemplate with equanimity the abandonment of the work, when so much had been accomplished, and so much remained to be done. It was therefore decided to appeal to the public for funds to enable it to be continued. This proposal met with the cordial approval of the Lord Mayor (Alderman S. J. Grey), who most kindly convened and presided at a meeting in the Council Chamber on April 30, 1936. As the result of the appeal the sum of £716. 17s. 1d.

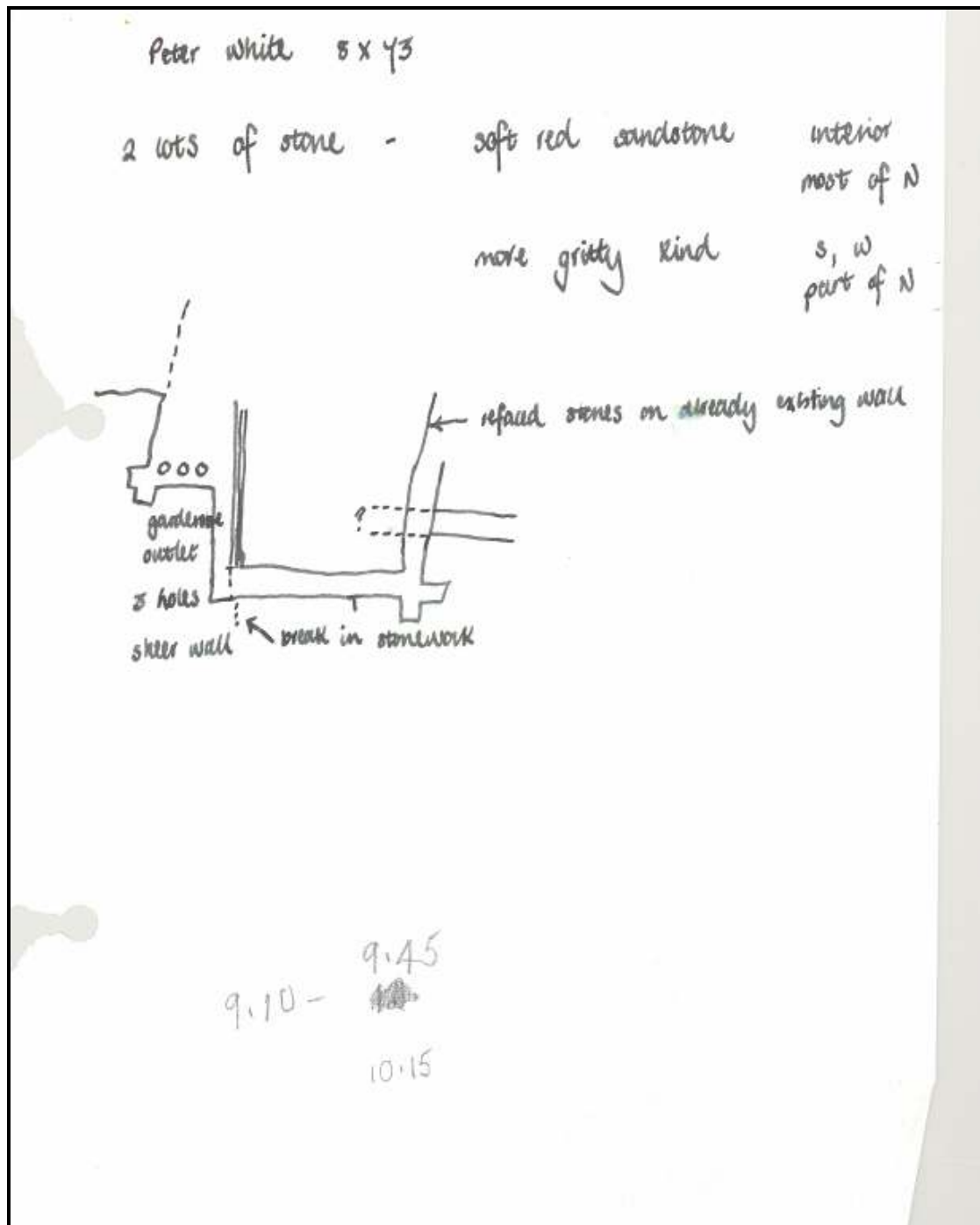
has been raised, which has enabled the work to proceed for the present. Out of the fund collected £500 has been paid on the Certificate of the City Engineer and Surveyor as the amount due to H.M. Office of Works up to September 1, 1936. It will, therefore, be appreciated that it will be impossible to continue operations on the present scale very much longer, unless further aid is forthcoming.

It is to be hoped that under the more favourable conditions now prevailing, the Corporation may see its way to resume responsibility for the reconditioning of this interesting ruin, the only medieval building of its kind within the City.

TSAS LX (1940)

1015-1940

2.1.2 The Diary



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- taken from newspaper articles

WC 352 (?) Coin Edward III

- not found, unless wrong identification

Casting counters

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Copper shingle¹

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✓ Light pottery

✓ Early painted glass & lead work

✓ Painted wall plaster

✓ Tiles, one with lion passant (one identical with some at Maxstoke Castle)

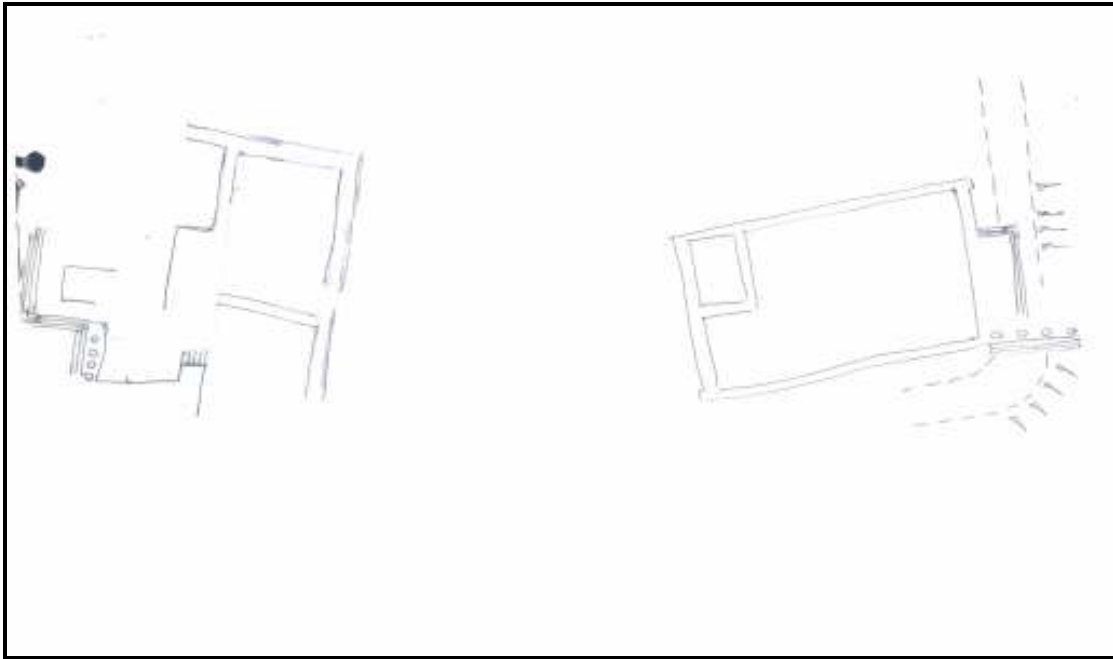
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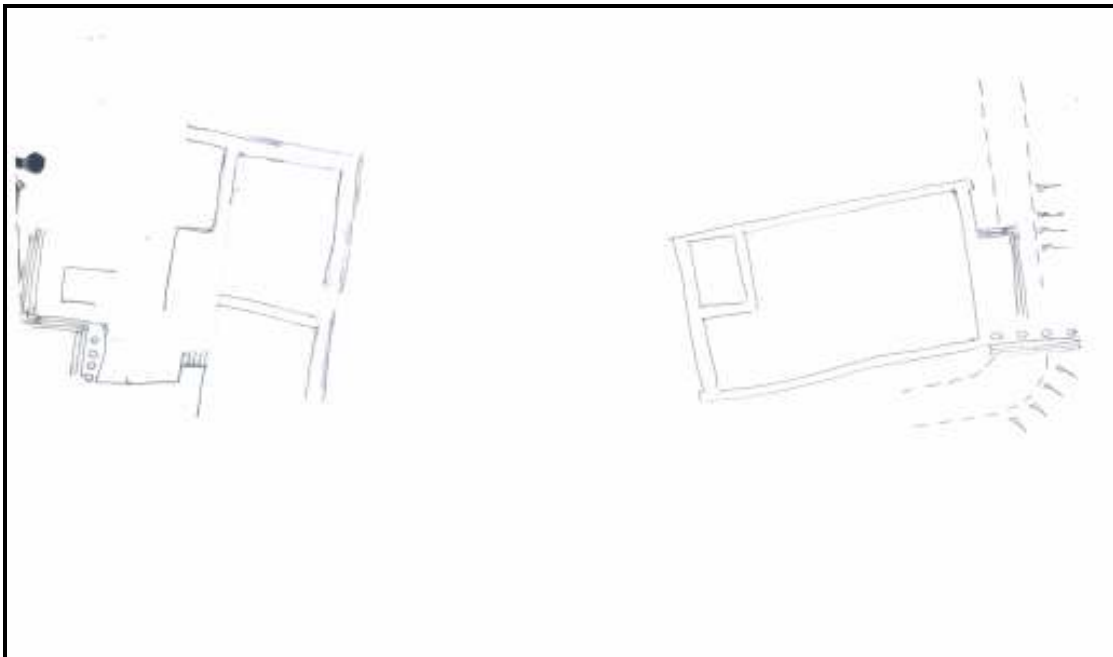
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- WC 405 Musical pipe; bottom of moat close to remains of bridge
- WC 431 Brass strainer, handles, etc; room close to Octagon Tower
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- WC 440 (?) Big bucket; moat, N side, c. 1/2 way down, 2.3 level with top of pond weed and under "top filling"
- WC 388 Gold coin (1/2 Ryas); on other side of wall north of the dairy, near the small square patch of tiles
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Pre-war notes

Levels: original ground level at entrance 1'9" above floor of moat

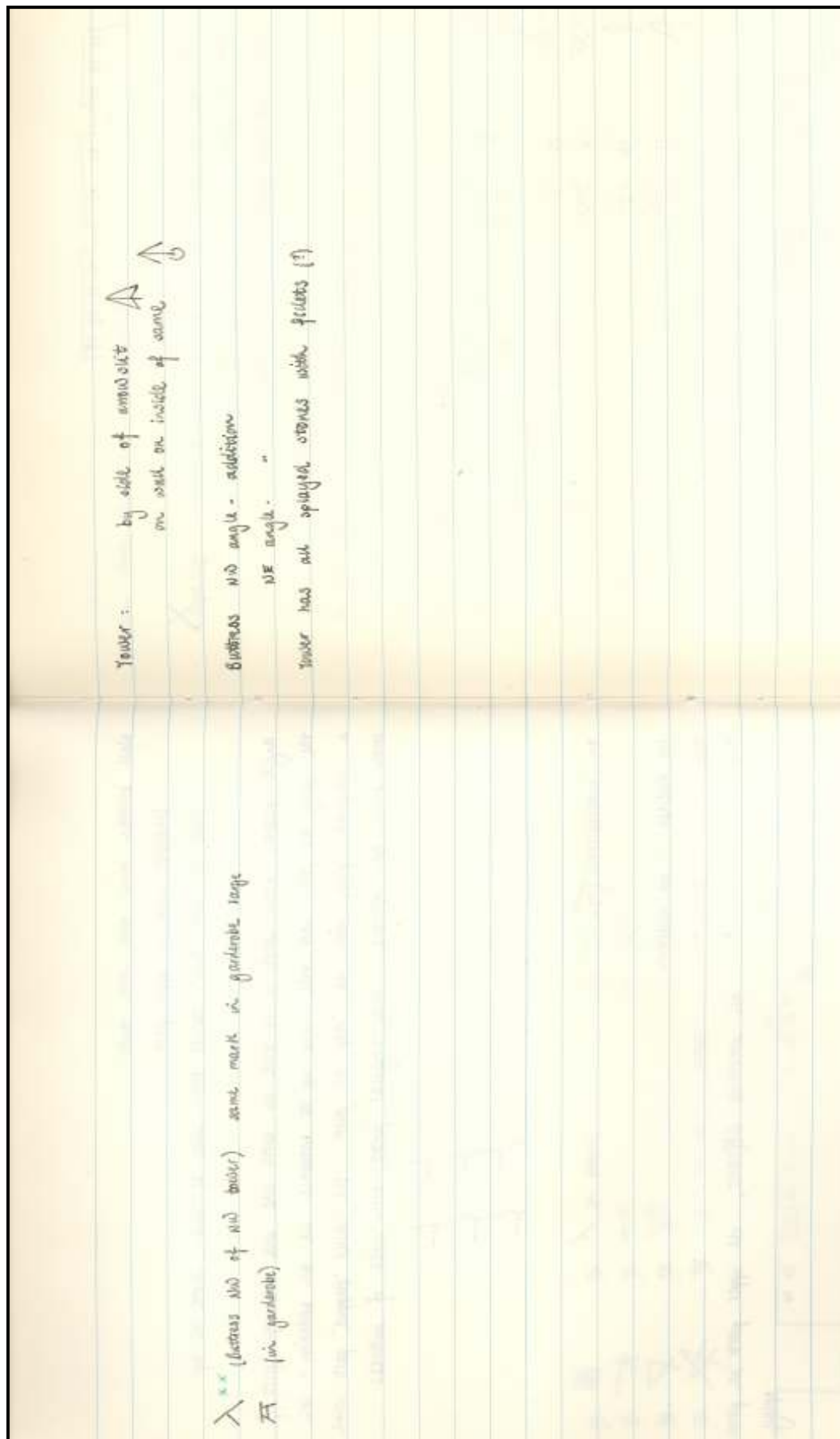
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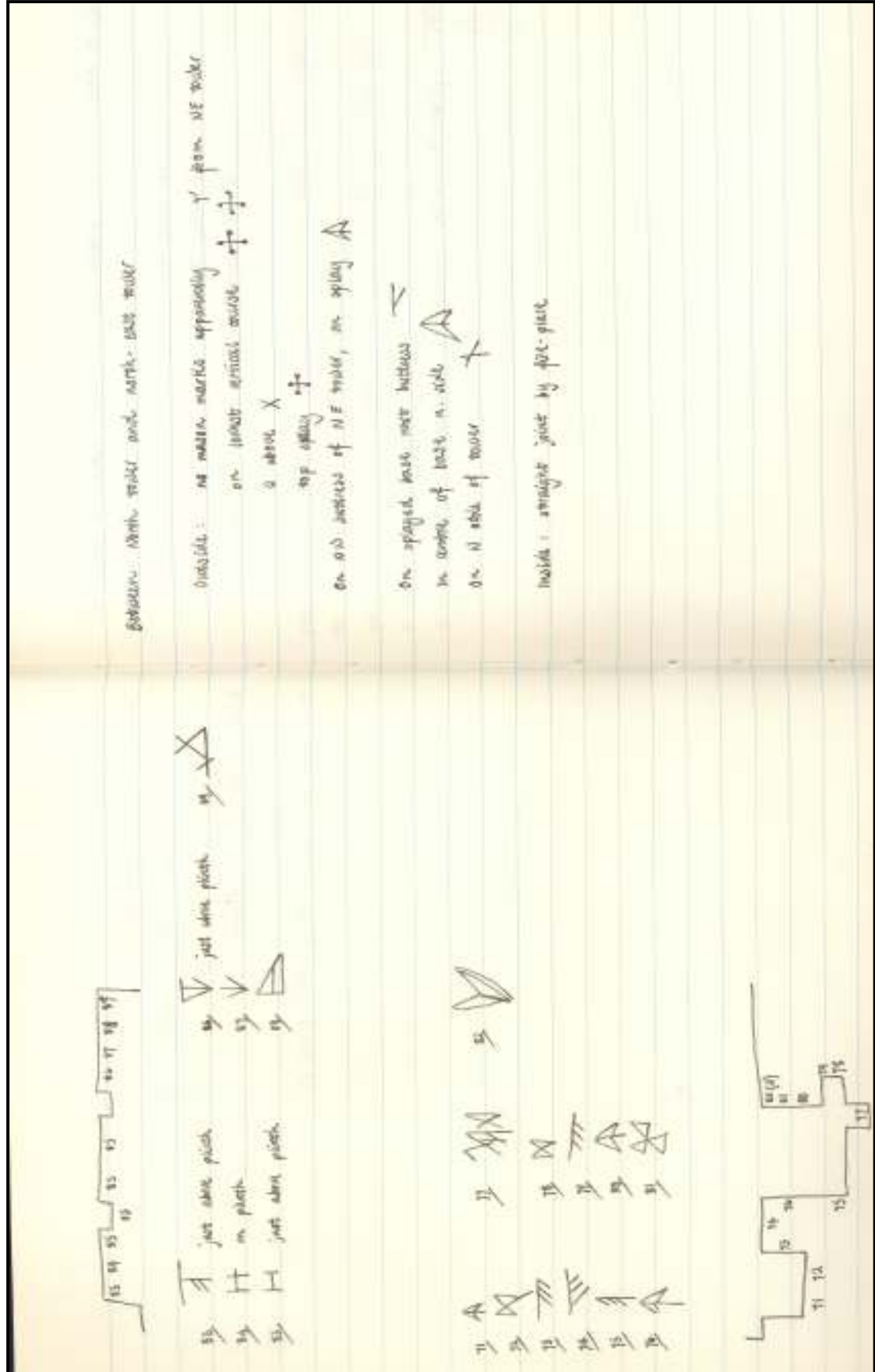
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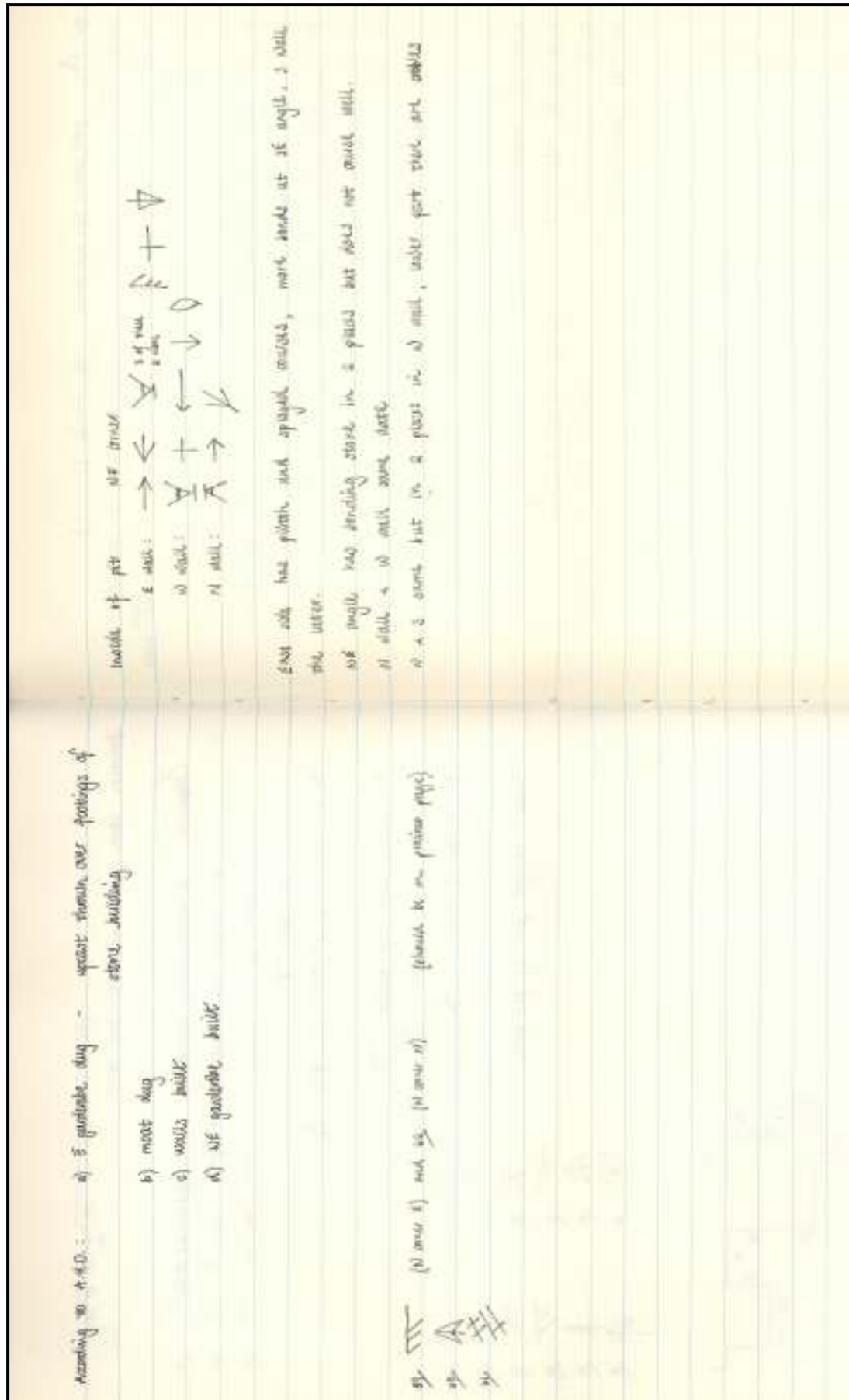
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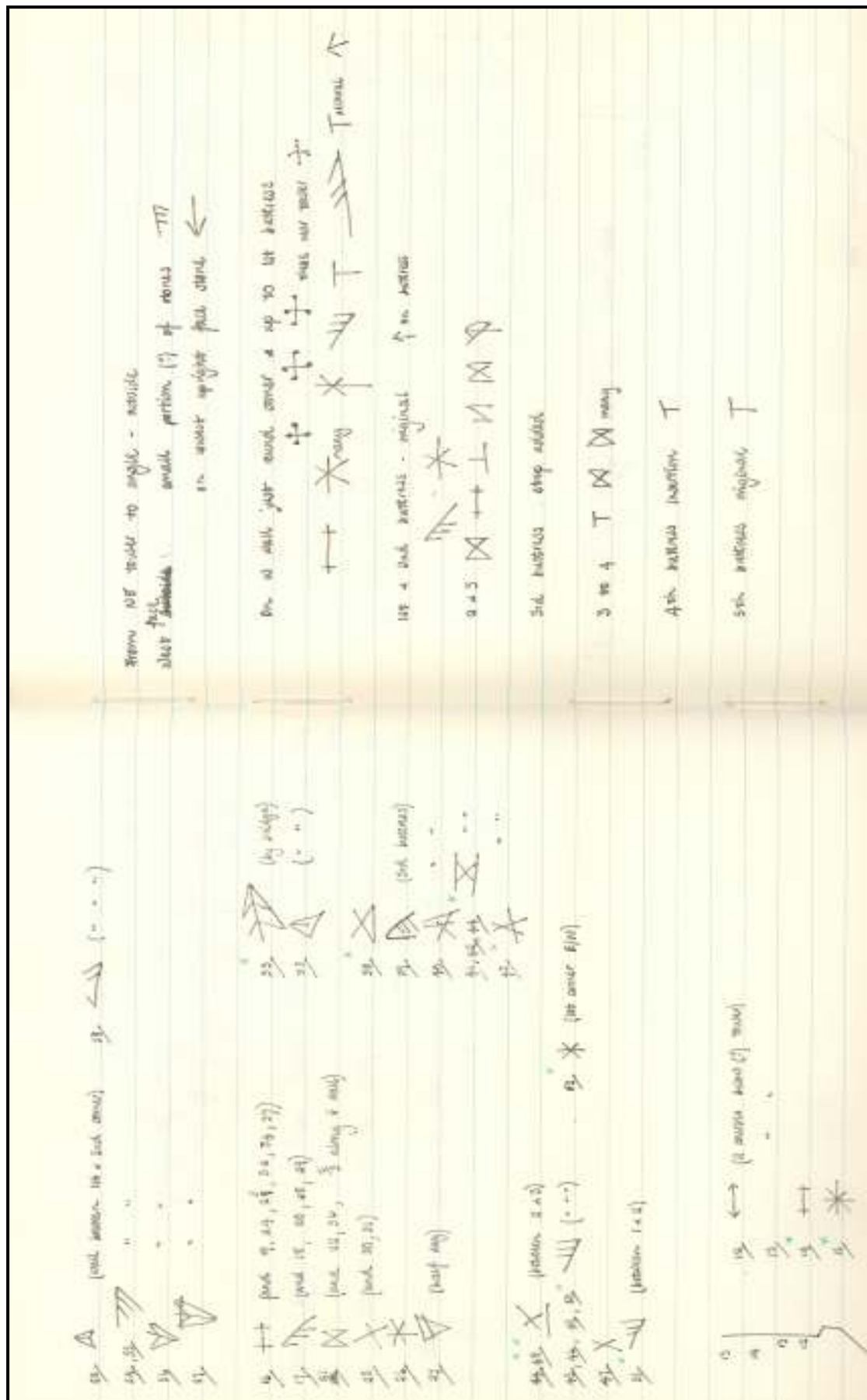
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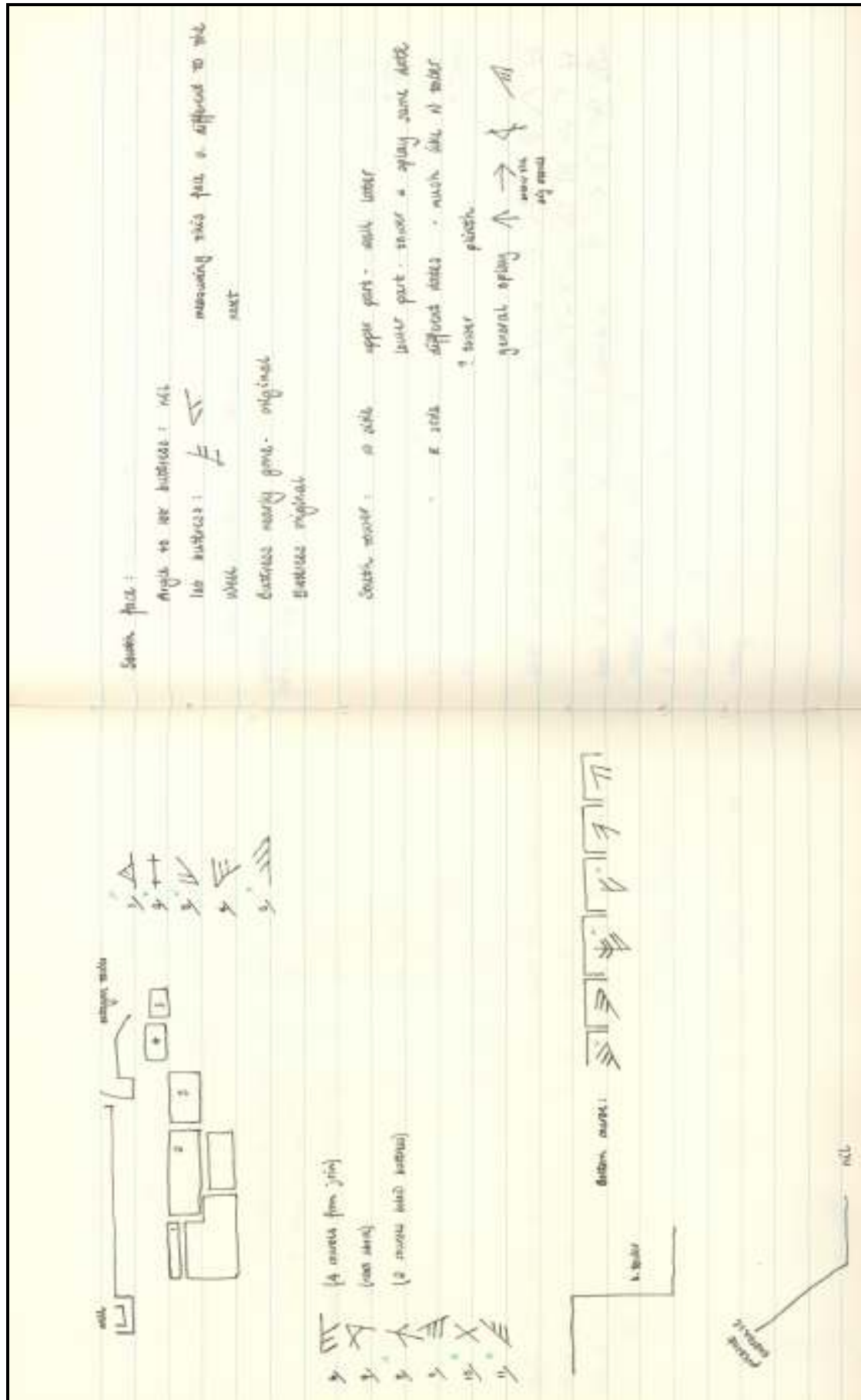
Moat on north side partly filled artificially. Some gypsum noted in this, therefore it is presumed the stuff may have come from the tunnel.



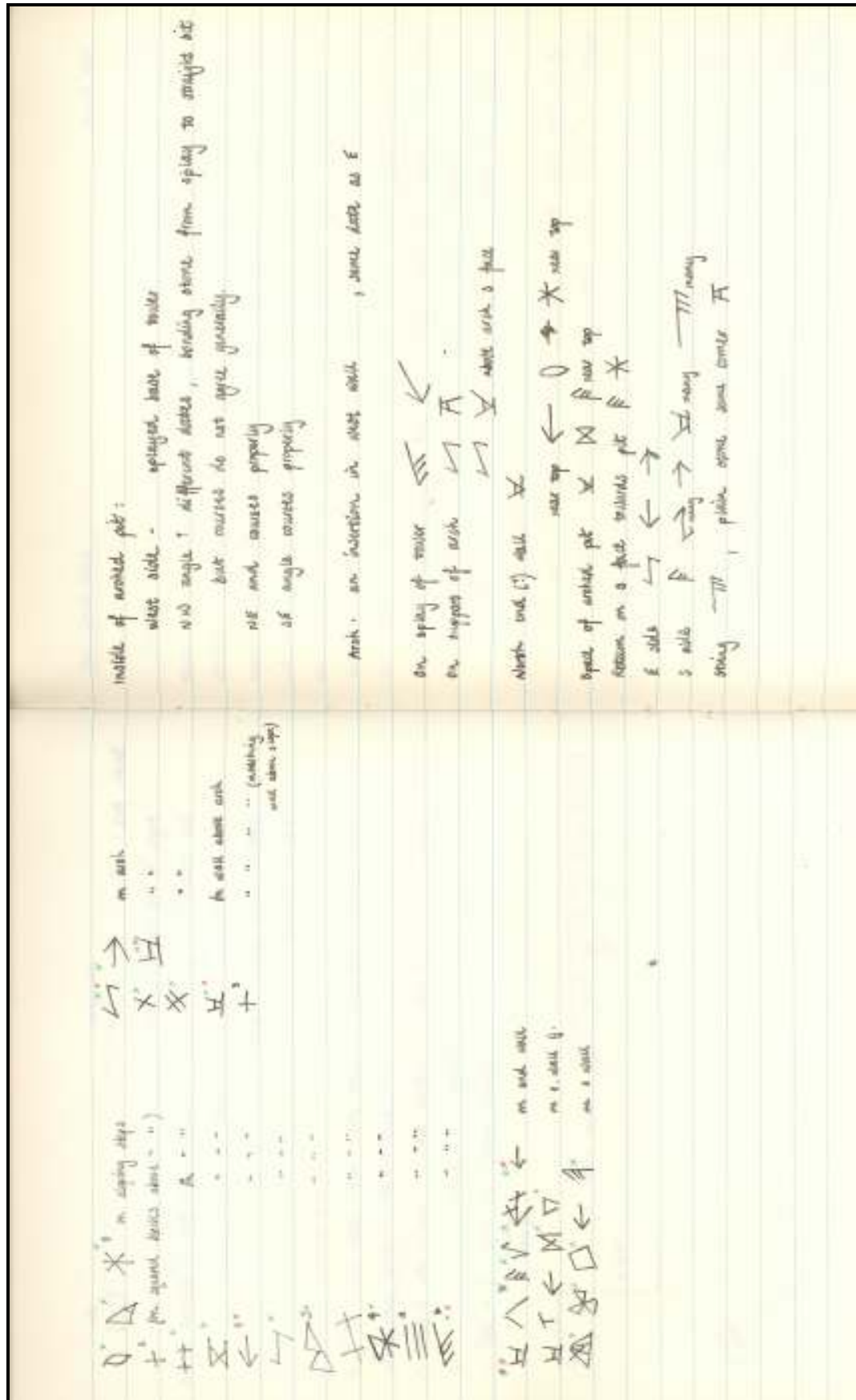








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The Great Hall

August 1939

This backed on to the masonry etc. at the south of the gard-robe tower. Its walls were very thin and of two dates. The room was divided, apparently by a screen, and there was a wall at the expected place, to the east of the entrance door. Down the centre are stone bases for carrying a longitudinal beam on which rested the joists - it is plain it had a boarded floor including the eastern part in which the soil below is rather deeper down than the other. One stone of the door jambs with heavy round mould was in situ and another was found not far away, - this has been put back to make the doorway more evident.

Further south was a hearth - large stone kerb, the space filled with pebbles.

The walls of the hall being so thin cannot have gone up to any great height - they must have been stone below and timber-framed above.

Since this was written a little more work was done between the masonry near the gard-robe tower and the buildings ^{at} the south angle: fortunately, it was just about all cleared before the war. When the foundations were roughly plotted it became apparent that what has been described above as the Great Hall

was only a second hall across the top end of the great hall - the remains of piers with the large stone arches (of which only part remains) was in the middle of the hall near the 'dormer' but a pier on hardly have existed as the walls do not allow of it. The size of this hall was about 40' x 30' and it was floored with joists and boards.

At the south end in the angle was an opening leading to a passage on either side of which was a room - the doorway a fairly, and at the end the kitchen. This is the room described as a 'kitchen', which it may have been in the later life of the castle, but it must have been planned as a kitchen which suggests that the great hall was of quite early date for the kitchen was found in connection with it, and that presumably may be dated by the coin found between the tiles of the kitchen hearth - a silver halfpenny of Edward III 1327-77.

The great hall was at all probability a timber-framed structure for the foundations are quite slight, though the second hall was probably of stone up to part of its height, suggested by the moulded stone jambs of the doorway. There is no suggestion now this second hall was warmed.

It may be presumed that the great hall was built in the middle of the 14th and the second hall about 50 years earlier. When the second hall was the great hall the kitchen might have

W.C. 350 (though this is a penny, not a halfpenny)

been to the south-east and was destroyed when the great Hall and the new kitchen were constructed.

January 10, 1940

The double NE tower was all built at once and apparently with it the large block of masonry to the south.

The buttresses or piers built against the large block are additions and the transverse building, E-W, is built against the W face of the large block. The N, W, & S walls are all of one build, the inner lining of the south wall being an addition.

If the room to the west of the NE tower was over the kitchen (as would appear likely from the pottery found in this tower and in the moat near by) and the Hall served by it being to the south of the large block, then the Hall must have been a previous building, possibly timber-framed, as there is no means of communication between it and the kitchen.

It is not obvious where the kitchen was that served this Hall (if Hall it was), after it was constructed with its lower storey at any rate in stone (the walls of which the lower courses survive) and there is no obvious fireplace. This room, or rooms for the dividing sleeper wall may have carried a screen, had a boarded floor carried on a centre beam running from end to end so the space at the eastern end is best likely to be a cellar or kitchen (the pottery in the moat near here was practically all 16th Tudor)

The west wall of the Great Hall has been much robbed, but it is evident that it was only 22" thick at its maximum; as the roof had a span of nearly 35' it is suggested that this is a masonry foundation only for a timber-framed structure. There is an opening of about 7'6" with the wall thickening out a little on either side at about 30' from the north end, the only sign of possibly the entrance.

The entrance must have been on the other side of a screen at the south end; the present opening, or what is supposed to be an opening, is probably one made when the Hall was used as a barn. The stones along the north (?) side were very irregular when first discovered.

G. M. Bark	Town Clerk's Dept.	Director
W. T. Cutts	City Surveyor's Dept.	Assistant
P. B. Chatwin		Advisor

1932

- 1, 3 out of 4 walls proved
- 2 Remains of octagonal, circular and square towers found.
- 3 Archway large enough for rider to pass under (w tower, not NE corner)

Bham Mail 24-11-32:

- 1 Standing masonry to height of 15' below ground
- 2-3, As above
- 4 Apron mould may be found to continue round exterior

B'nham foot 26-IX-32: letter from G.H. Clark correcting photograph of 27-IX-32. --- The excellent photograph --- shows a pointed archway which has been uncovered to its fullest extent and has a maximum headway of eight feet. It is too early to state definitely what was the purpose of this portion of the building, but the finding of a rich layer of fourteenth-century pottery is suggestive. The arch is at the north-east angle of the site and is not a main entrance.

In the west wall of the castle is a fragment of another arch, which has its foundations many feet below the present ground level. This is large enough to allow a mounted rider to pass and may perhaps prove to be part of a principal entrance.

Times 7-XII-32: short report, no new material. says that glass and tiles may be of later date than masonry

B'nham Mail 11-IV-36: what to find at Weoley at Easter - birds make nests in ruins - 3 years since heron & kingfisher seen - office of works turfed parts of floor

Mem. Nov 24-11-50: Letter from Country's town clerk proposing
 a room for work done at evening - suitable with
 done by Country to preserve heritage of its citizens

Mem. Nov 28-11-50: Lord Mayor's Appeal - notification of
 meeting in Science Chamber when photo, etc. to be
 exhibited

Committee report 11/1/52:

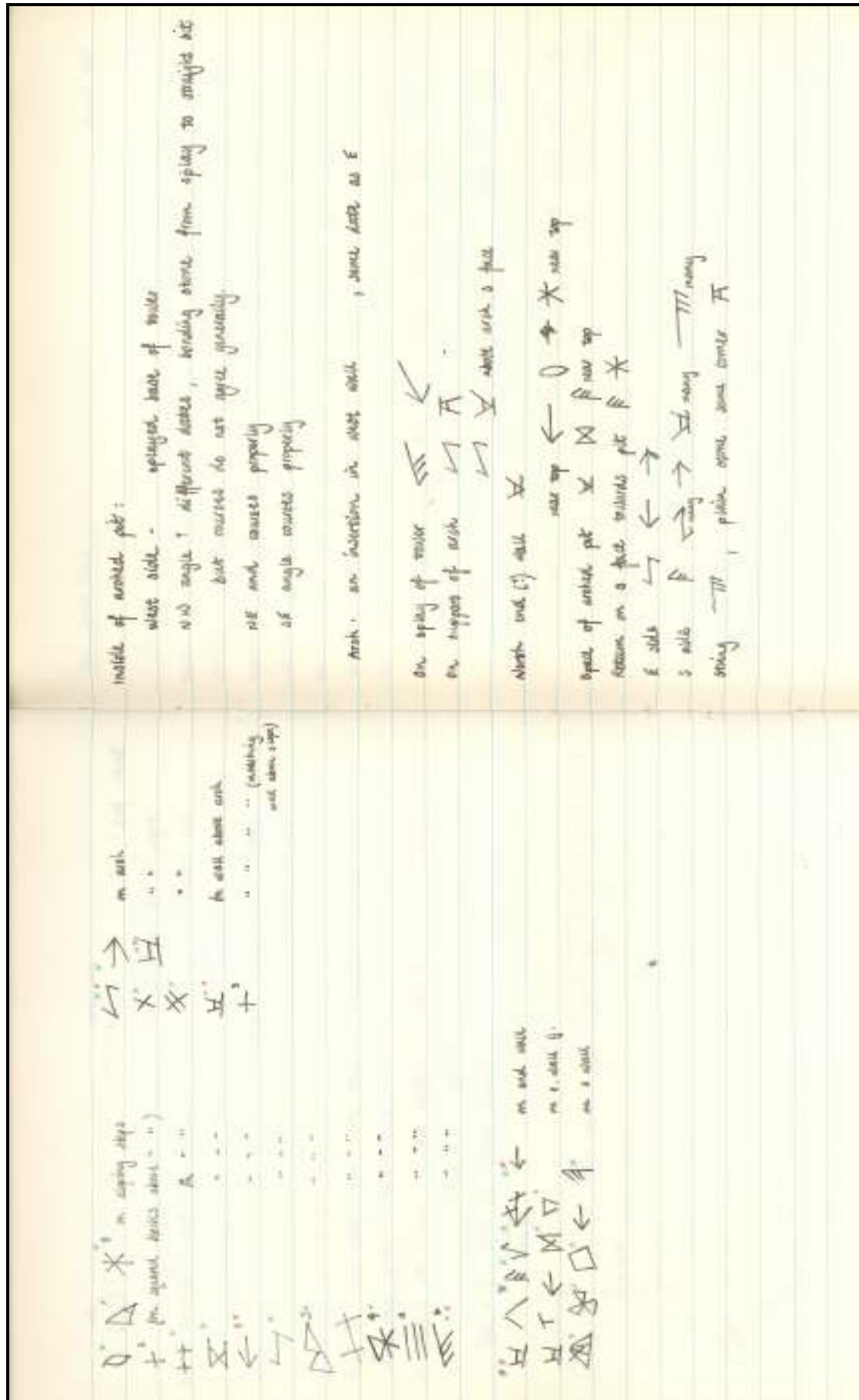
1953 - Resolved: - that this Committee offers its fullest co-
 operation to the Public Works Committee, and to the
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 permanent collection of this Museum.

Extract from Keppel's report.

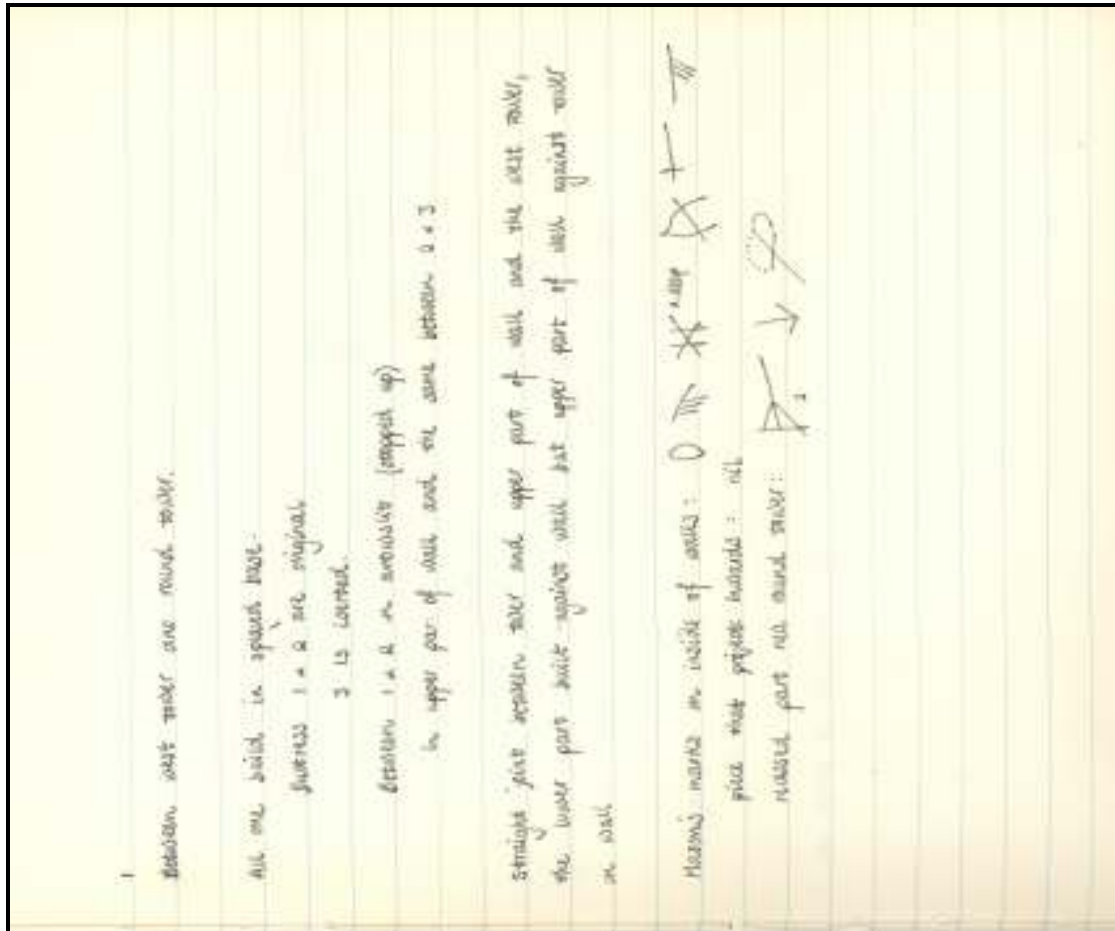
Committee report 22/1/56:

22/1 - With reference to the paragraph in the supplementary
 report relating to finds in the Weoley castle, the keeper
 said that to encourage the excavators at Weoley castle
 he would like to enlarge the exhibits on the site
 leading to the Family Galleries, but found some difficulty
 in doing so owing to the claims of other local be-
 nevolents.

The Chairman said that while he was in favour
 of every encouragement being given to local archaeologists,
 a time might come when such archaeological exhibits
 would have to be transferred to the Archaeological
 Section of the Museum or to some other appropriate place.



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Round tower: inside



some outside except round tower
between round tower and doorway



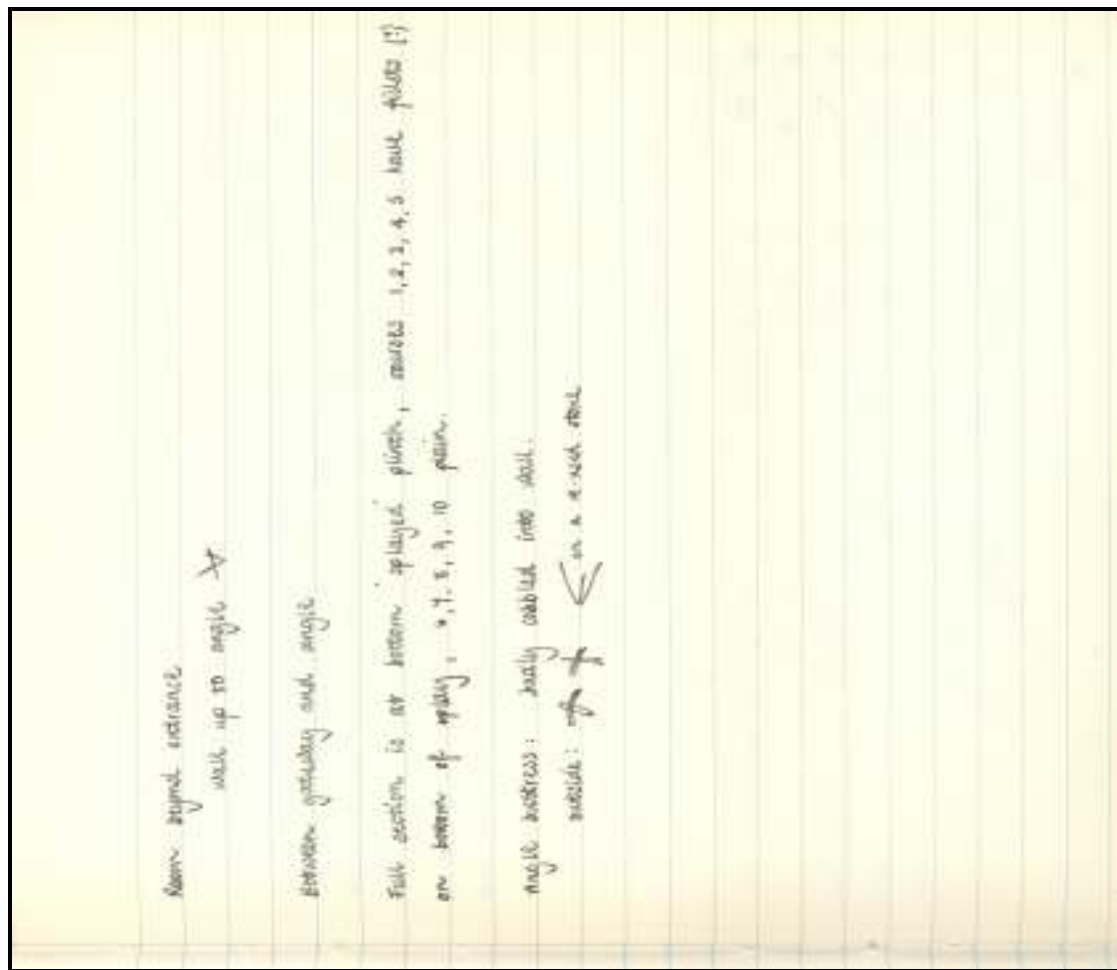
some outside

Gateway projection:

6 or 7 courses of this is of same build as general base.
Splay in centre ditch & far side runs with general splay.
Upper parts both sides seem to be better
in the core the straight joint runs up.

on splay of projection: *





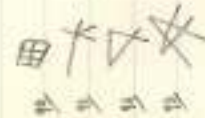
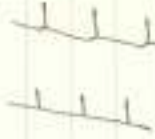
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Wall between tower and north tower

Straight joint in upper part

Base of north tower earlier than base of wall, same at top.

Angle buttress with about a' of base on north side and the upper part of the plying on the east side right up to entrance all an addition - all a complete spay with no 'step' at joint. The lower 'stepped' part some ~~was~~ built as internal. Very irregular joints both sides of buttress.



On buttress: K

1st buttress - an addition

2nd " " " "

3rd " " " " all somewhat different, the upper parts all plain spay.

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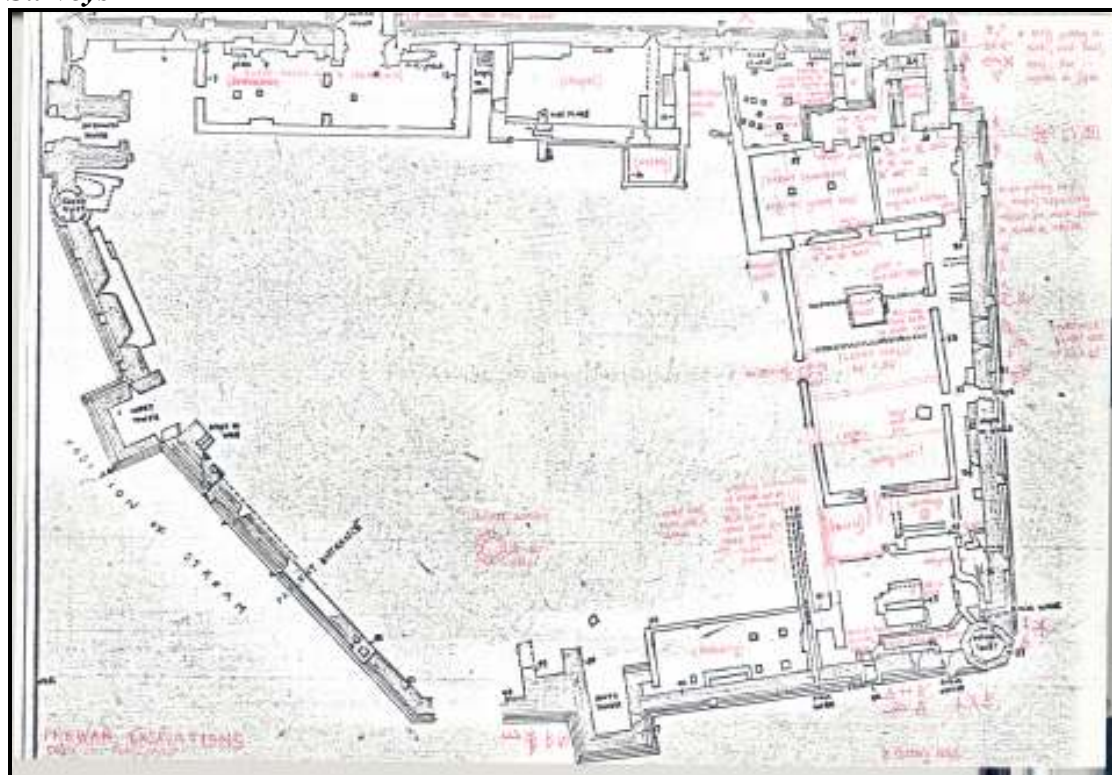
Lord Mayor's Appeal: Auction of ABS's
autograph

AM Bank wrote to A Bernard Shaw "In spite of all warnings to the contrary, I venture to solicit your influence"
Mr Shaw returned letter with marginal note in red ink: "Better in the old place to America. I have no influence in Sham. There are dozens of leading citizens who can afford the needed money much better than I do can. Besides, if Sham doesn't want the castle, why should I interfere?"

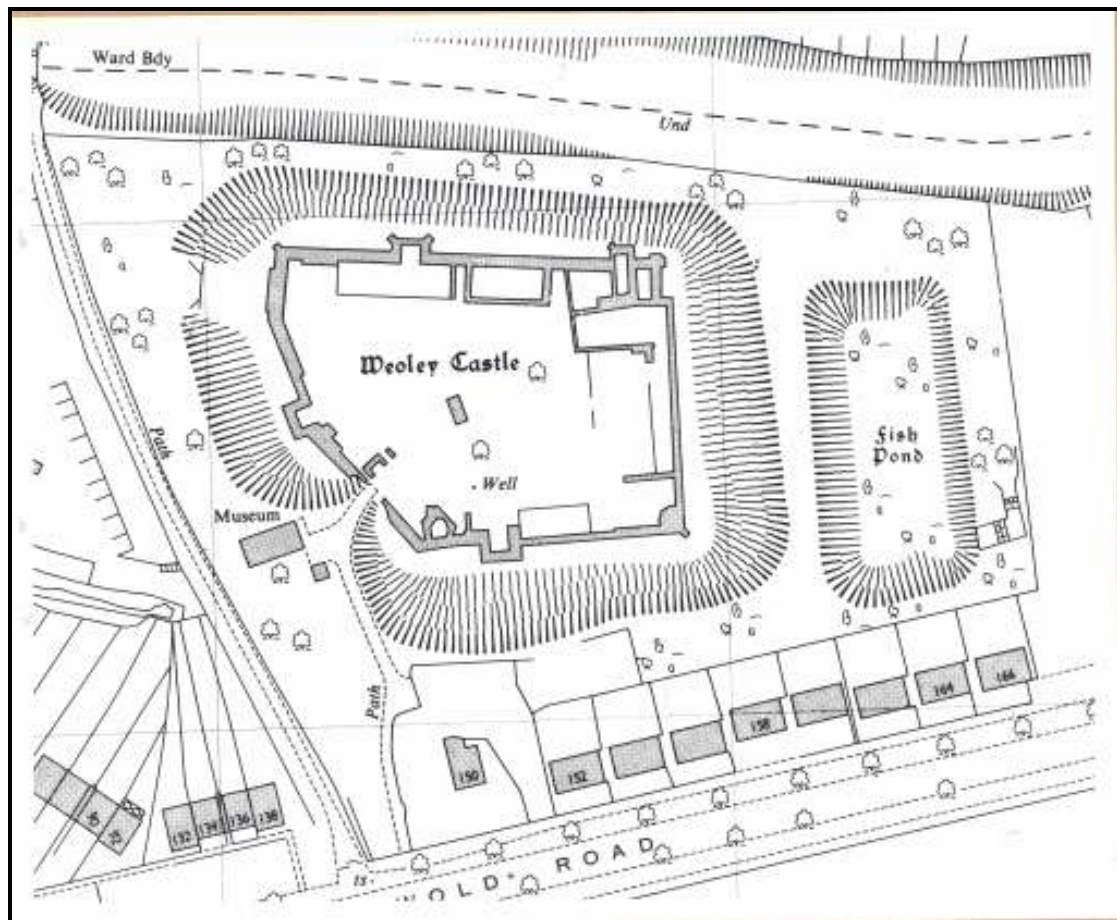
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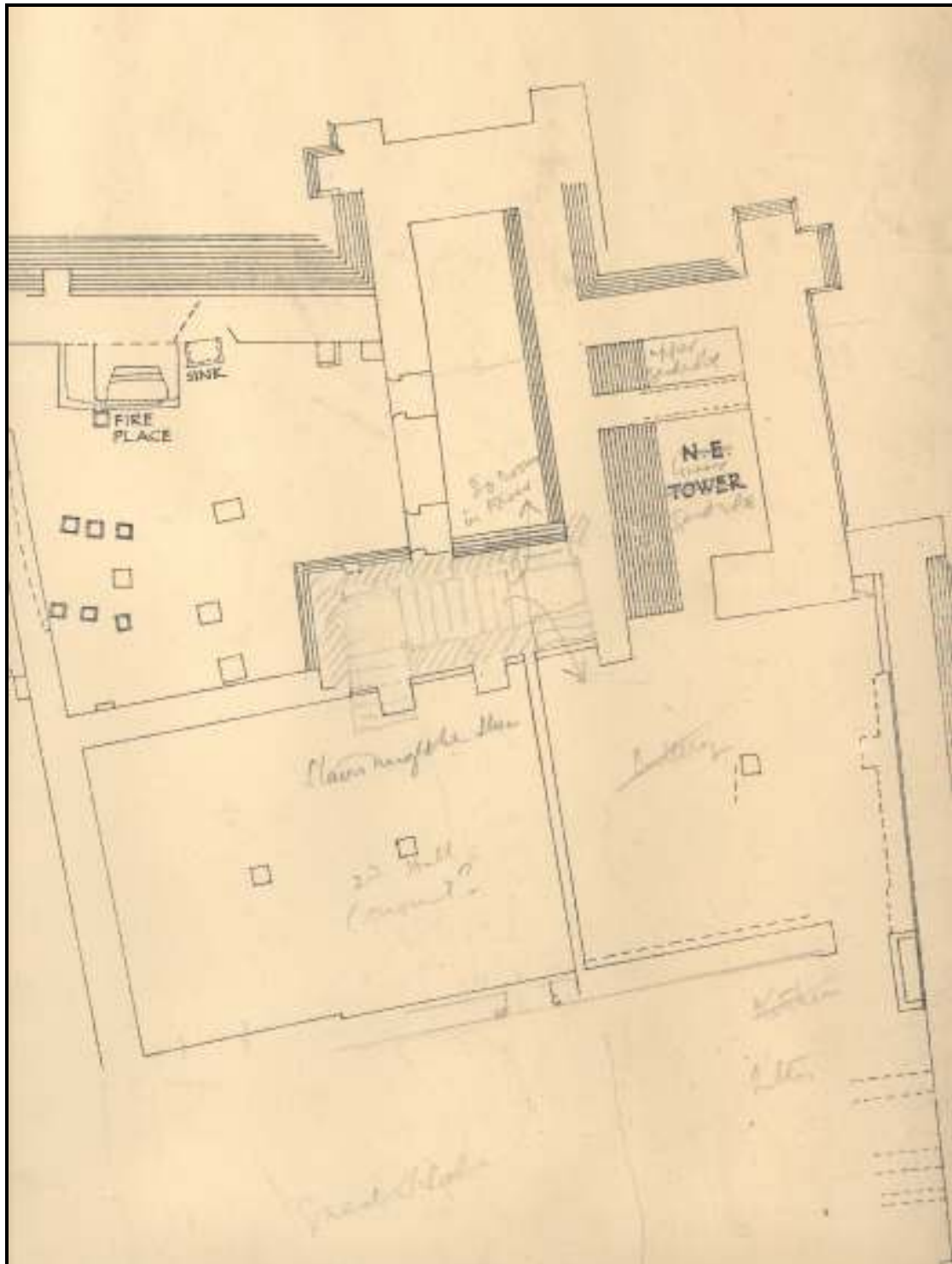
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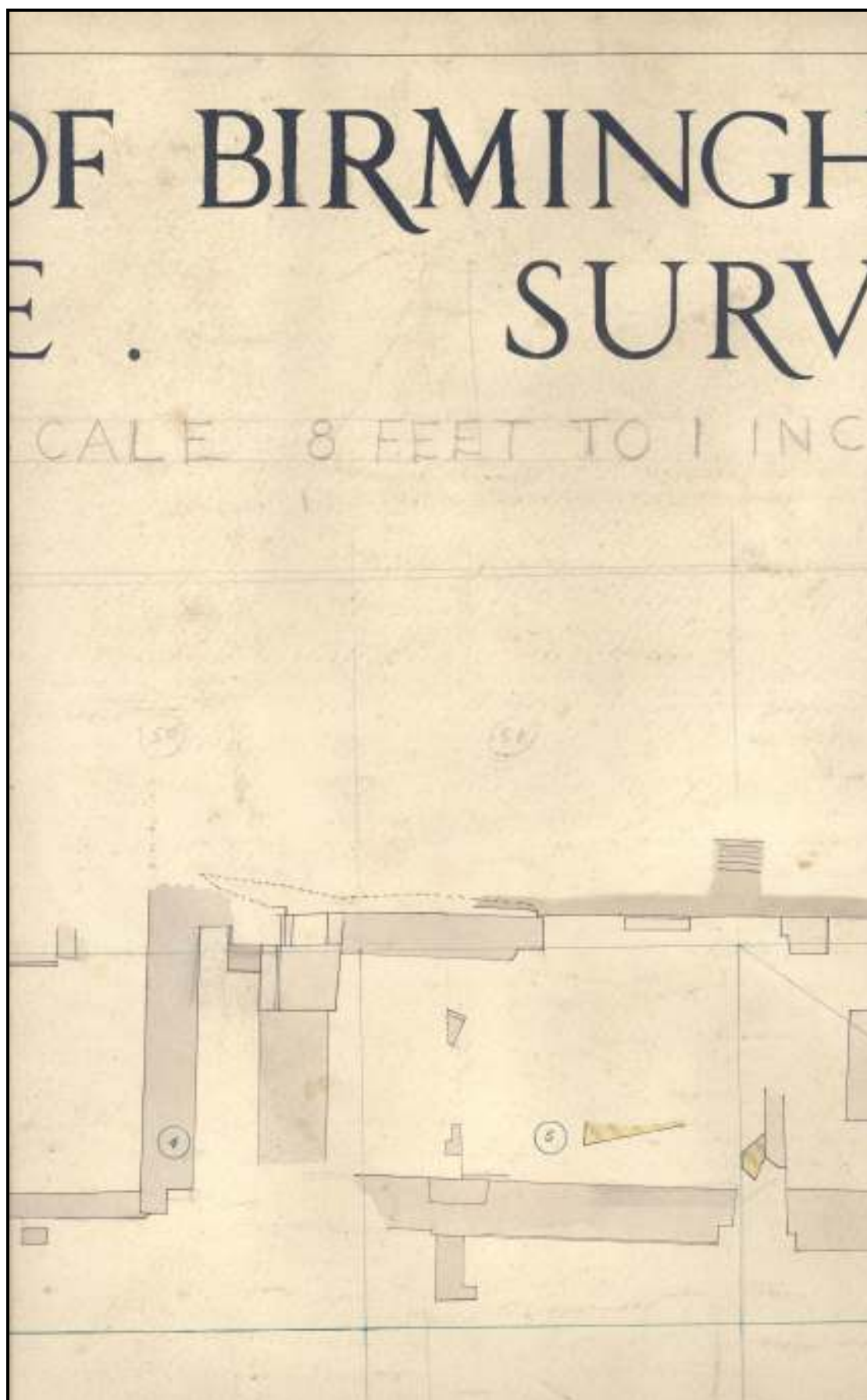
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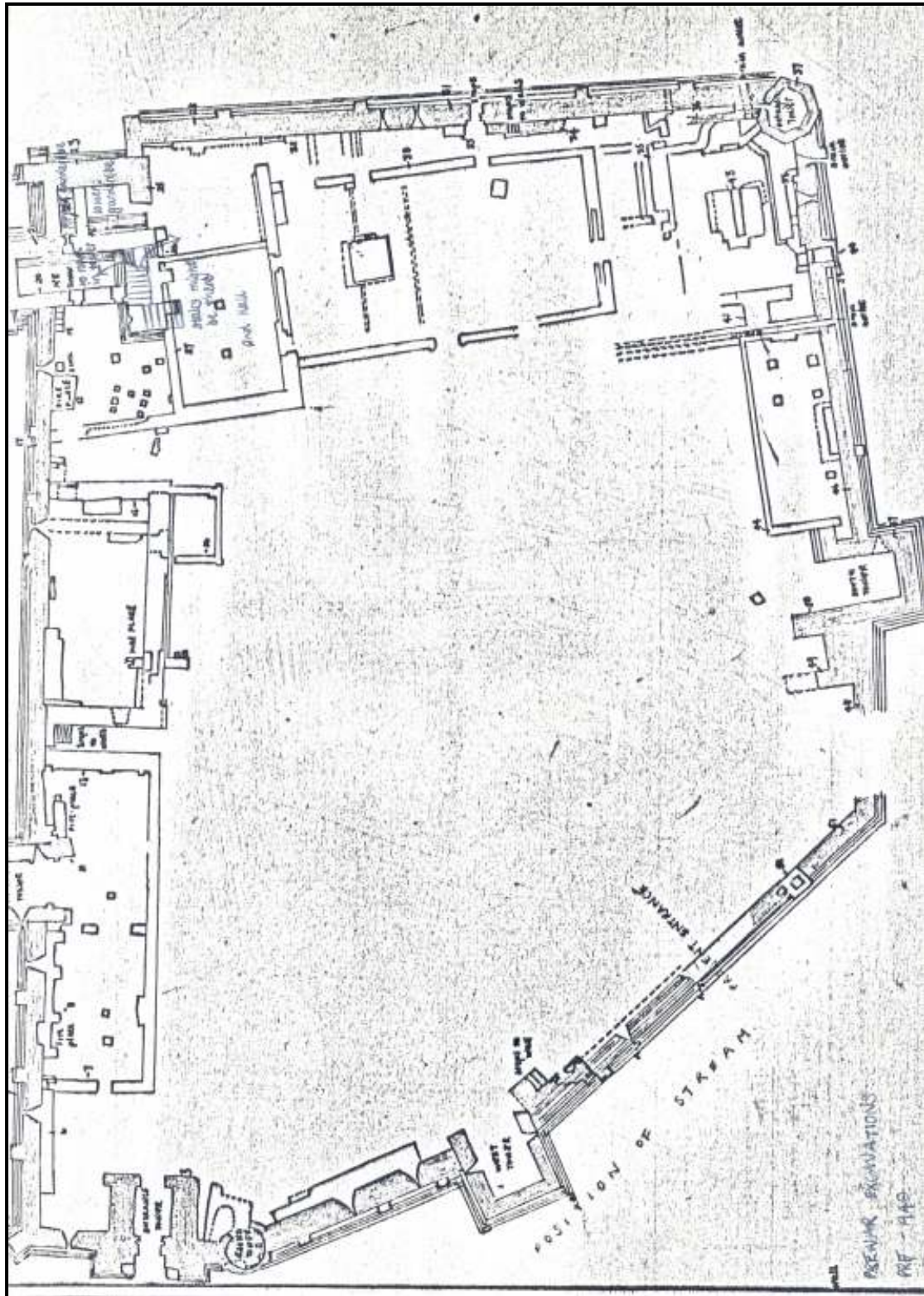


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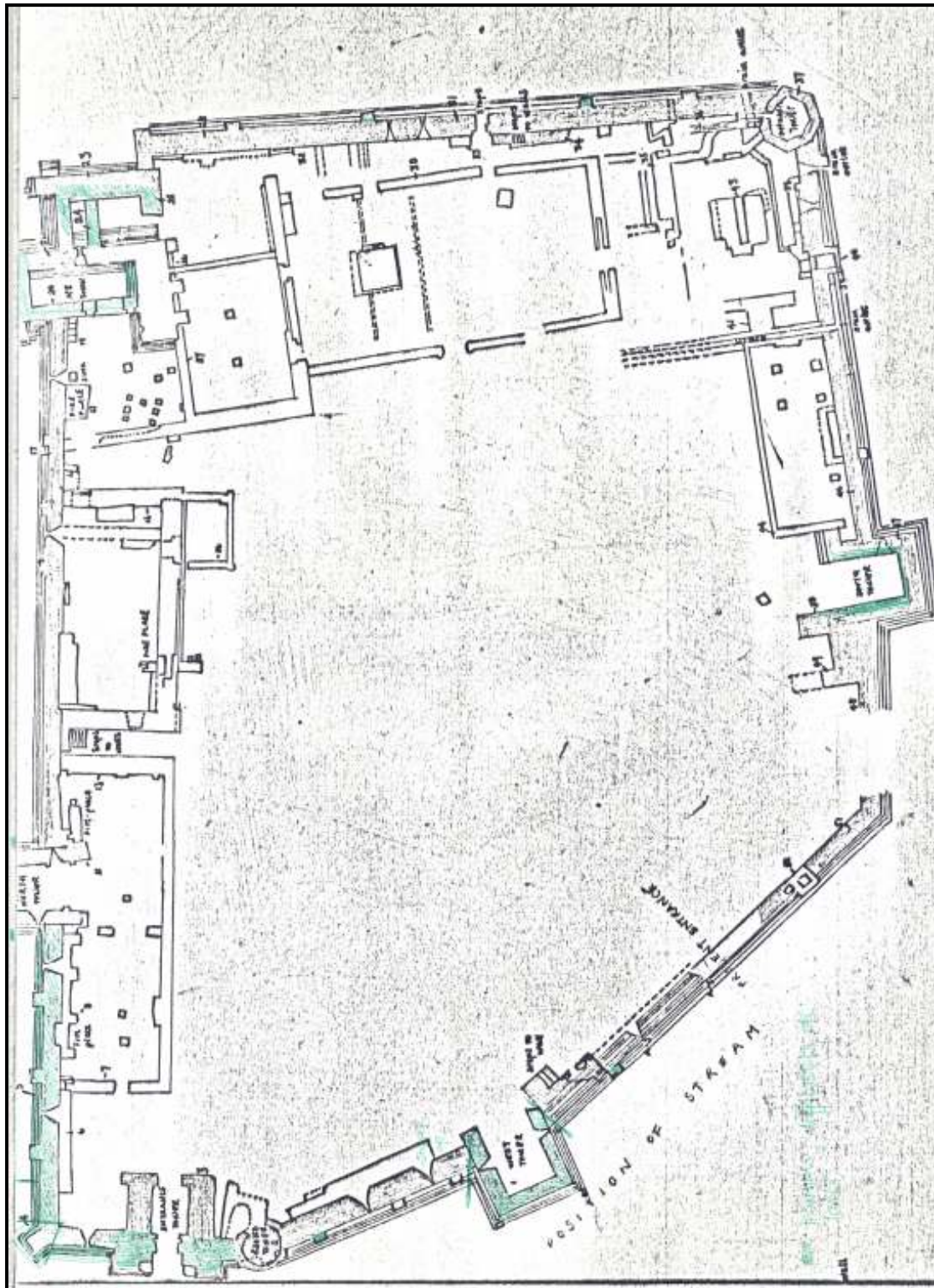


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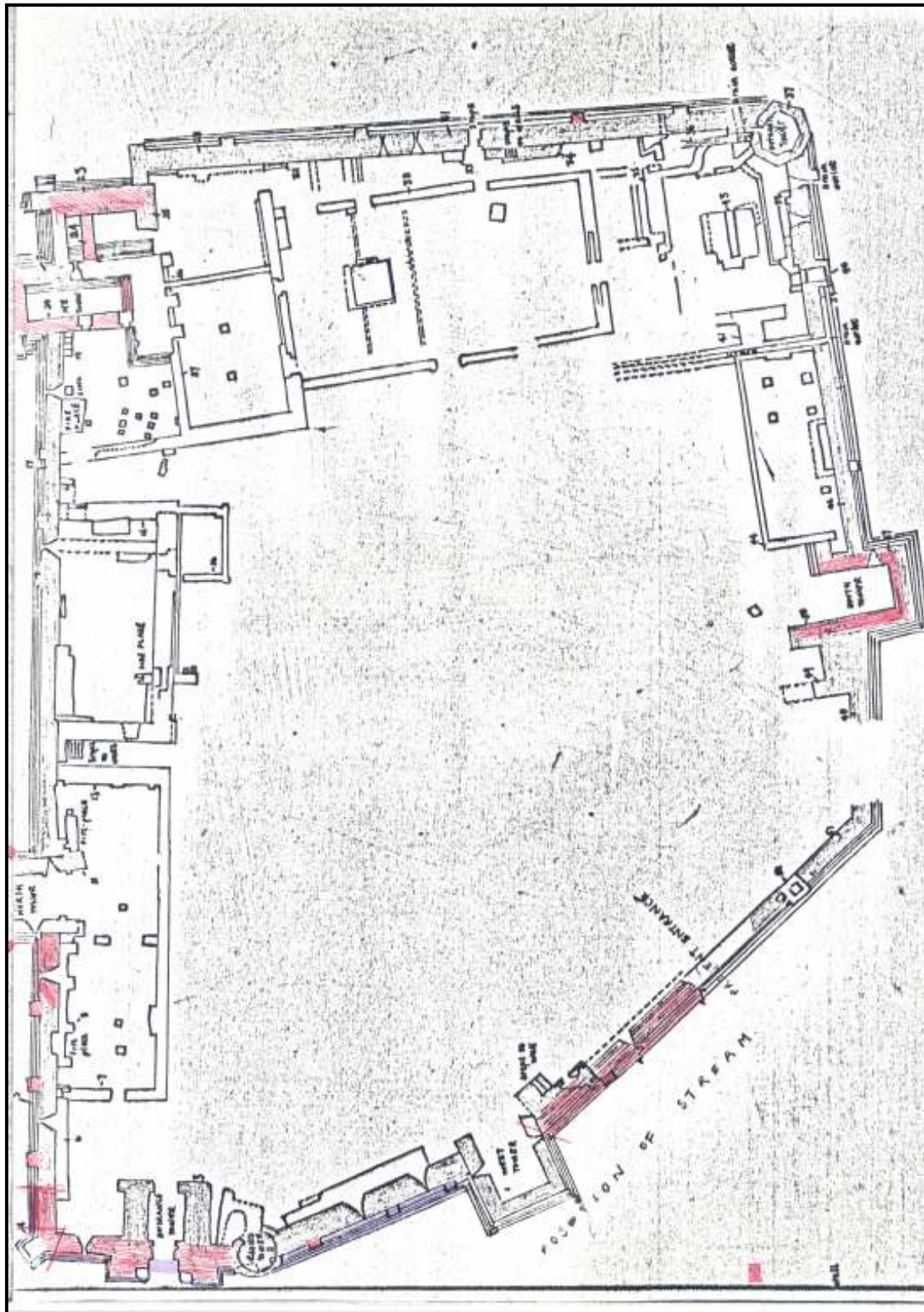
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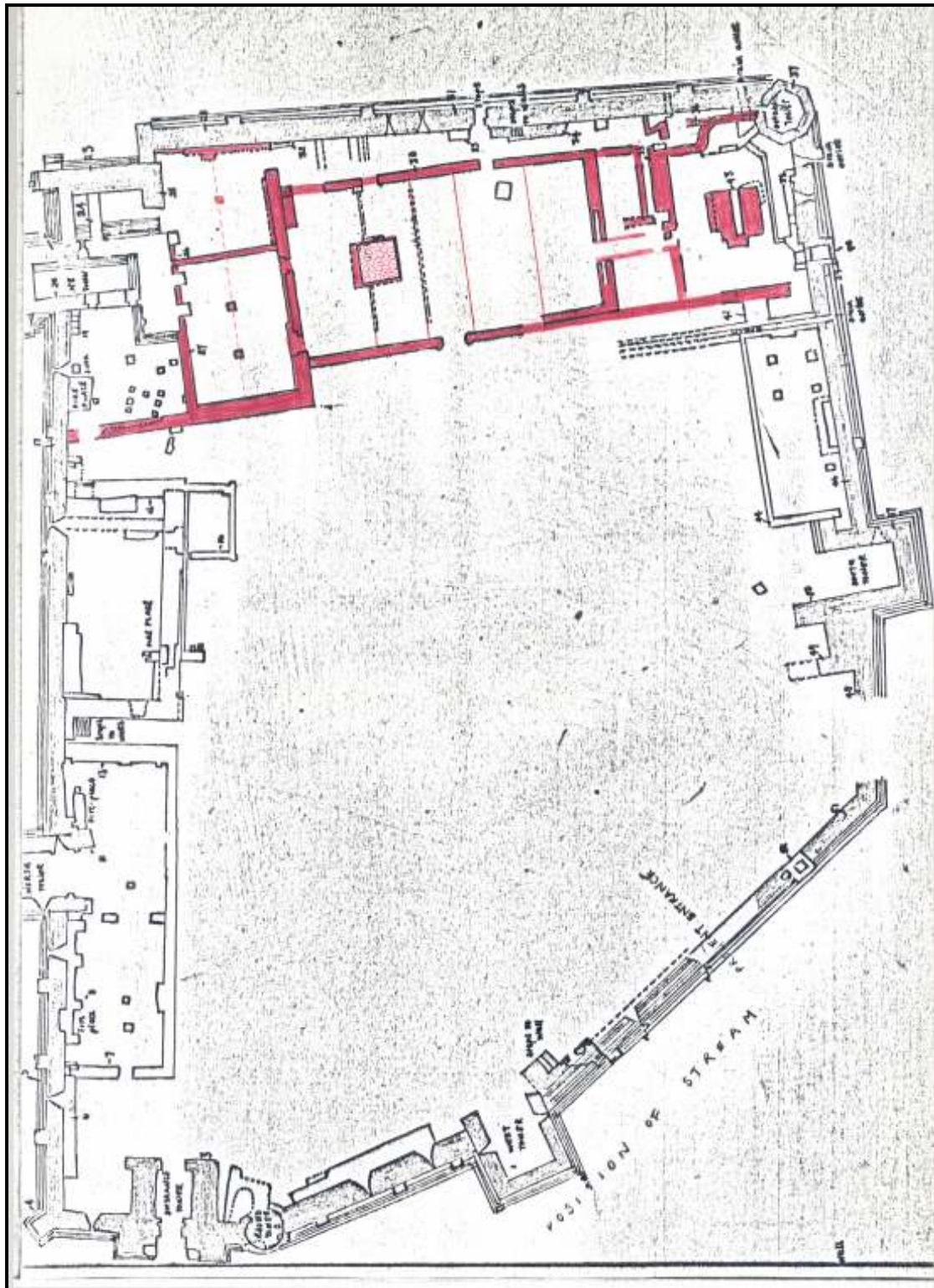
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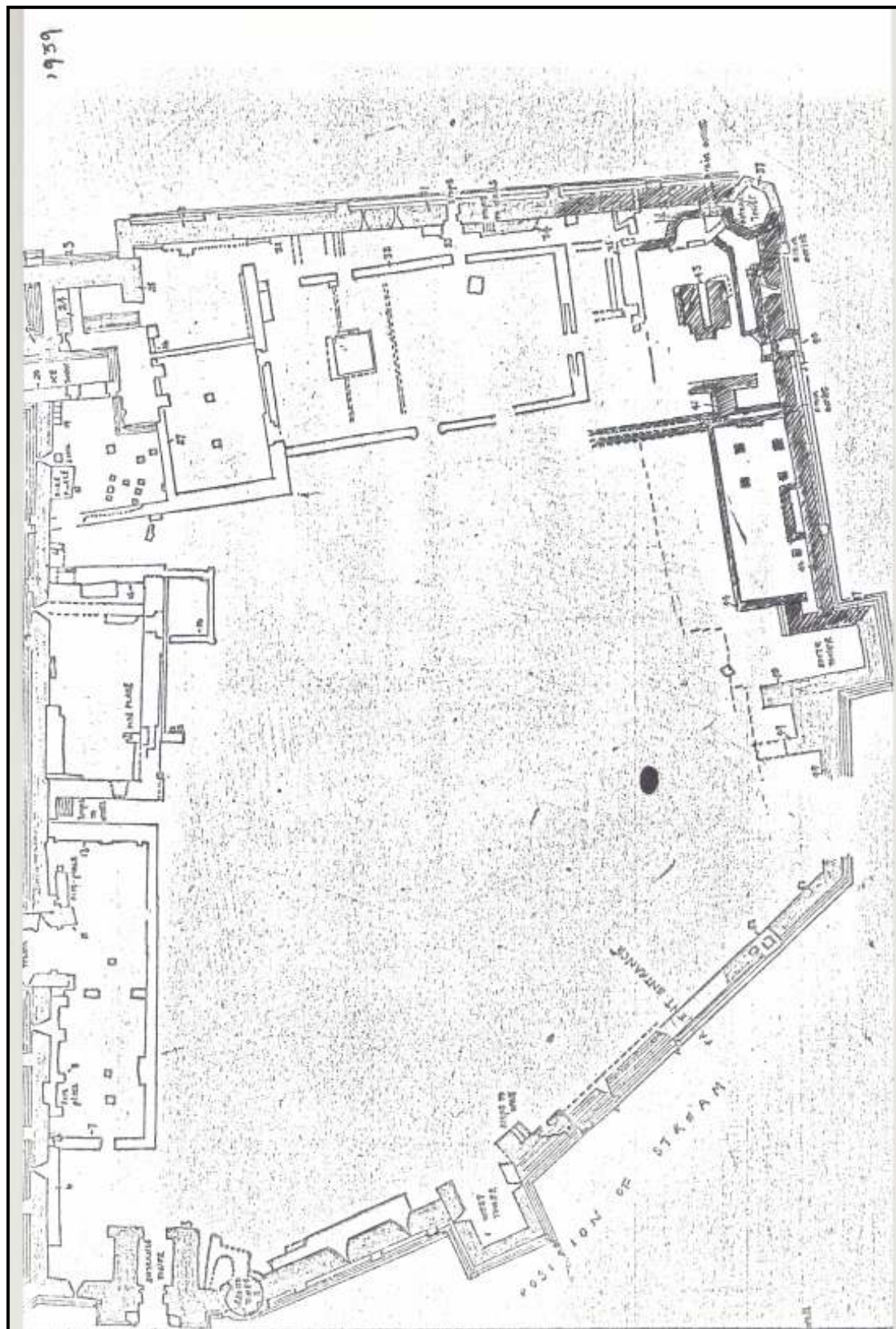
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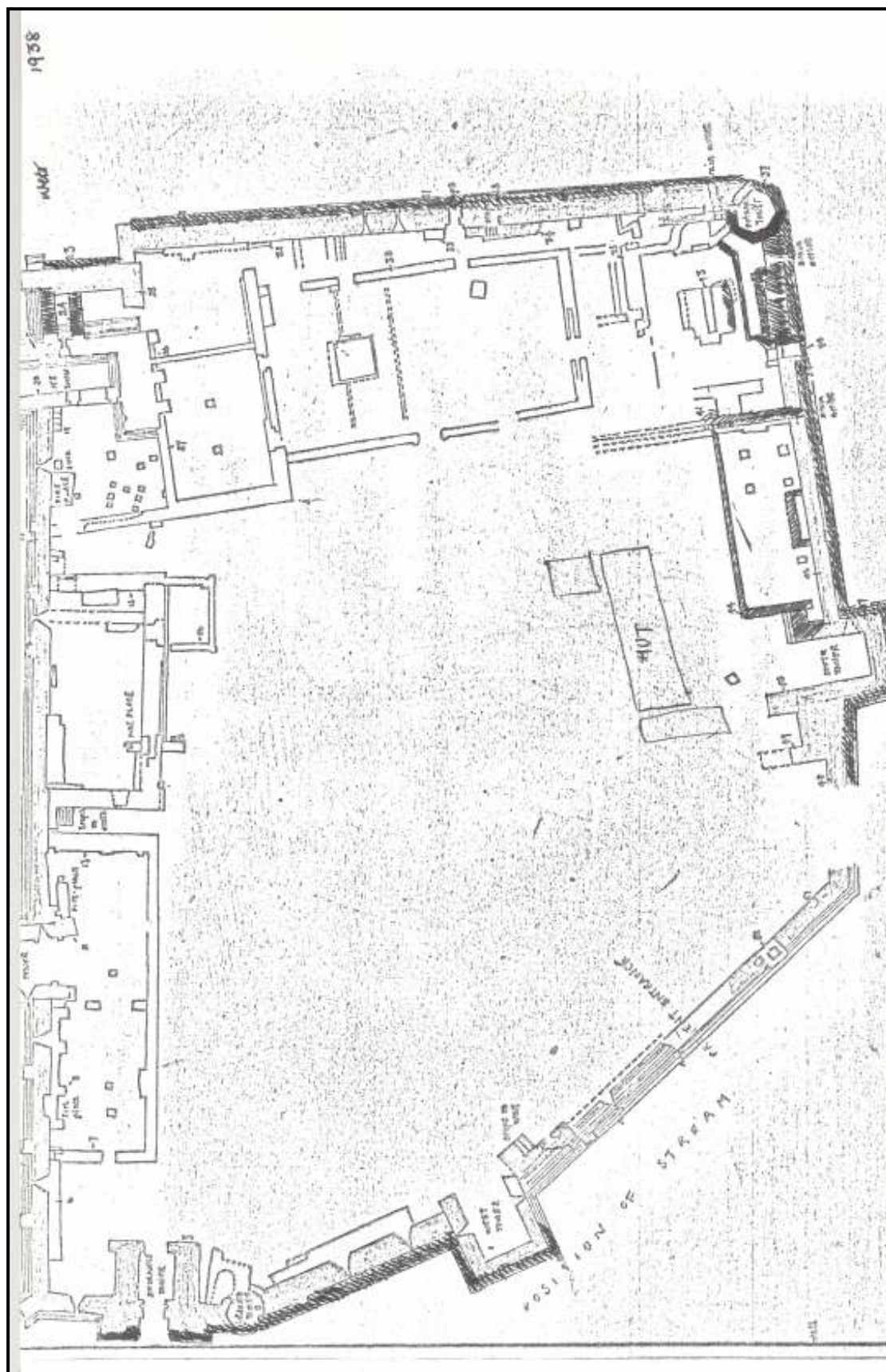


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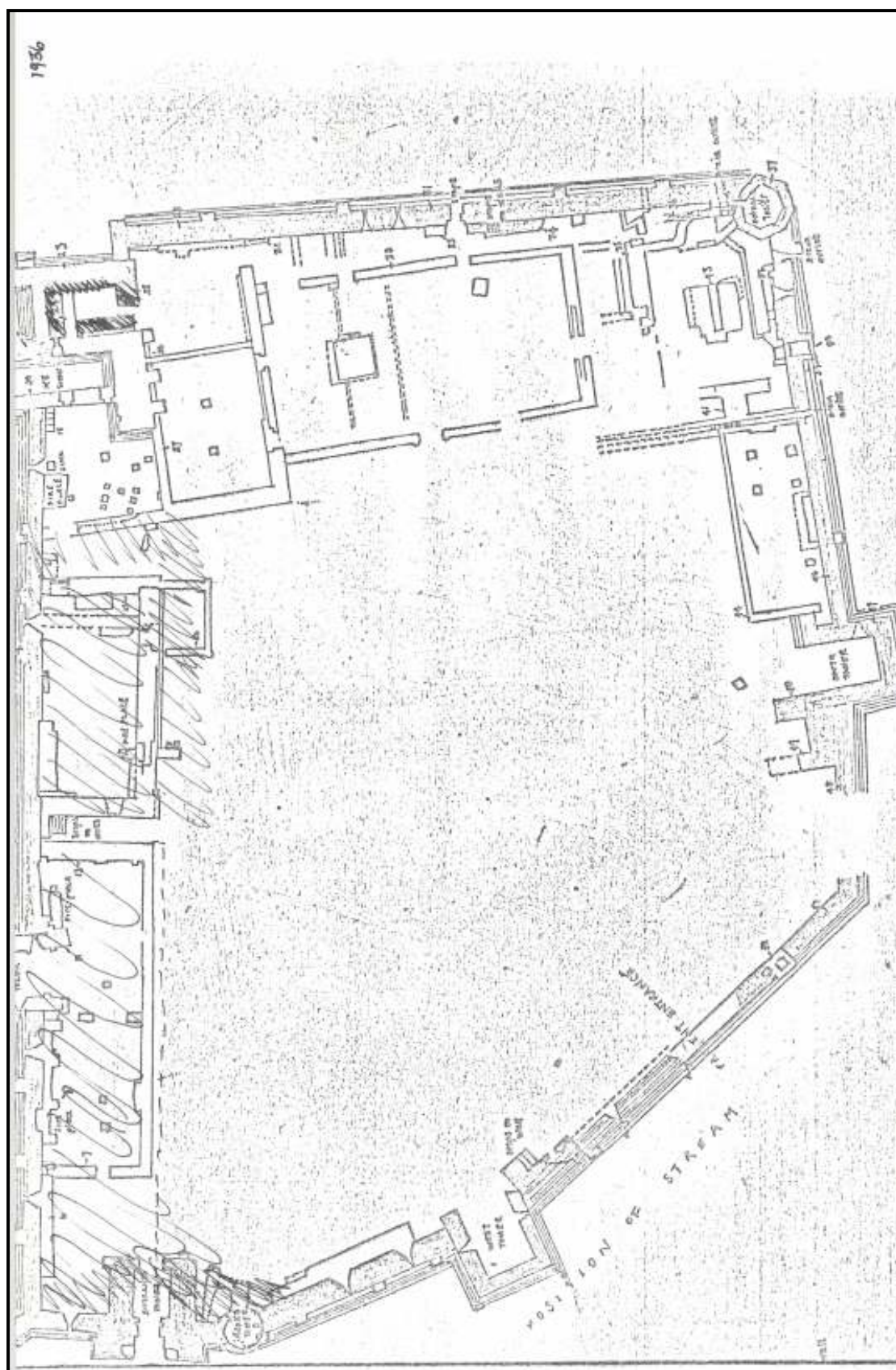


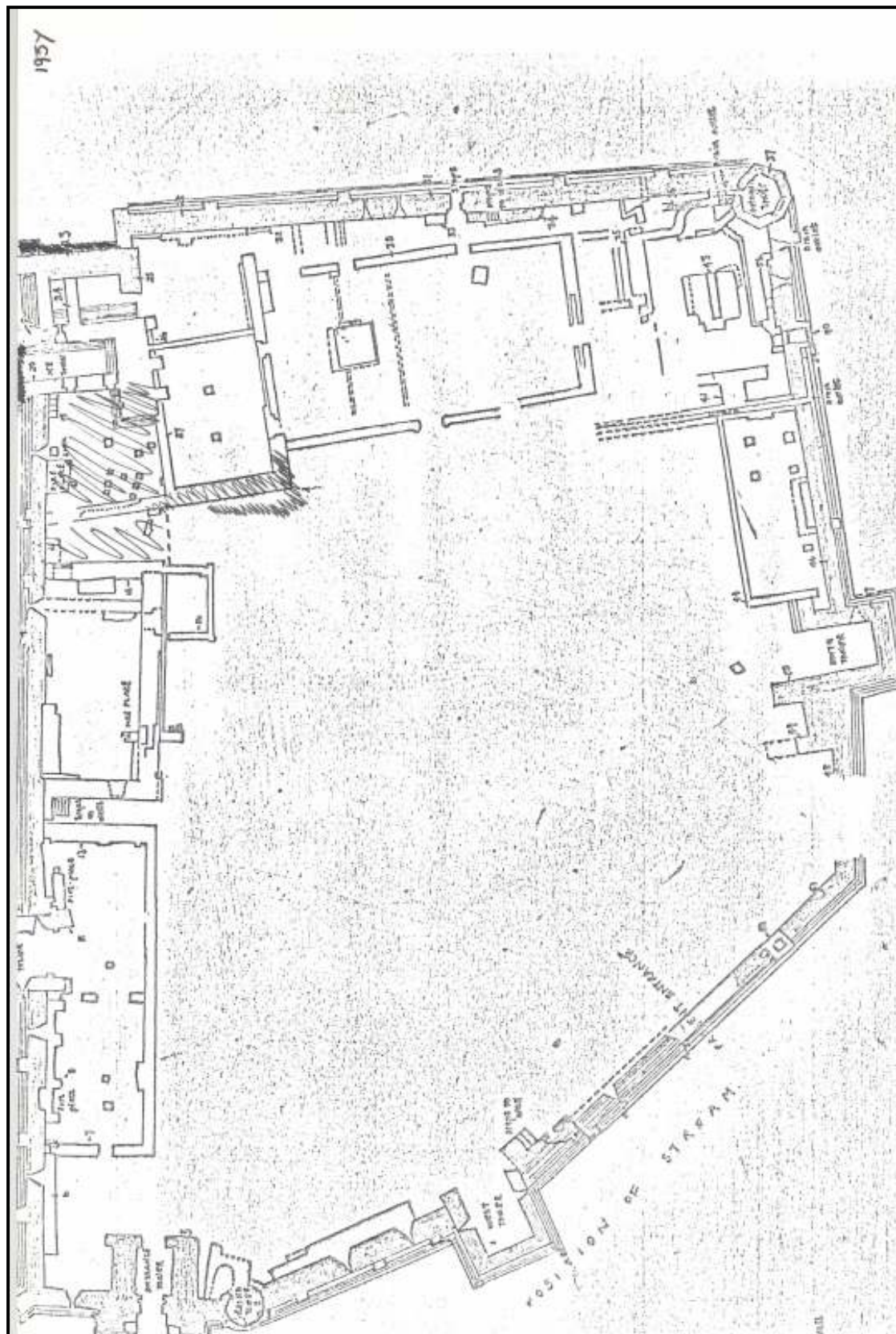
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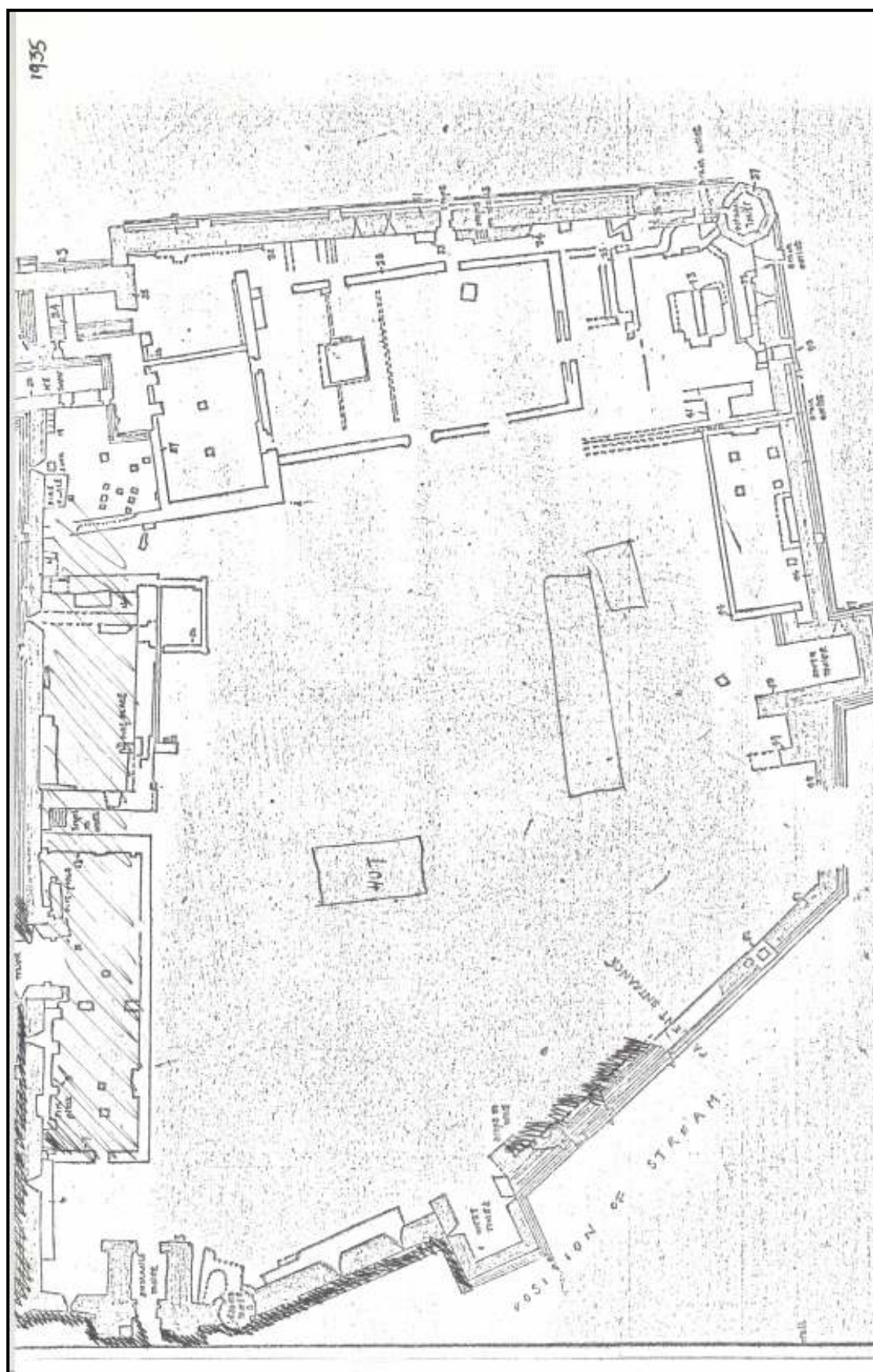




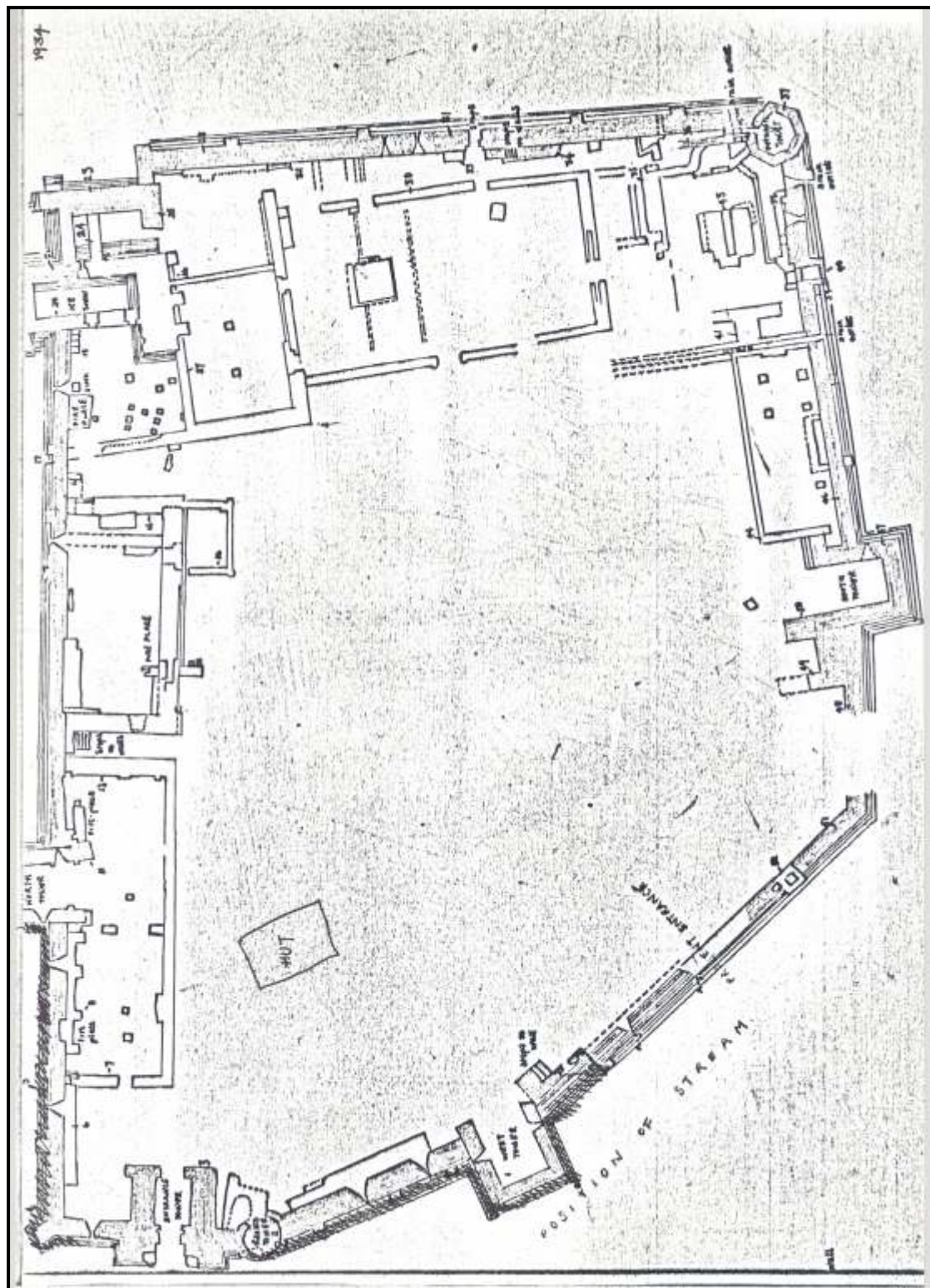
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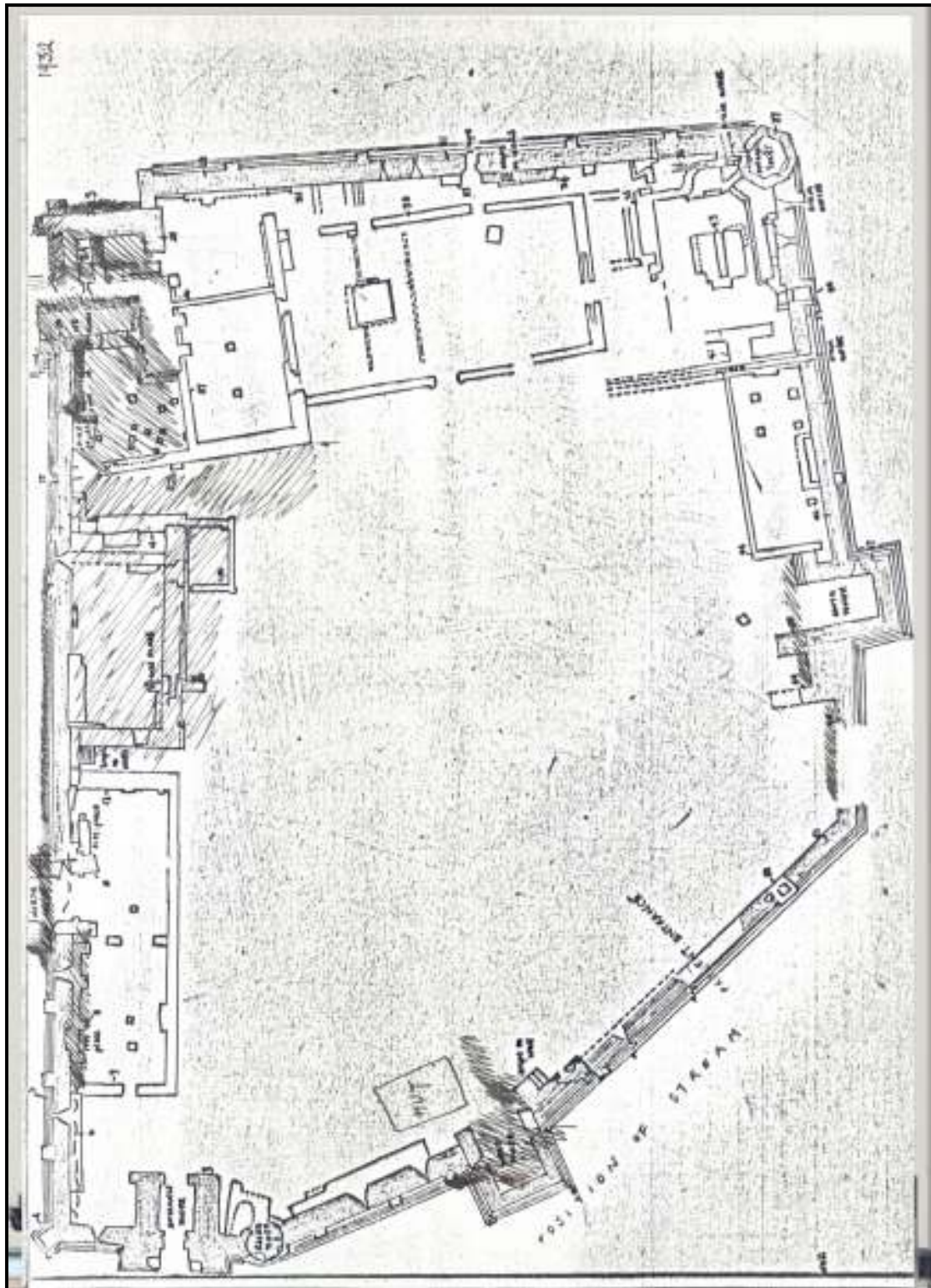




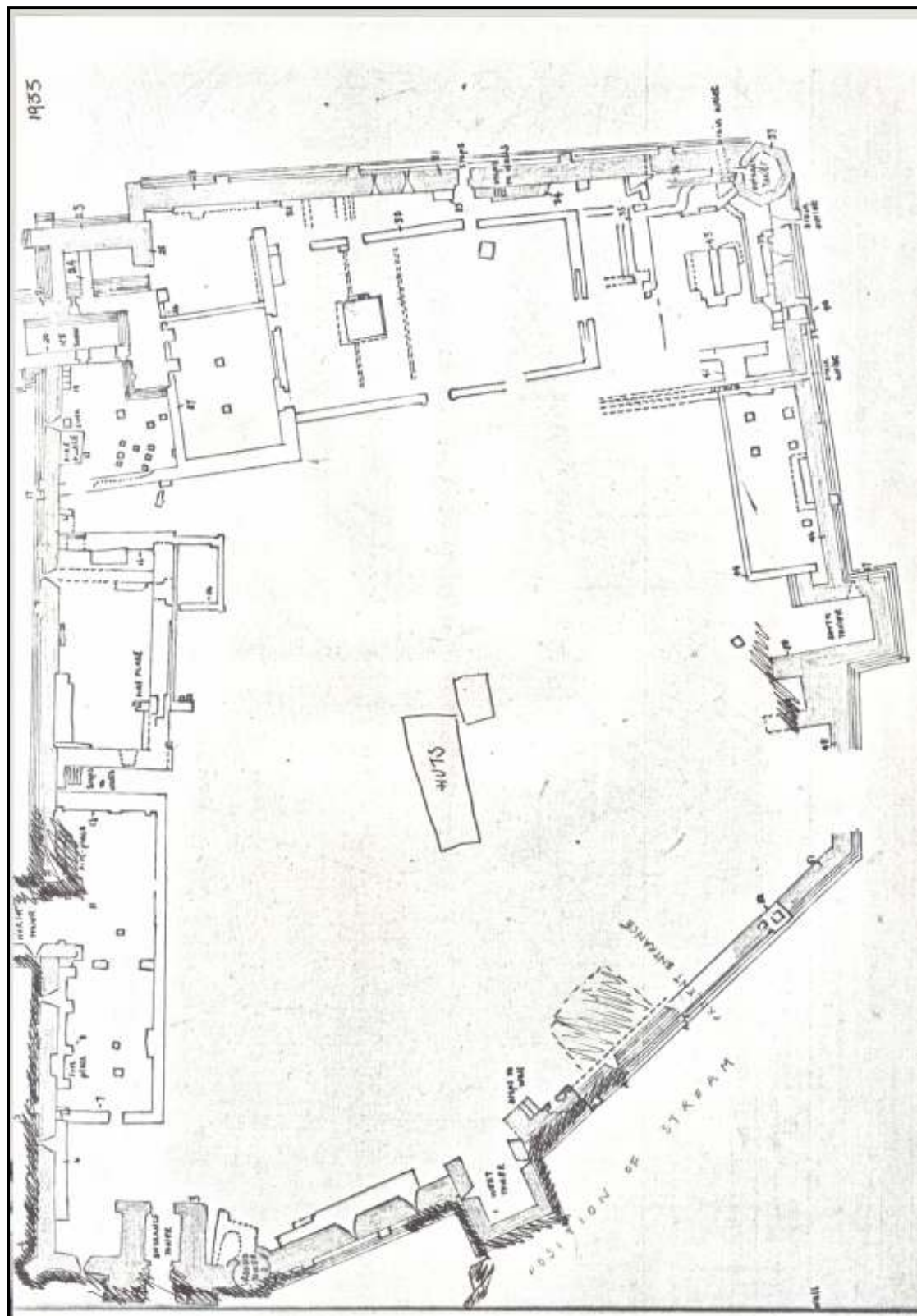
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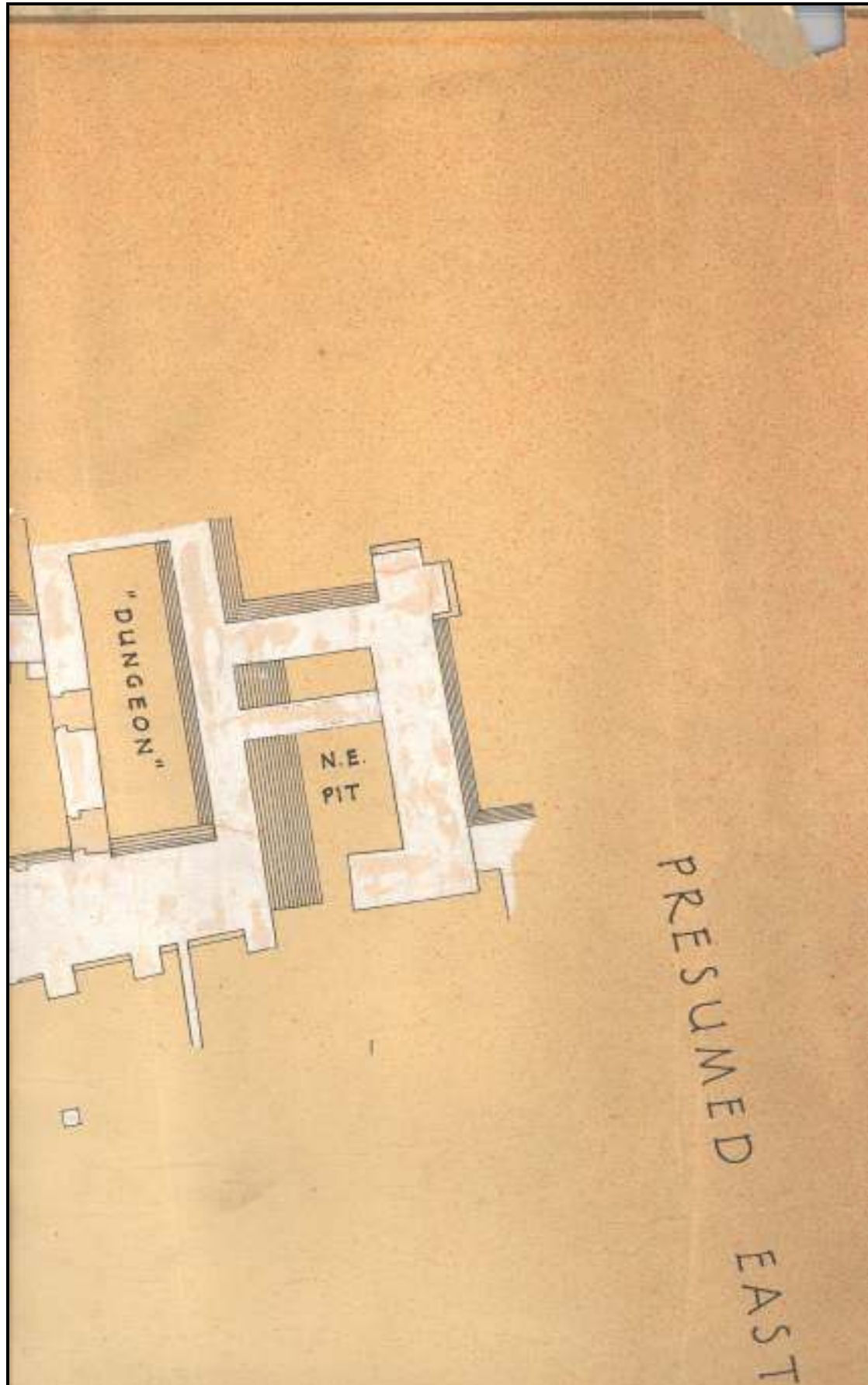
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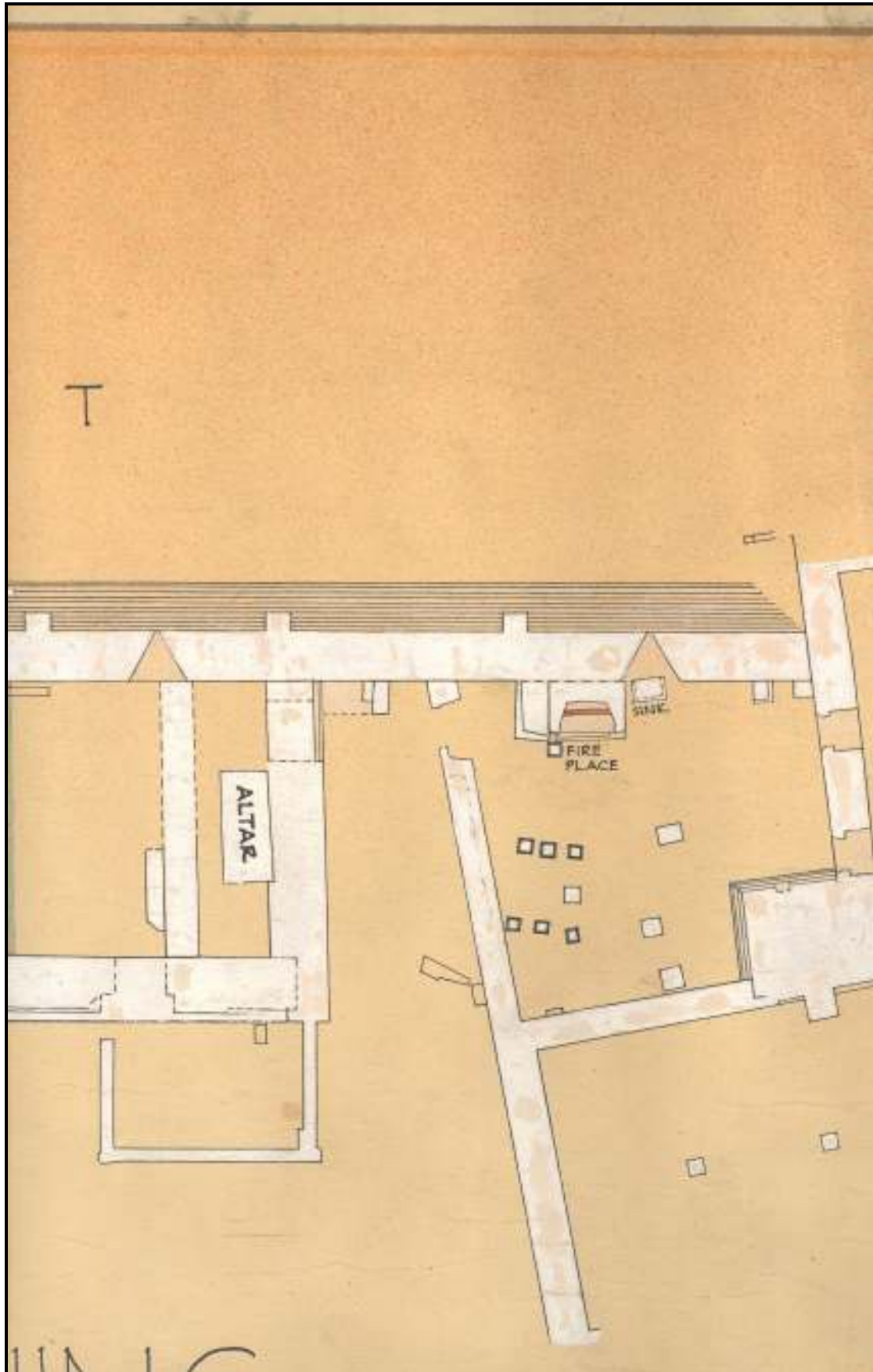
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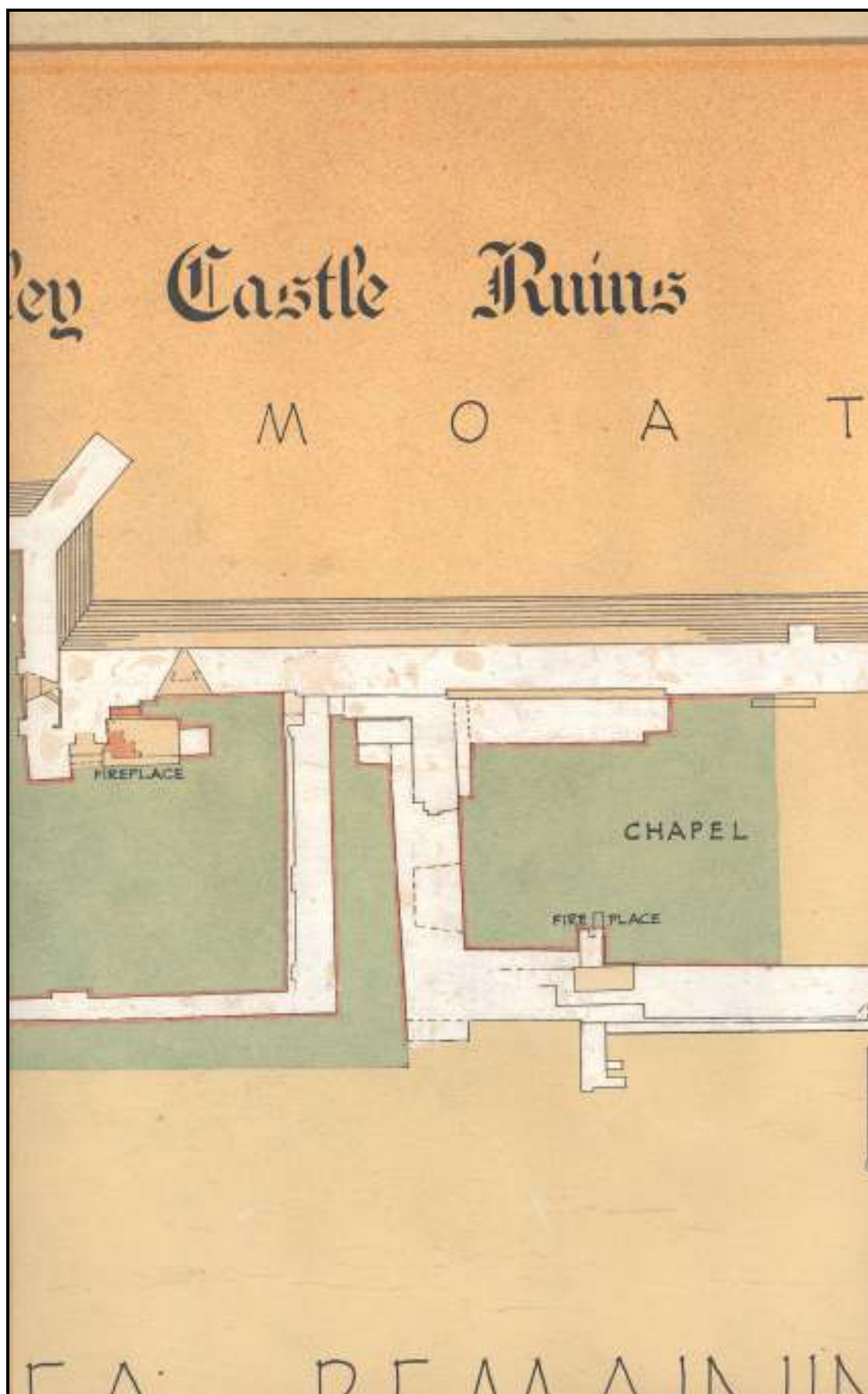
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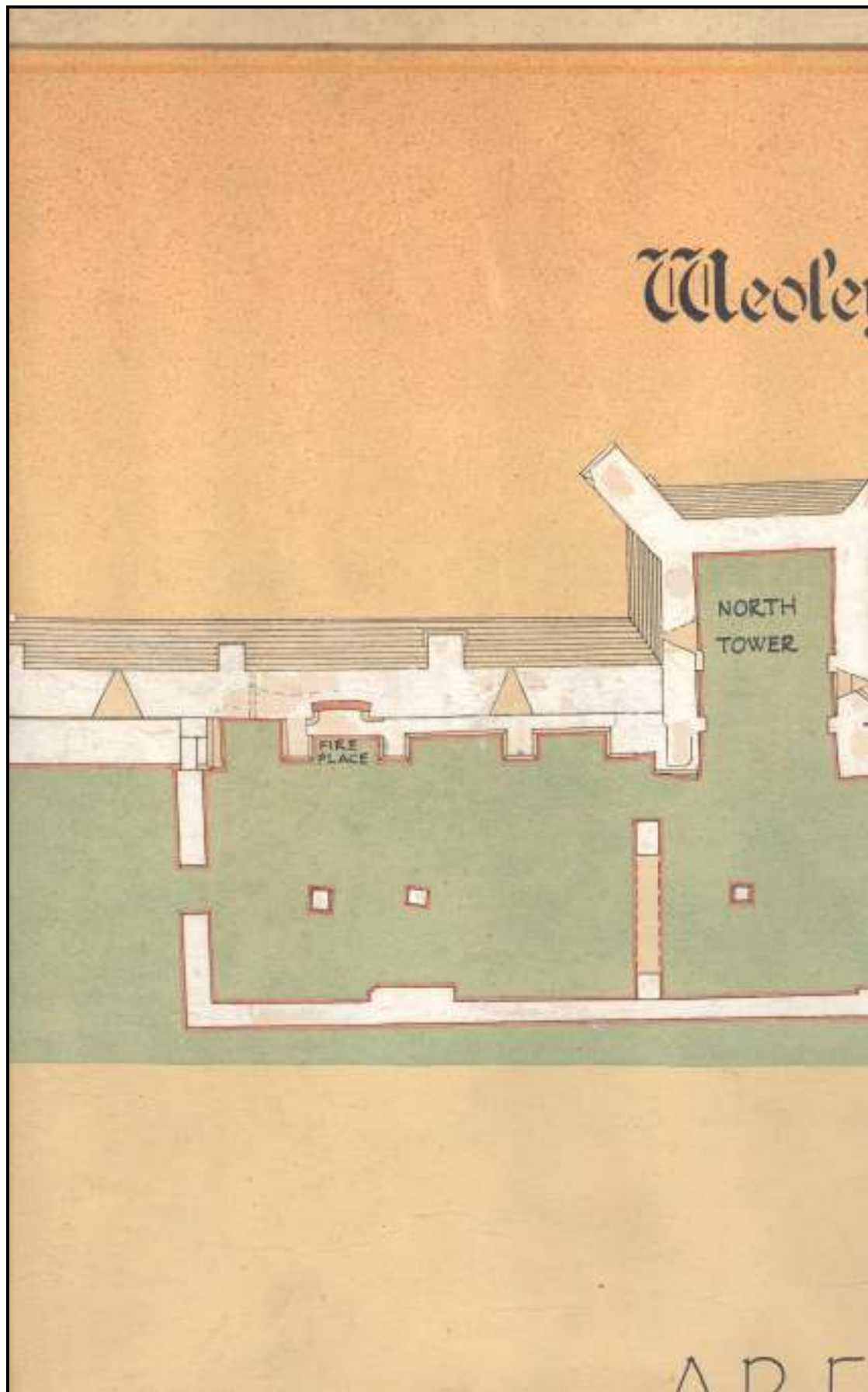
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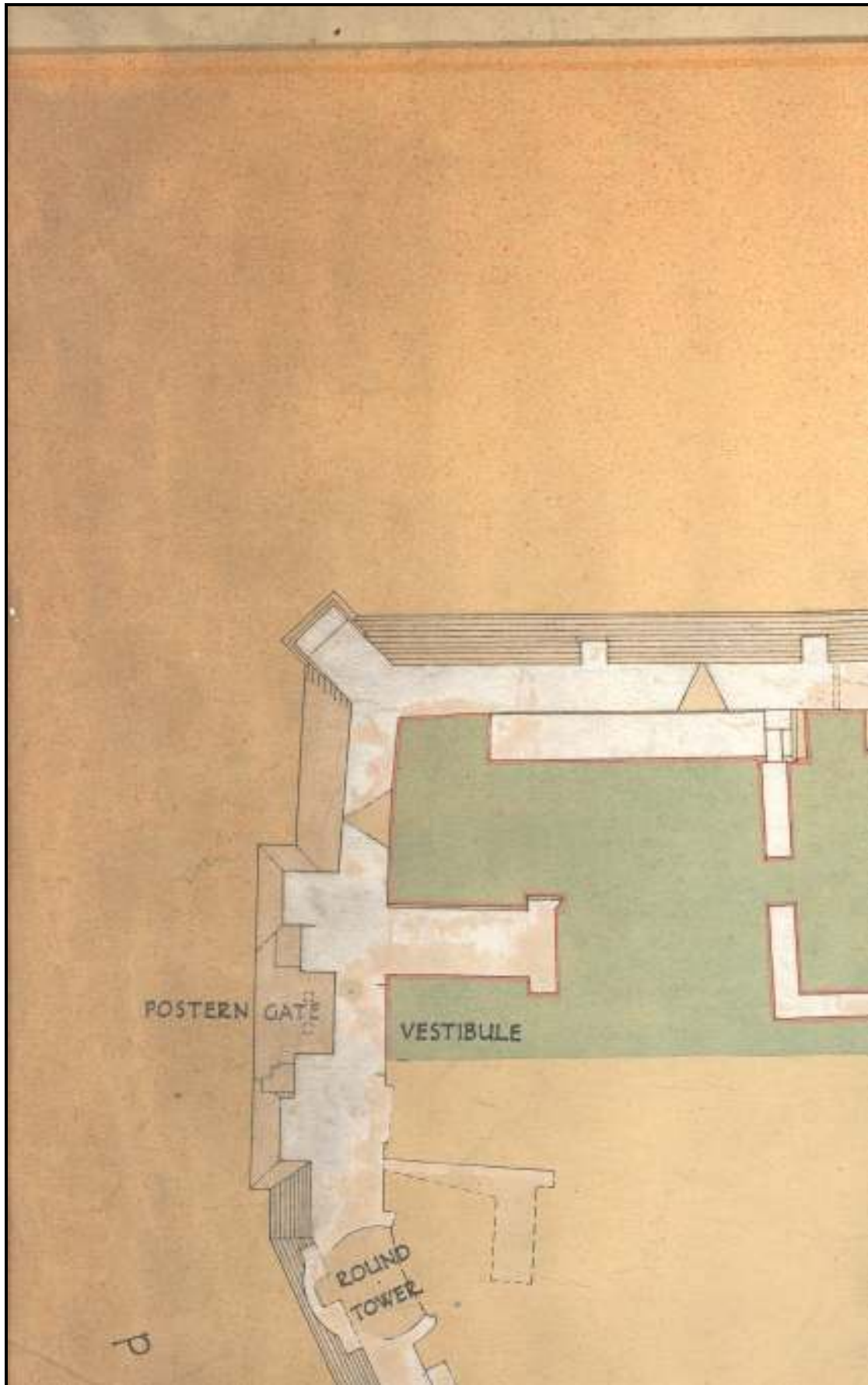


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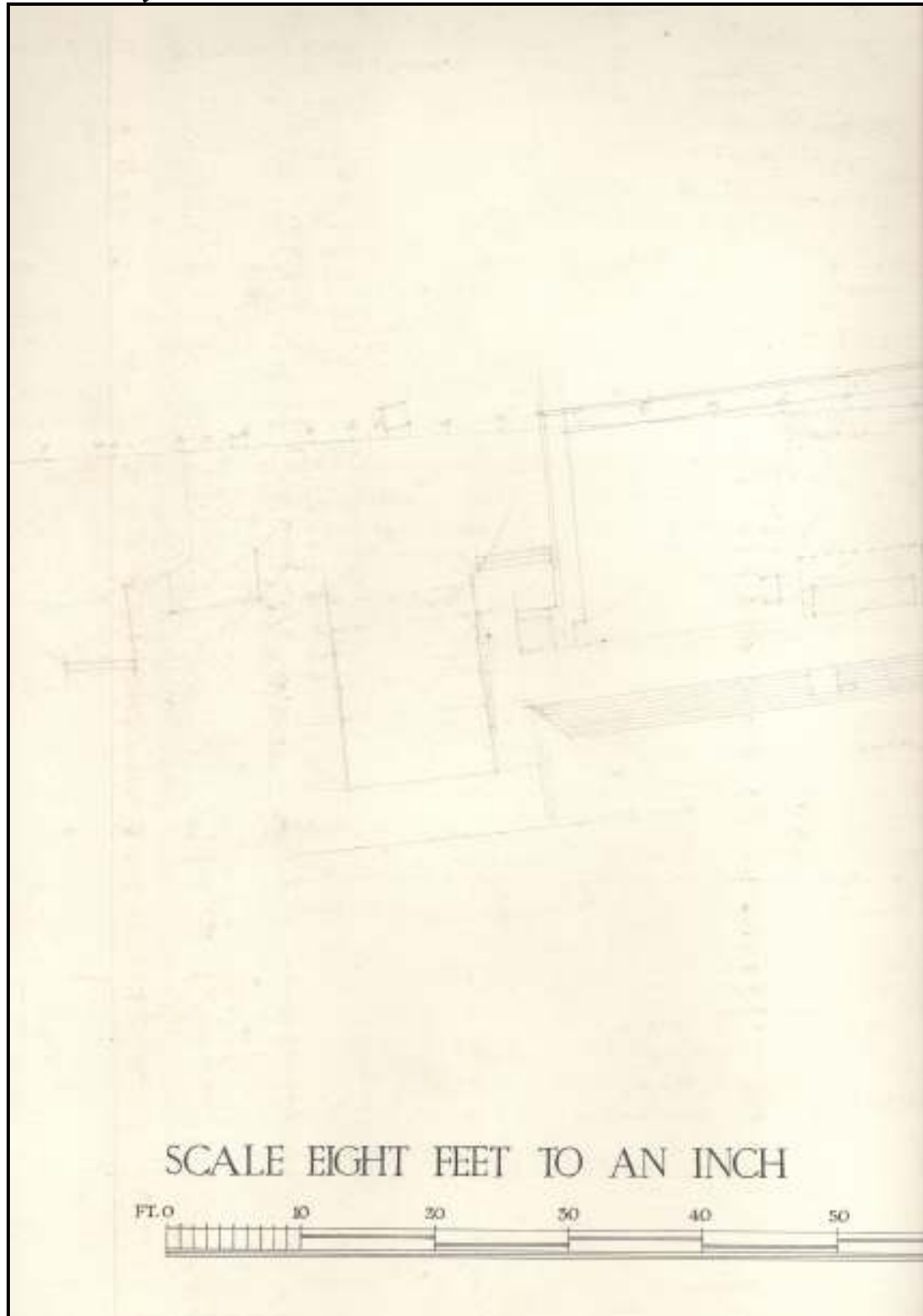
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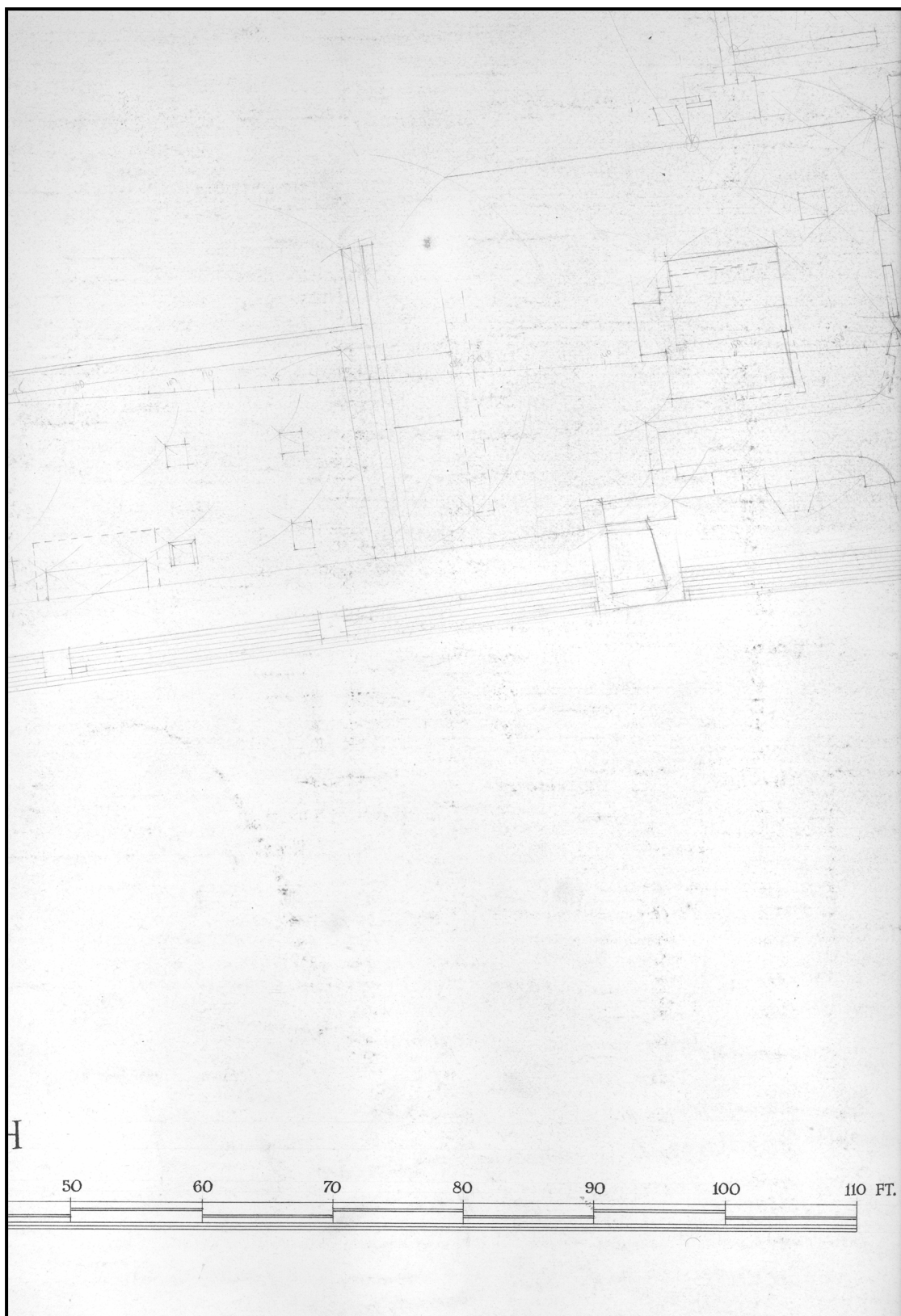


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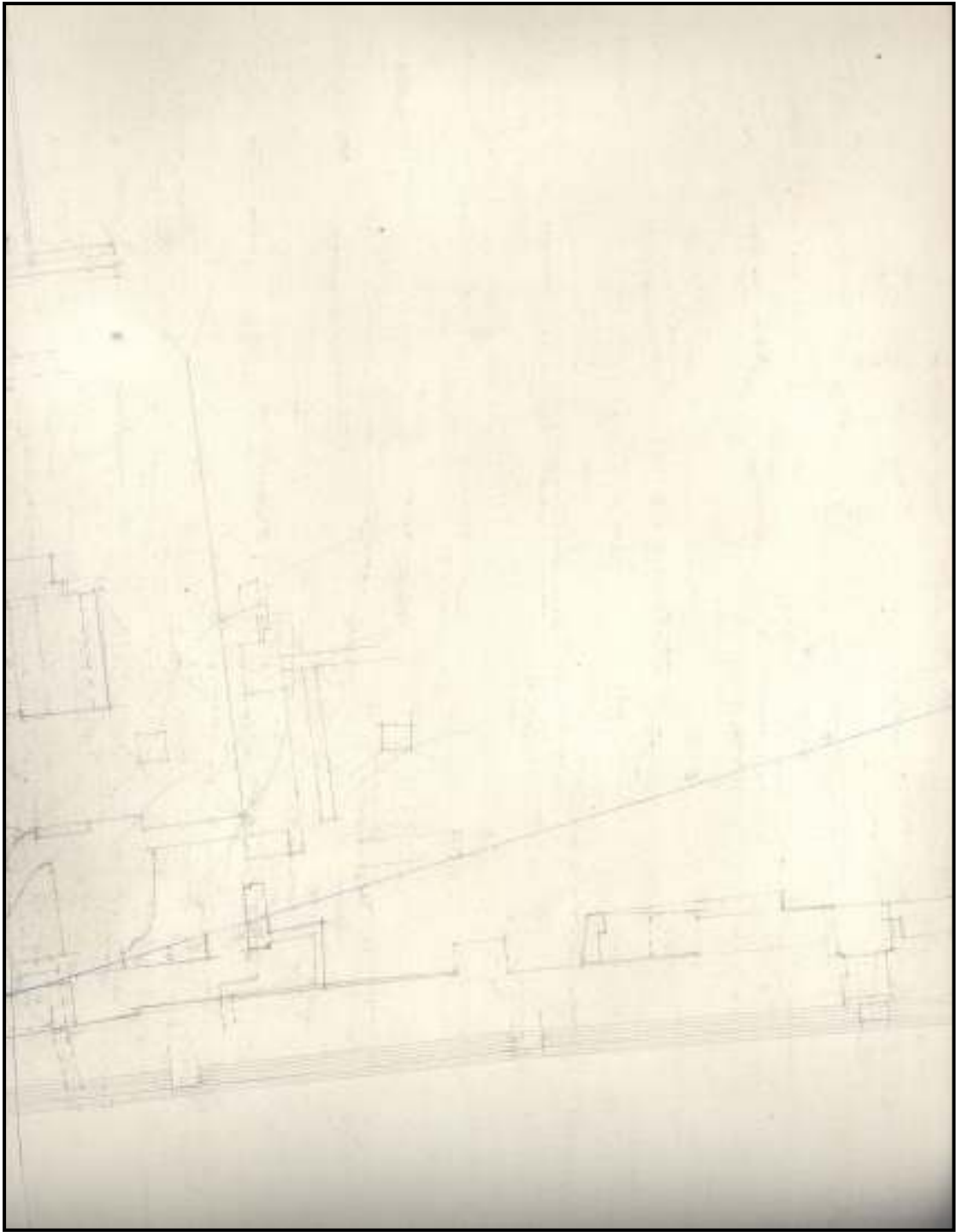
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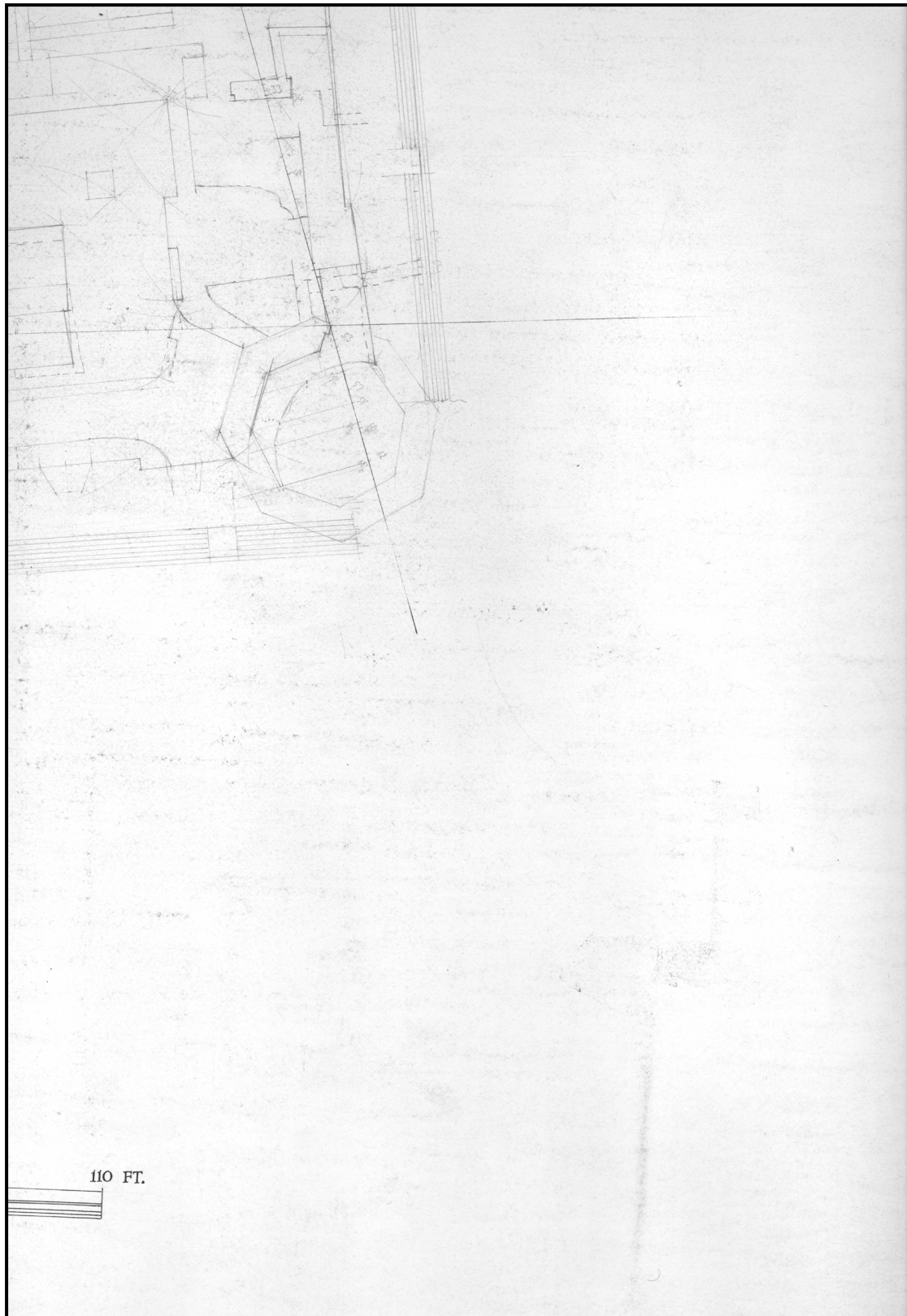
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2.1.4 The Photographic Archive

The Initial Clearance



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2.2 The Standing Masonry - Exterior

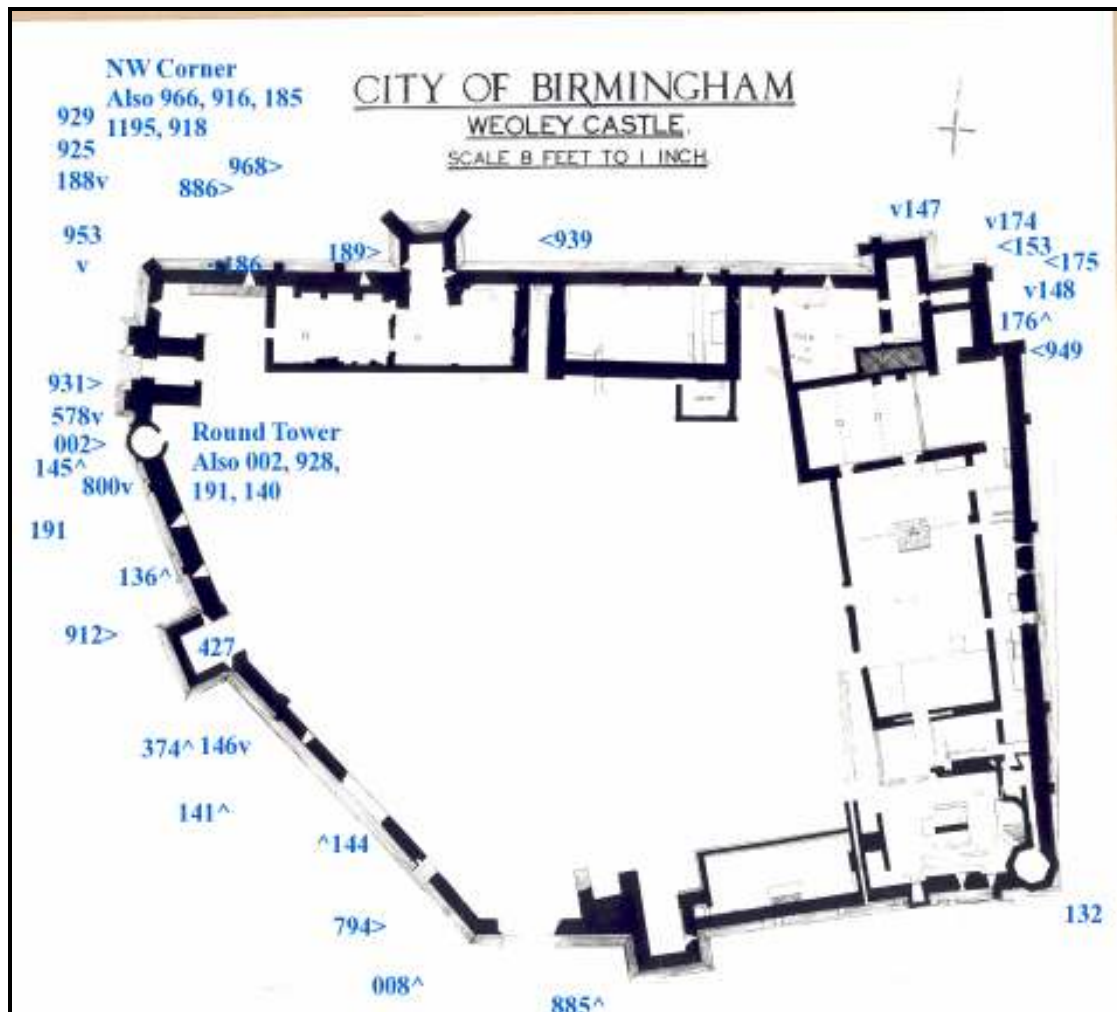


Fig. 2.3: Plan of castle showing approximate location of exterior masonry photographs (Scan 030 modified)



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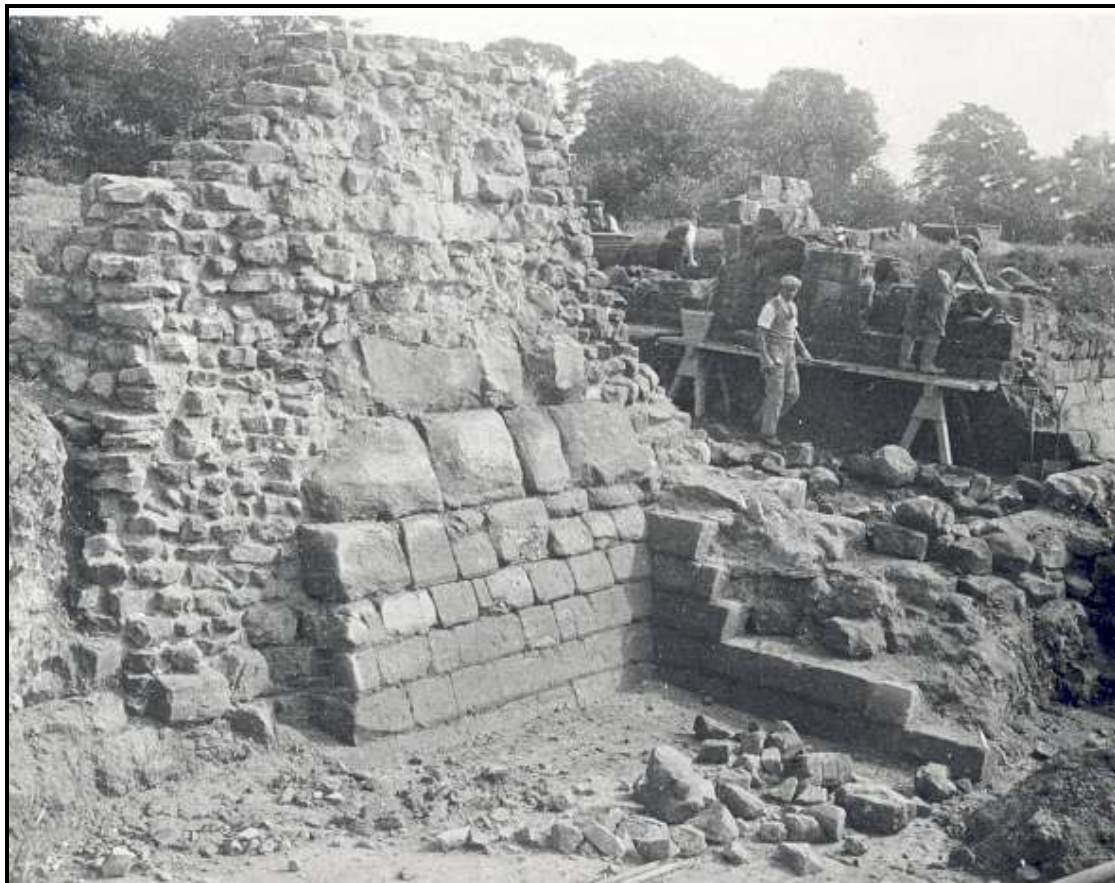
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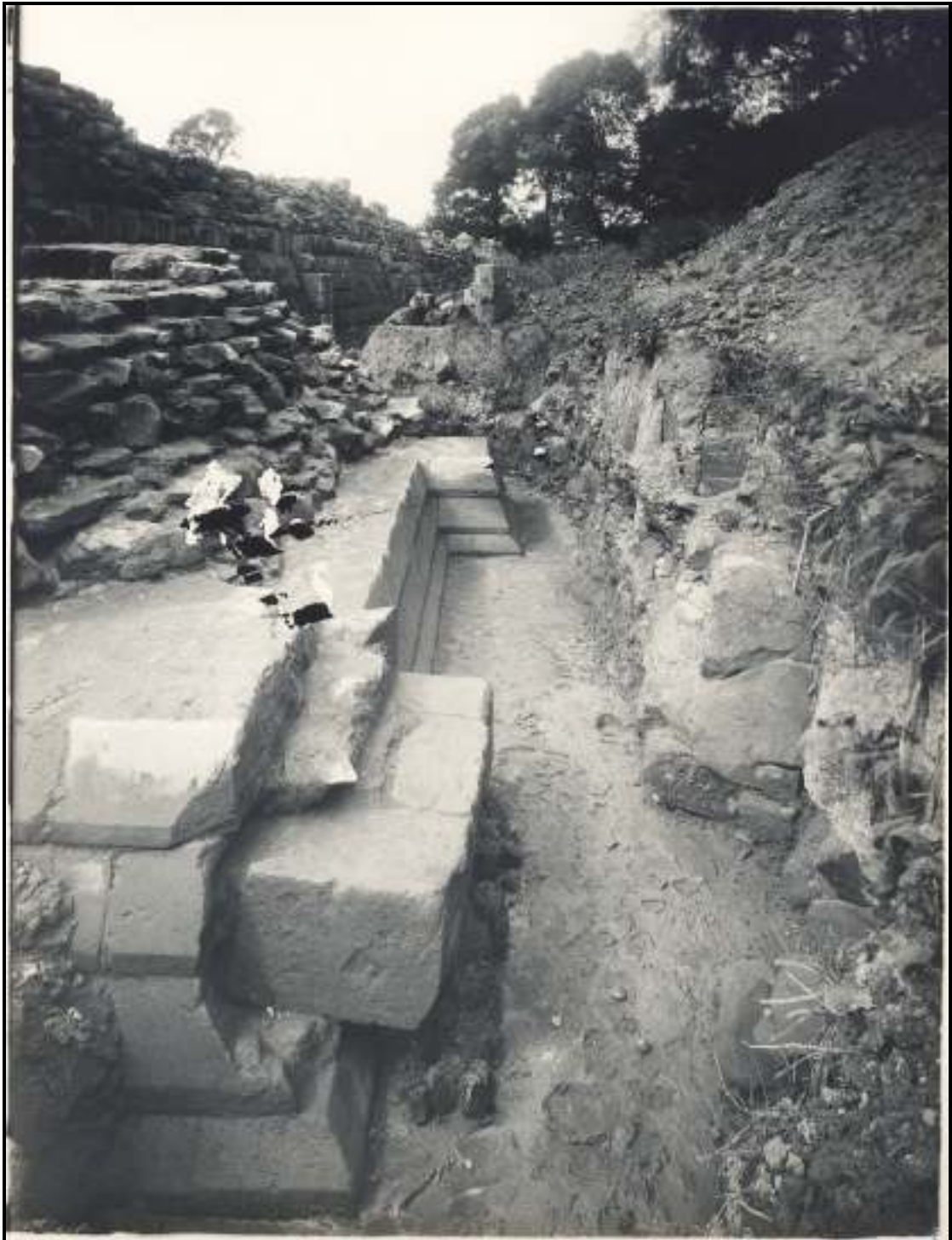
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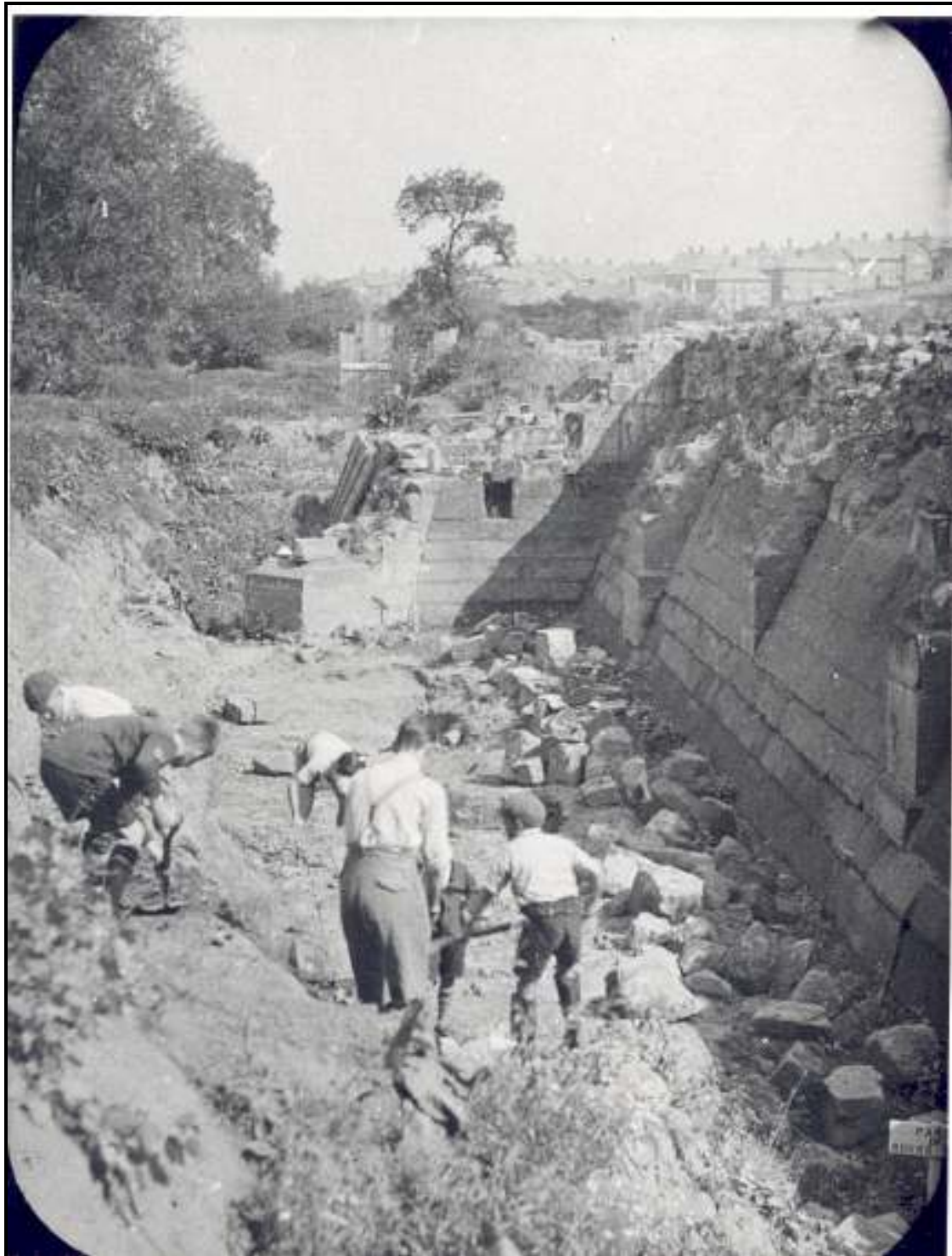
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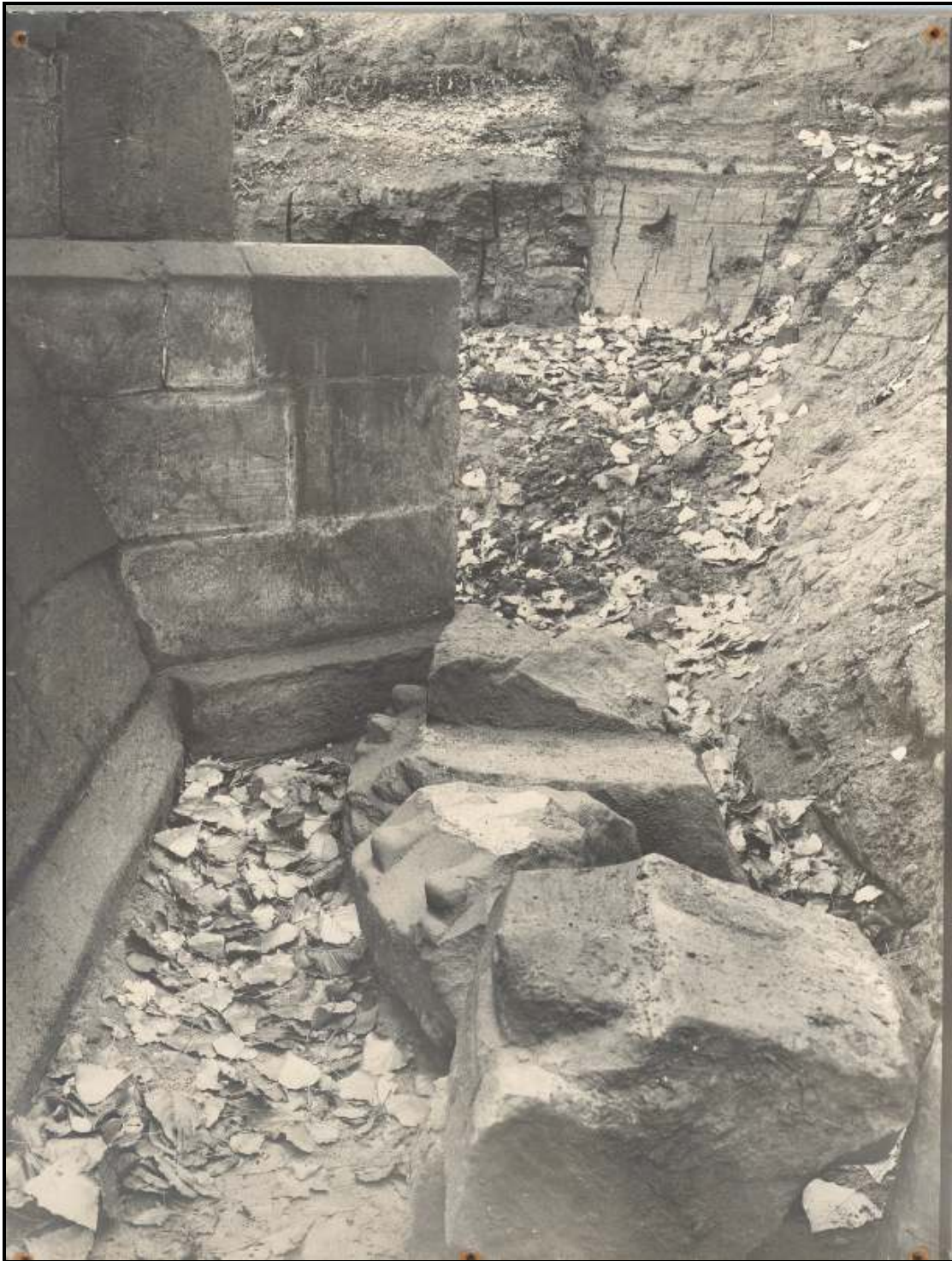
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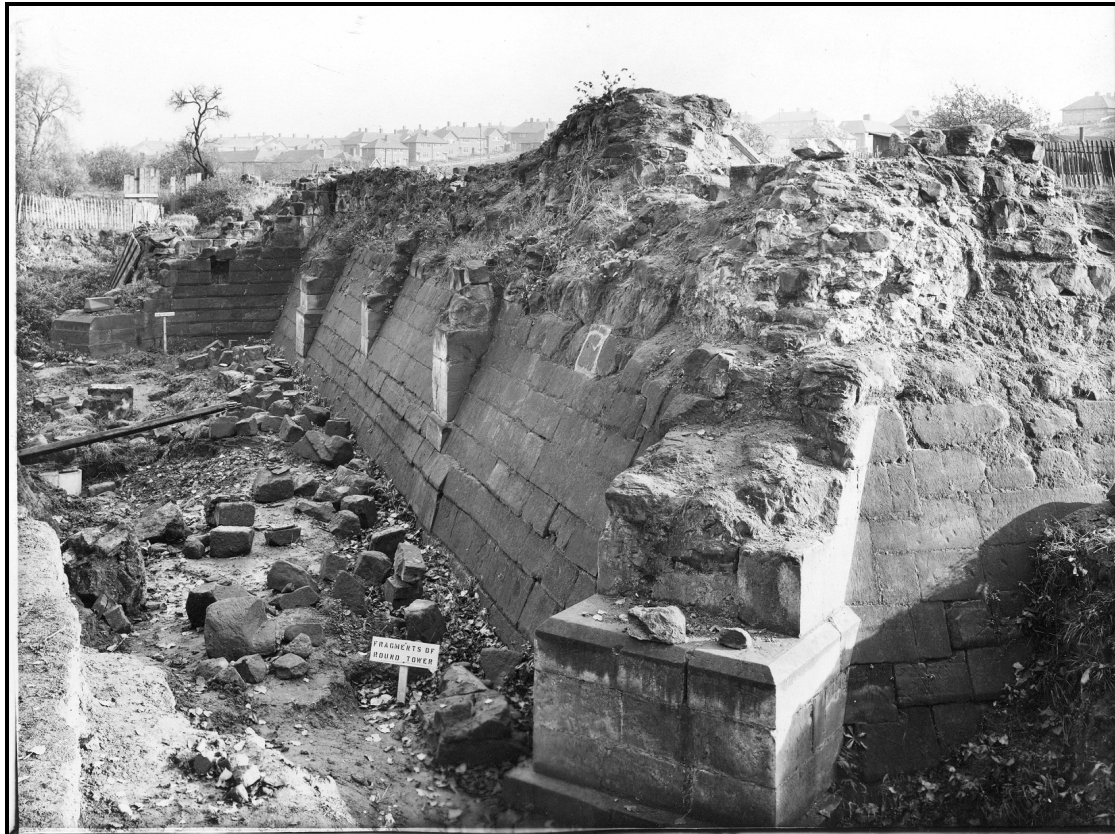
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2.3 The Standing Masonry - Interior

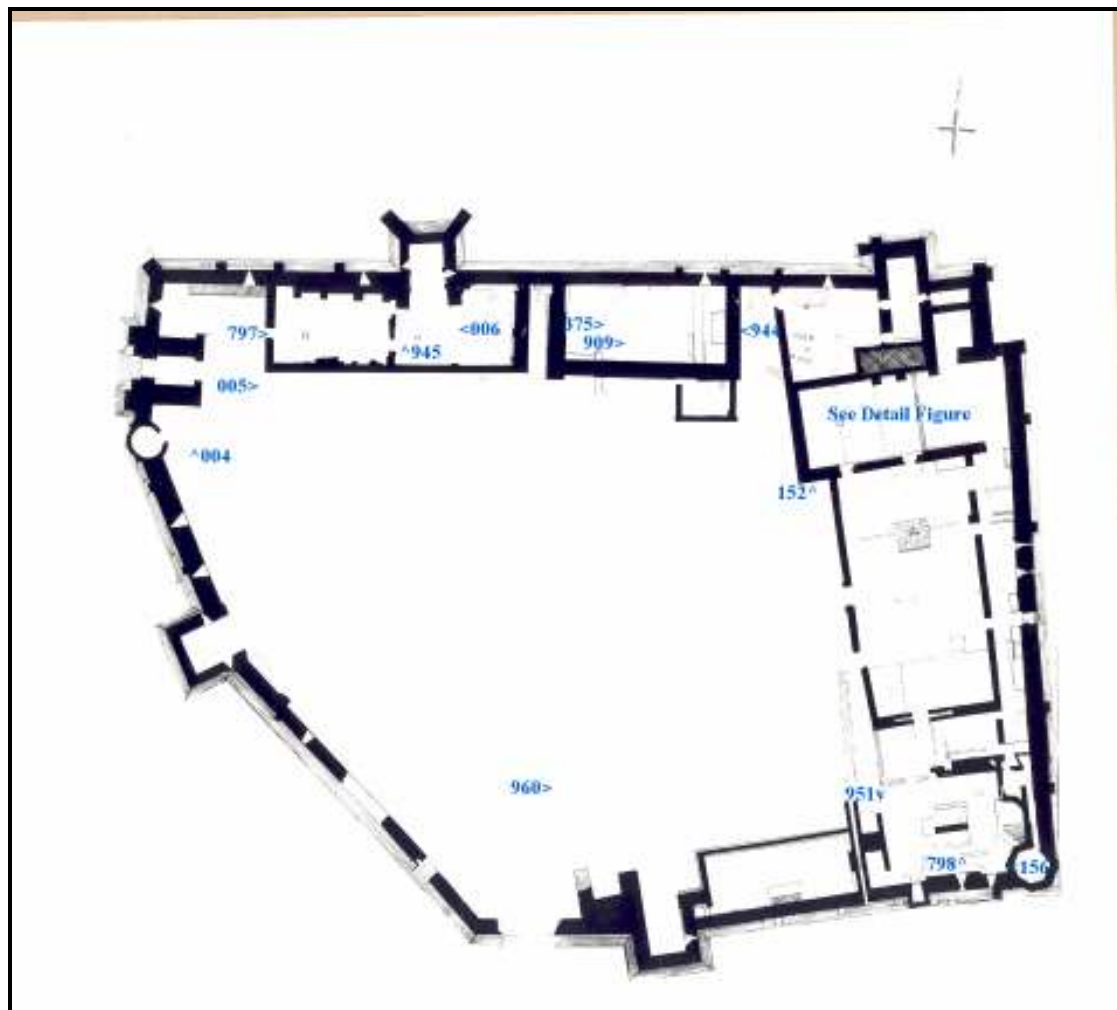


Fig. 2.4: Plan of castle showing approximate location of interior masonry photographs (Scan 030 modified)



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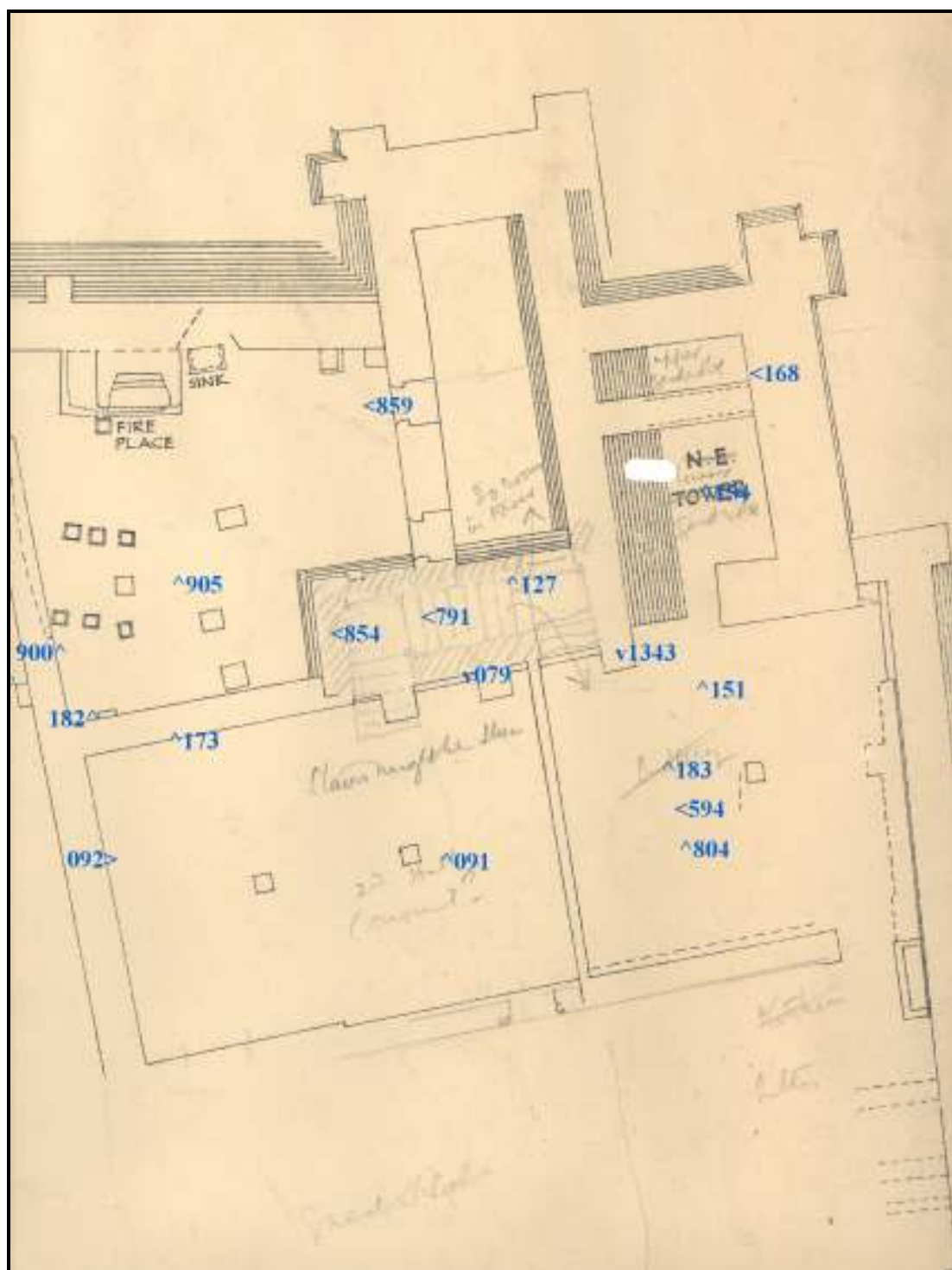


Fig. 2.5: The North East Tower Complex, approximate location of photographs
(Scan 1044, modified)



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