

**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF at
'THE PADDOCKS', WEST STREET, ILCHESTER.**

HOUSE 1 - 1995/1996

ILW 95

plus SUMMARY OF EXCAVATIONS 1989-1996

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SUMMARY

An archaeological watching brief on machine excavated foundation trenches for 'house 1', the last house to be constructed within the new development area of 'The Paddocks', West Street', Ilchester, found evidence for occupation within the Romano/British, early medieval and post-medieval periods.

Much of the area disturbed by the new trenches, particularly in the northern area of house 1, proved to be deposits of post-medieval date. A medieval pit was recorded in the south-east corner of the new building and deep deposits of orange sandy ?alluvial clays were present through the remainder of the area.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

House 1 is the last of four new dwellings erected within 'The Paddocks', West Street, Ilchester. There have been four previous reports on this site; two evaluation reports produced by the Birmingham University Field Archaeology Unit (BUFAU) in February 1989 and December 1991, and two reports on previous watching briefs on houses 2 to 4 by C. and N. Hollinrake in August and November 1993.

Part 1 of this report provides details of the 1995/96 watching brief. Part 2 will give a brief summary of the collated evidence from all of the various evaluations and watching briefs on the site together with a full finds list of the artefacts recovered from the 1989 to 1996 evaluations and watching briefs.

It is not proposed to present any historical background to either the West Street site or to Ilchester as a whole as that has been comprehensively dealt with in the previous evaluation reports and the two volumes on the Archaeology of Ilchester 1974-1986 edited by Peter Leach.

2.0 HOUSE 1 -WATCHING BRIEF

2.1 Methods

House 1 was constructed using trenched foundations. The depth of the foundations was agreed previously between the local planning authorities and the building contractors and these depths were adhered to. Prior to the excavations the area proposed for house 1 was cleared of topsoil and rubble and the trenches were then cut by a JCB using either 0.6m or 0.3m wide ditching buckets. These excavations were monitored throughout and the spoil was examined for pottery or other archaeological artefacts. After all the foundations had been cut one side of each trench was trowel cleaned, sections were drawn at a scale of 1:20 and bases were cleaned whenever possible. Adverse weather conditions and a high water table tended to obscure the trench bases, although it is believed that all archaeological features present were recorded.

The excavations were also recorded photographically using colour slides and black and white prints.

Levels were taken using a temporary bench mark in the centre of a manhole cover on the grassed 'island' within West Street which has a value of 12.83 metres.

The site code is ILW95 and all finds have been marked with their respective context, preceeded by the numeral 1 (house 1), thus 102, 124 etc., and the county museum **accession number 81/1991**. This accession number applies for all the archaeological works on this site since 1989. The finds and the archive will be deposited in the county museum, Taunton, after all reports have been completed.

The watching brief was carried out by Charles and Nancy Hollinrake between the 28th December 1995 and 3rd January 1996.

In the trench descriptions which follow a notional north point has been used so that all trenches are described as either north-south or east west. The true direction of north is indicated on the enclosed plans.

2.2 Trench A - figure 5 and 6

East-west trench, the north wall of house 1, running west from the standing garage [the garage is to be converted into living space for house 1] and immediately south of the boundary of the original house called 'The Paddocks'.

There were no medieval or earlier features within this area and all deposits were of post-medieval date. Figure 5 shows the north section of the trench; features of note, from west to east, as follows:

104, 105 are narrow bands of stone cobbles, tile and rubble. Probably representing a 19th century cobbled surface

106, 107, 110, 111 were fills of a large pit which cut into, and partly demolished, the corner of a building represented by wall foundations **112**.

108 was a large spread of redeposited yellow clay containing occasional brick fragments, it was seen in other trenches and is probably a levelling-up layer.

103 is a modern deposit of red scalplings below concrete the remains of the original driveway to The Paddocks prior to the development of this site.

109, a large amorphous deposit of mixed clays and rubble, contains post-medieval finds.

112, a large drystone foundation, a corner of a stone building; cuts clay **108**.

2.3 Trench B - Figure 5 and 6

North-south trench, the west wall of the garage for house 1. All the deposits recorded were of post-medieval date apart from natural clay **124**. Figure 5 shows the west side of the trench; features of note are, from north to south:

An old trench cutting through deposit **101**, almost certainly BUFAU evaluation trench III from 1989.

117, mixed clays and rubble containing Romano/British and post-medieval finds. Probably the same deposit as **109** in trench A. A number of pieces of worked Ham stone were recovered from this deposit including a large fragment of a column base probably of Romano/British date (see figure 8).

2.4 Trench C - Figure 5 and 6

North-south trench, the new west wall of house 1. The west side of the trench was recorded, features of note are, from north to south:

115, mixed grey clays containing post-medieval finds, probably the same as 109 in trench A and 117 in trench B.

116, below 115, greenish, gritty clay contained post-medieval roof tile lies immediately above **126**.

126, natural gravels in green clay.

124 is a deep deposit of sandy orange clay, seen throughout most of the trenches it might well be a pre-Roman (?and Roman) flood deposit/s. **124** contains within it deposits **125**.

125, a series of lenses and deposits, within **124**, various colours ranging from greyish buff through to khaki. Most have charcoal flecking. Probably ?natural prehistoric deposits.

2.5 Trench D - Figure 5 and 6

East-west trench, the south wall of house 1. The north side was recorded. Features of note are, from east to west:

120, greenish gritty sandy clays merging with **121** which is slightly greener and denser. Romano/British pottery was found in both although only **121** might possibly be of that period.

124 and **125**, alluvial orange clays containing lenses of grey-buff silts with charcoal.

The division between **124** and **121** is very sharp, possibly denoting an artificial cut.

2.6 Trench E - Figure 5 and 6

A narrow east-west trench, internal wall within house 1. The north side was recorded. Features of note are, from west to east:

128, a band of dark brown loamy clay with small stones, probably a buried soil layer, also present in trenches D, F and K. Relatively recent.

127, a layer of broken brick with stone and rubble, below **128**. Also present in trenches C and K.

117, deposit of mixed clay and rubble. Probably the same as 105 and 109.

129, 130, 131, fills of a small ditch or large pit, also found in trench F. Romano/British or medieval. No finds.

119, dark grey gritty clay with charcoal and Romano/British pottery. Also in trench F.

122, mixed grey/brown/green clays with stones. Also in trench G.

2.7 Trench F - Figure 5 and 6

Narrow north-south trench, internal wall of house 1. The west side was recorded. Features of note are, from south to north:

132, fairly stiff orange natural clay, similar to 124.

All other contexts are present in other trenches and described elsewhere.

2.8 Trench G - Figure 5 and 6

Narrow north-south trench. Internal and external wall of house 1. The west side was recorded. Features of note are, from south to north.

121, an extremely deep deposit of green/grey gritty clay. Sparse finds although one sherd of Romano/British pot found.

122, mixed deposit of green/yellow and brown clays with rubble and small stones. Sharp division between 121 and 122. **122** may be a large ?post-medieval ditch feature.

2.9 Trench H - Figure 6

North-south trench butting onto existing garage, external wall of house 1. The west side was recorded. Features of note are, from south to north:

114, fill of large pit, dark grey/brown to black, charcoal and small stones, the base of the pit is sealed below the new foundations. Pottery within the pit fill can be dated to the 11th to 13th century. Possible 12th century feature. No upper horizon was noted and the ground surface here may have been substantially lowered in recent years.

123, fill of a fairly large pit, post-medieval.

133, deposit of soft grey clay, no finds, earlier than medieval pit, probably a Romano-British feature, the area is very disturbed.

126, natural gravel rise.

2.10 Trench K - Figure 6

Narrow north-south trench, internal wall of house 1. The west side was recorded.

All features appear to be post-medieval and have been described elsewhere.

2.11 Trench M - Figure 6

East-west trench, external wall of house 1. The south section was recorded. Features of note are, from east to west:

122, mixed clays, green/yellow/brown; contains medieval pottery.

123, deep deposit of clays containing rubble. Fairly recent.

124, soft orange ?alluvial clay, upper surfaces disturbed and containing numerous lenses of **125**.

126, undulating surface of natural gravels.

3.0 DISCUSSION - HOUSE 1

3.1 The northern, central and western portions of the area through which the foundation trenches for house 1 were cut contained deposits of 18th and 19th century date. The stone foundation, **112**, in trench A is almost certainly the south-east corner of the building shown on the tithe map of 1840 which has a boundary running southeast from the centre of the structure (see figure 7). This building does not appear to be shown on William Stukeley's 1723 map of Ilchester (frontispiece of Ilchester excavations volume 1, Leach 1982).

The deposit of redeposited yellow clay, **108**, was recorded in trenches A, B, C, E and K. This would appear to be a deposit laid down to level up a large depression, either a pond or, more probably, a watercourse or leat, before the 19th century farm was laid out. In trench A it can be seen that the stone foundations **112** cut through deposit **108**, and cobble and rubble spreads lie above it.

A medieval water mill is recorded as being present in this area although its exact position is not known (Ilchester site 12 in Leach 1994, p18 and figure 4). It is possible that this backfilled feature may be connected with this mill.

Deposit **122** in trenches E and G is also probably of post-medieval date. It cuts through deposits **121** and **119** both of which are Romano/British or later. Its depth and consistency might suggest the backfilling of a large ditch or watercourse.

3.2 Medieval finds were generally sparse but pit **114** contained a number of sherds broadly dateable to the 12th century. This pit is in a similar position to medieval pits investigated in evaluation trench II of 1990.

3.3 Only one feature of probable Romano/British date was recorded, **119** in trenches E and F, which is probably a ditch. Other features recorded may be of this period but lack of finds precludes positive identification.

3.4 Orange clay deposits **124** and the lenses of buff or khaki silts **125** would appear to represent pre-Roman flood deposits, presumably occurring over long periods. The underlying geology throughout the trenches of house 1 was a deposit of wet gravels in green clay, context **126**.

4.0 SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK 1989-1996

Analysis of the results from the archaeological evaluations and watching briefs which have been undertaken on this site since 1989 leads to a number of conclusions about the various phases of occupation from the prehistoric period onwards:

4.1 Prehistoric - pre-Iron Age

4.11 Flint artefacts and debitage were found during the 1990 evaluation, mostly concentrated in the southwest of the development area especially in 1990 evaluation trench III. Most of this area is relatively undisturbed by the housing development.

4.12 It should be noted that no flints were recovered during the various watching briefs, machine excavations are not conducive to the recognition and recording of small finds and features.

4.2 Iron Age

4.21 Sherds of Iron Age pottery, although not numerous, were found in both the evaluations and watching briefs, some in features of Romano/British or medieval date and some within prehistoric features in 1990 evaluation trench III.

4.22 The late Iron Age pottery on the site is presumably connected with the large oppidum of that date some 200 metres south of The Paddocks. The oppidum and its assumed political importance must have been influential in the choice of Ilchester for the Roman military base and its subsequent position as cantonal centre.

4.23 No structures or major features of this period were recorded, although evaluation trenches are not generally large enough to recover building plans and watching briefs are unlikely to recover postholes or timber building features. It is possible that some postholes recorded in the 1990 evaluation in the western end of evaluation trench I(w) may have been of this period.

4.3 Romano/British

Features and finds of the Romano/British period were found throughout the development area and this is to be expected given its location within the southwestern suburbs of Roman Ilchester and its proximity to the Fosse Way.

Before commenting upon the finds and features recorded from this period it might be instructive to list certain Romano/British categories that were not present.

4.31 Most Roman period sites that are inhabited through to the later-4th century contain large quantities of 3rd and 4th century bronze coinage. Only one coin, a barbarous radiate of late 3rd century date, was recovered during the 1990 evaluation and, even given the conditions of the watching brief, perhaps more coins should have been expected had the site been intensively occupied in the 3rd/4th century.

4.32 No stone building foundations of Romano/British date were recognised and none of the various ditches recorded during the archaeological works resembled either a foundation or robber trench.

4.33 There were no special finds of bronze jewellery and only a few fragments of vessel glass.

4.34 From paragraphs 4.31 and 4.32 it can be surmised that the development area was within an area of gardens and paddocks to the rear, or the east, of any Roman buildings which might have fronted the Fosse Way. Roman building debris was found, particularly roof tiles plus a number of architectural fragments of worked ham stone, but all were found in post-medieval levels and may have been brought in from elsewhere.

4.35 The various ditch sections recorded were all relatively small in depth and width and almost certainly represent boundary divisions and sub-divisions.

4.36 The lack of special finds and paucity of coinage might even suggest that this particular area did not contain any rich or high status buildings at least in the latter part of the Roman period. Samian pottery is relatively common and amphora sherds were also found implying occupation in the 2nd century.

4.37 The range of pottery would strongly suggest Romano/British occupation in this area from the late 1st century through to the late 4th century AD although, as stated in para 4.6 above, the type and status of the occupation may have changed through time and the main occupation period may have been from the 1st through to the 3rd century.

4.38 Human skull fragments were recovered from a possible medieval pit in the area of the new driveway. It is assumed that these are Romano/British in date and represent a burial disturbed at a later period. No other human burial remains were recognised.

4.38 The Fosse Way:- When a new service trench was cut across West Street in 1993 what is assumed to be the eastern edge of the Roman Fosse Way was recorded. The eastern edge of the Roman road was sectioned by the trench and it could be seen that whilst modern services had cut through parts of the Fosse Way, much probably still survives including the roadside ditches. It was also noted that the original edge of the Roman road was obscured by a deep deposit of grey/brown clays which must have accumulated during the medieval period. The surface of the Roman road is slightly over 1 metre below the modern road surface.

The assumed eastern roadside ditch of the Fosse Way appears to lie below the western edge of the present pavement of West Street although this may be a later feature.

4.4 Medieval

4.41 Medieval pits of the 11th/12th century date were found in sufficient quantity to suggest that the development site was occupied by this period. Whether occupation was present in the late-Saxon period is less certain although the type of archaeological investigations undertaken on this site might be unlikely to recover such evidence. The pottery range certainly suggests continuous settlement from the 11th to the 15th century.

4.42 No medieval structures were recognised although, as stated previously, the type of archaeological works undertaken should not be expected to recover timber building plans.

4.43 There is less evidence for settlement on this site from the later medieval period through to the 18th/19th century.

4.5 Post-medieval

4.51 Deposits and features of the post-medieval period were particularly dense in the northern third of the development area but were also present throughout the site.

4.52 In the northern area, particularly around houses 1 and 2, 18th/19th century pits and walls have destroyed much of the Roman and medieval archaeology. The destruction is less intense in the south and western portions of the site and the southwestern area has probably the best preserved archaeological horizons.

4.53 The main focus of post-medieval activity is probably within the area of the original house known as The Paddocks which was not examined in the archaeological works.

4.54 The 19th century occupation is later than, and possibly connected with, the backfilling of at least one large ditch or water leat. In the 1995 watching brief the redeposited clay, 108, represents the final levelling up of a large feature containing dumped mixed clays and rubble. The eastern edge of this feature, using the yellow clay deposit as a guide, would appear to follow the same alignment of the Roman Fosse Way (and the later medieval and turnpike road). It may be connected with a possible water mill reported as standing near to the medieval west gate of Ilchester or it may be a post-medieval defensive feature ?civil war. Whatever the date it was backfilled in the 18th and 19th century and consolidated before the 19th century farm was built.

4.55 The walls which sub-divided the site before the development occurred contained relatively large quantities of worked Ham stone. Some of these pieces are probably medieval or post-medieval but much of it probably originated in the Romano/British period.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The Paddocks development area contains settlement evidence from the early prehistoric period to the present day. The main settlement periods would appear to be Romano/British in the 1st to 4th century, the medieval period from the 12th to the 14th/15th century and the 19th century to the present day.

5.2 Medieval occupation disturbed some Romano/British features and horizons.

5.3 Post-medieval occupation was intense and destroyed many deposits and features of earlier periods. The main settlement concentration was in the north of the development area but cobbled yards seem to have extended over much of the development site. The construction of these yards seems to have involved a levelling of parts of the site, particularly in the south and west portions which has resulted in the truncation or destruction of medieval and Roman horizons although some archaeology of these periods remains intact and prehistoric features cut into natural clays and gravels have survived especially in the southwestern corner of the development area.

5.4 In the northwestern part of the site at least one large negative feature, a major ditch or water leat, was backfilled and levelled-up in the 18th/19th century. The orientation of this features mirrors the line of the Fosse Way.

5.5 As the best preserved archaeology is found in the southern area of the development site it is logical to assume that the pasture land immediately south of The Paddocks, which does not appear to have been settled or developed in the post-medieval period, will contain undisturbed archaeological horizons of the Romano/British and possibly Saxon and medieval periods.

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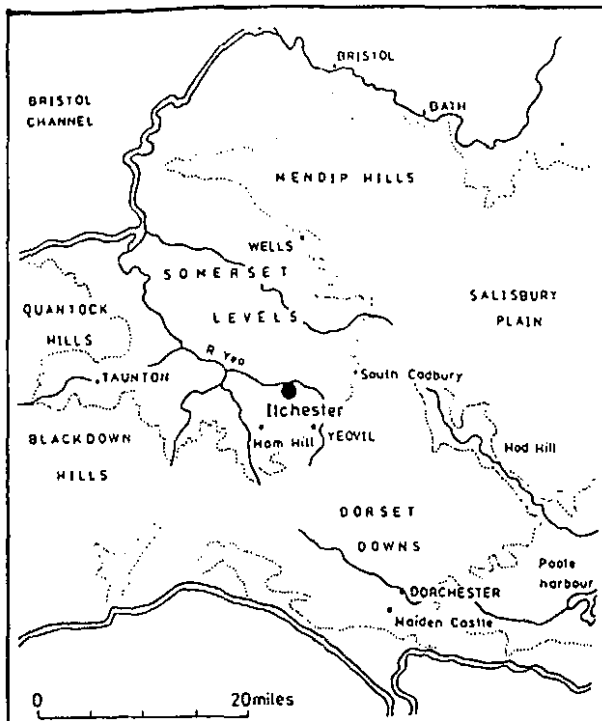


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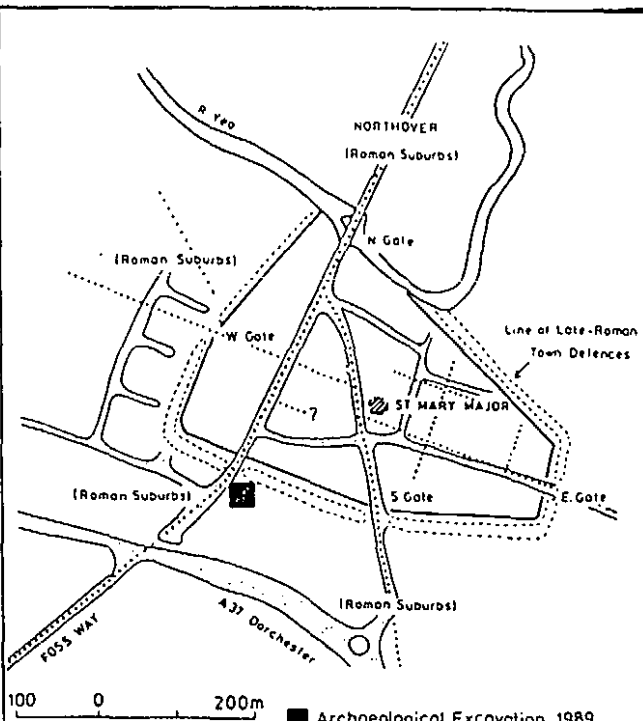


Fig 1b

ILCHESTER WEST STREET Archaeological Evaluation 1989

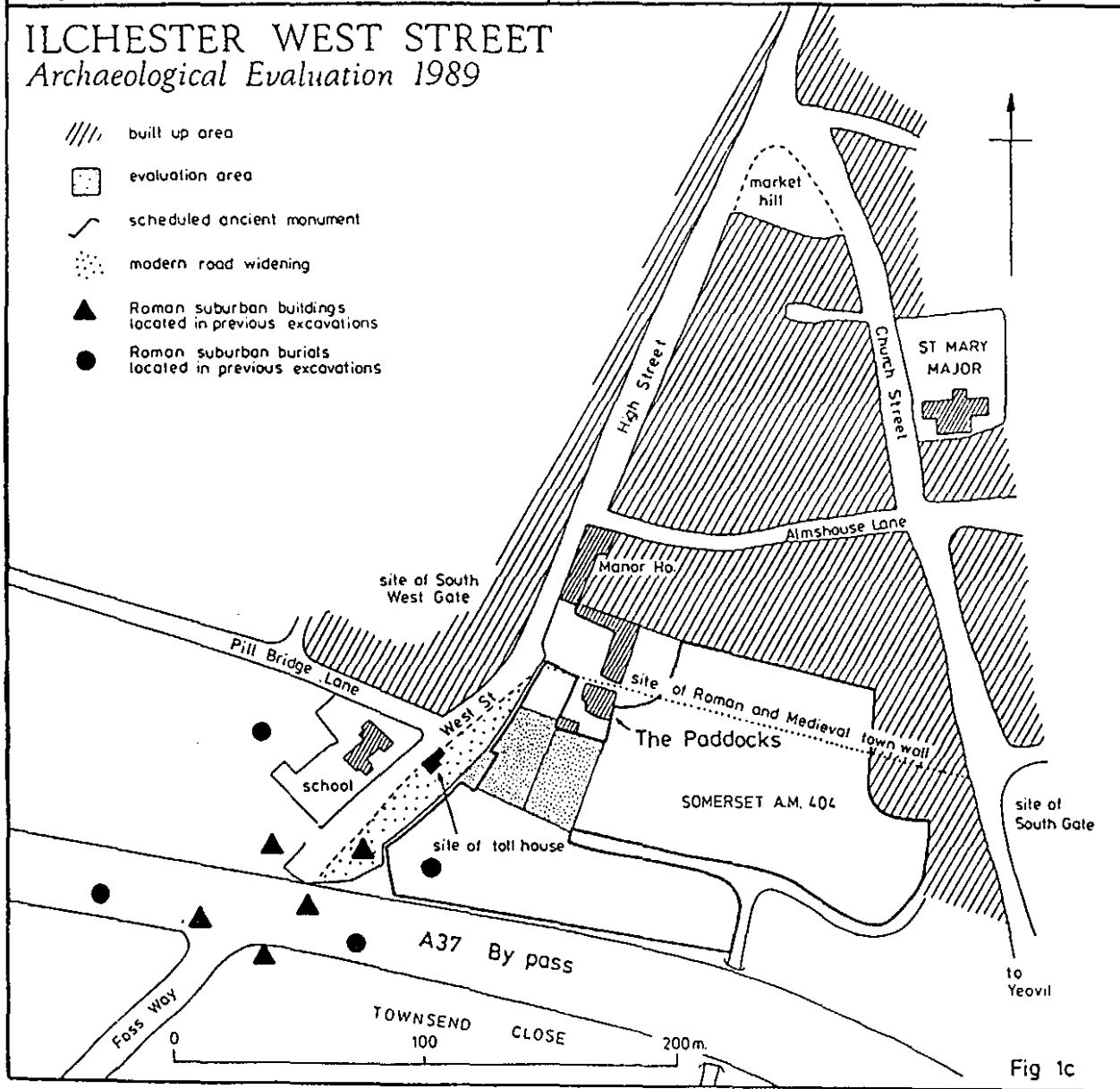


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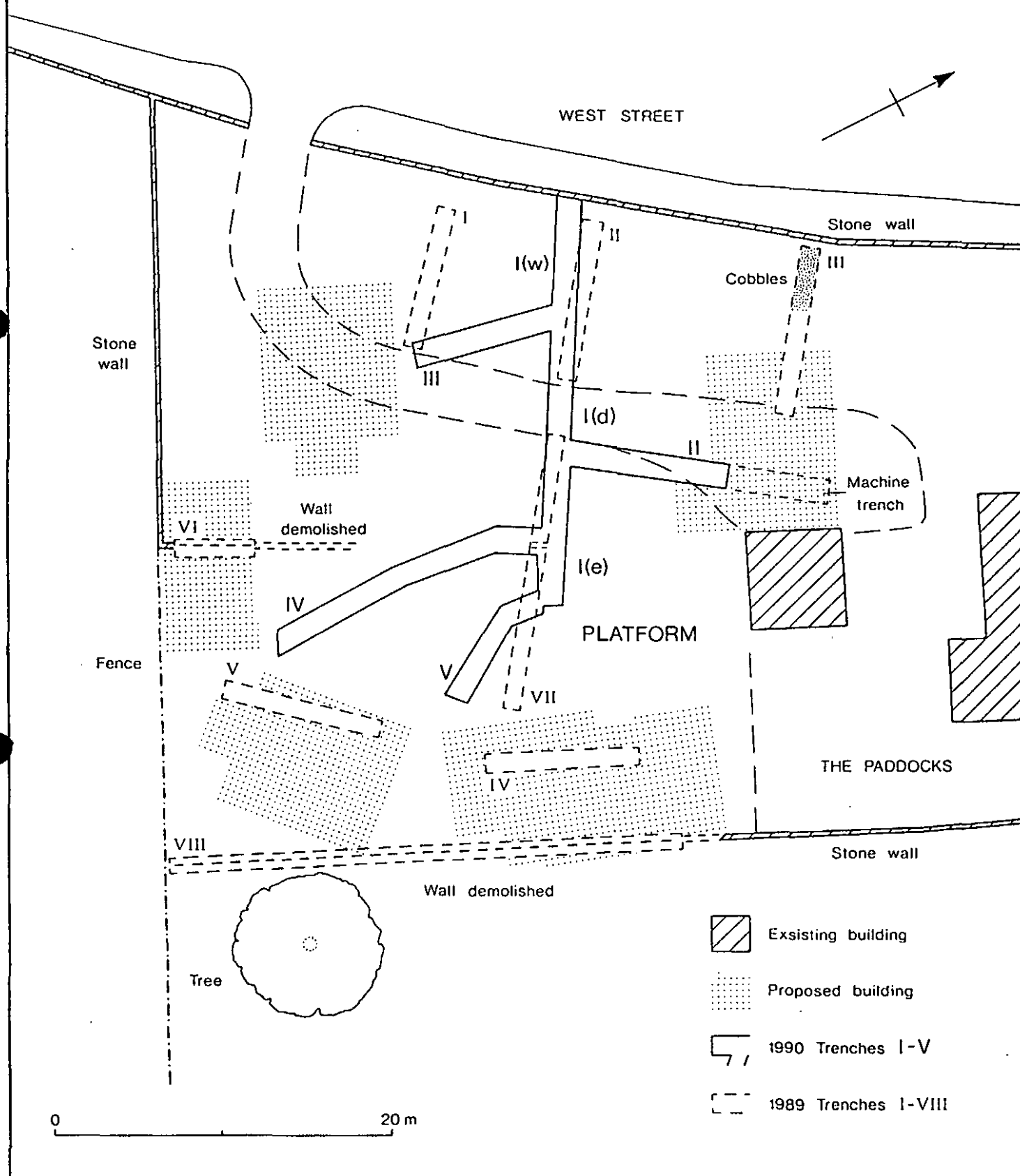


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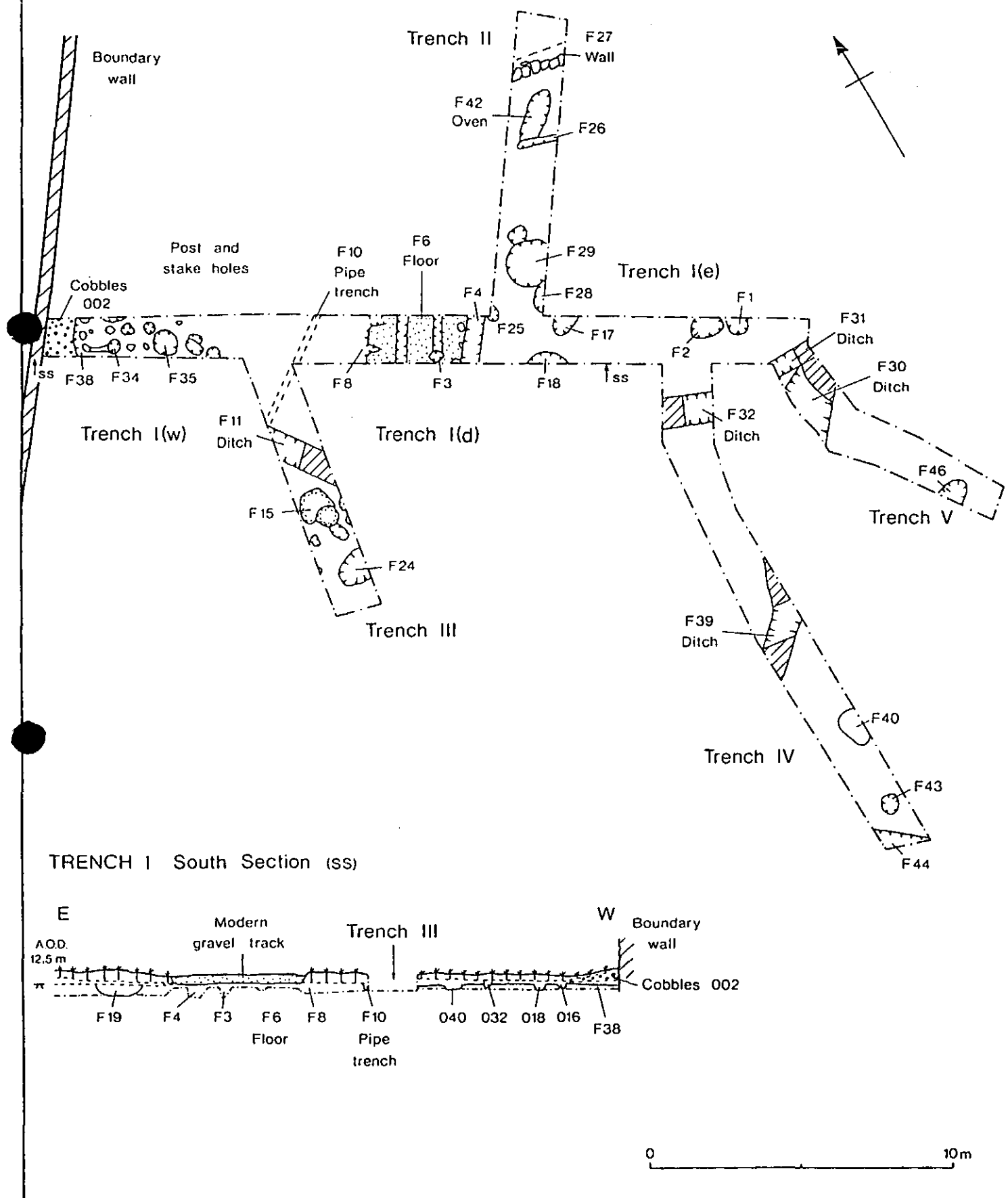



Figure 3

THE
PADDOCKS
HOUSE

THE PADDOCKS,
WEST STREET,
ILCHESTER.

PROPOSED NEW
HOUSING SCHEME
with
EXCAVATION
TRENCHES
1989 to 1991.

 initial plans
for proposed
new houses

West
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garage

house

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driveway

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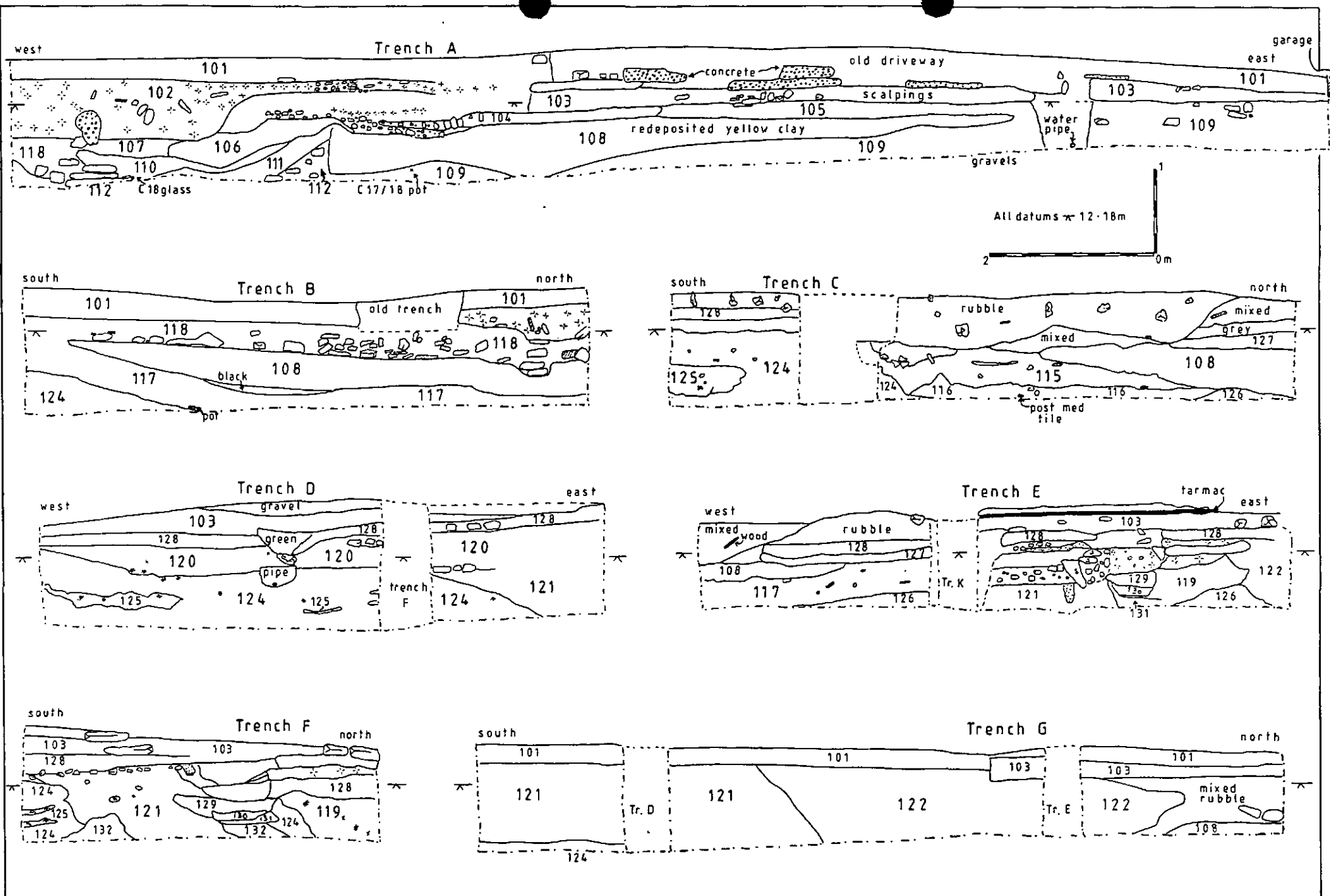
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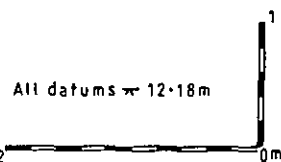
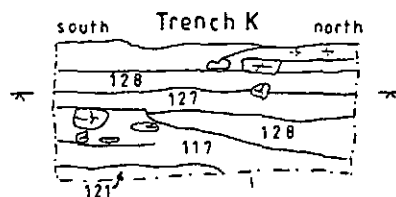
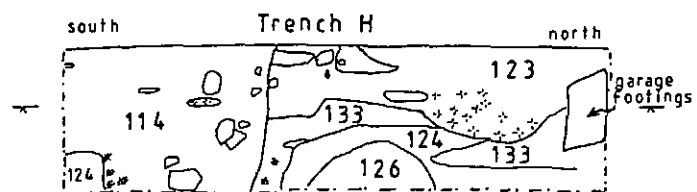
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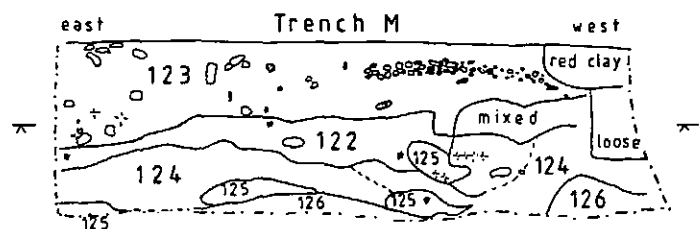
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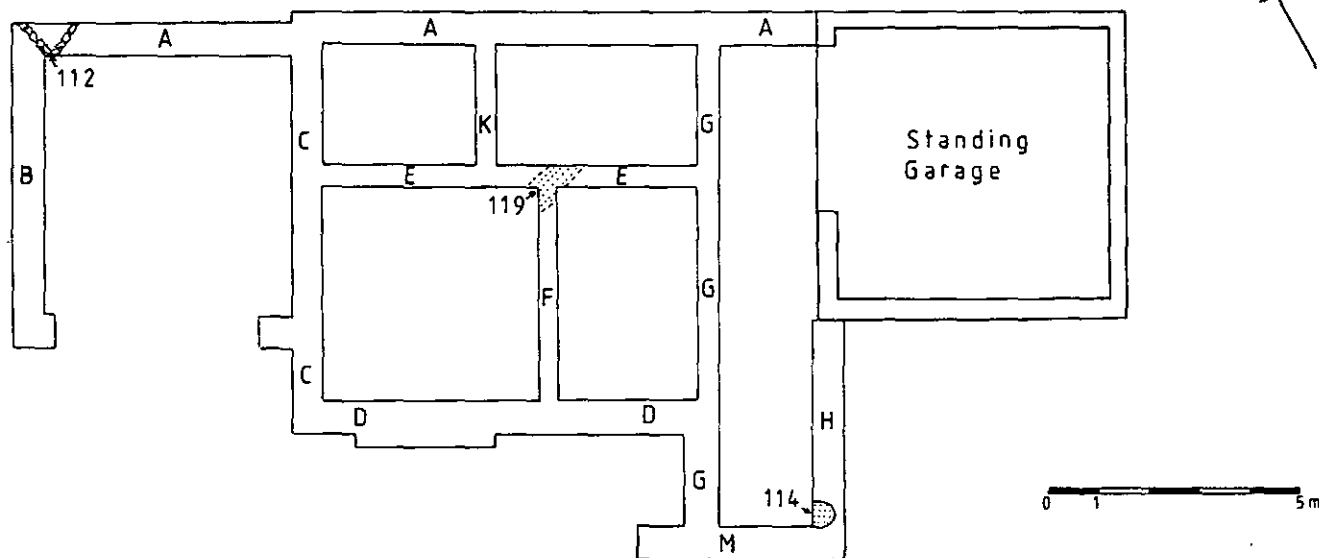




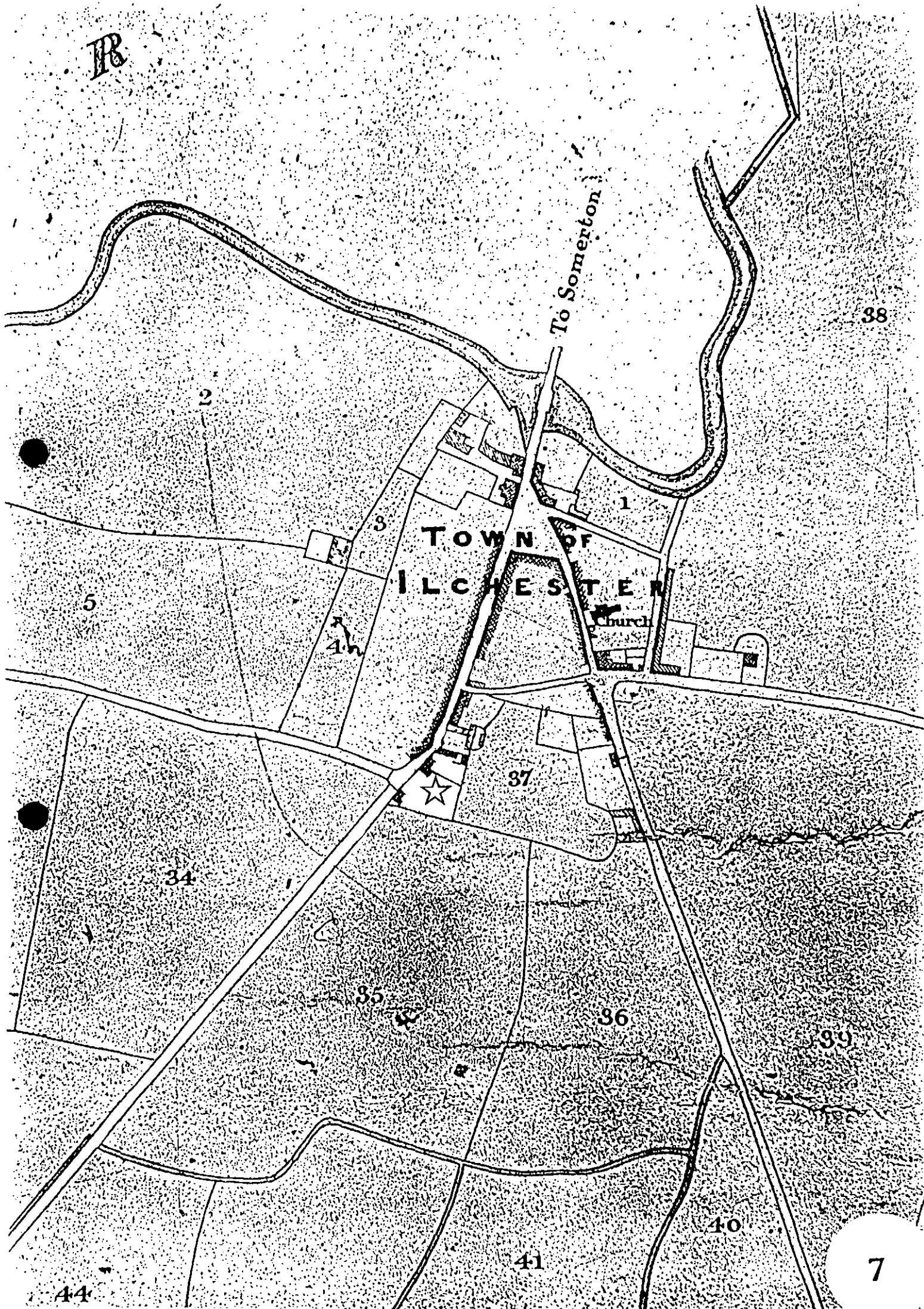
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FOUNDATION TRENCHES



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TOWN OF
ILCHESTER

Church

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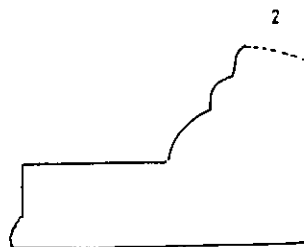
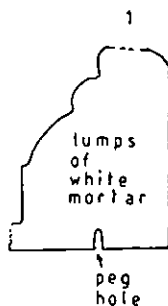
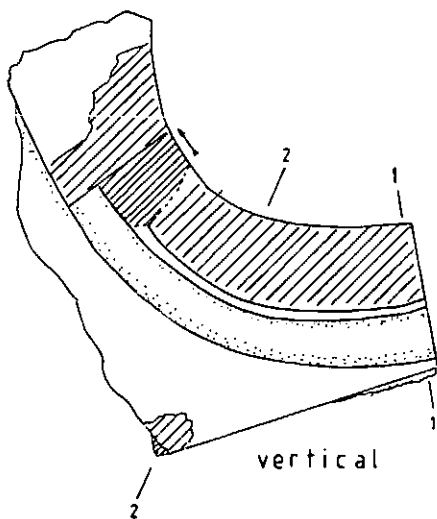
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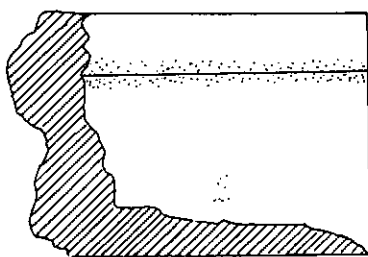
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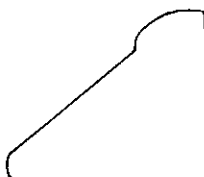
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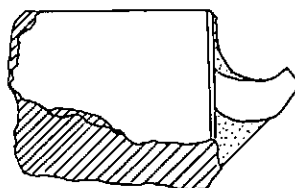
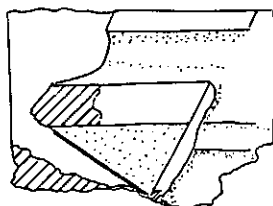


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/// damaged or broken stone



top / base uncertain

HAM STONE FRAGMENTS

TRENCH B

"The Paddocks", West St., Ilchester

		pottery			building materials		
context	{sherds	fabric	surface	date}	{no.	type	misc.
EVALUATION TRENCHES							
TRENCH IW							
001	1	group 25		p-med			1x struck FLINT
	3	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			
	1	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4			
	1	Samian, fabric 30		C1-3			
002	2	missing					
003	2	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	1	window glass	1x med. bottle glass
	4	BB, fabric 18, missing		C1-4			
004	1	earthenware		C19th	1	tile	1x animal long bone
	3	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			2x clay ?waste
	1	buff stoneware, fabric 52		C1-4			
007							2x animal long bone frags.
							1x pig canine tooth
							2x unworked flint
013	3	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			
014	1	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			1x animal long bone
							1x animal bone
015							1x cow rib head, cut mark
021	1	PMF fabric 3		p-med			
	1	Group 12		med			
025	3	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			1x cow tibia, cut mark
	1	Group 17		med.			1x cow vertebra frag.
							2x animal bone frag.
027	2	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			
	1	amphora, fabric 33		C1-4			
	1	Group 20		med.			
030					1	tile	
					1	slate	
035							1x v. small fired clay frag.
TRENCH IE							
006/F1	1	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			1x animal bone
	1	Group 12		C1-4			1x struck flint
	9	Group 18		med.			
	1	Group 19		med.			
	3	misc.		med.			
007	1	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			
	1	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4			
	1	amphora, fabric 33		C1-4			
	6	coarse storage jar		C1-4			
	2			p-med.			
008/F2	3	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	3	tile	1x cow scapula frag.
	2	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4	1	brick	1x cow skull frag.
	2	Samian, fabric 30, decorated		C1-4			1x sheep tooth frag.
	1	Group 17		med.			?immature
	1	Group 19		med.			3x animal long bones
	22	misc.		med.			3x unworked FLINT
							1x struck FLINT
							1x glass
024/F18	4	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	1	tile	1x animal skull frag.
	1	Oxford ware, fabric 1		C1-4			1x cow vertebral dorsal
	2			med.			spiral frag.
							1x pig vertebral dorsal
							spiral frag.
							1x burnt unworked FLINT
							7x unworked FLINT
							1x struck FLINT
							1x FLINT core
026/F19	4	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			1x burnt animal skull frag.
TRENCH IC							
009/F6	2			IA	1	daub	
	1	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			
011/F4	2	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			1x cow pelvis frag.
012/F5	1	missing					

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context	{	pottery		date)	{no.	building materials		misc.
		sheds	fabric			surface	type	
TRENCH II								
029/F25	1	Group 12		med.	1	slate frag.	1x sheep/goat metapodial	
	1	Group 20		med.			1x sheep rib head	
	11	Group 18		med.			1x sheep phalanges, cut	
							1x sheep long bone frag.	
							1x cow tibia frag.	
							1x FLINT flake	
							2x unworked FLINT	
034/F26	1	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4				
F27	2	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4				
	1			C1-4				
	3	Group ?19		med.				
	2	Group 20		med.				
036/F28	3	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	1	tile	6x cow skull frag.	
	1	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4			1x cow upper premolar	
	1	Group 20		med.			1x worked stone	
037/F29	6	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	1	tile	1x sheep humerus, arthritic	
	1	Samian, fabric 30		C1-3			5x sheep metapodial frags.	
	1	Oxford ware, fabric 1 (Beaker)		C3-4			1x sheep ankle bone frag.	
	1	Ilchester B		med.			6x sheep long bone frags.	
	21			med.			1x sheep bone	
							2x clay ?waste	
							1x unworked FLINT	
048/F29	10	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			1x sheep rib frag.	
	1	Oxford ware, fabric 1 (Beaker)		C3-4			1x shattered unworked FLINT	
	1	colour coated ware, fabric 17		C3-4				
	1	Group 19		med.				
	1			med.				
F33	2	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	2	tile	1x slag	
F41	1	BB, fabric 18		C1-4				
050/F42	11	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	1	tile	4x cow teeth	
	1	Samian, fabric 30		C1-3			2c cow upper jaw frags.	
	1	amphora, fabric 733		C1-3			1x r. lower jaw frag.	
	1	colou coated ware, fabric 17		C1-3			2x cow phalanges	
							1x cow jaw hinge	
							3x cow skull frags.	
							5x cow scapula frag.	
							2x cow rib frags.	
							1x cow metacarpal frags.	
							1x sheep akull frags.	
							2x animal bone frags.	
							4x animal long bone frags.	
TRENCH III								
304/F11	20	BB, fabric 18		C1-4			1x sheep scapula frag.	
	4	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4			4x sheep rib frags.	
	1	Samian, fabric 30		C1-3			1x sheep premolar tooth	
	1	amphora, fabric 33		C1-3			1x sheep incisor tooth	
	1	siltstone		C1-4			1x bird long bone	
	1	?Severn valley ware, fabric ?41		C1-4			1x bird bone	
							1x bird humerus	
							2x burnt animal bone frag.	
							5x animal bone frags.	
							16x slag, 3x oven lining	
							1x struck FLINT flake	
							5x FLINT flakes	
							14x shells	
							1x Cu ALLOY scrap	
306/F9							2x FLINT flakes	
							1x struck FLINT flake	
							1x FLINT core, badly weathered	
							1x unworked FLINT	
							1x struck piece of CHERT	
F13							7x FLINT flakes	
							1x FLINT blade shaft	
							1x FLINT end scraper	
							1x badly weathered FLINT	
F16							3x FLINT flakes	
F24							1x FLINT core	
							3x unworked damaged FLINT	
							1x struck FLINT	

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		pottery				building materials			
context	{shards	fabric	surface	date}	{no.	type	misc.		
TRENCH IV									
043/F32	17	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	2	Fe nails	1x cow lower jaw		
	1	Samian, fabric 30		C1-3			2x cow metapodial frags.		
	1	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4			5x immature cow skull frag.		
	2	Oxford ware, fabric 4		C3-4			1x cow rib frag.		
	2	Oxford ware, fabric 1		C3-4			2x sheep teeth		
	1	mortarium, fabric 63		C1-4			1x sheep humerus frag.		
	2	Group 18		med.			1x sheep phalange, immature		
	1	burnt		med.			2x bird bones		
							1x animal long bone frag.		
							1x sheep ilium		
							5x animal bone frags.		
							1x struck FLINT flake		
F39	33	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	1	tile	1x Fe BLADE		
	1	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4			1x Cu ALLOY COIN: barbarous		
	2	greyware, fabric 28		C1-4			radiate, 270-90AD,		
	2	Samian, fabric 30		C1-3			copying Claud. II		
	1	Oxford ware, fabric 1, bowl		C3-4			consecratio issue		
F43	4	BB1, fabric 18		C1-4	1	roof tile	1x slag		
	1			med.			2x shells		
F44	1			IA	1	brick	1x shell		
	11	BB, fabric 18		C1-4					
	2	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4					
	1	coarse greyware, fabric 28		C1-4					
	1	coarseware		C1-4					
	2	Oxford ware, fabric 1		C3-4					
	1	missing							
F45	1	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4	1	tile			
046	1	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	3	tile	1x cow vertebre frag.		
	4			med.			2x cow rib frags.		
	5	Group 25		p-med.			1x cow molar		
							1x animal long bone		
							1x animal phalange		
							1x cow molar with plaque		
							2x clay ?waste		
							1x Fe SPOON		
							1x shell		
047	16	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	1	tile			
	2	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4	1	Fe nail			
	1	Samian, fabric 30		C1-3	1	window glass			
	1	amphora, fabric 33		C1-3					
	1	New Forest ware, fabric 5		C3-4					
F33							6x cow jaw frags.		
F43							5x animal teeth		
F44					1	Fe nail	1x sheep tooth		
							1x cow tooth		
							5x animal bone		
							1x cow lower jaw frag.		
							1x dog l. lower jaw, molar 4		
							& premolar 2 + 3		
							1x animal rib frag.		
F45							2x animal bone frags.		
TRENCH V									
041/F30	19	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	3	brick/tile frags.	6x cow long bone frags.		
	3	BB, burnt & oxidized		C1-4			1x cut		
	1	Samian, fabric 30		C1-3			1x cow incisor		
	5	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4			1x cow bone		
	1	New Forest, fabric 5		C3-4			1x clay ?waste		
	1	Oxford ware, fabric 1		C3-4					
	1	Shepton Mallet ware		C1-3					
	1			C1-4					
F46	2	missing							
HOUSE TRENCH									
F47	2	BB, fabric 18		C1-4					
	1	greyware, fabric 26		C1-4					
	1	Oxford ware, fabric 1		C3-4					
F48	2	BB, fabric 18		C1-4	1	tile			
	2			med.					

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context	pottery	building materials	
{ sherds fabric	surface	date} { no.	type } misc.
WATCHING BRIEFS			
House 1			
109	1 rim, pink fab.	orange glaze, yellow bands	C17-18
110	1		C17-19
114	1 pot B, reduced sandy fb		glass bottle base
	oxidised margins		animal bone fragments
	reduced exterior	C13-15	
	1 pot A, base sherd		
	hard sandy oxidised		
	oxidised interior		
	reduced exterior	?C12-13	
114			
base	1 bevelled rim, grey fb		
	heavily gritted		
	oxidised thin skin	C11-13	
	1 similar to above, brown	C11-13	
	1 light grey fb and		
	surfaces, quartz		
	temper, thick	C11-12	
	1 rim sherd (sml frg)		
	flat rim internal bead		
	grey fb, brown skin		
	inside, reduced outer,		
	sooty	C11-12	
	5 various, reduced &		
	oxidised, sooty	C11-13	
115	1 Samian, base	C1-3	bottle glass fragments
	2	?17-19	
116	1	C1-4	1 tile, pale pink/orange combed
117	1 Samian frg, plain	C1-3	1 tile, oxidised orange
	1	?C18-20	
118	1 Samian	C1-3	
	2 blue transfer ware	C18-19	
119	1 Samian	C1-3	1 ?tile/drainage pipe
	1 BBW, lattice decor.	C1-4	
	1	?C1-4	
	1		
120	1 Samian rim	C1-3	
	2 BBW	C1-4	
121	1 BBW, buff grey surf.	C1-4	(from trench G)
122	1 BBW	C1-4	
	1 reduced gritty fb.	combed decoration	C12-13
123	1 hard reduced fb.	green/brown glaze	C13-15
	1 grey fb, oxidised	C13-15	1 sm. frag. brick
	1	?	
	1 BBW	C1-4	
	1 BBW, lattice decor.	C1-4	
U/S	1 Samian	C1-3	1 thick tile fragment
	1 BBW, rim, dish	C1-4	
	3 BBW	C1-4	
	1 greyware	burnished	C1-4
	1 fine ware, hard grey		
	fb, brown surfaces	C2-4	
	1	C1-4	
	1 rim, hard grey sandy	spots green glaze	
	fb, smooth orange		
	surface	C13-14	
	1 hard sandy fabric	C17-18	
	2 glazed		

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context	pottery			date	building materials		misc.
	sherds	fabrics	surface		no.	type	
House 2							
14	31	BB (all one pot)		C1-4th			
	1	small BB base		C1-4th			
	1			C12-14th			
	1	rim	glazed, scratched	C12-13			
	3		glazed	C14-16			
	1		glazed	C16-17			
15	1	small Samian rim		C1-3rd			1x animal bone
	1	?Samian/Oxford					
	2	BB rim		C1-4th			
	1	small medieval		C12-15			
OT	2	BB bases		C1-4th	18	roof tile	1x GLASS frag. *SF
	7	BB		C1-4th	1	angled roof tile	1x Cu ALLOY plate *SF
	1	RB		C1-4th			
	1	post-medieval		C16-19			
House 2							
U/S	1	?IA, thick		LIA			
	4	Samian		C1-3rd			
	13	BB		C1-4th			
	3	BB, oxidized		C1-4th			
	1	New Forest		C3-4th			
	1	RB colour coat		C3-4th			
	2	(1 a rim)		C13th			
	1			C18th			
House 3							
1	23	BB		C1-4th	1	Fe nail	7x animal bone
	4	oxidized BB		C1-4th			1x oyster shell
	2	large joining rim sherds					
	1	?RB					
3	2	Samian		C1-3rd			
	8	BB		C1-4th			
5	1	IA		LIA	1	? tile frag., thick	
	4	BB		C1-4th			
	1	amphora handle		C1-4th			
	1	grey ware		C1-4th			
	3	?RB		C1-4th			
7	6	BB		C1-4th			
8	3	Samian, joining rim & base		C1-3rd			
	4	BB		C1-4th			
	1	oxidized BB		C1-4th			
Garage, House 3							
9	1	Samian		C1-3rd	1	Fe nail	1x animal bone, burnt
	15	BB		C1-4th		much tile	Oyster shell
	4	oxidized BB		C1-4th		mortar/plaster frags.	charcoal
	2	grey ware		C1-4th			
	5	?RB		C1-4th			
10						Lias stone	clay pipe stems
						rough Ham stone	animal bone & skulls
12	3	BB		C1-4th			
	1	?Oxford cup handle		C1-4th			
13	2	BB		C1-4th			
	1	?BB		C1-4th			
U/S	1	Samian		C1-3rd			
	7	BB		C1-4th			
	1	BB oxidized		C1-4th			
	1	greyware		C1-4th			
	1	IA		LIA			
	1	mortarium, orange		C1-4th			
	1	?IA		?IA			

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context	pottery				building materials		misc.
	{ sherds	fabric	surface	date}	{ no.	type	
House 4							
Trench 1							
31	8	joining rim and base of large shallow dish, BB		C1-4			
	10	BB		C1-4			
	1	large sherd ?amphora		C1-4			
	5	large storage jar		C1-4			
Trench 2							2x animal bone
34	1	oxidized BB		C1-4			
	2	BB		C1-4			
	1	greyware		C1-4			
context	pottery				building materials		misc.
	{ no.	sherds	fabric	date}	{ no.	type	
Trench 3							
32	1	Samian rim		C1-2	1	lipped roof tile	
	1	BB, small bowl		C1-4			
	2	BB		C1-4			
	2	BB, reduced oxidized surfaces		C1-4			
	1	oxidized		C1-4			
Trench 4							
33	1	Samian		C1-2			
	3	small BB rim		C1-4			
	2	BB, oxidized		C1-4			
	1	BB, grey interior		C1-4			
	1	BB, oxidized		C1-4			
	1	?amphora or storage jar		C1-4			
House 4							
U/S	1	Samian rim		C1-2			1x vessel GLASS /RB
	1	Samian, decorated		C1-2			
	1	Samian		C1-2			
	4	BB rims		C1-4			
	4	rim & body, pimply densely gritted BB type		C1-4			
	27	BB		C1-4			
	5	BB, oxidized margins		C1-4			
	1	BB oxidized		C1-4			
	1	greyware rim, small jar		C1-4			
	1	greyware rim		C1-4			
	1	greyware		C1-4			
	1	thick storage jar rim		C1-4			
	1	thick storage jar		C1-4			
	2	joining, thick reduced, brown surfaces, heavily gritted		?IA			
	1	reduced core, oxidized margins, grey skin, thick		C10-12			
	1	base		?medieval			

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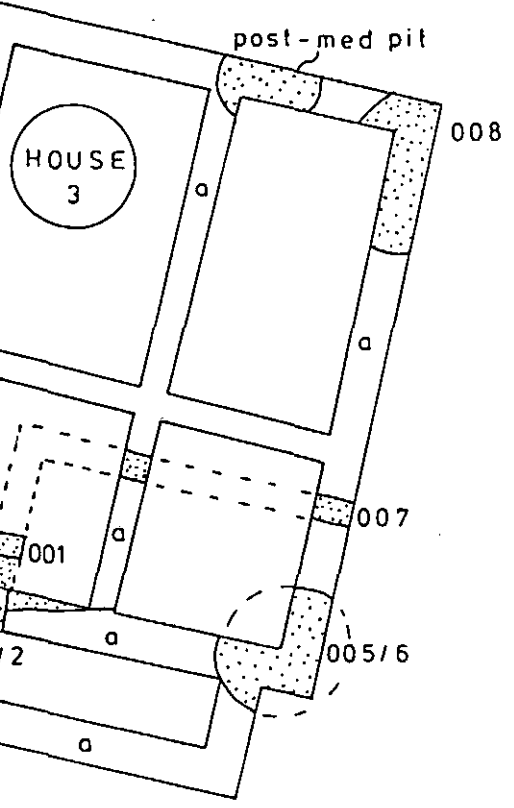
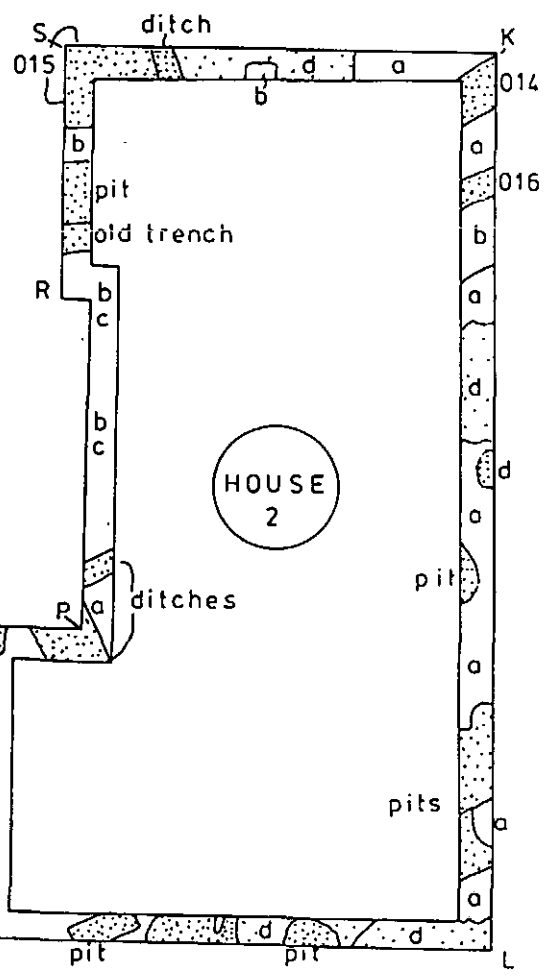
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New Driveway

HOUSE 2

ditches

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GARAGE

boundary fence

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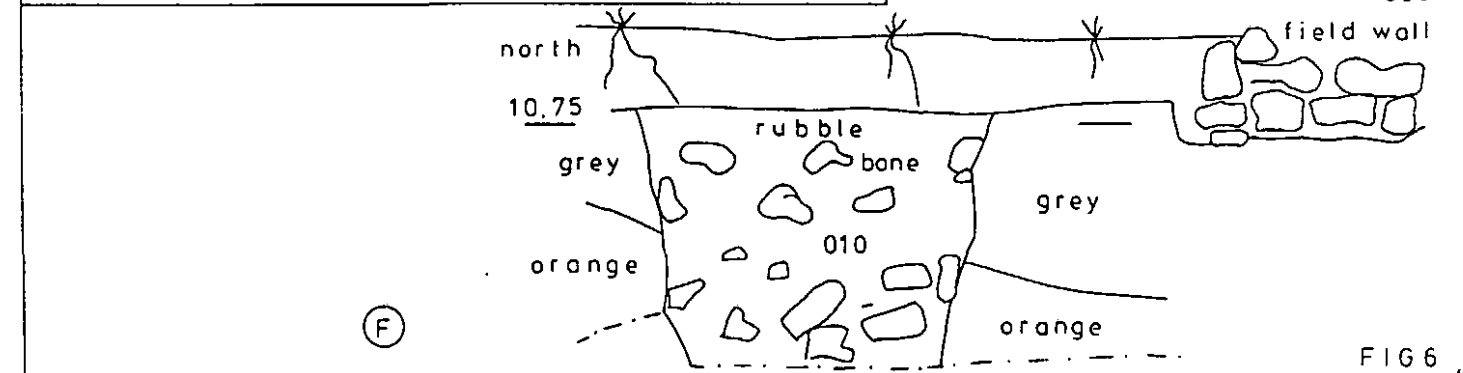
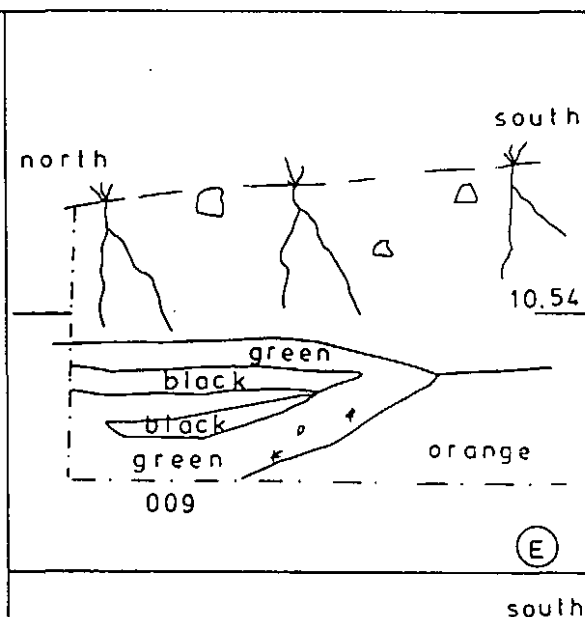
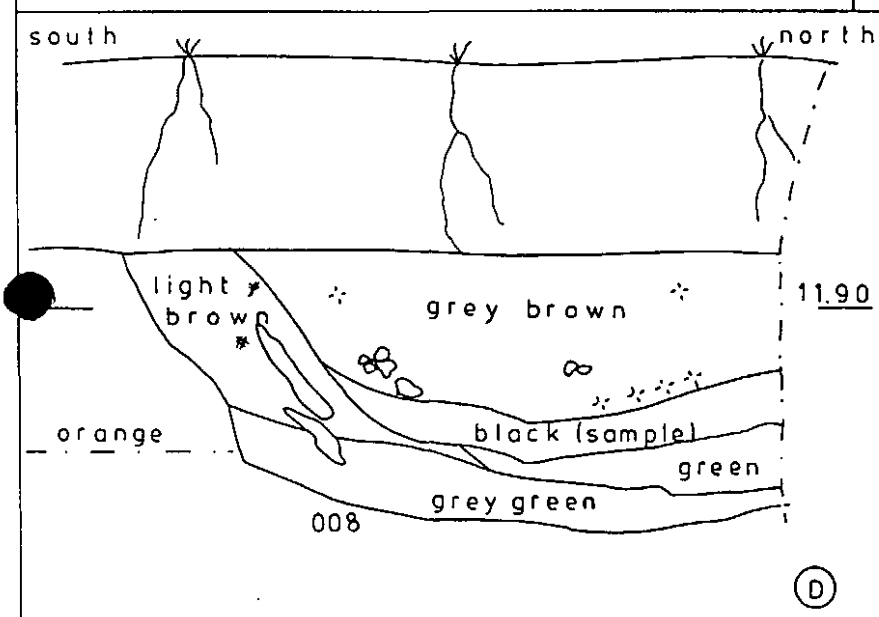
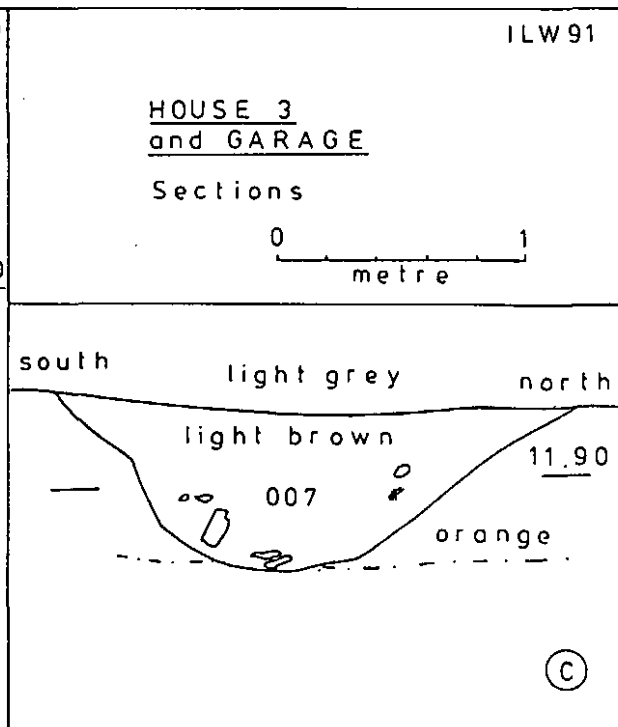
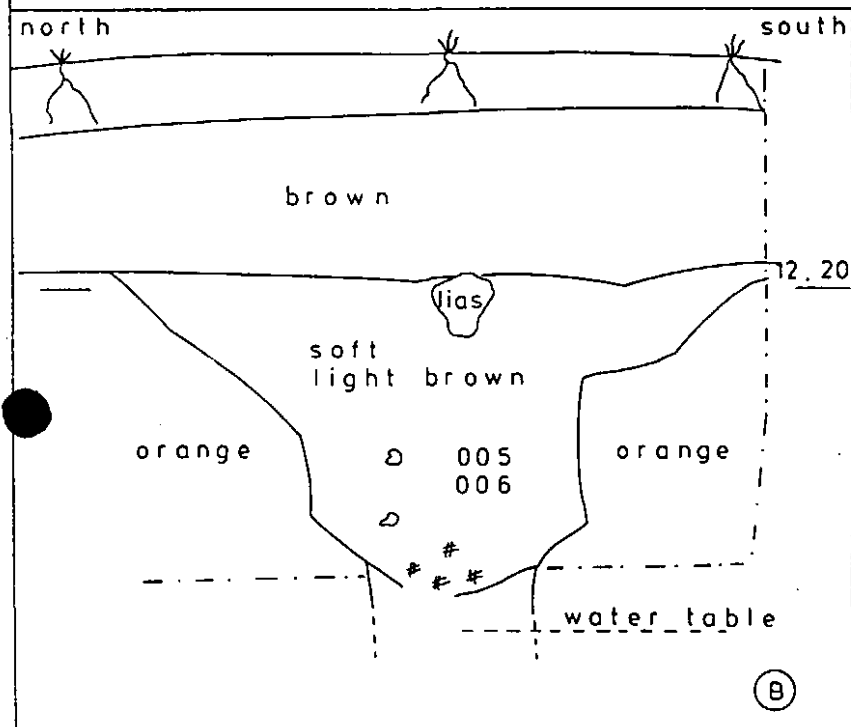
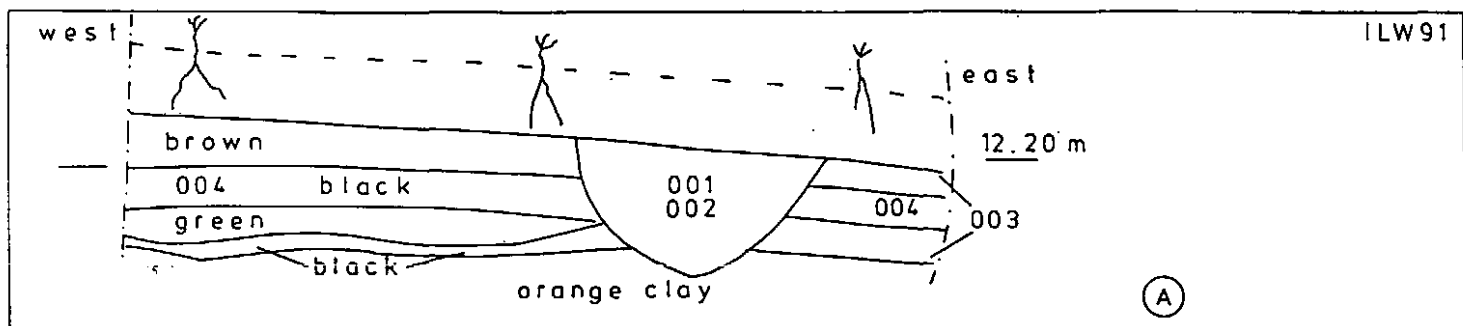
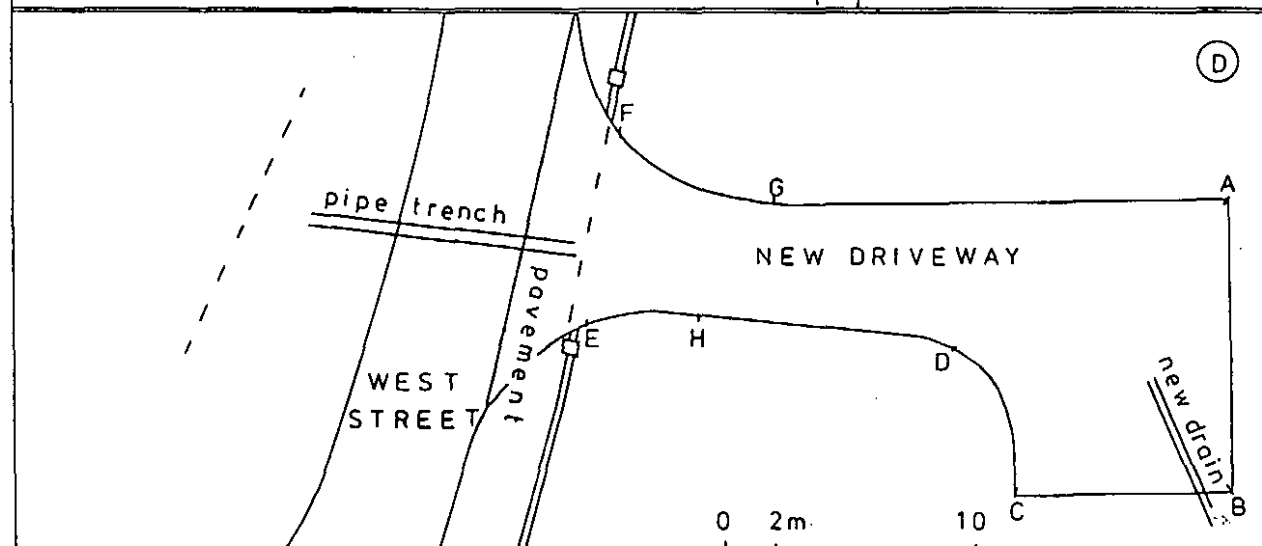
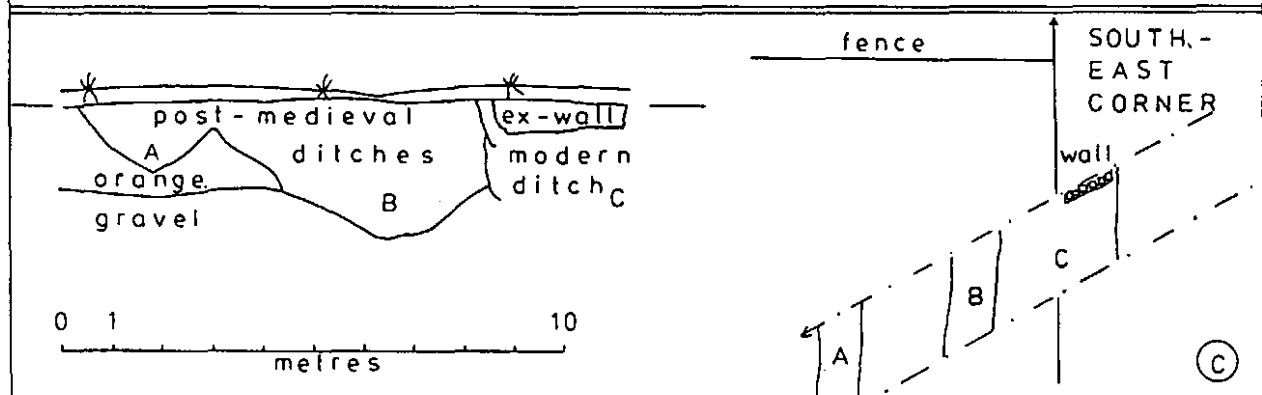
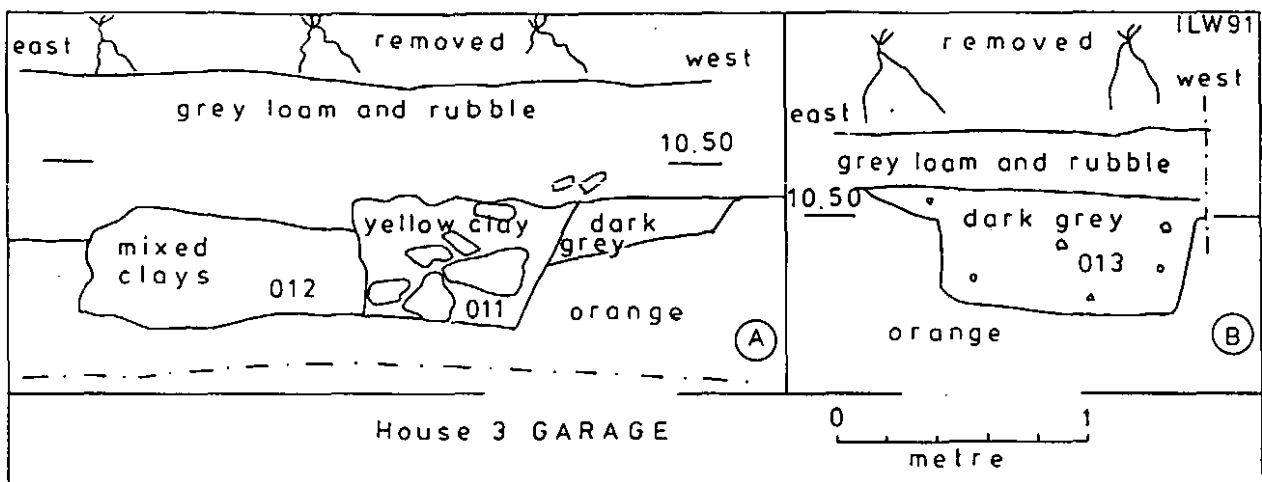
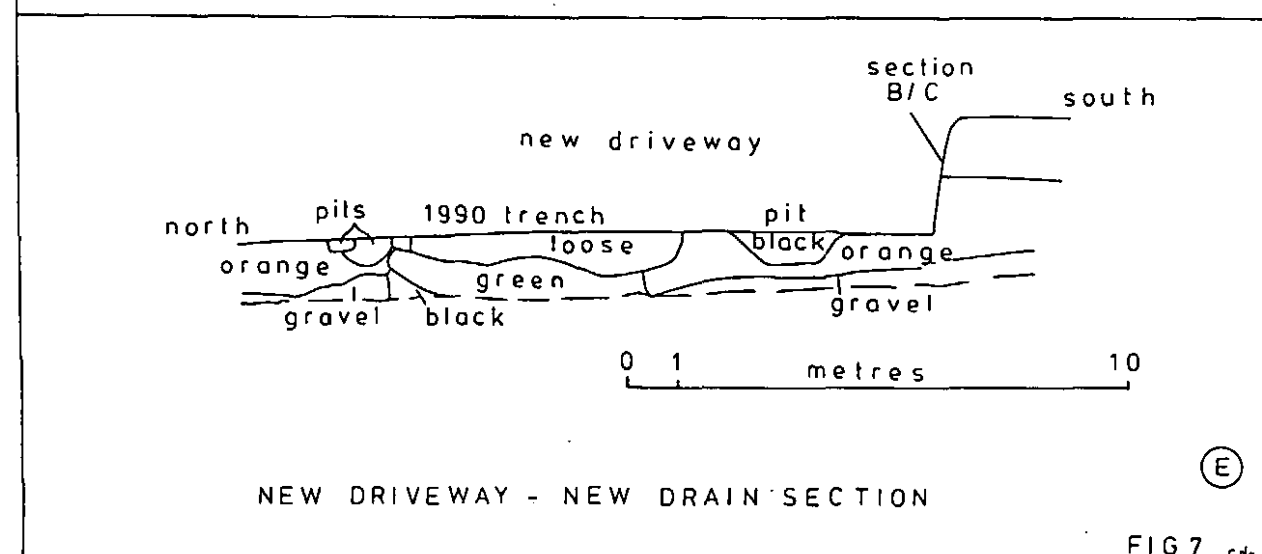
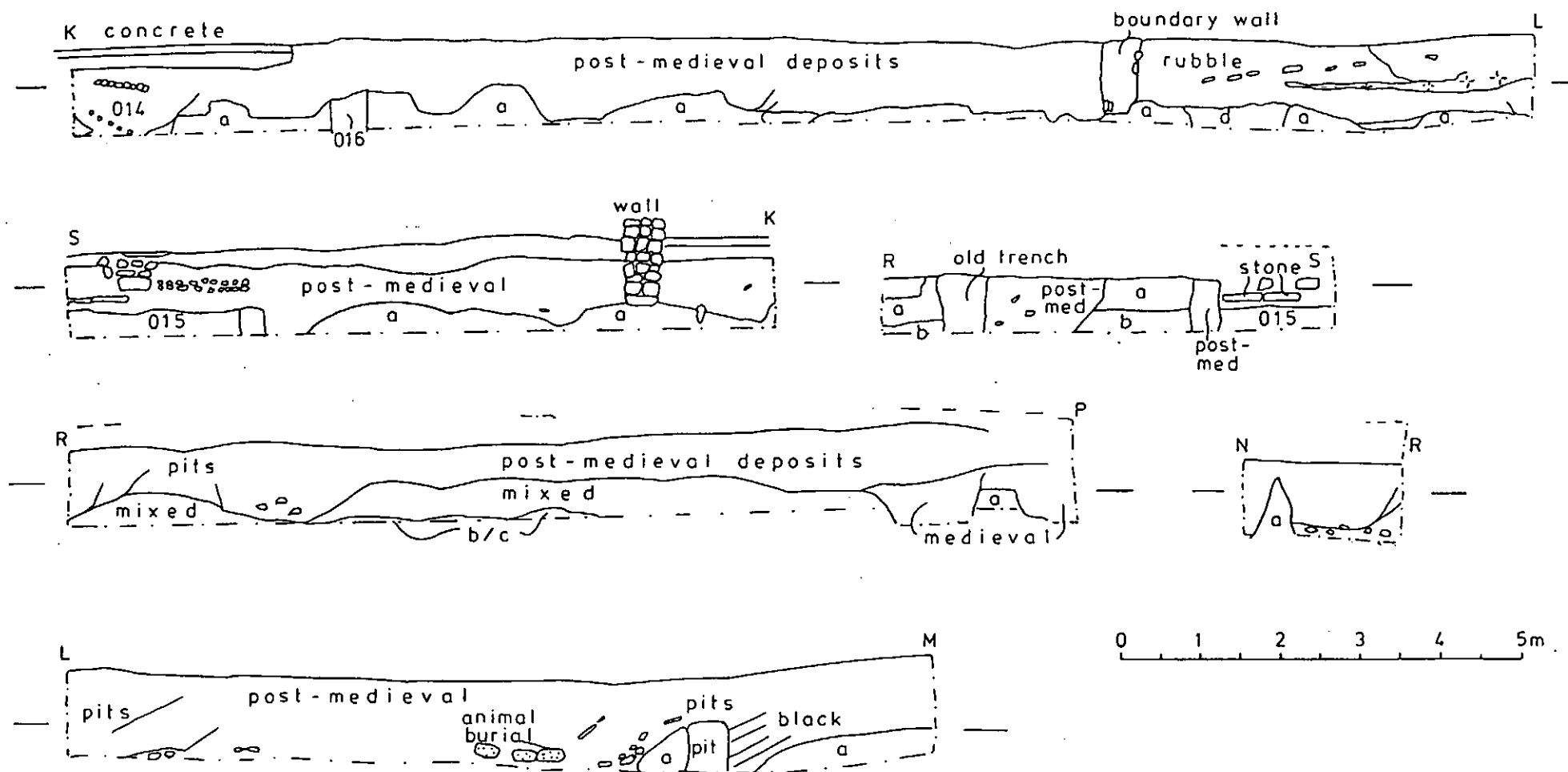


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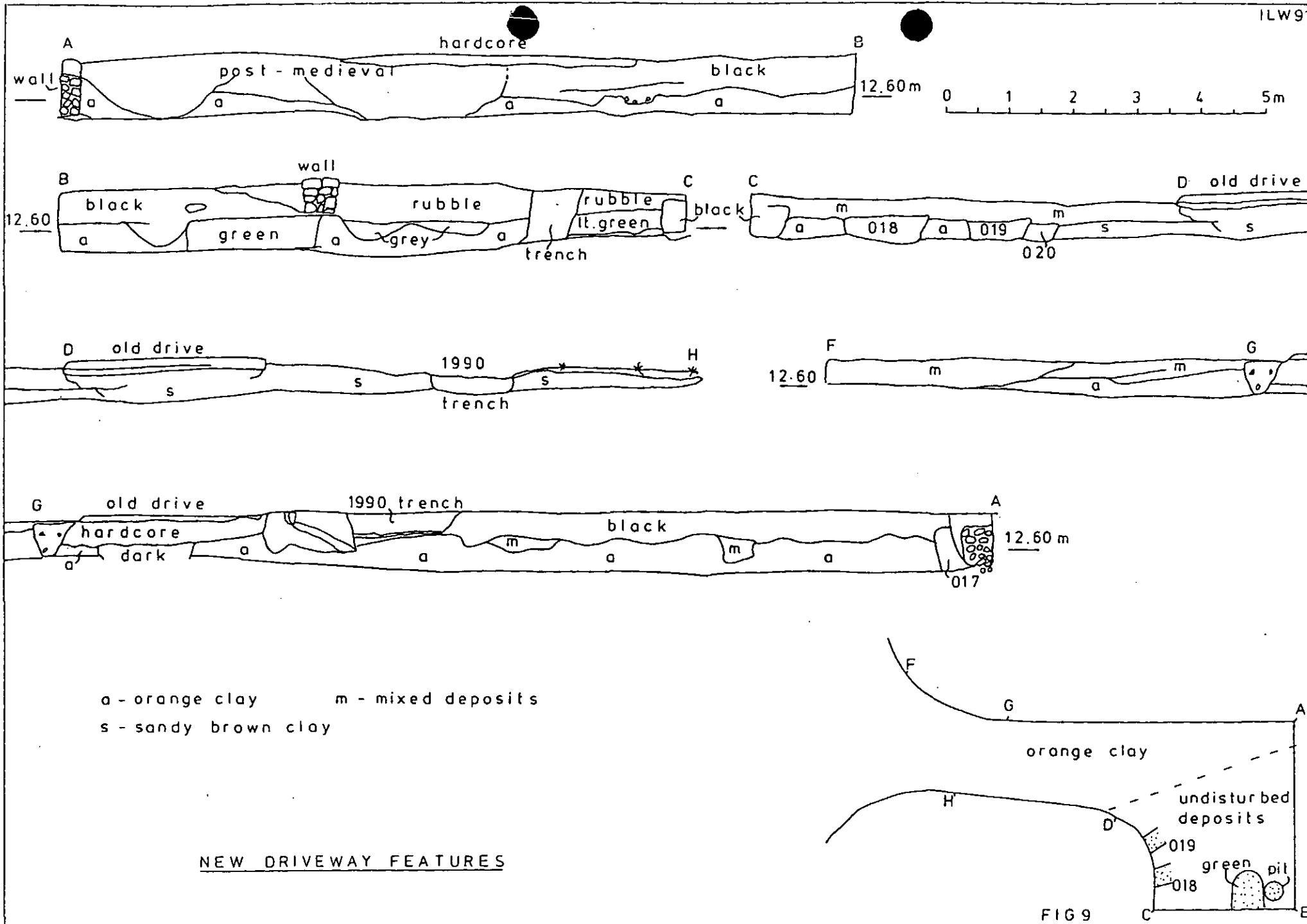


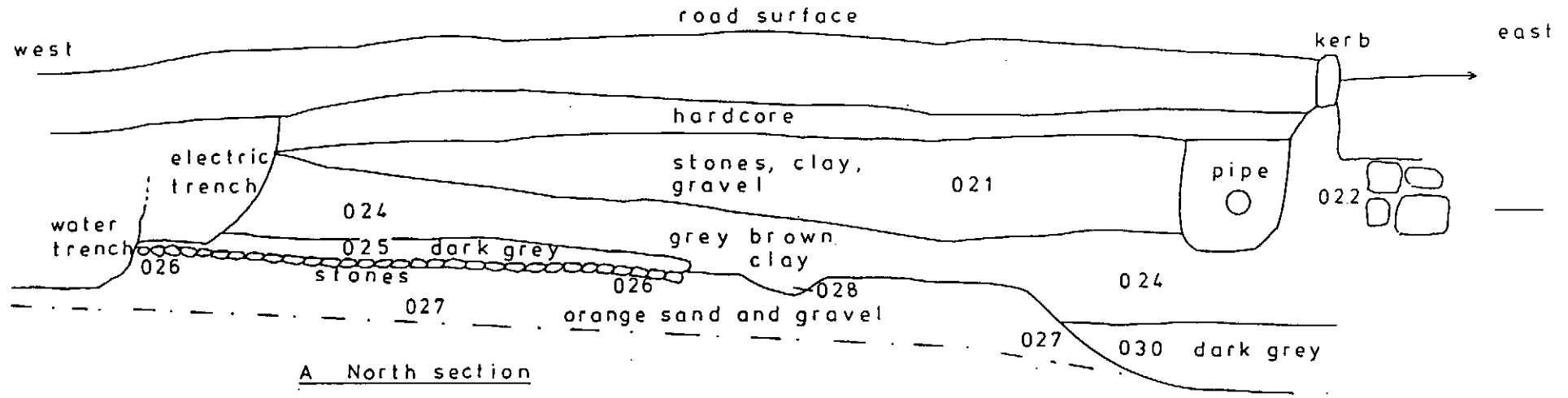
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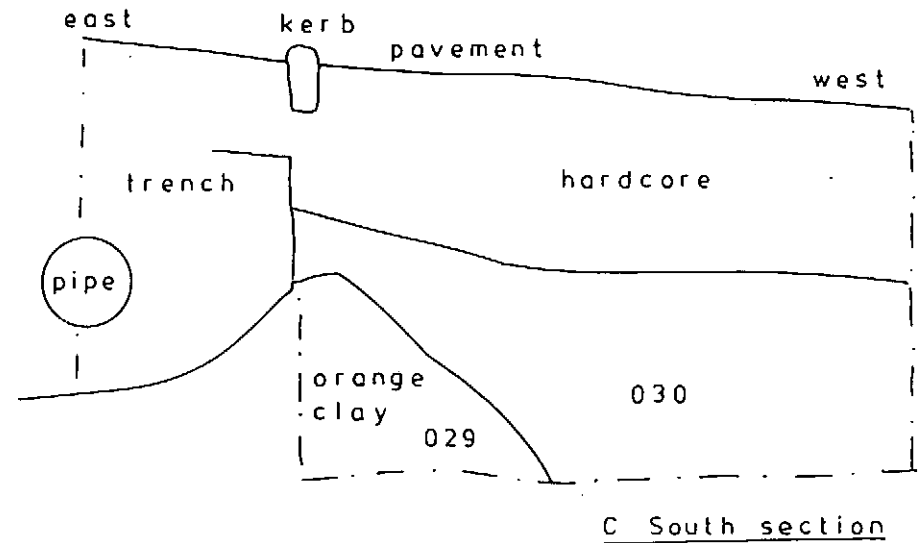
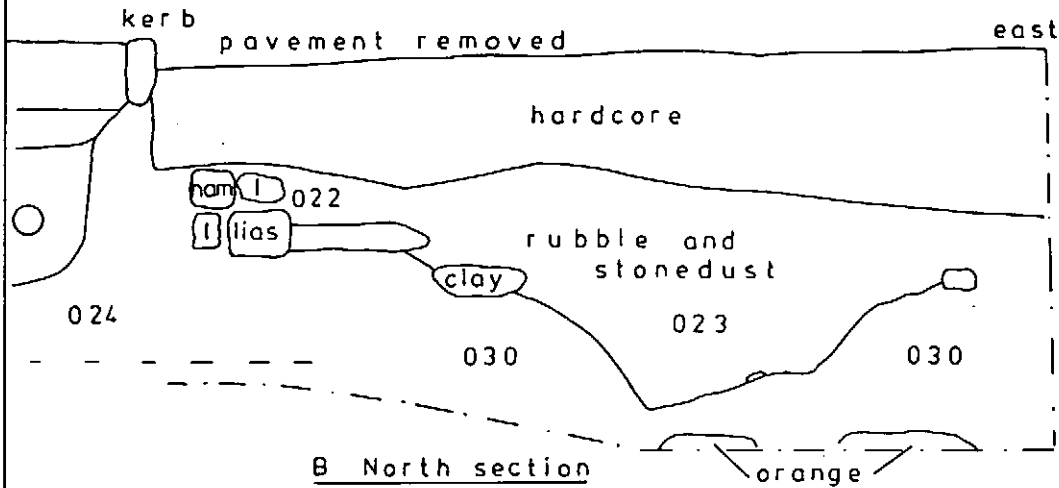


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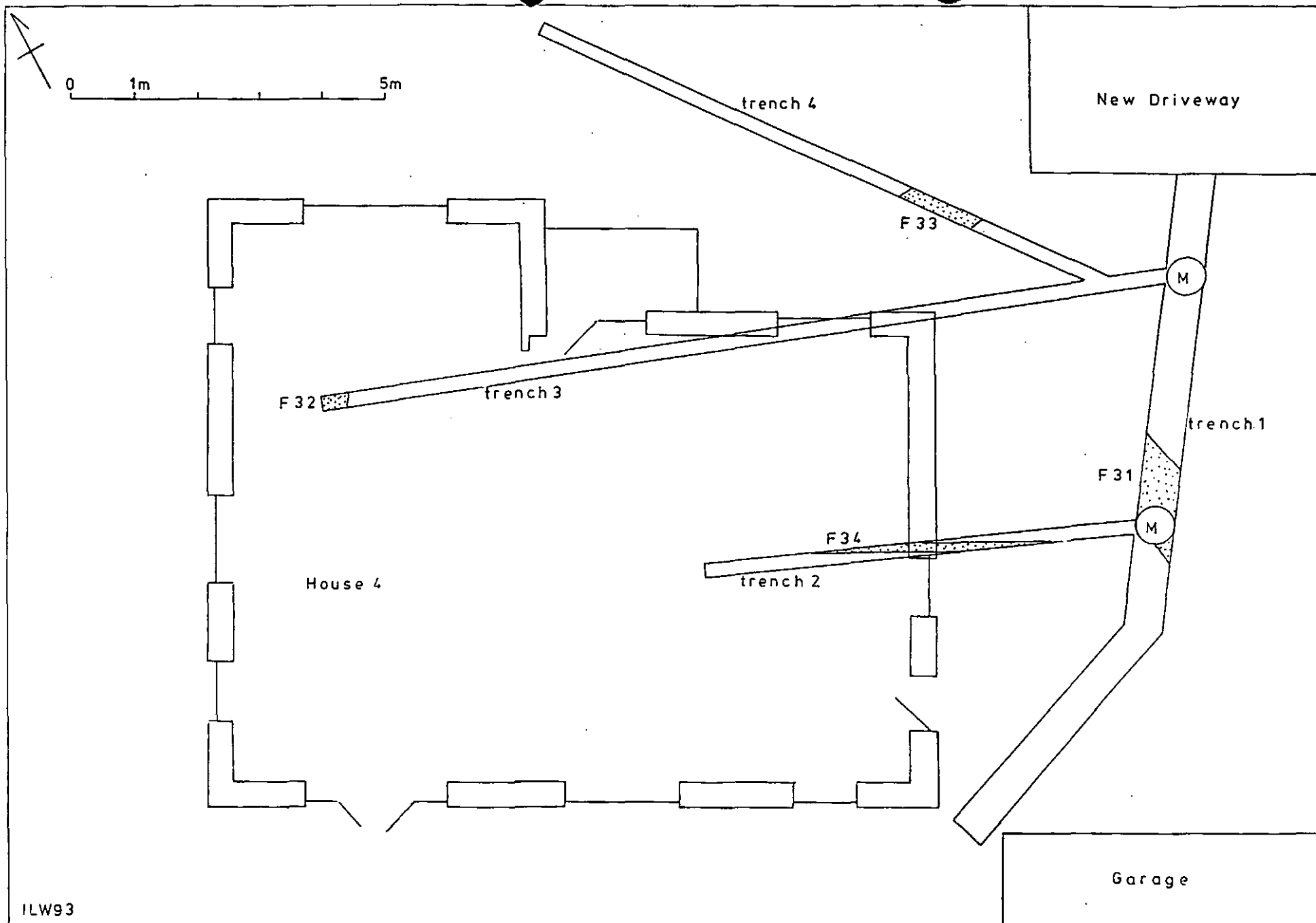




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