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1959, 1963 & 1964

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For various small trial squares see back of book

Glastonbury 1959

Aug. 14th

D1. Section 65

Cutting through clay (c. 2" deep) above presumed continuation of 'Jean's floor' ?[C:5239] (E of E dorter wall). No trace of floor at expected level. 1 sherd 12th century pottery.

Aug 17th

D1

W of 12th century W dorter wall ?glass furnace. Cutting through clay [C:5204] – many sherds 12th century pottery, 1 glazed (?later), small fragments bone (1 stained by bronze), kiln fragments. Furnace appears disturbed by insertion of wall. Clay removed all along trench westwards;...

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...it rests on harder mortary layer [C:5251]. Mortar (?mixing floor) then removed where it had not already been cut through. At W end of trench it rested on stony layer [C:5221], and produced 1 RB sherd and 1 pre-conquest.

Aug 18th

D1

Wet clay material (ditch) [C:5249] removed as far W as edge of hard floor. Produced pre-Conquest pottery and bronze ingot. Several very large stones lying in clay fill.

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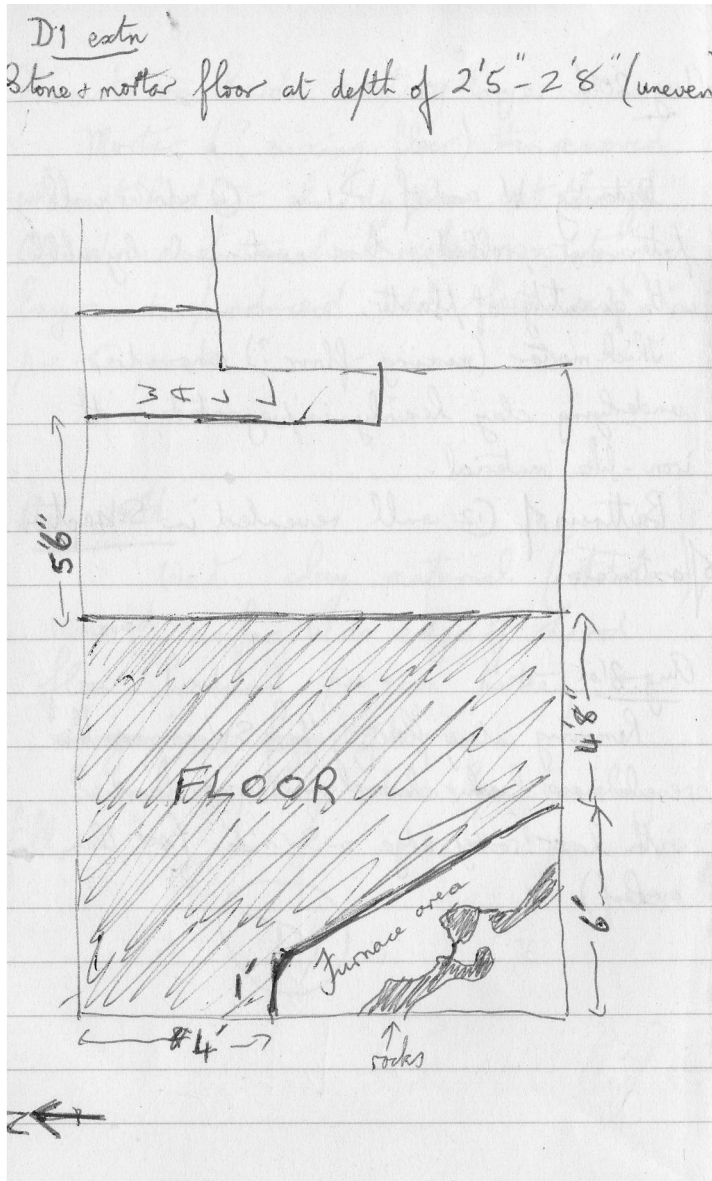
Aug 20th

Widening W end of D1. 12th century dorter wall [C:5242] peters out, robbed; line continued by rubble with quantity of plaster. Thick mortar (mixing floor?) [C:5251 & ?[C:5219] removed; underlying clay [C:5222] heavily impregnated with iron-like material. Buttress of 12th century wall [C:5242] revealed in S section of extension.

Aug 21st

Removing stony floor [C:5243]. In SW corner this reveals mass of ash and charcoal in narrow band with harder rocky edge on SW side (see plan overleaf) [C:5255] & [5256].

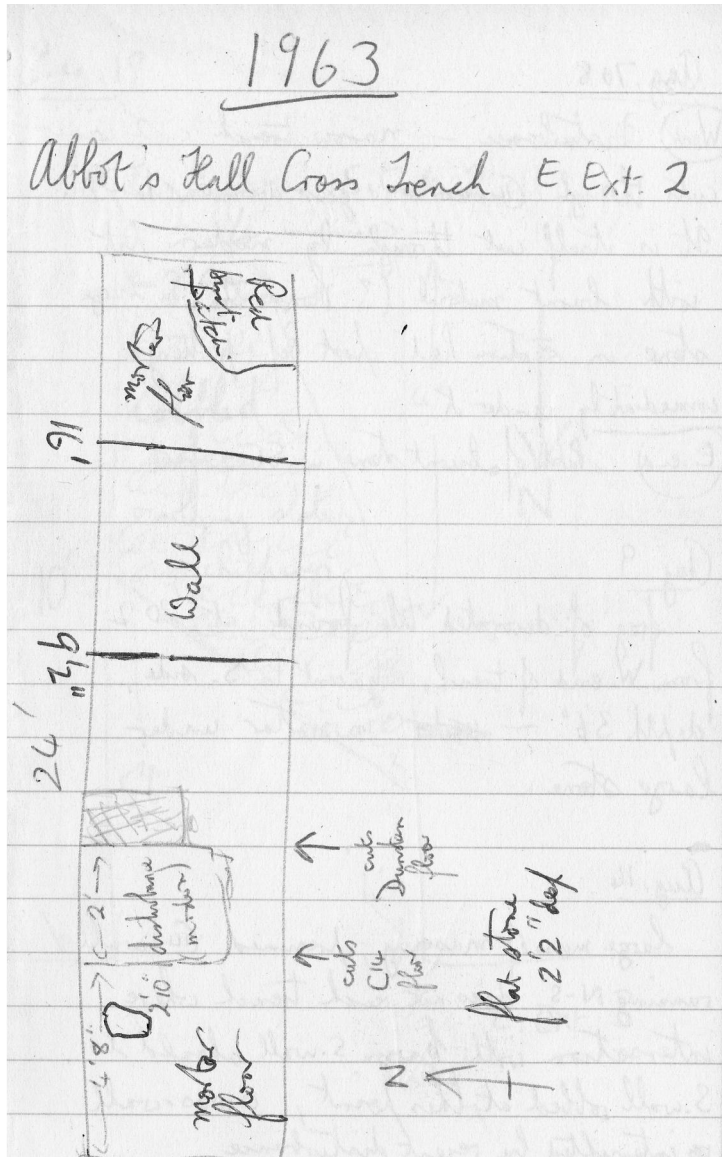
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Sketch plan of furnace material in D1 Ext.

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1963



Sketch plan of AHCT E Ext 2.

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Aug. 7 and 8. Section 75

W end. Disturbance - narrow trench [C:7003] c.2' wide – cuts through 14th century mortar ([C:7009] or [C:7013] and goes down another 9". It is itself cut through by modern pit with burnt material (unclear where the cut is: return to later) (? Monmouth). Large stone in section had post-Ref pottery immediately under it.

E. end. Patch of burnt stone in SE corner (?hearth [C:7019]).

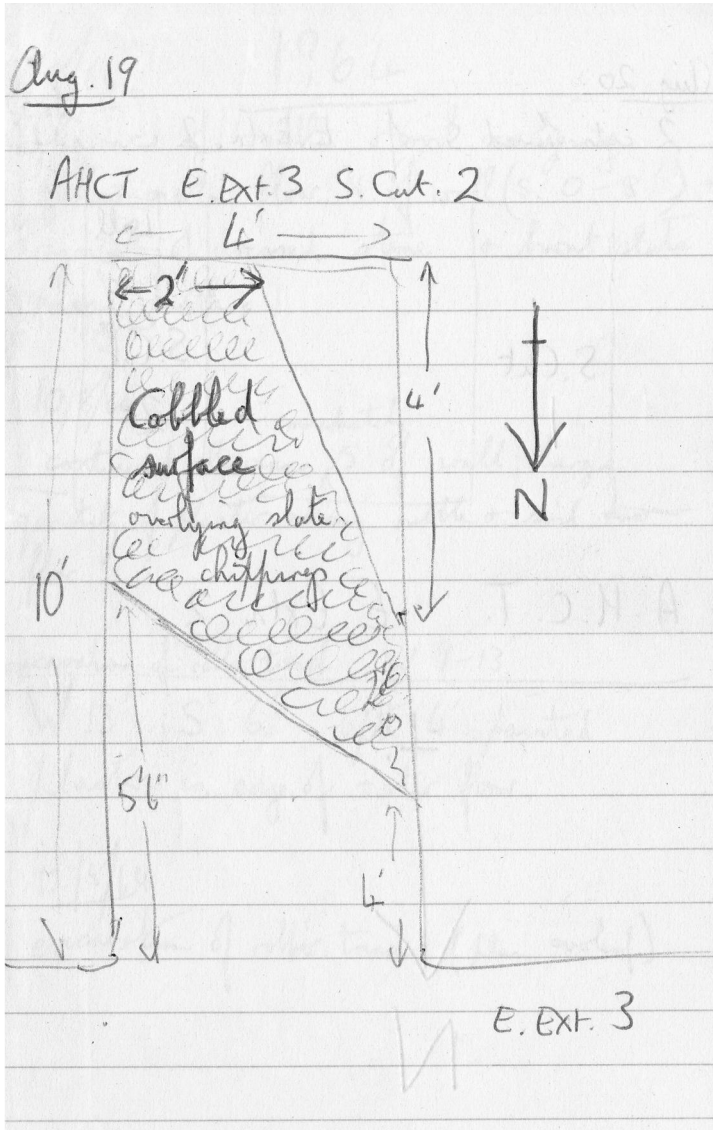
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Frag of decorated tile found at 20'4" from W end of trench, adjacent to S side, depth 3'6" – in mortar under large stone.

Aug 14th

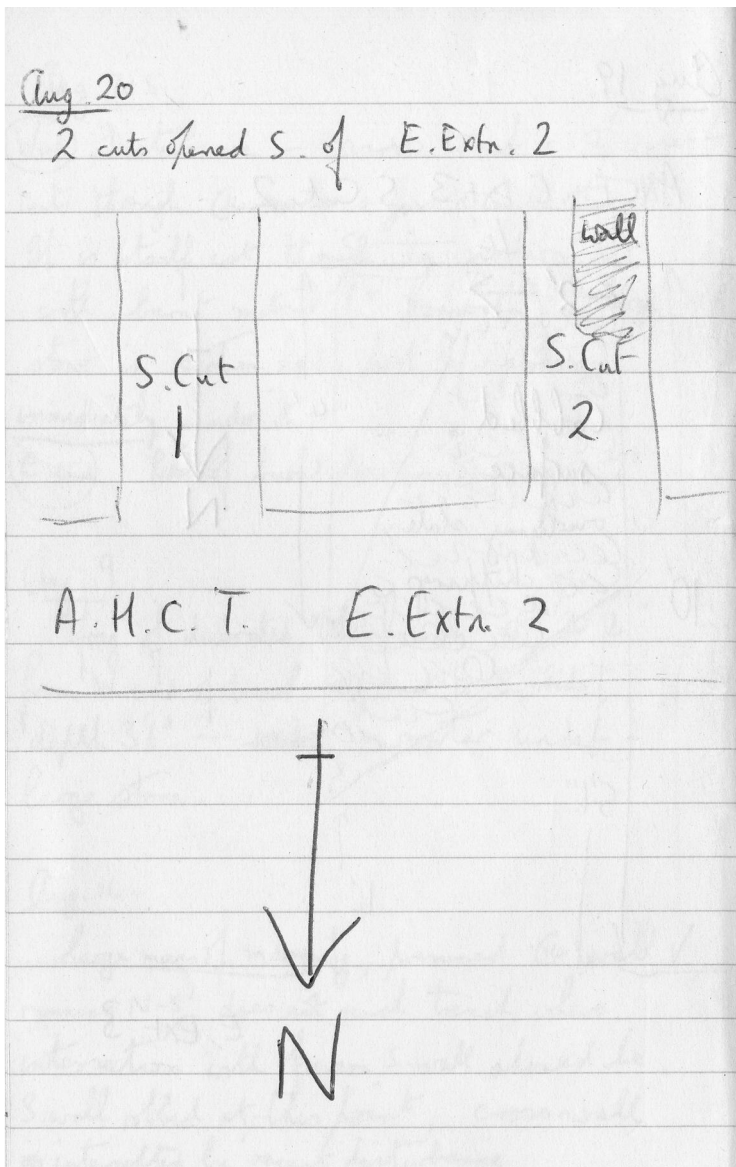
Large mass of masonry, presumed 14th century wall running N-S, does not reach trench where intersection with known S wall should be. S wall robbed at this point, cross wall interrupted by recent disturbance

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Sketch plan of AHCT E Ext 3 S Cut 2.

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Plan of AHCT E Ext 2 with S cuts 1 & 2.

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Clearance of rubble and soil overlying yellow mortar floor N of wall (S 0-8'). Fragments of dressed stone and burnt slate among rubble

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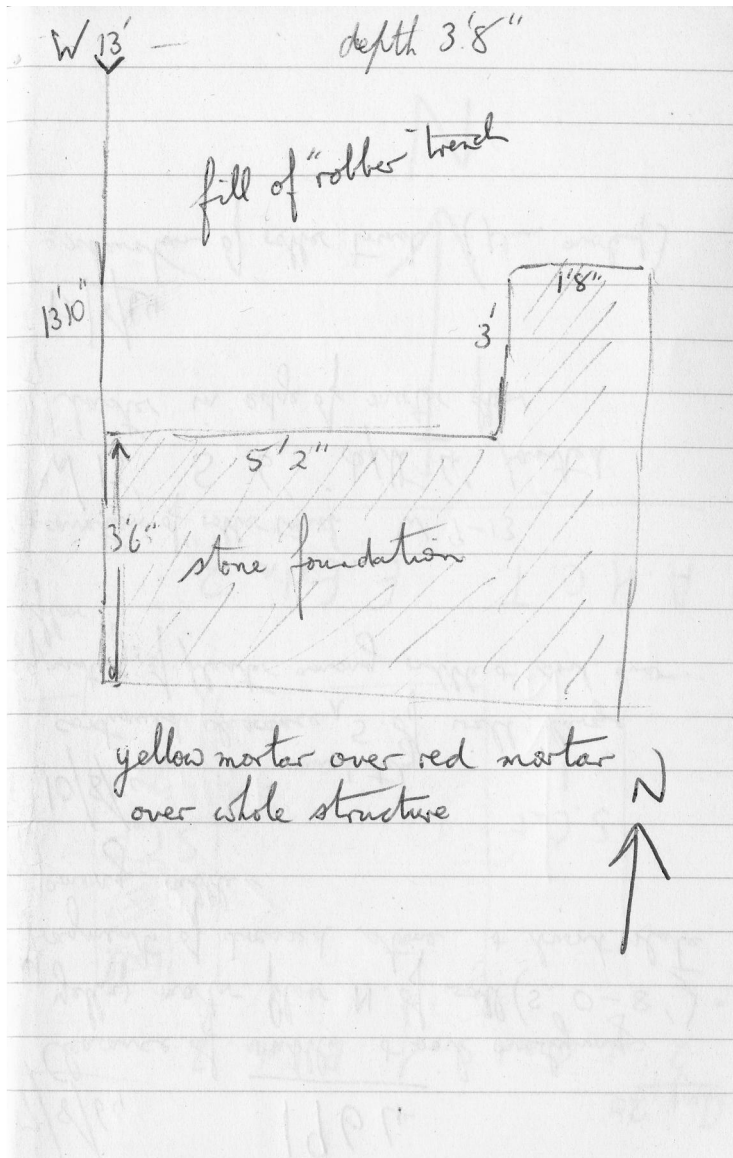
Continued clearance immediately S of wall; large quantity of plaster among rubble and soil over floor.

Excavation of "robber trench" W 9-13'. W 13' S 6' depth 4' painted plaster in edge of mortar floor

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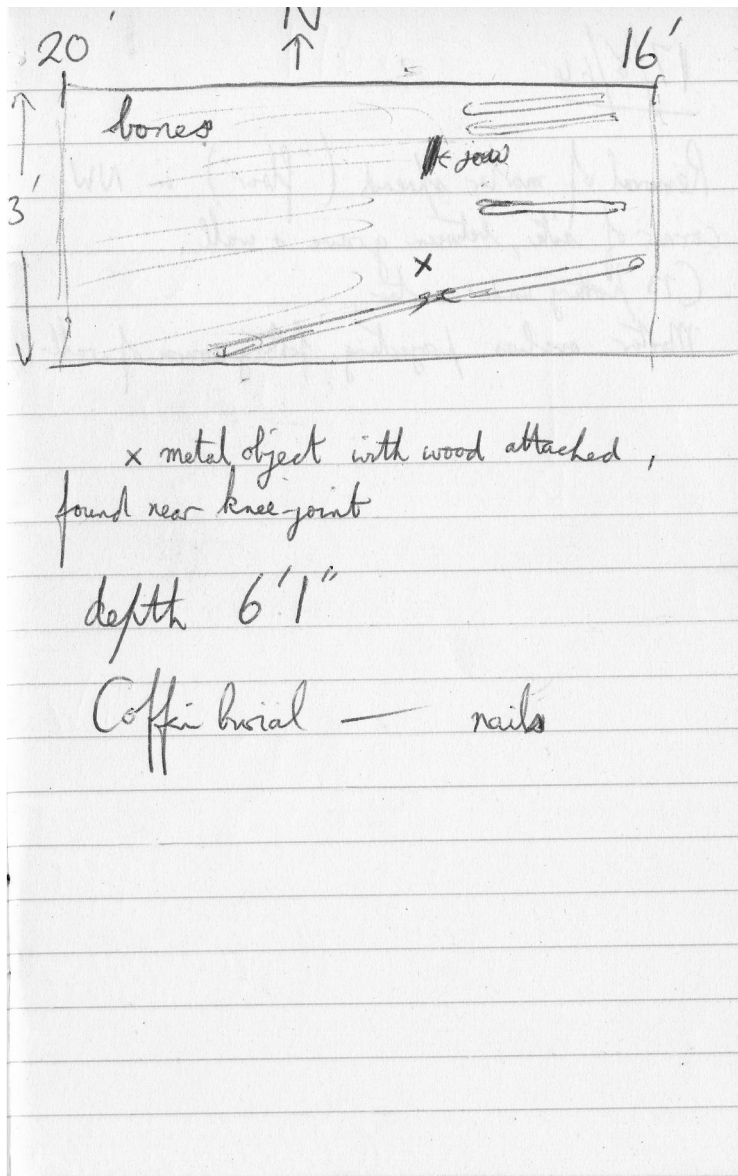
Excavation of robber trench (plan overleaf)

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Plan of robber trench.

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Sketch plan of coffin burial.

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Removal of mortar spread ("floor") in NW corner of site, between grave and wall. 13th century pottery under mortar. Mortar overlies projecting footing of wall.

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1959

Small Trial Holes

1) alongside large lumps of masonry immediately S of D1 and W of E dorter wall, 2' square hole in angle of masonry and surface buttress showed both resting on similar heavy footings of sloping lias blocks 4' square opposite (S) gave similar footing, showing 14th century dividing wall of dorter, 2 levels of mortar flooring, upper one cut through for wall footing.

2) 2' square on either side of N-S wall connecting 2 mid piers of dorter. Wall rests on clay above mortar floor therefore ?Flemish weavers. Rough stone bedding under mortar floor.

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3) 4' x 2' on W face of E dorter wall just N of D1 fence. Mortar floor cut away for insertion of 14th century buttress

D4.

L shaped trench around angle of dorter N wall and buttress. Dorter wall was broken through and a spread of closely packed stone rubble filled the SW half of the trench.