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No 1 Trench South of Lady Chapel. Sections 72 & 73

From 34' – 60' South End.

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It is noted that the surface of mortar rubble [C:5903] which is at the surface at 34' from the North End maintains a constant level southwards and that the gradual slope up to the south is composed of a light topsoil [C:5902]. At approximately 5' from the S end of the trench a loose fill containing Victorian china and other atrocities continued south to the end of the trench [C:5901].

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Thursday 9 August 1962

Depth 2'6"

It has become evident that the first 5'8" are a recent disturbance – probably FBB. This measurement is from 34' to 39'8".

Depth 2'

From 39'8" to 44' there is an undisturbed reformation destruction layer. East of which there is the disturbance probably of the recent removal of the witch-elm [C:5901]. This continues to within a foot of the south end of the trench where it merges into another type of earlier disturbance [C:5902].

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At 50'10" – depth 2'6" to 3'6" a straight cut has been cut through the top layer of the cemetery.

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At 46' from the north end of the trench Victorian pottery was found at a depth of 4'6" [C:5904].

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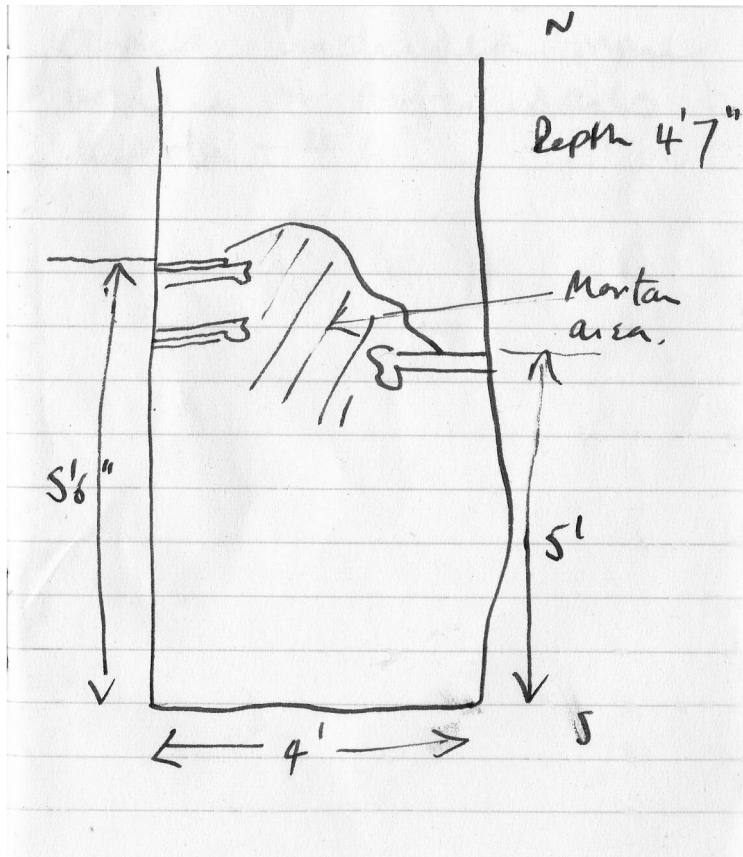
Monday 13th August

At 54' from the north end of the trench a skull and miscellaneous bones were found at a depth of 4'6" [C:5914]. In view of the number of coffin nails it appears that these bones were assembled and placed in a small box.

At 47' from the north end at 4'7" deep Victorian pottery fragments were found [C:5904].

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Miscellaneous bones were found at the south end of the trench.



Sketch of bones at S end of trench.

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Finds in the layer [C:5910] immediately above the mortar foundation [C:5913] included parts of Bath stone and medieval pottery. The whole area included many bones and coffin nails. Depth - 4'6".