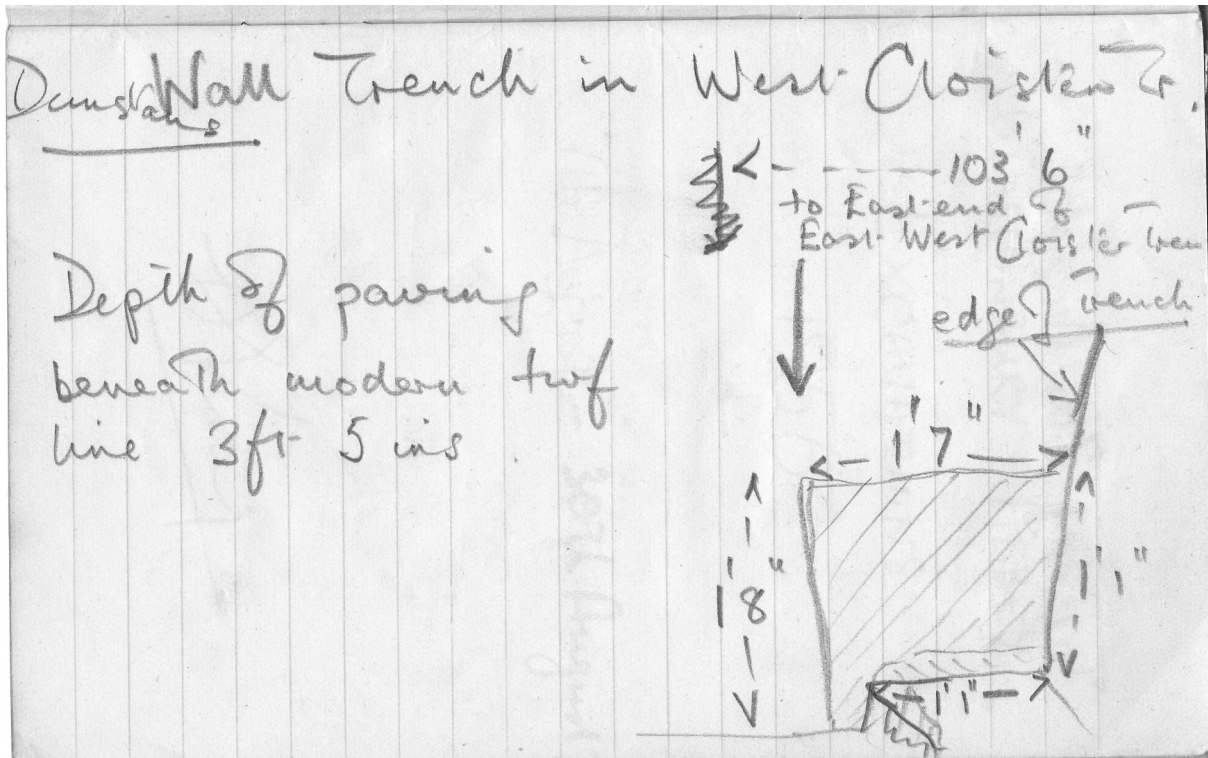


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Wall trench in W cloister trench.

Wall trench in West Cloister. Depth of paving beneath modern turf line 3ft 5ins.

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Tuesday 7th August

10am - 12 pm Nil

Trench NE Cloister

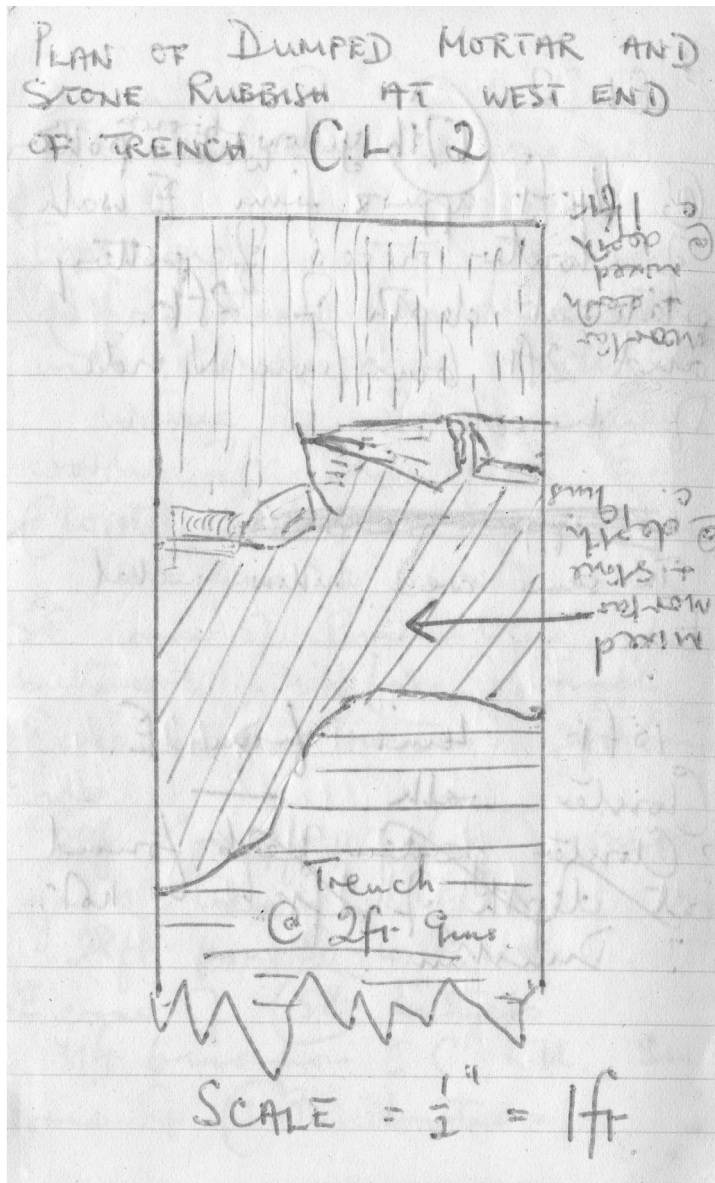
CL2. Section 23 & 50

? Med. Carrel

At east end of CL2 in loose debris, window leads.

Piece pot – c 10' from cloister wall at depth of 1'6" in dark earth.

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Plan of dumped mortar and stone rubbish at W end of CL2.

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CL2. Section 23 & 50. 17th century yellow and brown local pottery at 14' approx from E walk of cloister pieces of pottery plate at depth of 2' and 2'6" from north side of trench. In same area hollow metal tube. 15'4" from E cloister walk - not ? Dunstan.

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Summary of Trench CL2 Wednesday.

East End – 13th century buttress foundation cutting into Romanesque wall (?). West face of Romanesque work 7'3" from E cloister walk. 14' from E cloister walk, SE corner of Romanesque buttress in N face of trench. Romanesque buttress 2'6" wide.

23'8" – 27'10" fill of last year's trench.

28' from E cloister walk . South E corner of 15th century buttress.

31'6" from E cloister walk. SW corner of 14th century buttress.

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31' 6" – 36' 6" Romanesque buttress with clay overlay.

Thurs 9th am.

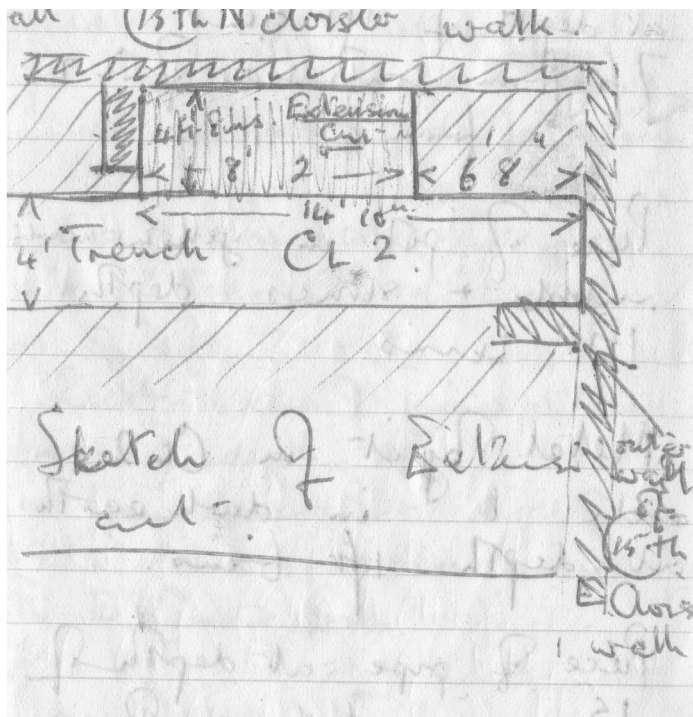
13th century green glaze lying in mortar. 1'10" from E cloister walk 14" from S side of trench at depth of 15" (7 1/2" N of 13th C buttress).

Cooking pot in N face of trench CL2 at 42' from E cloister walk at depth of 21" in fill of robbed trench of Romanesque buttress.

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Fri 10 August

Extension 1 into N face 6'8" – 14'10" from E cloister walk. Extends 4'8" to outer wall 15thC N cloister walk.



Plan of north cloister trench extension 1.

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In CL2 Extension 1.

Cutting through dark layer – ? 13th century layer. In dark earth and stones pieces of Norman pot at depth of 1'5", 7ft from S side of CL2.

Piece of pot in yellow mortar, rubble and stones. Depth 1'4".

Metal object in CL2 extension 1, in dark earth at depth of 1'6".

Piece of pipe at depth of 15" in dark earth.

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Monday 13th August

Trench CL2. Against Blue lias face (W) of ? transept wall mixed disturbed clay with lump of tufa. Piece of pot at depth of 2'3" and also piece of rim pot. Near S side of trench.

CL2 extension 1 cut A.

2 ft wide extended to E for distance of 8 ft. Rubble core of ?transept wall exposed at depth 1ft. E facing of wall at depth of 11 ½ ins and 4'6" W of 15th century East Cloister walk.

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Trench CL1, extension 1

Piece of glass (? bottle) at depth of 15 ½ ins in dark earth layer. 3' from N edge extension.

Trench CL1 Extension 1.

Piece of pot at depth 1'6" in soft mixture of dark earth ? scaffold hole. 3'3" from S side, c. 8' from 15th century E cloister walk.

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Trench CL 1, extension 1

Large piece of pot at depth of 23", 5'6" from S side, 8'4" from E Cloister walk.

Trench CL1 extension 1

Pot at depth of 18" 5' from S side and – 8' from E Cloister walk. Amongst spalls and animal bones.

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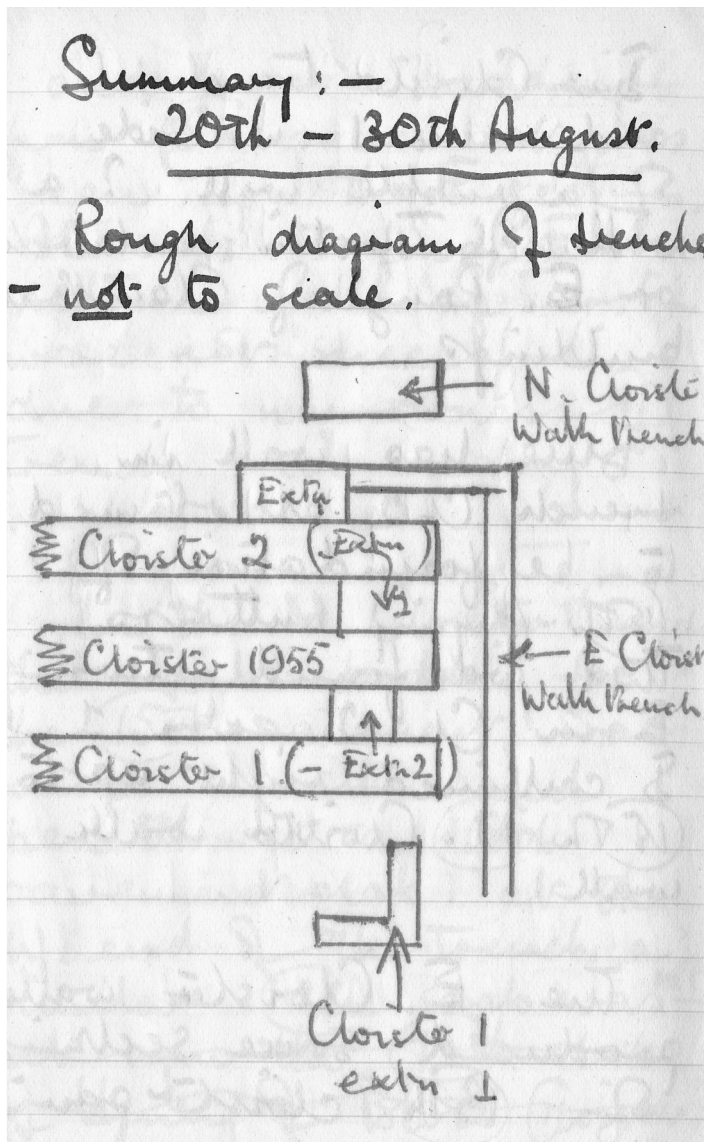
Summary of work from 7th-17th August

W and E faces (blue lias) with interior rubble core revealed in CL2. This wall was 4' wide. This ? too wide for Romanesque cloister walk wall. Probably wall of Romanesque transept (? E or W) running N S.

In CL2 extension 1 walls of blue lias again revealed joining 13th century foundations for Cloister walk.

Trench CL1 extension 1 opened in hope of finding return of transept wall.

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Cloister trench plan.

Summary – 20th-30th August. Rough diagram of trenches – not to scale.

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In Cloister Trench 1 and extension 1 W side of a rubble wall ? A wall of Turstin's church or E range of Claustral buildings.

Blue lias wall in trench CL2, ascertained to be foundation of 15th century flying buttress. This was found returning E in CL2 extension 1, continued right up to 15th century N. Cloister walk wall. The E Cloister walk produced some sections of 13th century cloister paving...

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...and mortar bedding from 15th century pavement, was seen in the E sections. Attempts to find E return walls of Turstin were not successful due to narrowness of trench and heavy rubble.

In the N. Cloister trench the mortar bedding for the 15th Century pavement was found in situ and beneath it a 13th century pavement slab. At the W end of the trench a similar 13th century slab was not.

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Levels of these were taken. Also at the W end of this trench on the S side, the corner of a kiln (? glass) was found.

CL I extension 1 showed the Turstin wall running southwards but produced no evidence of a return.

In extension 2 of CL 2. The end of 15th century buttress (flying) was located also foundation for wall of 15th century carrel and two slabs of...

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...carrel paving.

In CL2 for extension 1, foundation for carrel wall also located.

Thursday 30th.

North Cloister walk, S extension

3' wide. To locate pavements and return wall (Turstin). Mortar bedding of floor at depth of 9" at S end. Foundation at S side projecting 9" from...

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...blue lias.

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@ 14' from E end depth 2' – set stones kerb cloister.

@ 30 ' 18" down, line of spalls from bench.

@ 12'-16' glass furnace remains @ depth 3ft.

@ 18' @ depth 2'- 3' foundations situ wall.

@ 19'- 21' wall blue lias.

@ 47' - 49' ? foundation, same build.

@ 55 - 56' kerb.