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AREAS: XIII A XVII

Top meter or so removed mechanically from
both XIII A & XVII.

XIII D excavated as part of XVII

SM 77 XIII A

① Blad soil with stone & brick rubble. Mud white plaster. (SM 76 XIII C ⑦ + ⑩) S. part of area, sloping down towards S.

② Brick rubble (As XIII C ⑩ + ⑫ + ~~XVII~~ ③) Deep layer comprising several different top layers. Brown soil, mud crushed mortar & stone. Contains large of Maron ware frags found in XIII B - saggar frags

① Loosely mortared 'stone wall' on N edge of area in ①. Probably joins SM 76 XIII B ⑤ at right angles in NE corner of trench. Hacked out. Contains re-used architectural stone. C19.?

② W. wall of N-S wing. Taken as edge of trench

(3) Yellow clay & sand. Dirty with mixed plaster & some brick & stone.

(XVII 5)

Below (2). Not present in some patchy areas especially S.W corner adj. to (2)

(4)

Clean sandy ^{orange yellow} blue grey layer. Floor marking? Small frags of floor slabs sat

(XVII 11)

on it

~~not~~

(5)

Clay dirt below (4). Dirt natural, probably trampled during construction. Not excavated.

[3] Drain. Stone built below (5) Running N.W - S.E.

[4] Stone-lined tank in NW corner of Room 3 - filled with early (18) material - including ANKOR WARE.
Dug post - excavation by R.W.F.

SM 77 XVII

- (I) SE corner of trench not machine excavated.
(II) Topsoil turf & black soil with mixed rubble. 25cm thick. (1b) Hard packed ash & cinder. Up to 15cm thick. (1c) Very hard packed brown clayey earth and stone & brick frags.

(2) Black soil & ash Below (1).

(3) Brick rubble. Mud crusted mortar & yellow to black soil fill. Many large architectural frags. Various different types are contained in this level but will be considered as one.

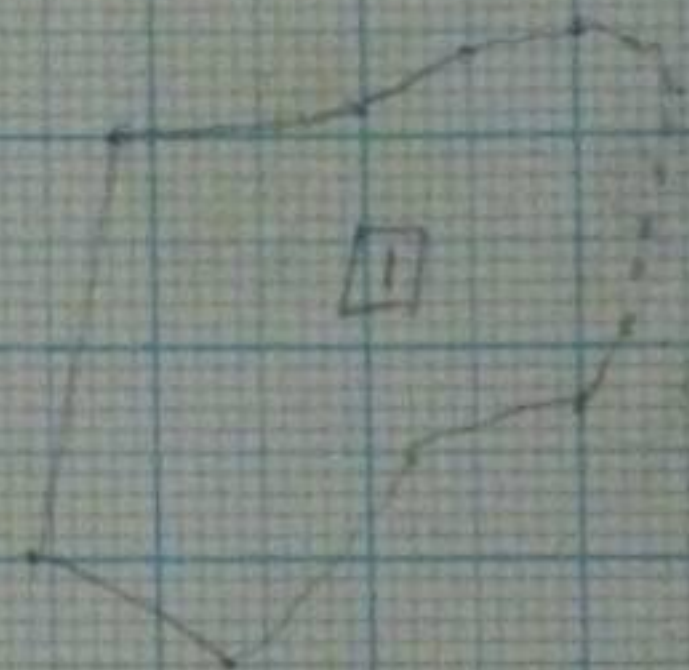
SM 76 XIII (10) (12)

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← N

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[1] Brick feature. Mortared bricks on edge in S.E. corner of trench. Tilted downwards towards centre of trench. Collapsed wall? Lying on and in (3). Considered contemporary with (3) i.e. destruction of 1706.

(4) Brown soil with mud caked mortar and some stone. Very little brick. Below (3), mixed with (3) in some areas of trench & not often differentiated from (3).

[2] Front wall of N-S wing. Form, W. edge of trench

[3] Wall? footings. S.E. corner of area. Running approx E-W. Butts upto [2] ^{without mortar} at ~~mud~~ ~~lower~~ level. Surrounded by and covered by (3), (4) Butts upto [6] without mortar. Sits on [4] Very wobbly masonry, no mortar.

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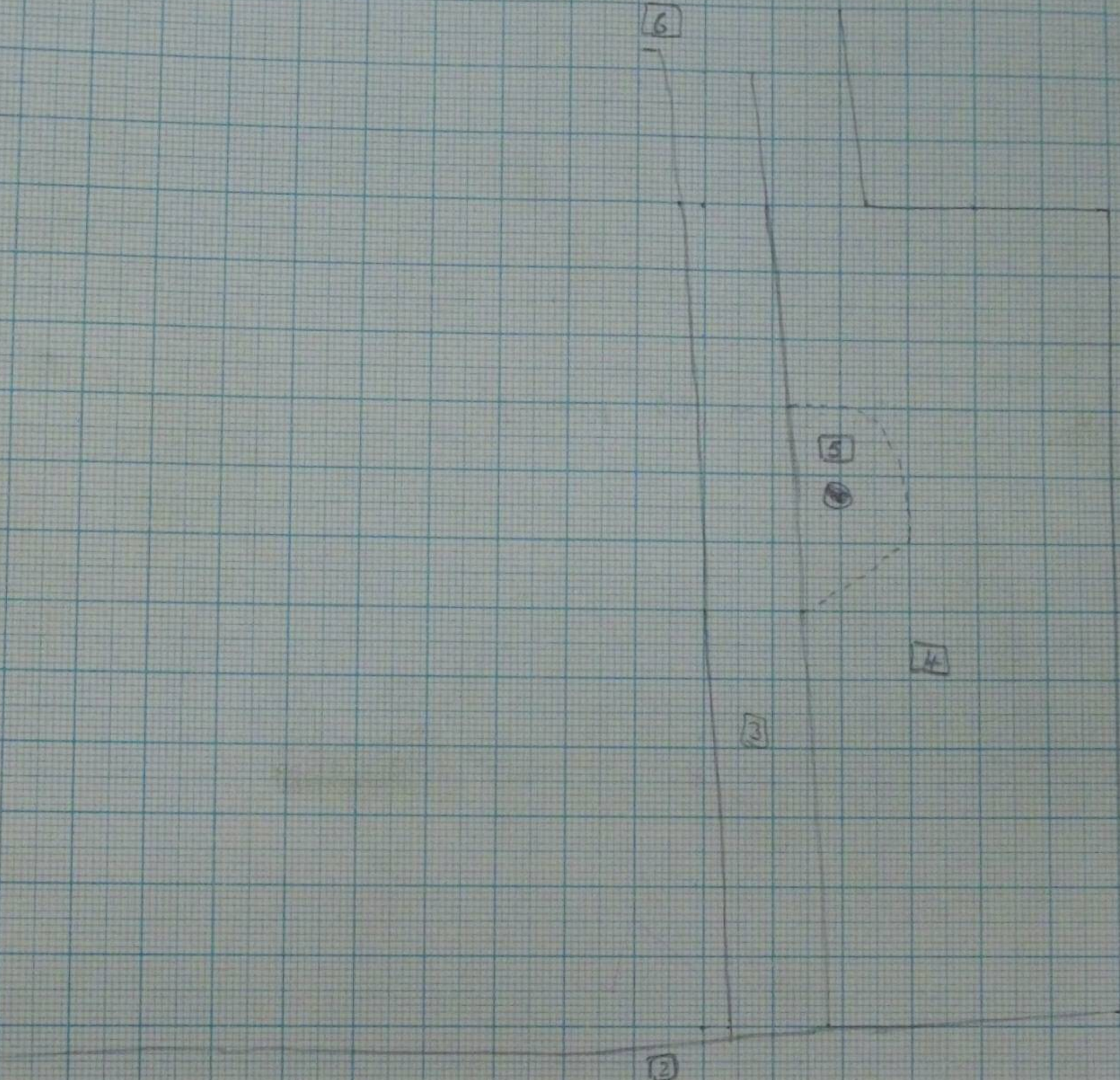
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⑤ Yellow/orange clayey soil. Below ③ + ④. Dirty, with small stones & bird frags. To N of ③ only.

see ⑨

⑥ Dark brown soil with mud plaster. Below ③ + ④. To N of ③ only. Mixed with ⑤ but as separate layers, i.e. interleaved, esp. in area close to ③. Includes several large pieces of plaster lying face down against ③. Photographed.

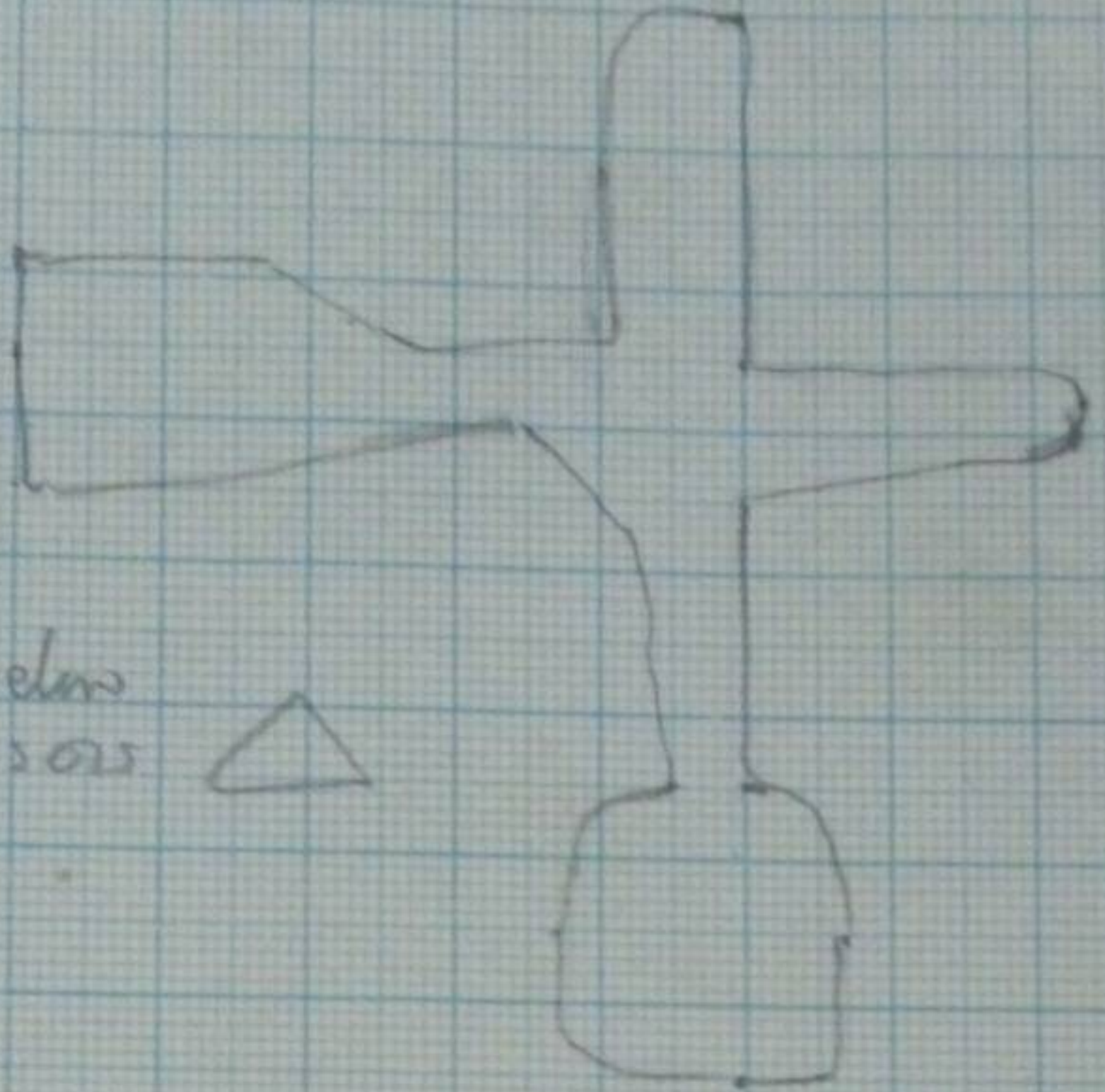
⑦ Brown soil with mud & crushed material, stone & bird. To S of ③ below ③ + ④. Probably finer material of ③ + ④ that has filtered to the bottom.

[4] Flat stone slabs below (6) in area S of (2) ~~(4)~~ [3]
Floor 2. Ditch up to [2] & ~~(4)~~. Broken floor slabs. One area more broken
[Below [3].] than the rest - slightly sunken running N-S. Drain underneath!

(8) Black sticky soil below (7) ~~(10)~~
See [5]


(9) Clearish yellow sandy clay, patches of yellow clay, plaster some brick &
stone. Below (5) possibly lower level of (5). At one point forms
a pile, similar to a point of tipping, against [6], 25cm N. of the
junction of [3] & [6]

Definitely a variation of (5) & (6), all of which constitute a mixed
layer of detritus material.



Area A stain below
pair of iron scissors
on 4

Scale 1:2

[5] 
see [8]

Below (7). Dirty black soil with much plaster. Rubbed tip?
Masses of bronze pins, pottery & glass. As a small pile up against [3] set
on [4] Max dimension 1.5m long, 0.8m wide 0.2m thick.

Back [6]

E. wall of N-S wing. Considerable robbing. Below (1) Brown
clay used to mortar the stones. Cut into natural ~~cut~~ on E. side.

[7]

Very badly constructed 'wall', C19, in W edge of XIII D (XVII) Not
excavated as a feature as found in XIII B (5) Cut into (3).

- ⑩ Black sticky soil between stones of [4] and between [4] & [3]. Also forms thin layer against [2]. Below [7]. Small layer only, few finds

(color of this layer varied from clean bright yellow, through orange & blue to dark gray, depending on top layers)

- ⑪ Cleanish ~~yellow/orange~~ ^{mixed} layer of sand and clay. Some patches of clay but mostly mixed in. Below [9] and [4]. Some small stone foundations or make up for floors? Level, with [4] sat firmly on it, small fragments of floor slabs sat on it N. of [3].

Sectioned only.

- ⑫ Rubber trench. Fill as [3], cut through [11] + into [13]. A few small stones remaining in the bottom
ie distinct rubble.

(13) Dirty clay below (11). Floor made up. Contains charcoal & small stones.
Sits on natural clay. Not excavated other than small pits.

[8] Drain. Below (13). Cut into natural. Solid stone built, square
internal section. See XIII C [7] & XIII A [3]

(14) Small area of dirty black clay/silt with charcoal, coal & small stones in
N. of ~~west~~ ^{where} [2] & [3] meet. Roughly 100cm square, 10cm deep
Sectioned only. No finds. On same level as (11), probably trampled over
of (11) Sat on (15)

⑮ Thin wedge of crushed brick against [2] below ⑪ & ⑭. Thicker towards [2]. Approx 100 cm wide. Seals construction trend [9] and probably a final construction layer associated with [2]
Sectional only

[9] Construction trend for [2] Cut into natural clay. Filled with rotten stone. Approx 20-25 cm wide. Below ⑮ 10 cm deep.
Sectional only.

⑯ Below ⑬ thin sliver of clean yellow/orange sandy gravel. Very similar to ⑪. Found by trial section only slightly to E. of [8]
Thin, only 5-7 cm deep. Patching of floor make-up.

[10] Wall to E of [6] running ^{roughly on line of [3]} E-W. Cut through natural clay behind (E) [6]. Relationship with [6] not known but at a higher level. Brown clay used as mortar. Below ① Only just extends into E edge of trench, full width unknown as goes into S. edge of trench.

[11] Wall, similar to [10] but ~~270~~ 270 cm to north of it. 90 cm wide. Only just extends into E. edge of trench.

[12] Small thin stones set on edge into ① Occur in two places to N of [3] & one place S of [3]. Used as small patios for [4]. For point see plan.