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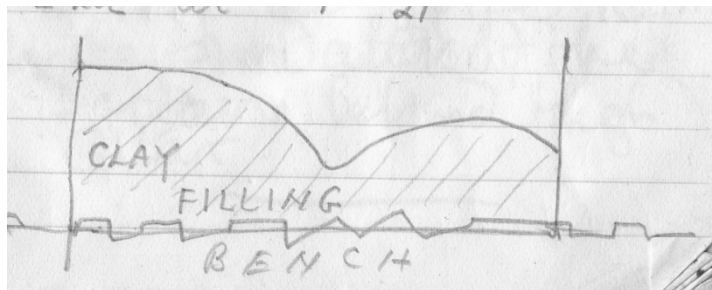
Trench across 3rd bay of choir aisle

At the north end extending 5 feet southward is a layer not dug out of mortar foundation of the south aisle arcade which is the same texture throughout. There then extends a bed of clay reaching to a point 2'6" from the foundation footing on the west side. On the east edge the clay rises 3' from the foundation footings and then slopes to the said footings meeting them 1'9" below the surface. In the south-west corner a portion...

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...of a scaffolding hole was dug out. It contained a mixture of clay and earth. At 2 ½ feet from the turf level was a thin layer of mortar. Beneath which was clay. The foundation footings 2' from the church wall appear to be irregular.

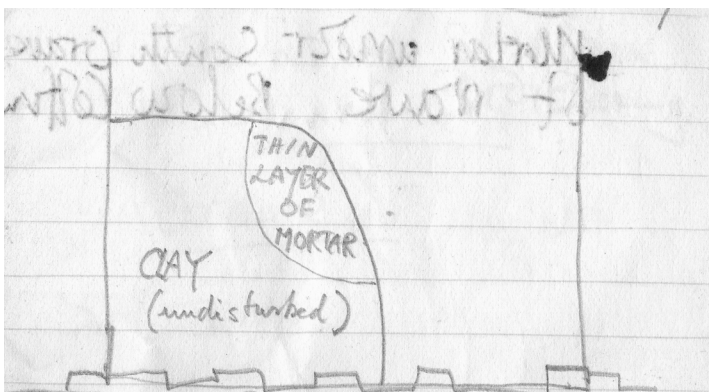
Scale plan made at depth of 1'8". Rough plan of hole at south end at 1'21".



3rd bay of choir aisle, sketch of bench and clay filling.

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Plan of hole at 2'7".



3rd bay of choir aisle, sketch plan of hole.

Trench 1 extension to T Part.

Found 1 piece of blue glass and 1 piece of clay pipe near the foundation of the screen behind High Altar.

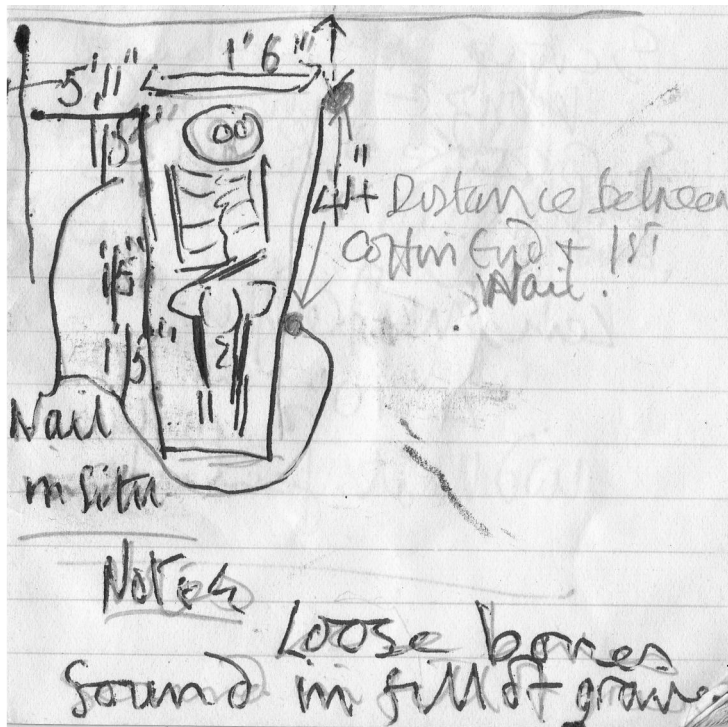
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Note: Mortar under south grave of nave. Below coffin.

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Trench in S nave aisle in 3rd bay. Section 21

Grave. South grave (loose bone in grave identified as probably [F:BF2300]).

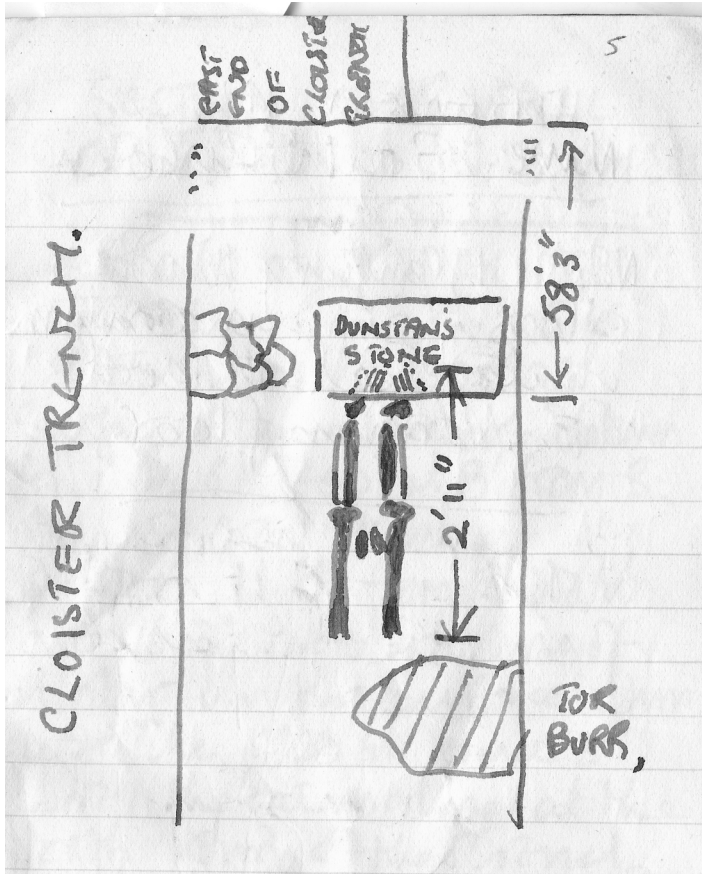


Trench in S nave aisle in 3rd bay, south grave.

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Charcoal found west of head outside of section of coffin. Tile found in grave at depth of 2'10 1/2". Scrap of decayed bronze found on south grave right elbow. Length of coffin 4'10 1/2". Width at feet.

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Sketch of skeleton legs and Dunstan's stone in CLE-W.

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Trench in nave south aisle.

Note: 19th century window glass found in contaminated soil at level of Norman floor.

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Section of W wall of trench in S aisle. Section 21

Length of trench 17'9"

Depth " " 5'6"

Datum line 100.03'

Surface humus about datum line is 6" deep at 8' from S. Wall of Great Church. Between 11'3" from S wall and 16'3" there is a line of mortar in the surface humus. The 1928 fill comes 3" above the datum line at the north end of the trench. There is a consistent layer of mortar from the S wall of the nave to a point 11'6" distant. It is consistently 1' deep and is the bedding...

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...for the floor of the great church. At the N end of the trench there is a portion of the fill for the 1928 excavation. It goes to a depth of 3'. It is made of loose large stones and loose mortar with some

smaller stones. At 11'6" from the south wall of the nave begins the fill of FBB. Its S end drops vertically at 11'6" for 3'1". Then it follows the sleeper wall trench for a horizontal distance of 1'2" northwards and then it drops vertically again to the bottom of the trench. Below the...

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(note by Radford at top of page 'and few recarried stones') ...mortar, stretching from the foundation wall to BB's fill, a length of 4'6" is a layer of contaminated redeposited clay, it contains a certain amount of mortar. Below this is clay which is redeposited but does not contain mortar. This stretches from the foundations to BB's fill at the bottom of the foundation wall is a diagonally axed Norman stone (note by Radford: probably) in position.

Omission

In the mortar layer is a line of stone chippings presumably...

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...the chippings from a stone which was being worked during the time the mortar was being placed.

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Bronze disc CL1. Depth 11" Length from E cloister wall 23' (identified as [F:SF3123]).

North transept Southern trench. Sections 53 & 55

Measurement from wall to point of pavement opening adjoining trench = 40'11".

- 1) Burnt wood small fragments N wall of trench 3' from wall 1' deep.
- 2) Large, ill defined pit of...

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...mortar and tufa with two pieces of red (burnt) tufa rather to left of trench between 1st & 2nd pieces of transept of E arcade.

- 3) Another ill-defined tufa/mortar pit 44' from wall.
- 4) Collection of human bones disturbed and some missing of 2 adults with portion about 6" x 3" of lead shell to coffin. 47' from wall 2' deep [C:3773] [C:3774].
- 5) Post-hole 68' 11" from Altar wall (south trench). Top is 2'7" deep from turf level. 1' square 1' deep. Covered with disturbed mortar filling.

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- 6) Piece of monument 89' from Altar wall (S trench) 2' 6" deep [C:3201] (put in envelope).
- 7) 3 marbles 2' 6" deep 86' from Altar wall S transept S trench [C:3201] (identified as [F:SF3703]).
Crochet hook (?) bone handle (identified as [F:SF3704]).

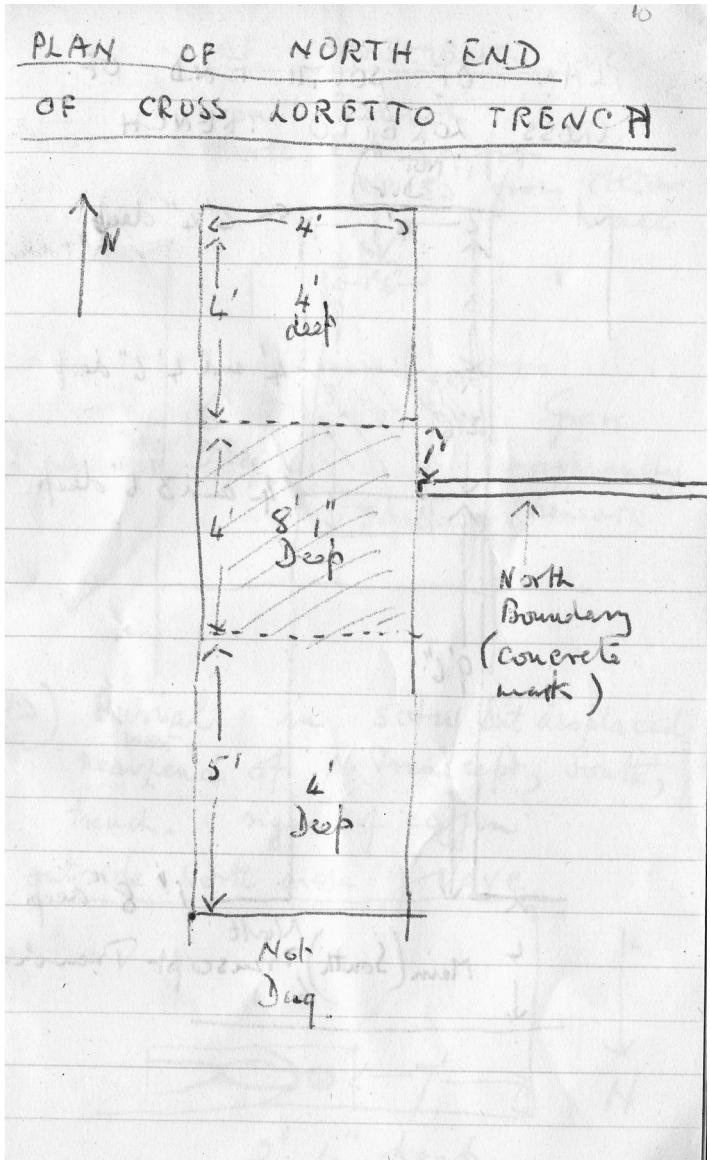
North transept North trench. Section 54

- 8) Collection of human bones much disturbed 33' from Altar wall 2' deep in mortar filling.

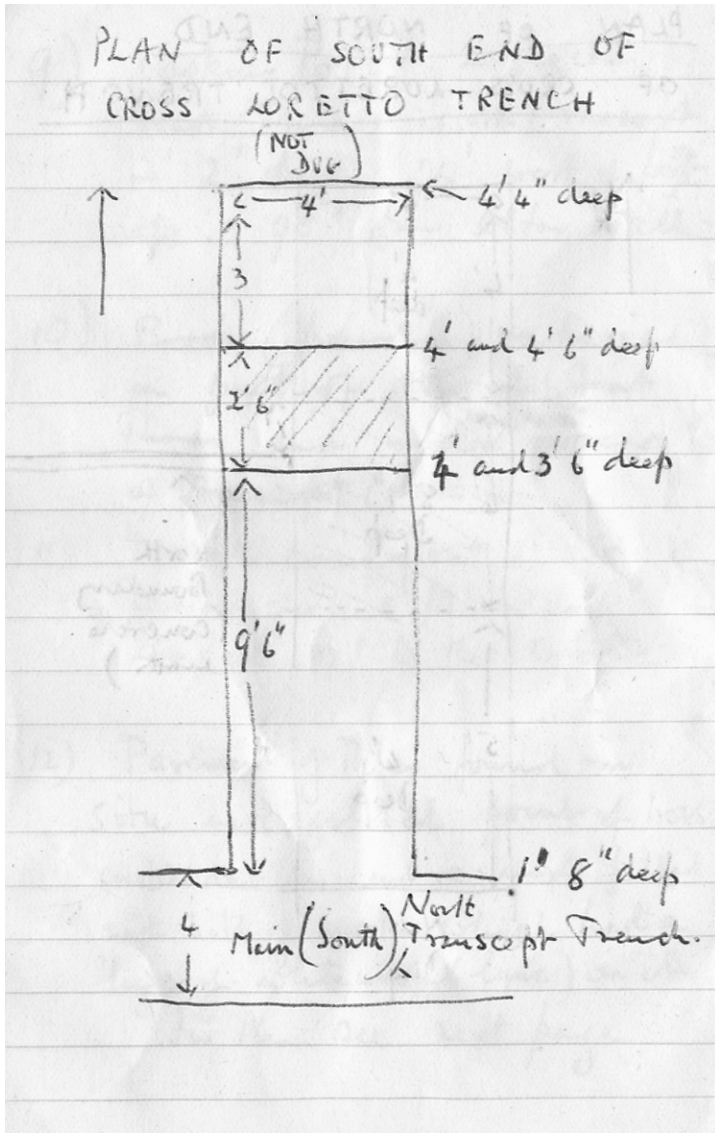
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- 9) Cooking pot? 2 pieces. South trench: north transept 2'2" deep 26' west of post hole = 95' from Altar wall (identified as [F:BF3769]).
- 10) Body (brooches) reburied in front of altar of Saint Thomas and under main west arcade of Transept (north).
- 11) Trench coming out of St Thomas chapel (4' wide) extended 19' to the west.
- 12) Pavement of tiles found in situ with gilded point of boss embedded in centre and filled with bits of mortar which had a layer of whitewash (lime) on it. For plan see next page.

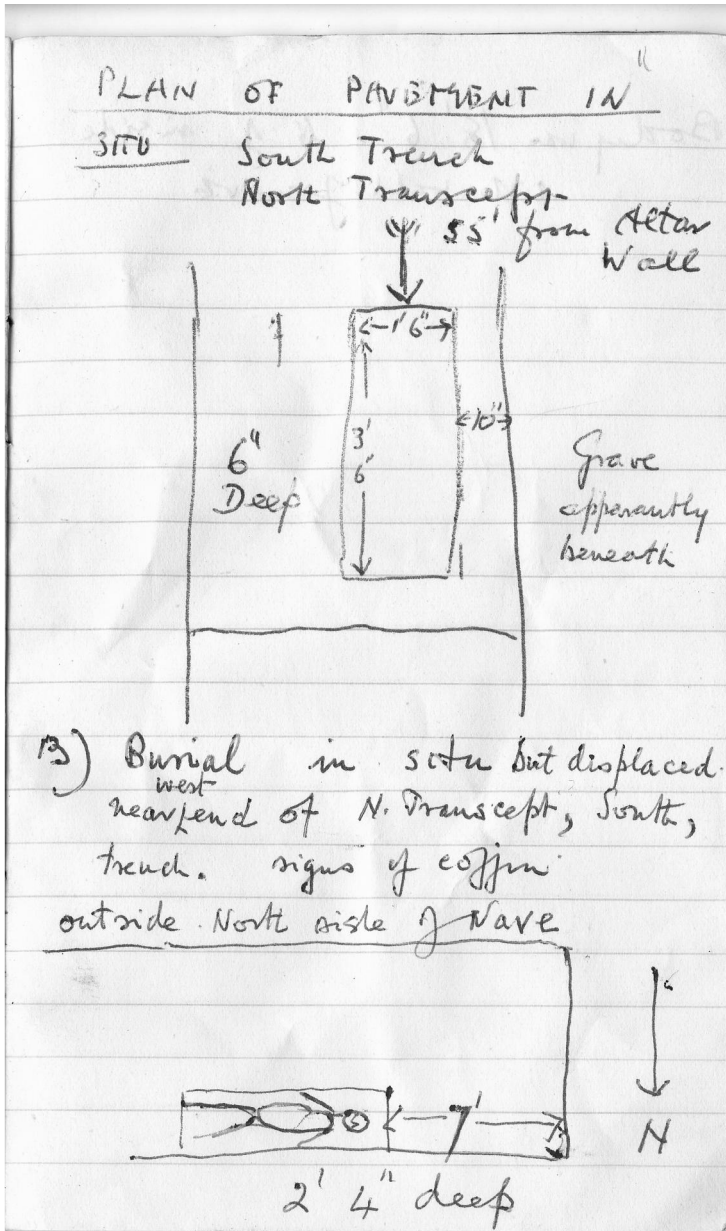
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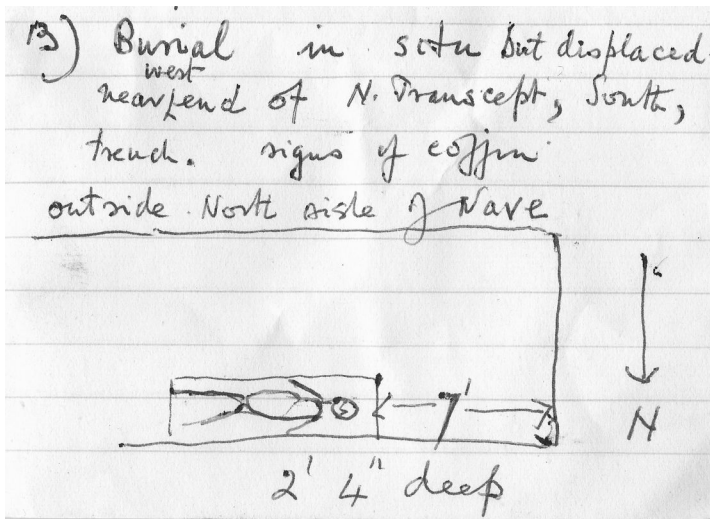
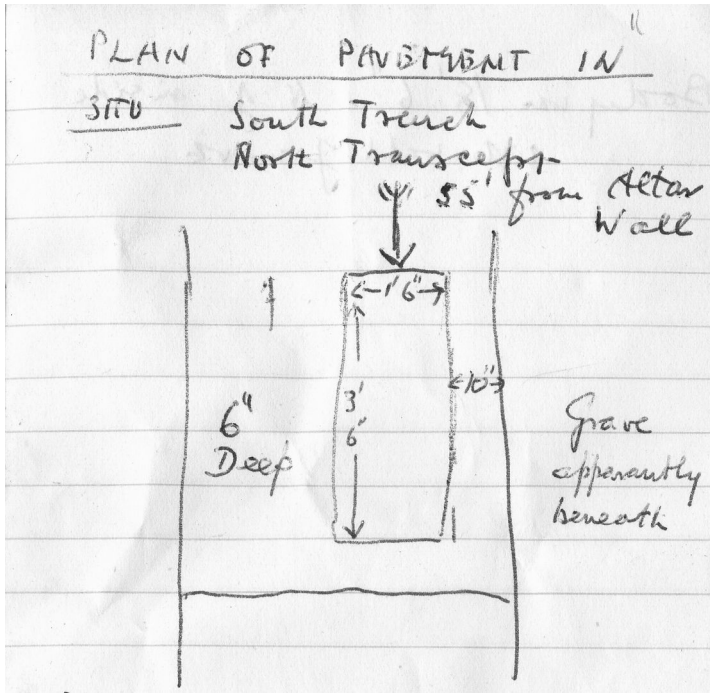
Plan of north end of cross Loretto trench.



Plan of south end of cross Loretto trench.



Sketch of pavement above grave in N transept south trench.



13) Burial in situ but displaced near west end of N transept, south, trench. Signs of coffin outside. North aisle of nave (see sketch).

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Body was 18'6" N of inside aisle wall of nave.