

NOTTINGHAM 1971

FISHER GATE

FG 71

SITE NOTEBOOK 5

["X" FEATURES - KEVIN CAMIDGE]



A. Preliminary site planning (techniques)

B. Recording by K.C. of
"X" features in area A.

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X Features.

General Note

possibly removed by
machines North of
Wall B?

All features with an X pre-fix exist only south of Wall B (Area A) and in the South Extension to Area A.

Stratigraphically, they are all below the black "garden-soil", layer ①. This soil is either (a) a build-up of humus (b) disturbances in depth from (garden) cultivation.

All the features, with a few exceptions mentioned in notes, have a homogeneous filling of black humus-like soil, occasionally mixed with charcoal, exactly similar to layer ①. Very few relationships between them have been established as a result of the homogeneous filling.

The most likely explanation of these features is that they are cultivation marks (numbers look like root disturbances), and/or garden fences / mounds / sheds etc. It is impossible to say whether they are cultivation from a level as mentioned at (a) or at

(b), as a mixture of both. Probably they have to be dated from latest finds, and it is also quite likely that features with "earlier" finds must also be treated as dubious, and the finds residual.

In the S. extension, and a large part of the southern side of area A, there features are in natural. Near wall B they are through any layers that survive in Area A.

The "most real" features are in the S. extension — a large P.H. at the S. end of Area S. extension, and another just N-W of it, and a reasonable gully/slot in the S. extension.

NOT really an X feature — has OK P.H.'s with different fill.

SOME X FEATURES MAY BE OK. + GO WITH THINGS ON MAIN PLAN. CHECK PLANS (SUPERIMPOSE)

Klein's terminology

- post-look = real
- possible P.H. = don't know
- looks = not (didn't think to be a P.H.)

Profiles across (X1)

N. end. 

S. 

Profile across (X2) middle (E to W)



Depth varies between $\frac{1}{2}$ " + 5"

(X1)

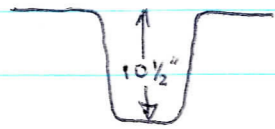
Both ends petering out (ie no defined edges at the ends). The two profiles shown are \therefore 18" from each end respectively. Profile not constant.

(X2)

Few defined edges + no definite shape. bottom is constantly changing presenting appearance of humps + hollows. Edges generally petering out.

Profiles (X3)

N



S

E. end of
feature

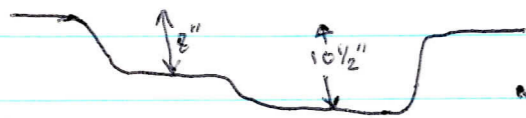
N



S

W. end of
feature.

Longitudinal E → W section (X3)



not to scale.

(X3)

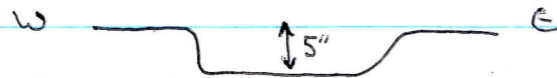
Edges steep, running reasonably straight. Fairly deep. Possible beam slot.

E. end profile of (X3) is constant for $\frac{2}{3}$ of feature when there is step (sloping about 45°) to W. end profile.

Contains possible post hole ($3'' \times 3''$) cut into side but not cutting deeper than the bottom of the feature (see plan)

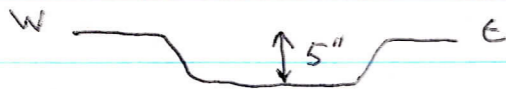
Profile N. end.

(X4)



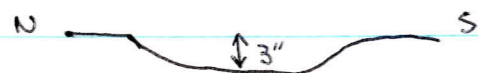
Profile across middle

(X4)



Profile S. end. (after turn)

[see plan]



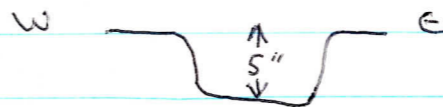
(X4)

Runs in a curve, with two major turns (see plan). All except S. end has fairly good sloping sides. Contains two post holes (X20H) ~~(X19)~~ + (X20). And two other holes, one a root hole the other too shallow to be a post hole.

(X20H)

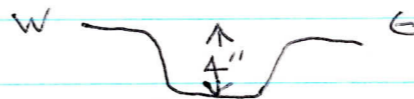
~~(X19)~~

profile

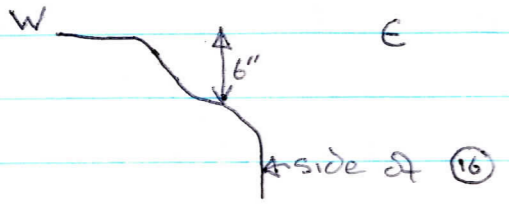


(X20)

profile.



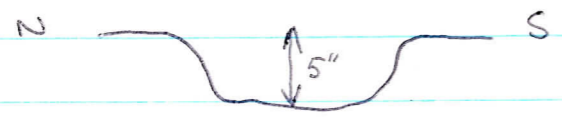
Profile (X5)



(X5)

Small feature cut by or into (16) not enough left to say what sort of feature.

Profile (X6)



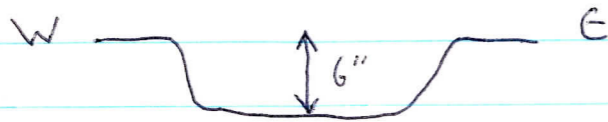
(X6)

Bottom irregular. Sides well defined but not straight.

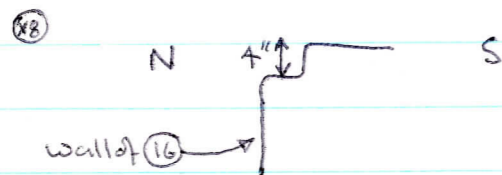
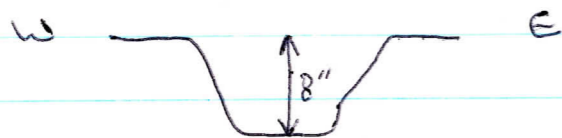
(X6)



Profile (X7)



Profile (X8)



(X7) Fairly regular profile/depth over length of feature. N. end cuts/cut by (16). shallows at the point of intersection with (16) to 4 1/2"

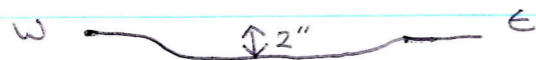
(X8) Intersects with (16) contains post holes (X21) + (X22). Bottom dips considerably at intersection with (16) to form step. Possible post hole at intersection?

(X9)

just before intersection with (16)

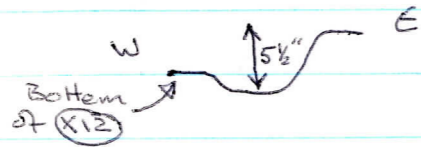


middle

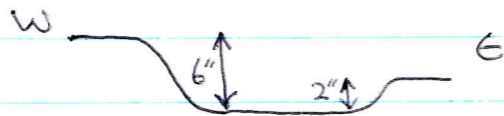


(X9) Intersects with (16). Shallow
S. end peters out. N. end
dips towards (16). Contains two
holes (see plan) both 2" deep.

Profile (X10)



profile (X11)



Profile (X12)

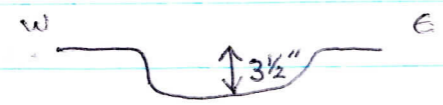


(X10) Post hole (see X12) contained in (X12)

(X11) Not well defined, shallow and uneven (see plan). Slope of side inconsistent.

(X12) Similar to (X2), poorly defined no definite shape. series of humps + hollows.

(X13)

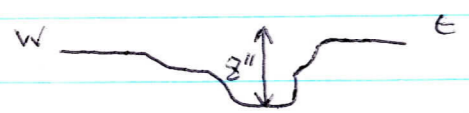


(X14)



(X14)

E. end.



possible post hole.

(X13)

Post hole. not in any feature.

(X14)

Relatively broad 'slot'. sides fairly well defined but tending to wander (ie not st. lines). Bottom not even but it isn't violent humps/hollows as in (X2); (X12): Deeper at E. end. W. end tapers out (no sharp edge). Possible post hole at E. end.

(X15)

Fairly shallow. very uneven. most of the sides have no clear edges. 2 of the sides simply tapering out. Contains post hole (X23) + 2 other shallow hollows not post holes. Intersects with (X25).

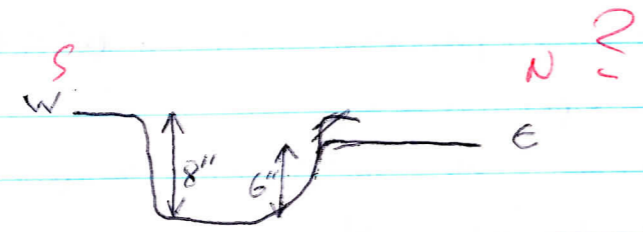
(X16)



(X16)

Almost circular (see plan) Deeper on the N + W sides.

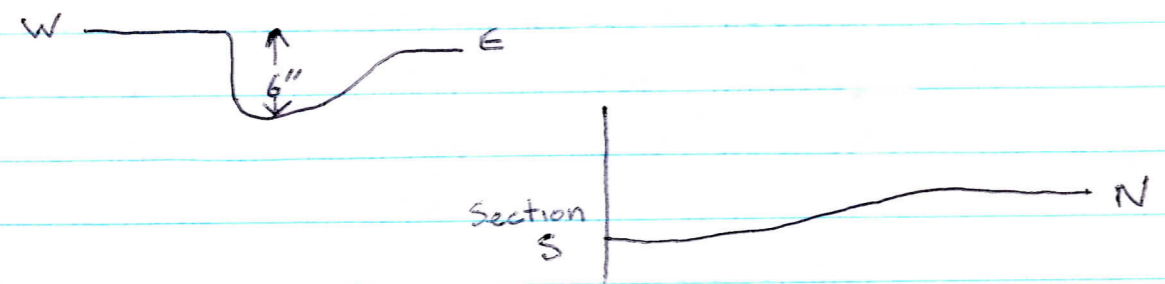
(X17)



(X17)

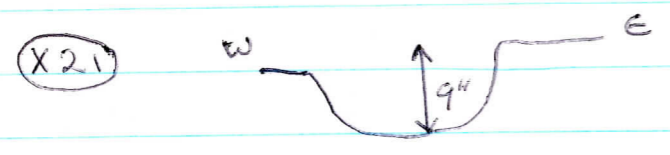
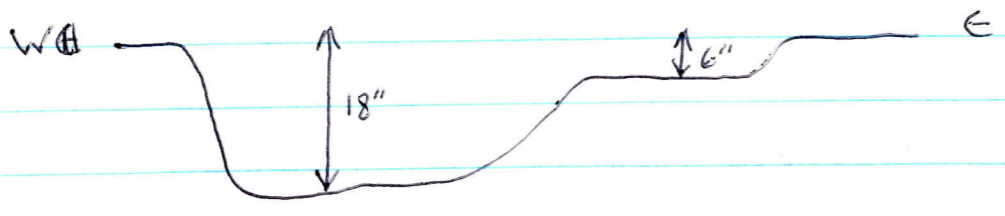
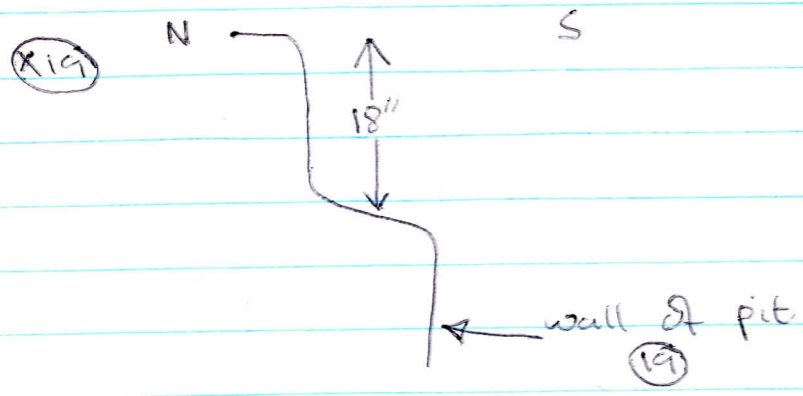
Relatively deep + flat bottomed. sides have even slope.

(X18)



(X18)

'Slot' running into the section (see plan) petering out towards N end. getting deeper towards section.

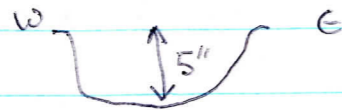


(X19) Cut through by (19) fairly deep.
 (see profile) S. side gone (cut (19))
 Side of N. side almost vertical.
 Bottom slopes towards pit (19).
 E. end ^{relatively} shallow (see E → W
 profile)

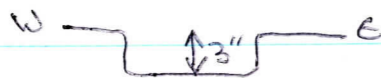
(X20) }
 (X20A) } See (X4)

(X21) Post hole in (X8). Brown/lk. red
 fill.

X22



X23



X24



X22

Post hole. in X8 adjacent to
X21 same fill as 21

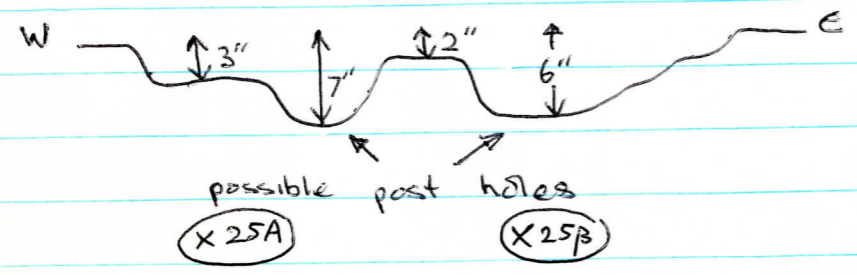
X23

Rectangular post hole, almost
square. had brown/light red fill
in X15.

X24

Fairly shallow, sides uneven.
un-uniform shape (see plan)
hole at W. end. Intersects
with X17. same fill as X17
so no relationship obtained.
17 lower than X24 + sharp step
at the junction.

X25



X25

Shallower than X17 but roughly on the same alignment. contains two possible post holes (see plan)

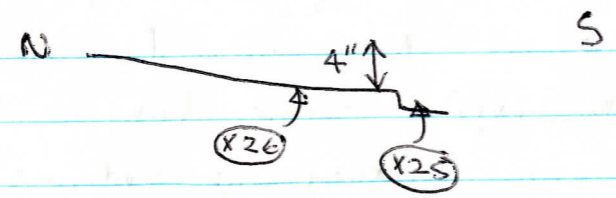
X25A

? P.H. in X25

X25B

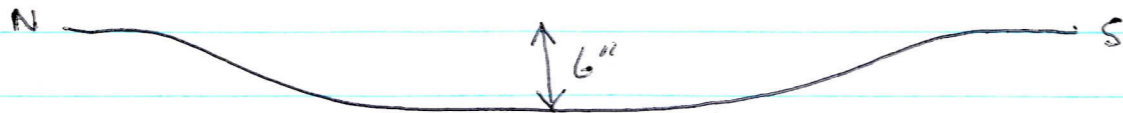
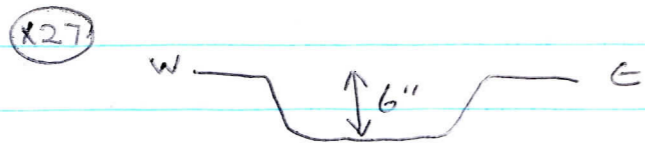
? P.H. in X25

X26



X26

Peters out towards N. end. intersects with X25 at S. end. X25 lower than X26 + step exists between the two. Sides partly defined.



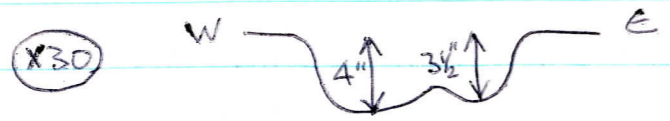
X27' Both ends petering out. partially cut at S.E. corner by post hole (see plan). Bottom relatively even.

WHAT NUMBER IF ANY? [X27A]

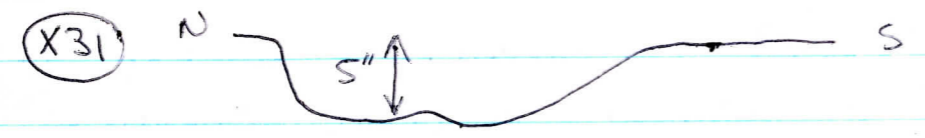
X27A) Small "p.h." at S.E. corner of X27)

X28) Bottom uneven. sides steep but wanders (see plan). Contains post hole X29)

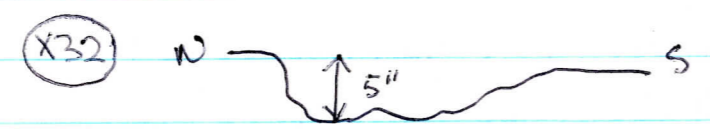
X29) Round post hole. (see X28)
Medium brown fill.
N(X28).



X30 Small pecker containing 2 hollows
(see plan)

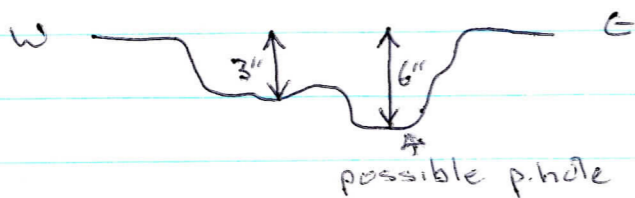


X31 Even bottom oval shape (see plan)
sloping sides. petering out on
S. side.



X32 Uneven bottom + sides. Although
almost rectangular (see plan)

X33



X33

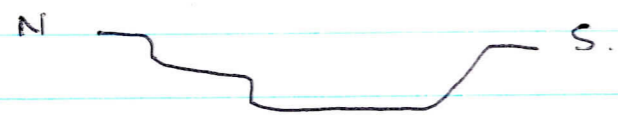
Small rectangular feature, uneven ^{possible} bottom, contains post hole (see plan + profile)

X34

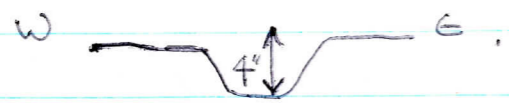


X34

Cuts post hole X35 S. part the deepest, sides almost vertical + bottom even.



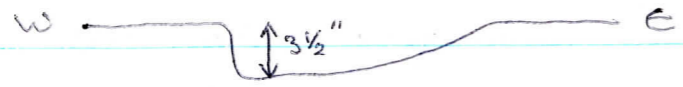
X35



X35

post hole (see X34) dk. brown fill.

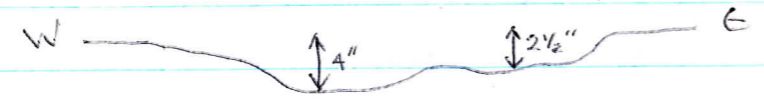
X36



X36

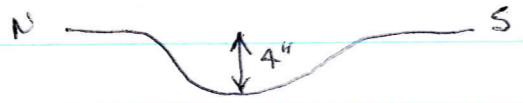
Intersects with X15. Higher than X15.
Bottom uneven. (ie no constant level)

X37



X37

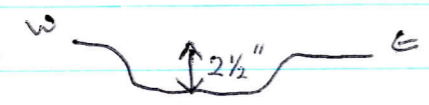
Small, un-uniform sides + bottom west end peters out.



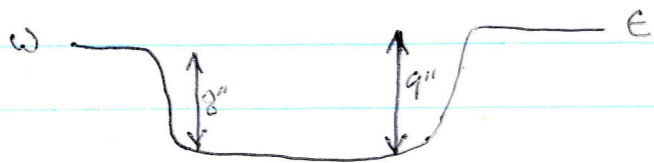
X38

Shallow - possible post hole.

X38



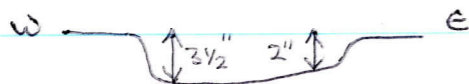
(X39)



(X39)

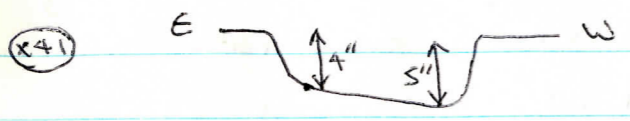
Deep + relatively broad. cut mostly
 here' light brown soil rather than
 "sandy natural" like most of the
 other "x" features. S. end peters
 out.

(X40)



(X40)

Intersects with (X15). considerably higher
 than (X15) does not reappear on
 the other side of (X15).

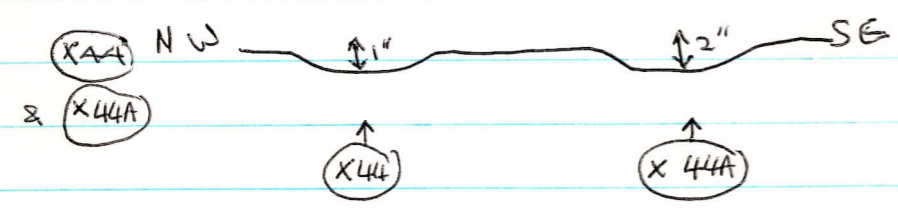


(X41) Possible post hole, bottom slopes down to W.

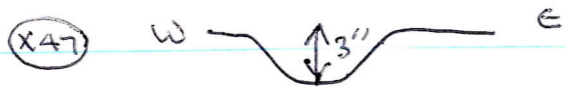
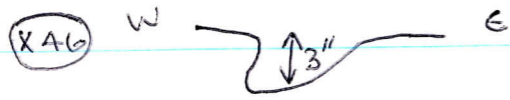
(X42) - (X43)



(X42) } Possible post holes
(X43) }



(X44) Very shallow hole - not post hole - probably due to roots etc.
(X44A) Similar to (X44).



(X45) possible post hole - more likely
root hole, brown fill.

(X46) As a (X45)

(X47) } 3 possible post holes all with
similar dimensions. Brown fill.
(X47A)
(X47B)

(X48)

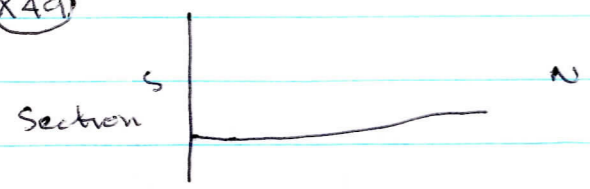


* REAR ? put a steel plate

(X48)

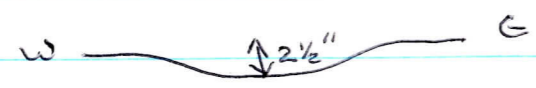
Grey fill round (almost circular) post hole.

(X49)



(X49)

Running into section on S. side. very shallow with sides petering out.



[* KEVIN MUST HAVE MIS-PLANNED (X49) - IT EXTENDS BEYOND THE EXCAVATION LIMIT. CSBY.]



Depth between 4" → 1"

- (X50)
- (X51)
- (X52)

3 holes, probably not post holes. uneven sides.

(X53)

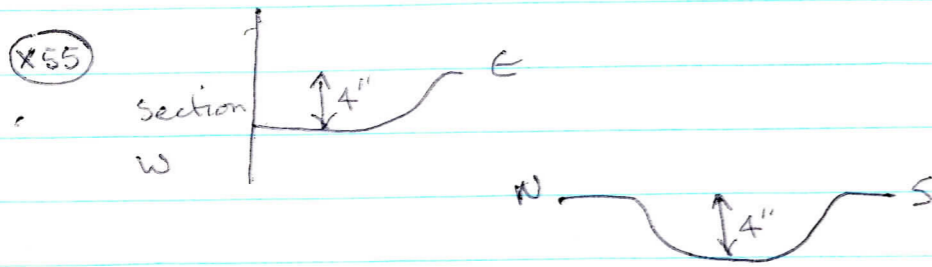
Very wide, uneven bottomed, shallow feature. intersecting with 19 in two places + running into section

(X53A)

Irregular continuation of (X53) S. wards into S. Extension. Several inches deep (i.e. (X53) continues (X53A) deeper). Cuts (X65). Cut by A (19).



(X54) Post hole continued in (X53) with the same fill as (X53)



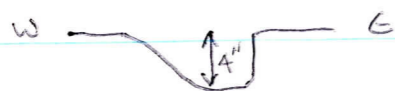
(X55) Possible post hole or beginning of slot. runs into section. Cuts (X65). In (X53A)?

(X56) P.T.O.

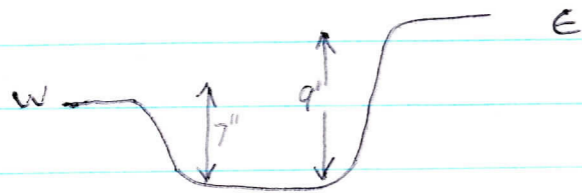
(X56)



(X57)



(X58)



(X56)

Similar to (X53) but slightly deeper with more uneven bottom. S. side has "slot" type feature contains post hole (X57) profile from (a) to (b) on plan. Cuts (X65) at S.W. limit.

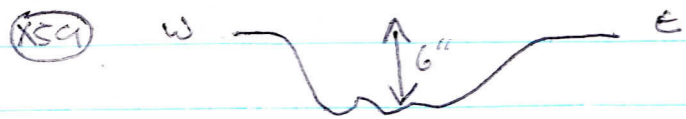
(X57)

Possible post hole contained in (X56)

REAR ? of (X68)

(X58)

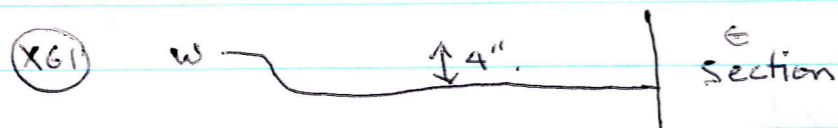
Post hole. Almost ~~circu~~lar in shape. light brown/grey sandy fill



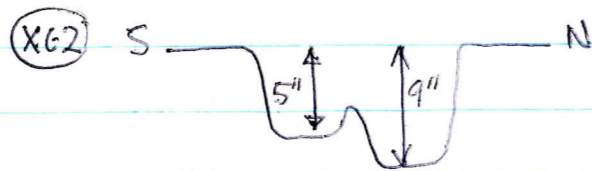
(X59) ~~Post hole~~ Possible post hole. bottom very uneven + sides irregular. Cuts (X65).



(X60) Shallow hole - possibly post hole.



(X61) Large, shallow, even bottomed feature (see plan). Contains one "slit" like projection at N. end but this is at a constant depth with the rest of the feature. Runs into section Cuts (X65).



* REAL ?
 X62

Post hole with 2 smaller holes in bottom (see plan + profile)



X63

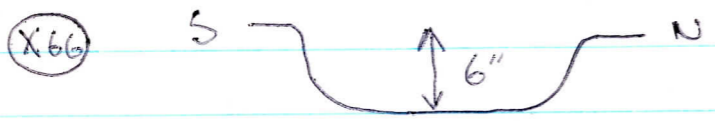
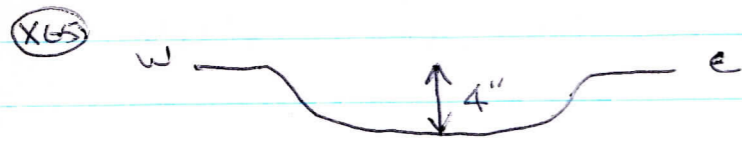
possible post hole. fairly shallow. runs into section.



* REAL

X64

Post hole. flat bottom. light brown fill



* GOOD FEATURES

(X65) Long slot, running fairly straight (see plan) with reasonably level bottom, running into section + petering out at W. end. Grey sandy fill. CA at S. end by (X66)

(X65A) P.H. at S. end of (X65), with similar fill. Steep sides, extending several inches deeper than (X65) (bottom at same level as bottom of (X66)). Cut by (X66).

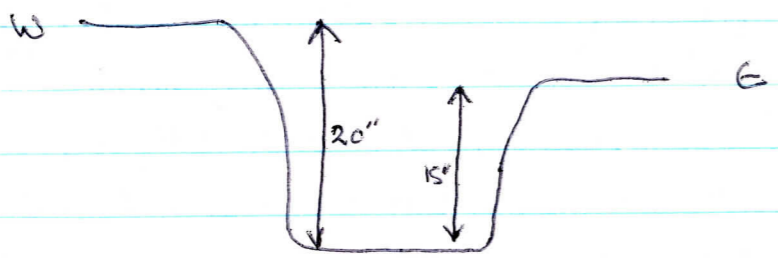
N.B. (X65), (X65A) do NOT continue S. of (X66).

* REAR

(X66) Cuts (X65), (X65A) Light brown fill. possible slot. Bottom even but rising to the W. Runs into section at both ends.

(X67) Dk. brown/black fill lying over natural forming shallow features 3" -> 4" deep. runs into section on 2 sides (see plan) partially overlapping (X68)

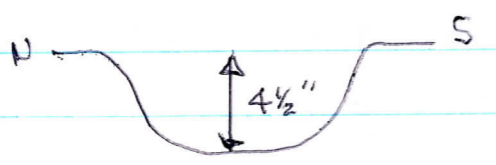
(X68)



* REAL

(X68) Post hole. under + partially cut
 by (X67) light brown/grey sandy
 fill.

(X69)

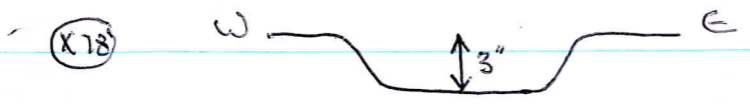


n.b. profile taken from
 E. section of
 S. extension.

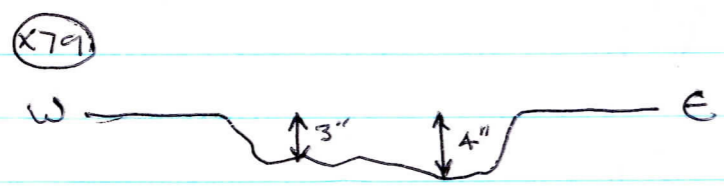
(X69)

⊖ Sloping sides. At higher level
 to other features in S. extension
 Light brown sandy fill. cut
 into dk brown/black homogeneous
 fill layer which formed
 the general fill of the other
 'x' features.

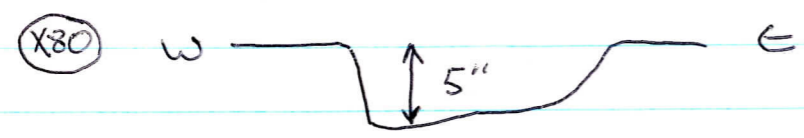
No. on plan	see	Area A Notebook ↓
X70	see	23
X71	see	24
X72	see	25
X73	"	26
X74	"	27
X75	"	28
X76	"	29
X77	"	30



(X78) Found after previous "x" features were leveled. same black type fill. Post hole.



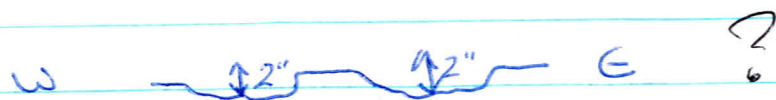
(X79) Possible post hole - uneven bottom. sides ragged + uneven. Found after leveling of previous x. features.



(X80) Post hole. found after leveling of previous features.

[* (X80) HAS TO BE MIS-PLANNED BY KEVIN — COMES OUT ON TOP OF WALL B — COPY.]

(X87)



(X81)

two small shallow holes mixed
brown/black fill. Root holes.

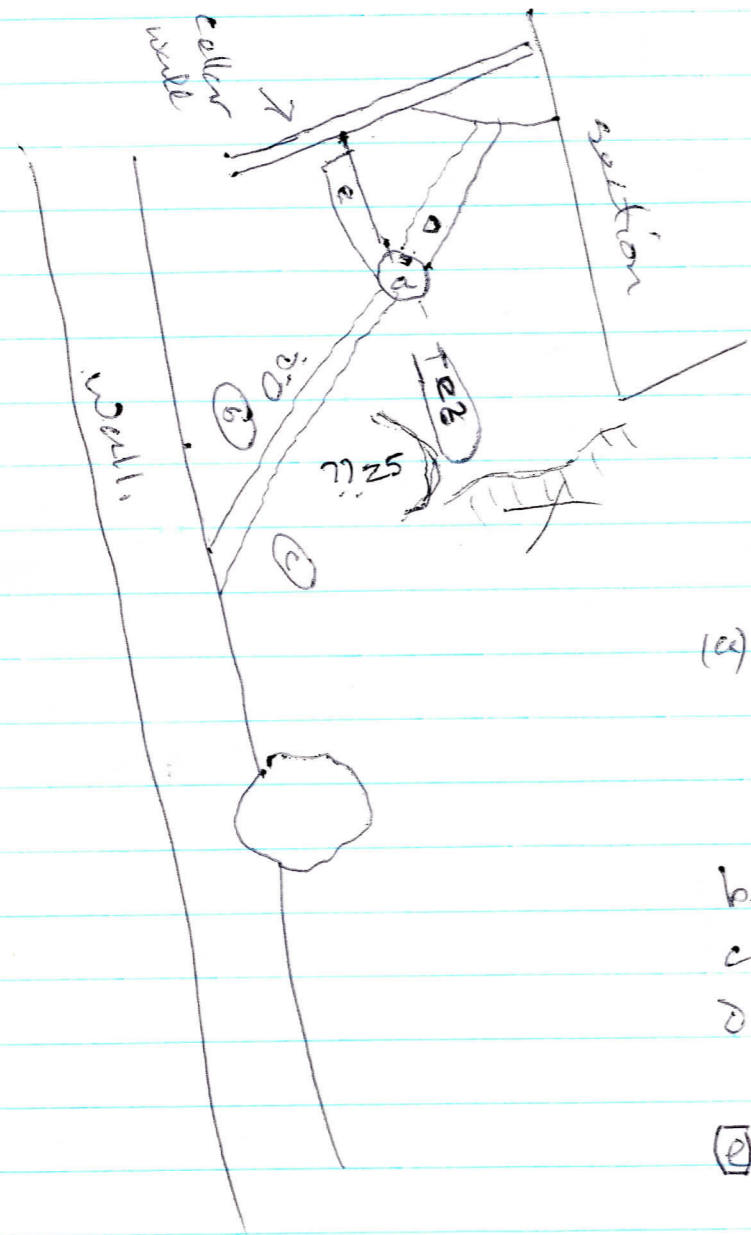
LOOKS LIKE ONE FEATURE ON PLAN

* KEVIN MUST HAVE MISPLANNED (X81) — IT
COMES OUT IN THE WELL. CBY.

KEN'S NOTE

(see ①)

② Rough plan of features after leveling of "X" features + cleaning up. ✓



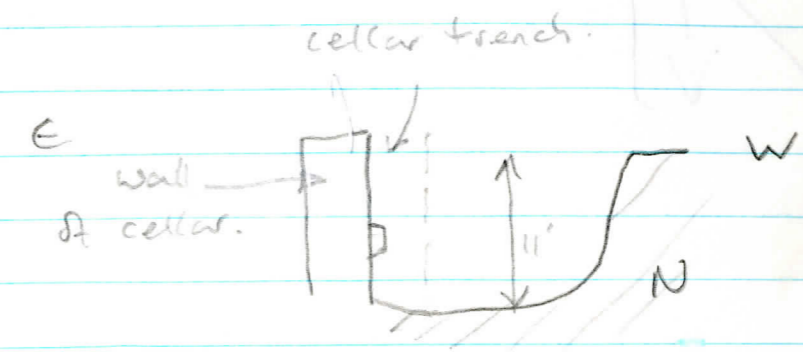
(a) dk. brown fill with ~~red~~ sand in (yellow)

b) }
c) } Dk. brown fill
d) }

(e) lt. brown/grey, sandy but slightly darker than other slots,

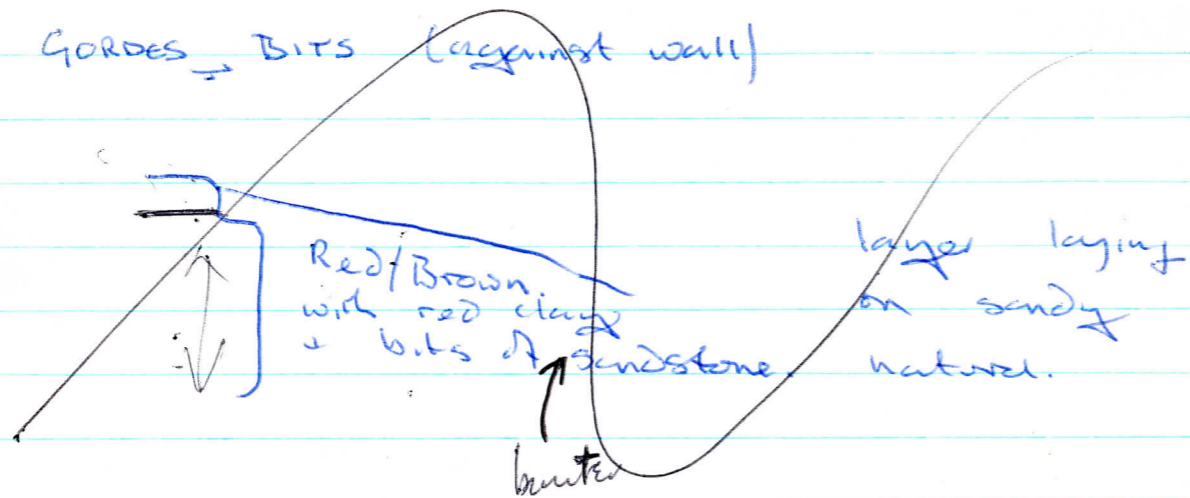
with parts of dk. brown in - possibly just on top.

② Yellow/Brown fill with lots of sandstone cuts red/Brown layer + cuts into wall. Is cut on E side by cellar trench.

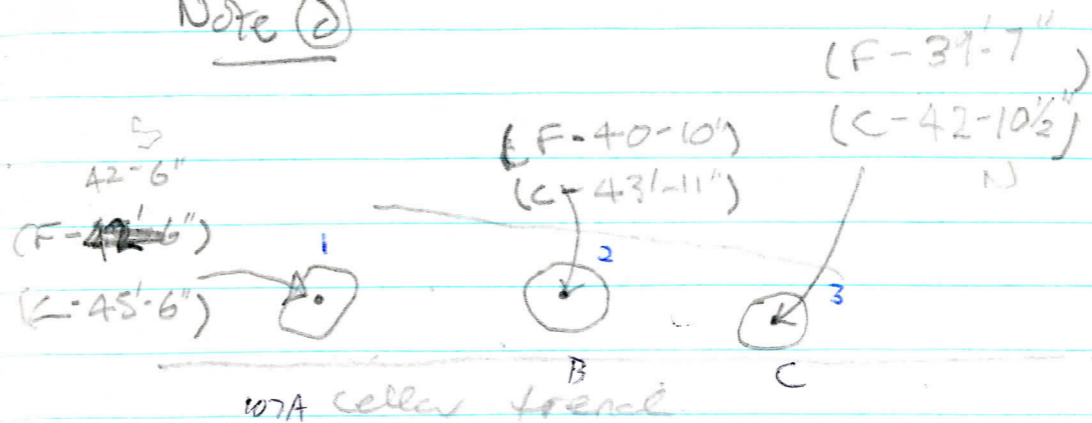


Notes Area A. outside wall East end.

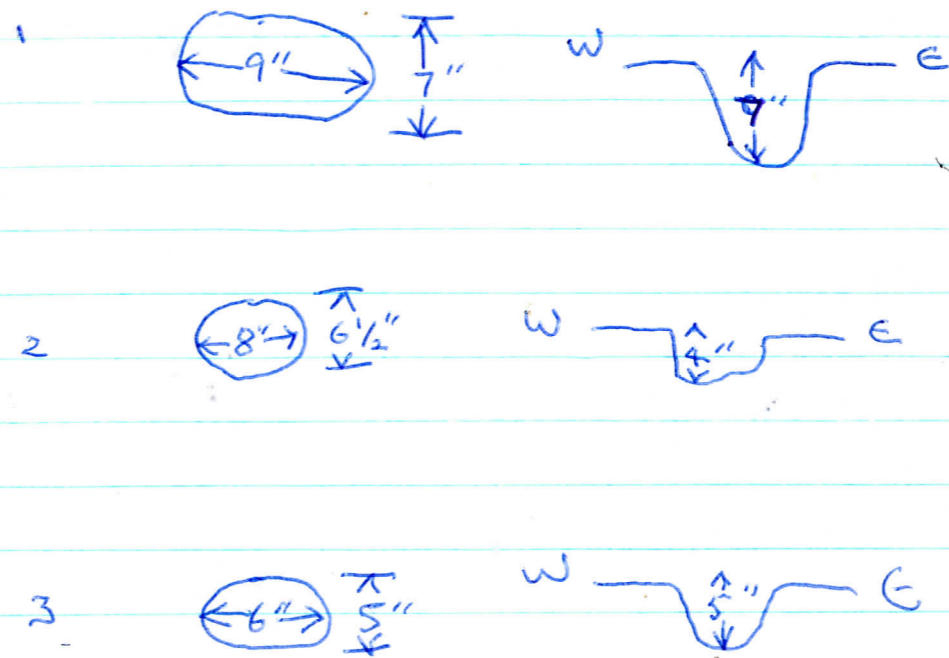
GORDON → BITS (against wall)



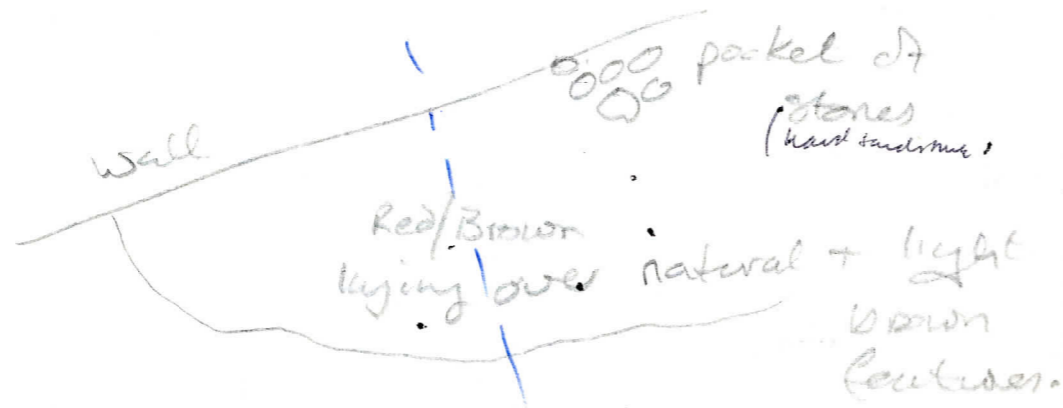
Note ②



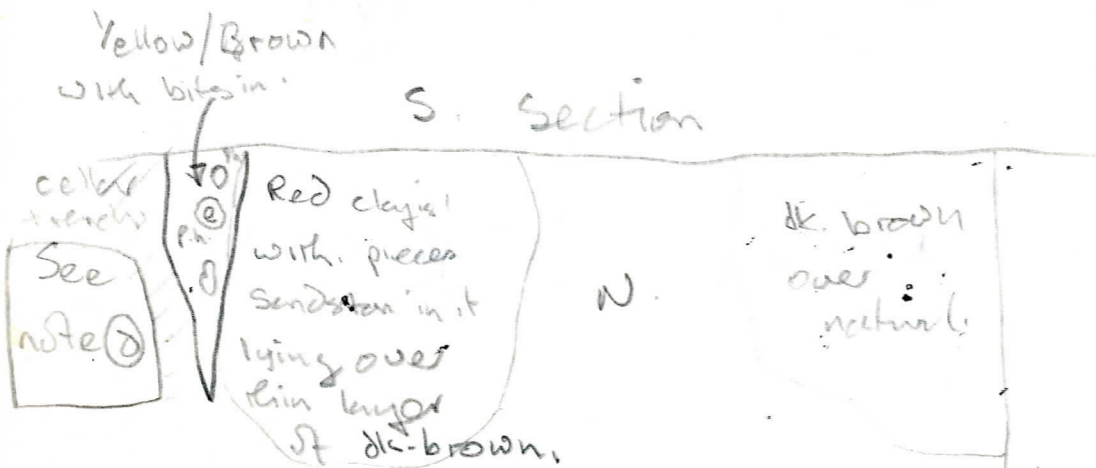
Post holes all have dk Brown fill.



Note ② see plan over page.

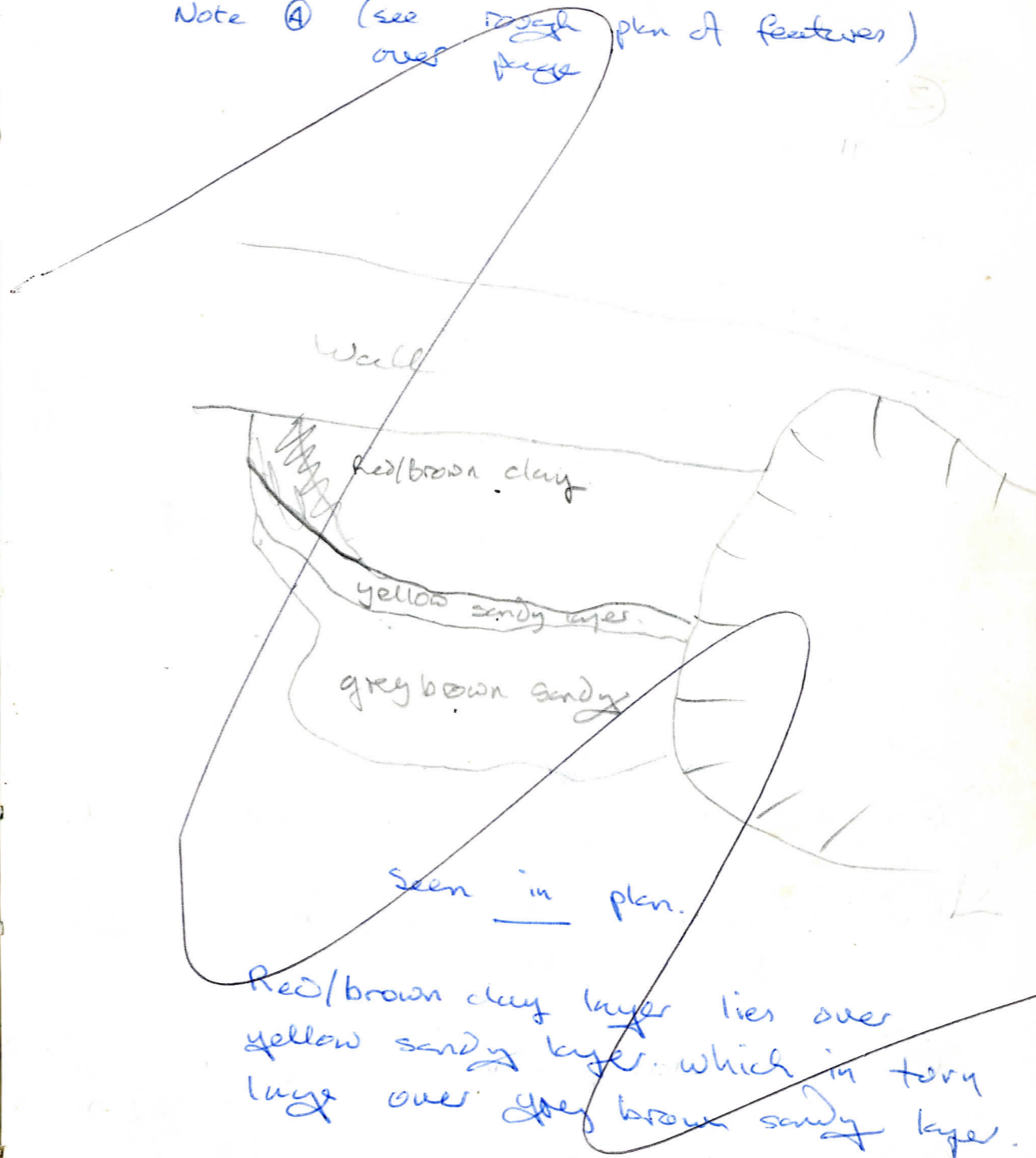


Note ③ see plan over page.



~~Red in~~ Yellow/Brown cuts thro' Red clay layer. ~~cellar trench~~

Note ④ (see rough plan of features) over page



Red/brown clay layer lies over yellow sandy layer which in turn lies over grey brown sandy layer.



(Z1) Light Brown ^{sandy} fill (fairly light brown)

(91) P.H.
 ↑ Same filling

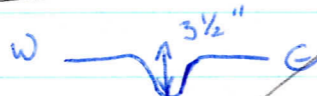
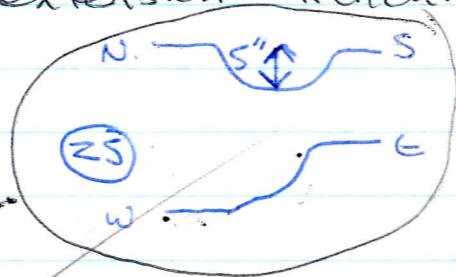
(Z2) Light brown fill - shallow post hole.

(92)

(Z3) Bronze object on level of "cobbles" in extension trench.

(93)

Peg { (2) 13'-9"
 (3) 11'-0"
 3P marking



(Z4) (94) Stake hole - light brown ^{sandy} fill.

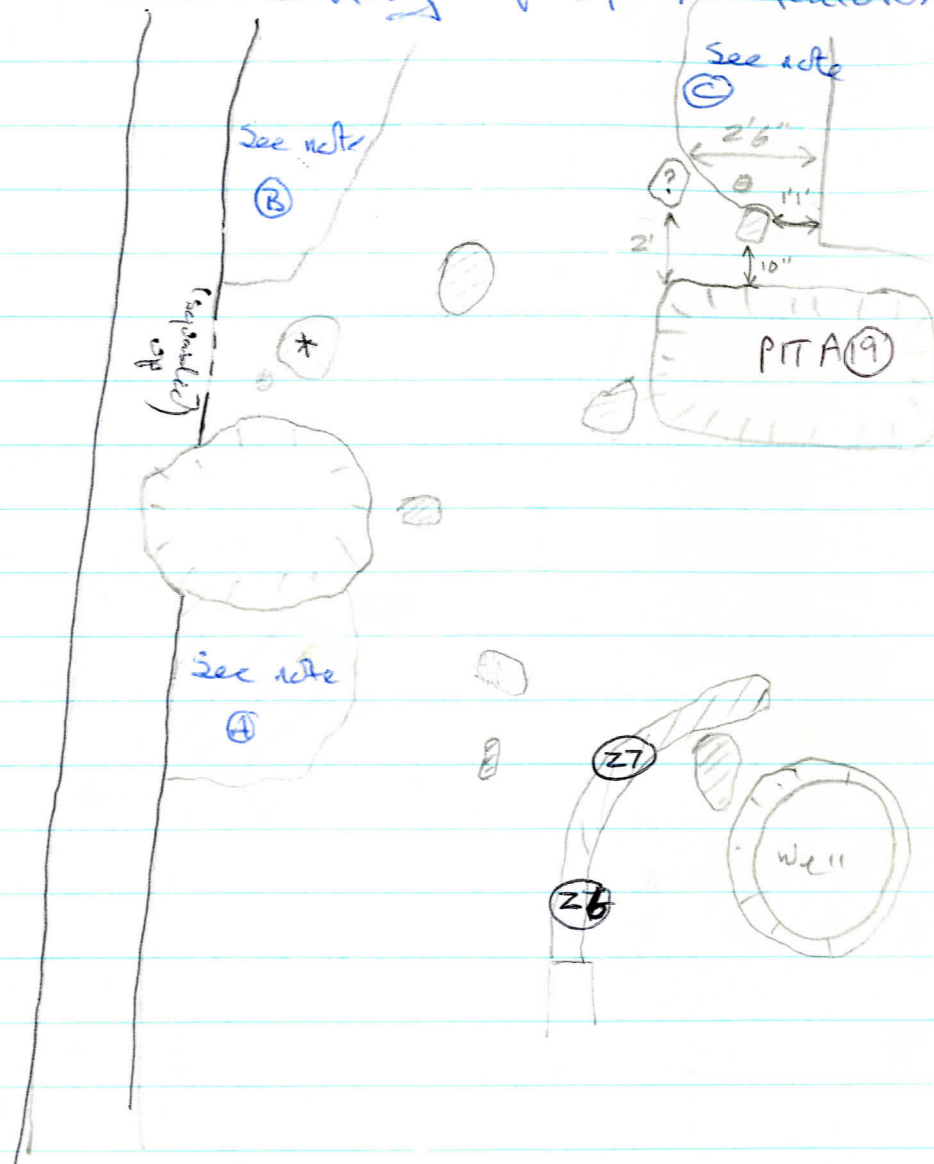
(Z5) (95) Partly cut low feature. darker brown fill.

(Z6) (96) Dk. Brown feature.

(N.B) not yet excavated but pot found in clearing top. definitely in feature

(Z7) (97) Light Grey/Brown fill - slot. (Bob's slot)

(1) Rough plan of features after leveling + cleaning of "X" features.





(E-25-3) (c)
(E-24-7)

(L-18-8) (b)
(E-26-6)

(S-21-2) (g)
(D-20-9)

Sections
at t's
to wall.

