

Transcript of Dave's remarks on entering  
Mausoleum

'length of entire tomb, 15.70 to face of brick arch.  
positions of centre points of shafts, 12.10m shaft, 7.40m  
3rd shaft. (I don't see how these reconcile with the  
plan). 'Apparently brick arch, white plaster on its  
face; 3ins. between dirt & top of arch, barrel-vault ?  
May join up with other system [This means the set of  
brick vaults by the Tomb of the False Door].. space for  
shoulders between dirt and stone slab roof. Because  
space so small, can't see more than half a foot beyond the  
arch. Iron pin on surface of soil; may be root-lots of  
roots all along between slabs. Droplets of water on  
roots. Roots traverse top of dried mud.  
Entrance of south side, cracked line, certainly chamber  
by my feet on north side, just see by twisting round.  
Gallery just over two meters wide. 1st slab next to arch  
72cms wide 85, (I'll try and turn round) Crooked lintel  
supported by mud, looks perilous. One can just get clearance  
for head. Oh, haven't got torch !  
Soil through third, westernmost, shaft, spread 2-3m. along  
gallery. Fortunately space just big enough to get through  
on N. side, which I'm now inserting myself into (groans).  
Next slab width 1m. exactly, then shaft. One or two stones  
on top of mud, came in through shaft. Next slab has hole  
partly through it (rt. angle?) The 1m slab has small bit  
cut from edge, 40 cms deep, and next slab (92 cms wide)  
has a right-angle piece 46 cms deep cut out of it. So  
this shaft 88c (possibly I meant cms ?) in total length  
of cavity.  
2nd lintel length 280, 2nd lintel depth 37, and opening of  
chamber equals 180.  
From west side of shaft I, 1st lintel of N. side of gallery.

p.3. All measurements from centre of shaft 1

1.90 from W.wall eastern limit

10.35 to centre of 1st shaft

West face of Ch.2 8.90

East face of Ch.2 7.10

8.90 from shaft

92 cm wide roof slab

(see drawing)

79 cm wide roof slab

92 cm wide roof slab

6.45 end of lintel on Ch.2

6.10 beginning of next lintel fro Ch.3.

p.4. Depth of lintel 33 cm

Dry stone between lintels little lime mortar

5.70 Western edge Ch.3

3.95 East edge

Note: lintels are supported on rough slabs mainly long ones extending almost whole distance between chambers. With dry stone packing and a little lime mortar.

*Shaft 2*  
Next slab 1.12 E end is cut rightangle shaped recess 45 deep approx  $\frac{1}{2}$  of next shaft. Total length of shaft opening 94 cm

~~Next slab~~ Next slab 1.08.

p.5. Ch.3 lintel.

East end. 3.55

Slab after Shaft 2 slabs. 1.18 wide

Chamber 4

W end of lintel 2.85

W end of chamber 2.45

E end of chamber 70 cm

E end of lintel 20 cm

Slab 67 cm wide

overall length of gallery 15.70

(p.6 see drawing)

p.7. Chamber No.8

Thick plastered face at southern end part fallen in on mud surface

Sample attained

Walls made of small stone slabs and mud.

Plaster at south end beautifully preserved.

No entrances visible - height of fill 60 cm below stone roof slabs. Rear SW corner, cavity in wall probably fallen away

If so, before earth accumulated few rootlets hanging down between slabs but none reach fill. The roof slabs rougher and more irregular than the main gallery. The space

p.8. between the roof slabs is stopped with white mortar apparently poured in from above and stopped from below.

The southernmost roof slab extends over or into the southern wall of chamber. The visible width of the west side of roof ~~xxxx~~ slab at south end. 20 cm - east side 47 cm

2nd roof slab north - W side 85, E side 77.

The other roof slabs are regular 3rd slab E - 73 cm, W - 85 cm. Width of Ch.8 at southern end 1.69. Length 6.40.

Plaster between 1 and 2 cm thick

p.9. 4th roof slab of chamber 8. 4.40 from S edge to battery S wall.

4th slab 65 cm wide E side, W side 90 cm

E side measurements:

5th roof: 3.72 from S gallery wall Width 62cm

6th. Slab 3.08, 67 cm wide

7. 2.389, 89 cm wide

8. 1.50, 90 gap between lintel and roof slab  
lintel 43(?) wide (cracked badly)