

Jebel Khalid

2008
Area S

Field Record Book

3/10/08
\$150.00
email

Double
key book

AREAS

Name.....	LINDA ATKINSON
Trenches.....	S24, S30
Dates.....	22 APRIL 2008 →

ADVICE TO TRENCH SUPERVISORS

1. Take a new page for each day. (Each day may take several pages).
2. Draw a scale plan of the trench each day on the graph paper (essential), with North at the top (if this is not convenient, mark North direction clearly).
When starting a square, this plan may be nearly empty but draw it all the same and mark in emerging tumble. The graph paper can also be used for sketching objects etc.
3. Mark depth from surface at the beginning of each day, at designated points. Also record, each day, the depths taken on the sheet provided (kept in the back of your field record book)
4. Draw arrows on your plan to indicate direction in which you are excavating.
4. Every time you designate a new context, (on the occasion of a new spit, a new feature, a new soil colour) fill in the Context Record Sheet for that trench, as well as describing it in your report. Store the accumulated context record sheets in the plastic sleeve in your record book.
5. Structures . Measure carefully any structure (wall, doorway, threshold, ovens, pit, any large dressed stones or columns) and record exact location, height, width in your report as well as on the scale plan.
6. Floors - marked by very hard tough surface or layer of white crushed limestone. May be softer adjacent to wall. Record thickness of floor, if we decide to dig through it.
If your floor is particularly good, collect a few bags of surface material - there may be seeds.
7. Objects. e.g. glass, figurine or lamp fragments, metal, stucco, loomweights, spindle whorls, beads, graffito-ed sherds, coins, gold jewellery (some hope). Mark in the location and depth of any objects clearly and accurately. If necessary, draw another sketch plan as the day progresses. A quick sketch of the object in the report would be helpful, if it is too mysterious to name e.g. Mattie's metal blobs.
8. Pottery: label bags clearly in waterproof pen, with one label inside the bag and one outside. Record daily the number of bags per context . Be very careful to separate pottery from different contexts.
It is absolutely essential to double-bag the pottery. A broken bag of pottery without context is useless.
9. Bone: Collect all bone and label as for pottery. Record number of bags per context daily.
10. Charcoal: Collect all charcoal and label as for pottery. Record number of bags per context daily.
11. Tile: it is important to record the location and amount of tile. = pottery.
12. Very important: at the completion of a trench,
 - i DRAW (TO SCALE) a section of the exposed baulk, with details of stratigraphy clearly marked.
 - ii DRAW (TO SCALE a top plan of the completed trench, with contexts clearly marked.
 - iii WRITE a short summary with your interpretation of the trench.

LINDA (7)

Hussein (hardly ever turns up but sends a proxy - when he does come very good)

Mehyieh son of Hussein

Hassan wife of Hussein

Sabat Haya another wife of Hussein

Halima widow, smiley -

Faida Bint Halima daughter of Halima

- may vary as to name

Shamsa - quiet lady.

START TRENCH 24

LABEL

JK
AREAS

27/4/08

T 24

1.1

POTTERY

L.A.

Things to do

- labels inside bag
- labels outside bag
- mark spits ie levels
- get some nails

Aleppo - change money

Buy Wet Ones

max credit for phone.

(it Halima)
orange scarf.

quiet

Halima,
Ghaleh-

Hassan - roses scarf

Sabat Male

Haja - lovely jacket

6 males, 1 female Hussein, the husband of all

20/5/08

1
Cambrai label
4m x 4m

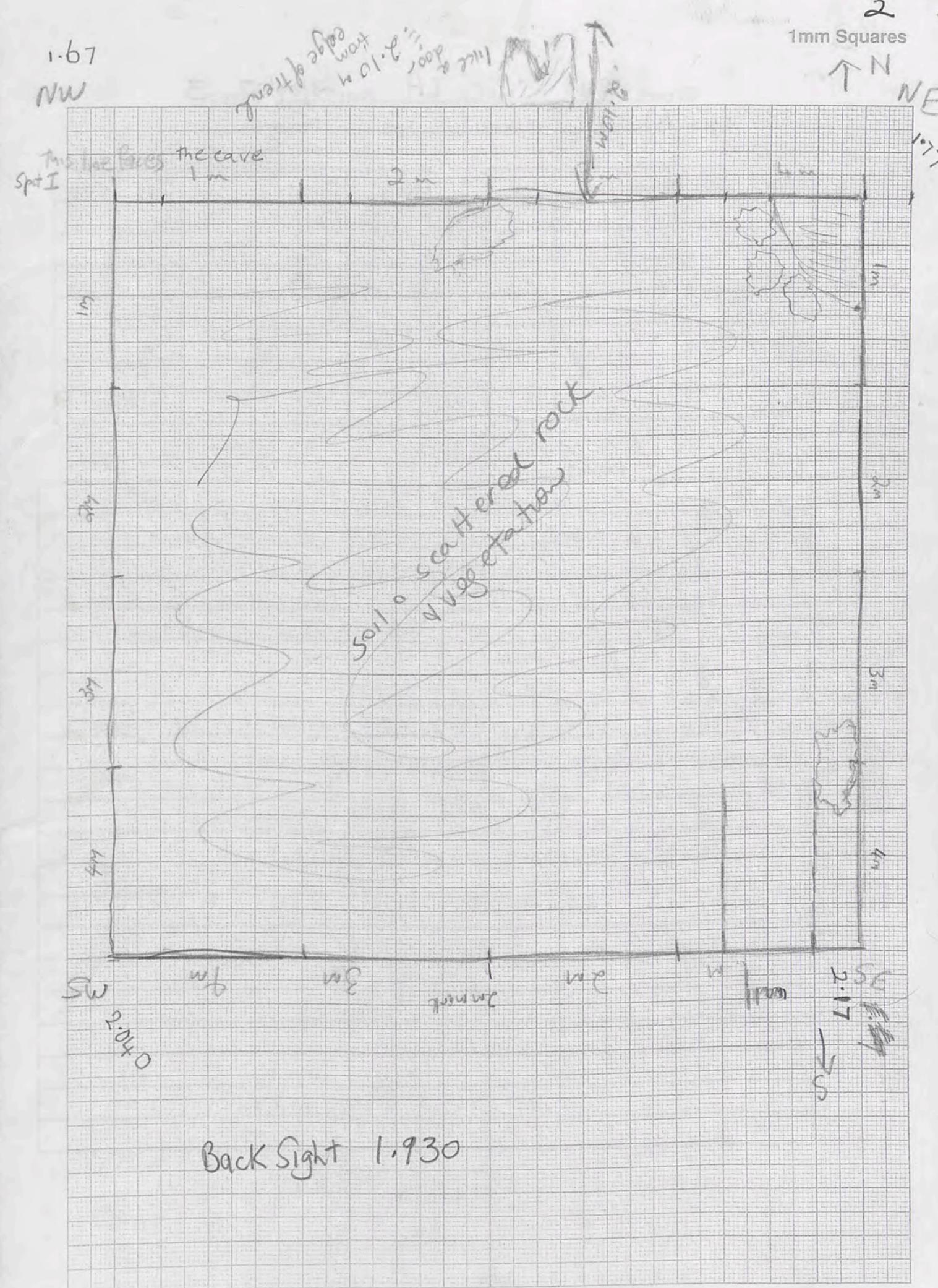
Trench..... 24 Initials..... LA Date..... Page....
Locus/..... Spit/..... Locus/..... Spit/..... Feature/s/.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	NIL		
Bone	NIL		
Charcoal	NIL		
Other (Tile)	NIL		
Photos bw	-		
Photos col.	NIL.		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report
Trench. 4Mx4M	Day I of Dig - workers begin to clear trench of top surface soil & rocks - by end of dig session, trench had been cleared to depth of about three inches from surface. No items found, no features identified. One piece of non-descript pottery found (sherd) but discarded as non-diagnostic.
	Industrial relations issues sorted out by Heather so that only 'hired' workers are in trench. Workers very diligently began to clear trench. Halima, Ghalea, Hassan, Farida, Shamsa, Haja, Heather pointed out that adjacent trench to south featured a wall & that this is expected to continue through trench 24. - at end of day I nothing to signify if this might occur.
	No objects etc found & no features appeared.
	Linda A. Kunk

coin = full nos



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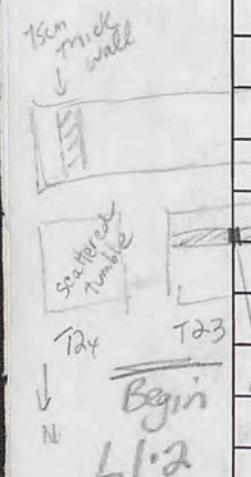
Trench..... 24 Initials..... LA Date..... 28/04/07 Page.... 3
Locus... 1.1 Spit..... Locus... 1.1 Spit..... Feature/s.....
1.1.2 1.2 no features 1.1

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	L1.1 I		
Bone	L1.1 I		
Charcoal	-		
Other (Tile)	-		
Photos bw	-		
Photos col.	-		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
L1.1 - nil			

Context	Report
whole trench	By around 830 am trench cleared to depth of \approx 10cm
1.1	Sparse rubble, smallish rocks (scattered), no emerging shape of wall from adjacent trench at south of trench 24. Wall from adjacent trench is \approx 75cm thick. Evidence emerging of wall \approx doorway in Trench 23 NW/sw boundary of Trench 24
1.2	1005am - begin locust 1.2 NW quadrant of 24 - based on judgement Heather Jackson because of walls showing S23 looks 1.2 mostly top fill - only few pieces of pottery & some bone. Small rocks, a lot of soil - down to depth 20-30 cm.

Kanharai
Shakar
onyata



↑ N
1mm Squares

4.

Trench 24

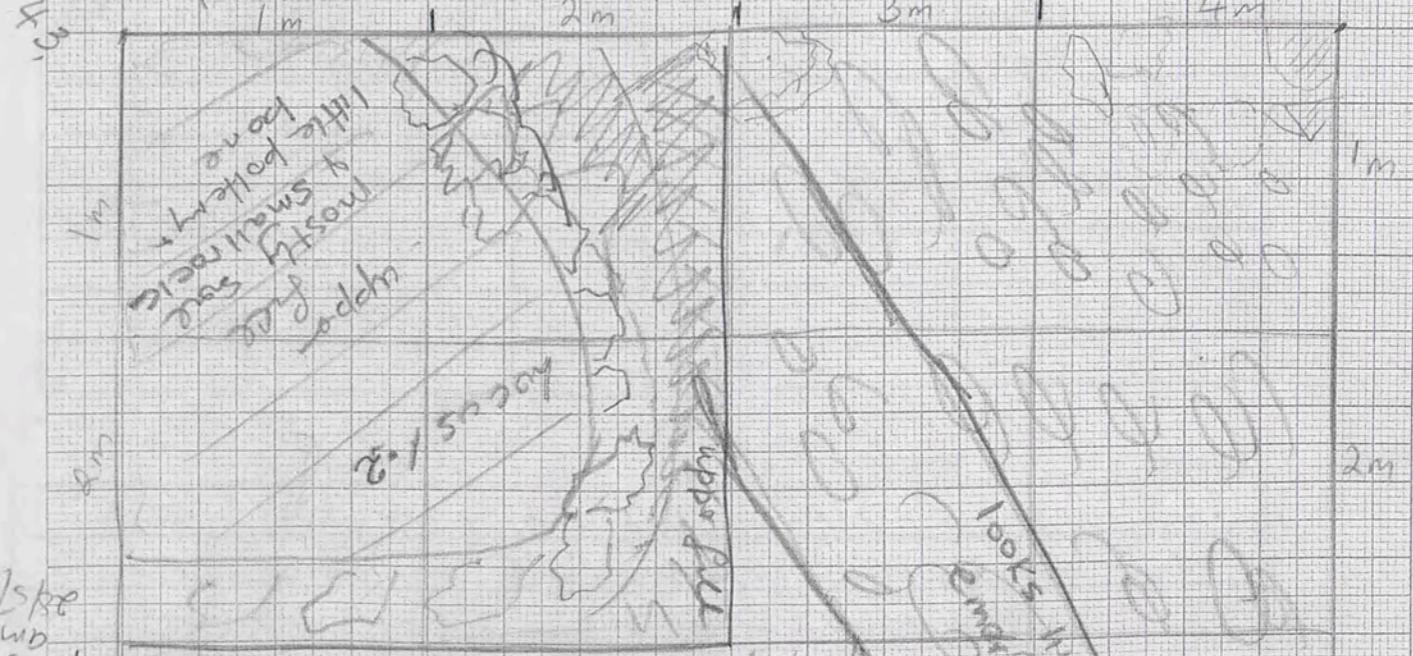
NE

1.5m

NW

Thistline faces the cave

x 5



SW

1.83

3m

SE

1.99

BACKSIGHT 1.730

1005am Image 1715 - 1716 - photo
28/04/07

abit more =
Kamar Kamar

Trench..... 24 Initials. LA Date. 29/10/98 Page. 5
 Locus. 1.2 Spit. 21 Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....
 1.3 11

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.2	
Bone	1	1.2	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	limestone 7cm diameter	Cont	Cont
1	large heavy		1.3	

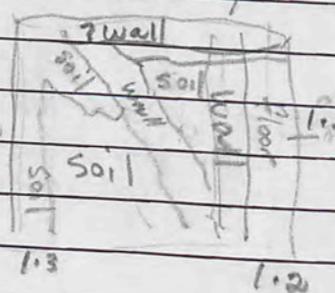
Context Report

1.2 After continuing to excavate to around 140am, a floor emerged in the NW quadrant. Heather observes this feature and feels should be cleared for photo before now proceeding to excavate quadrant NE. Findings to this floor included broken pottery. Floor seems to be abutted on NE side by a wall - few larger rocks taken to reveal floor - mostly soil. Digging continued to reveal floor right to SW/SE edge - only soil & scattered small rocks coming out - SW floor at 30cm down from orig surface of trench.

10.10am commence work on SE quadrant

2.1 being cleaned for photograph

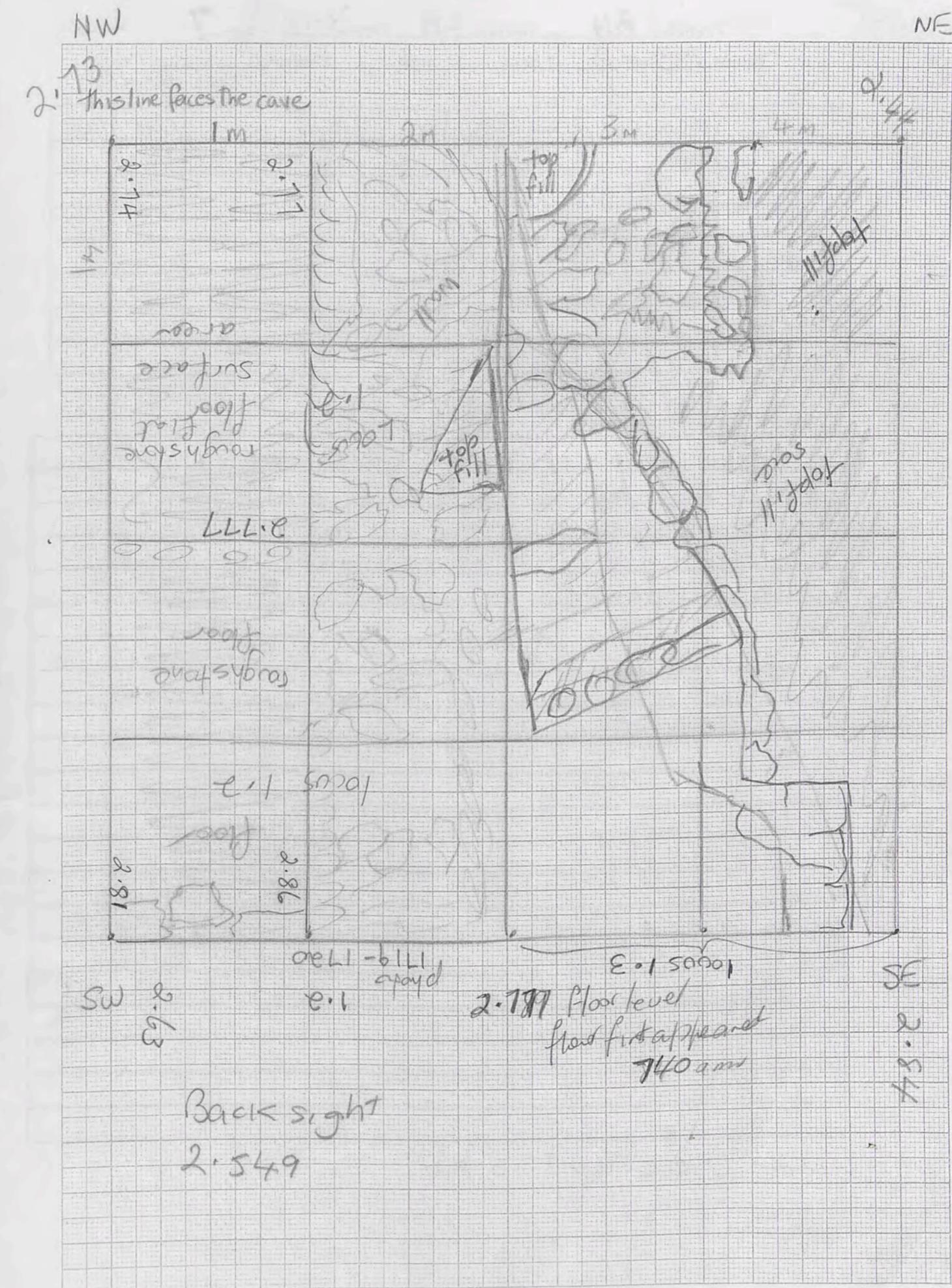
from SE side to ± 60cm, soil & few rocks



Wall at SE → SW side in locust 1.3

Back sight 2.549

5.



1
Whaled Talikwa 2

Trench.....24 Initials.....LA Date.....30/04/08 Page.....7
Locus.....1.3 Spit.....2 Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	1.3	
Bone	2	1.3	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	^{soil} 1	1.3	
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

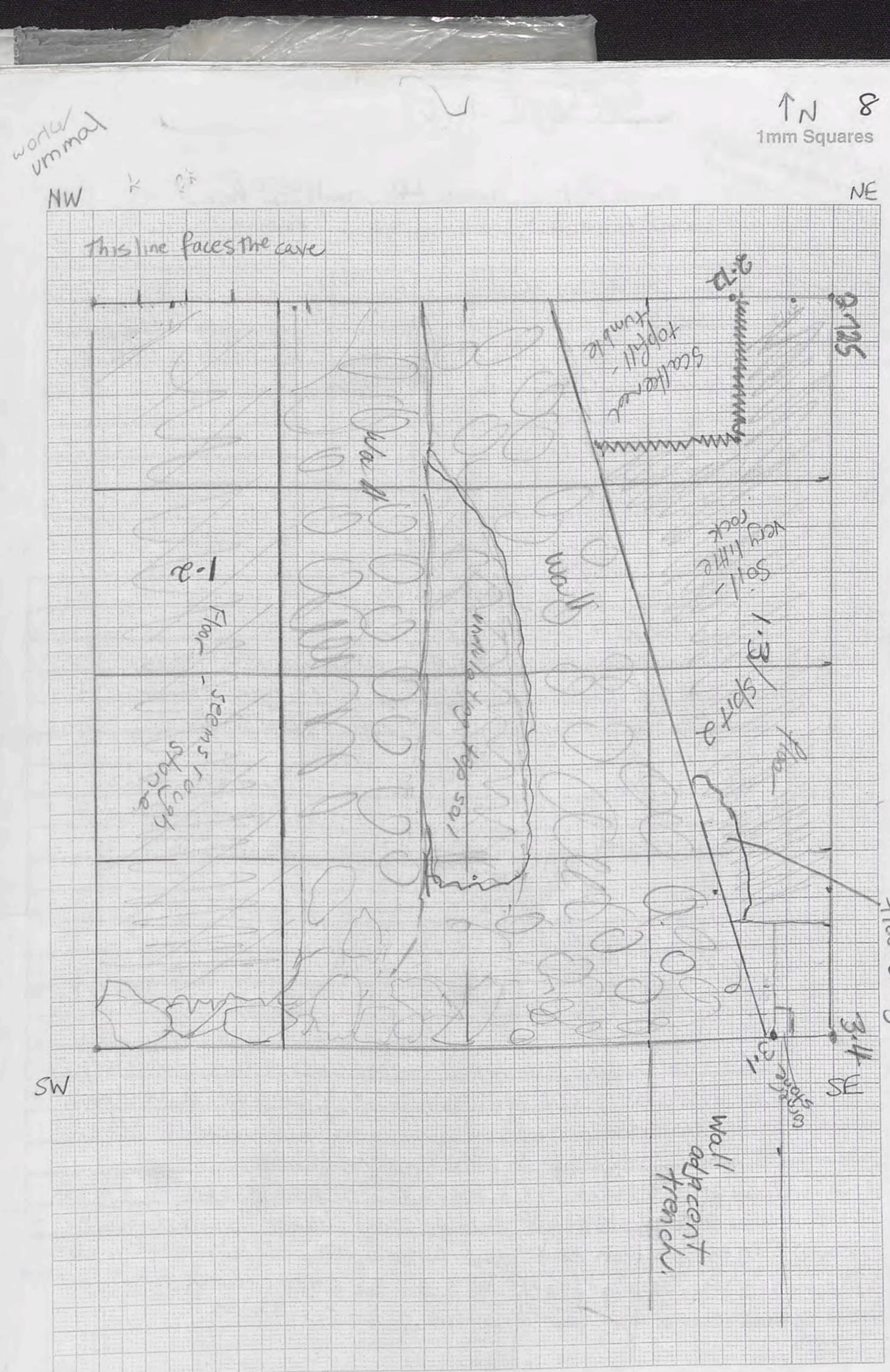
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
	NIL		

Context	Report
1.3	Digging continues in 1.3 to try to identify wall/structure - mostly soil & tumble with finds being pottery & bone. SE/NE side of trench - b wall reveals possible floor - by 40cm from original trench surface only some floor visible at 3.2
	Black soil found about 2 way along SF/NE side of trench - bagged - seems to have some charcoal evident

hussein has san
shamsa
majaa
farida
ghalia
Sabat

halima Backsight 2.631

Hajaj
departed
sent away



Photos 1753 - 54 Floor (East) wall complex

BackSight 3.109

Just a minute
waheed takkar
workers - umma!

Trench 24 Initials LA Date 1/05/08 Page 9
Locus 1.4 Spit 3 Locus Spit Feature/s

tanzief
Kuhlu -
cleaning up
the whole
area

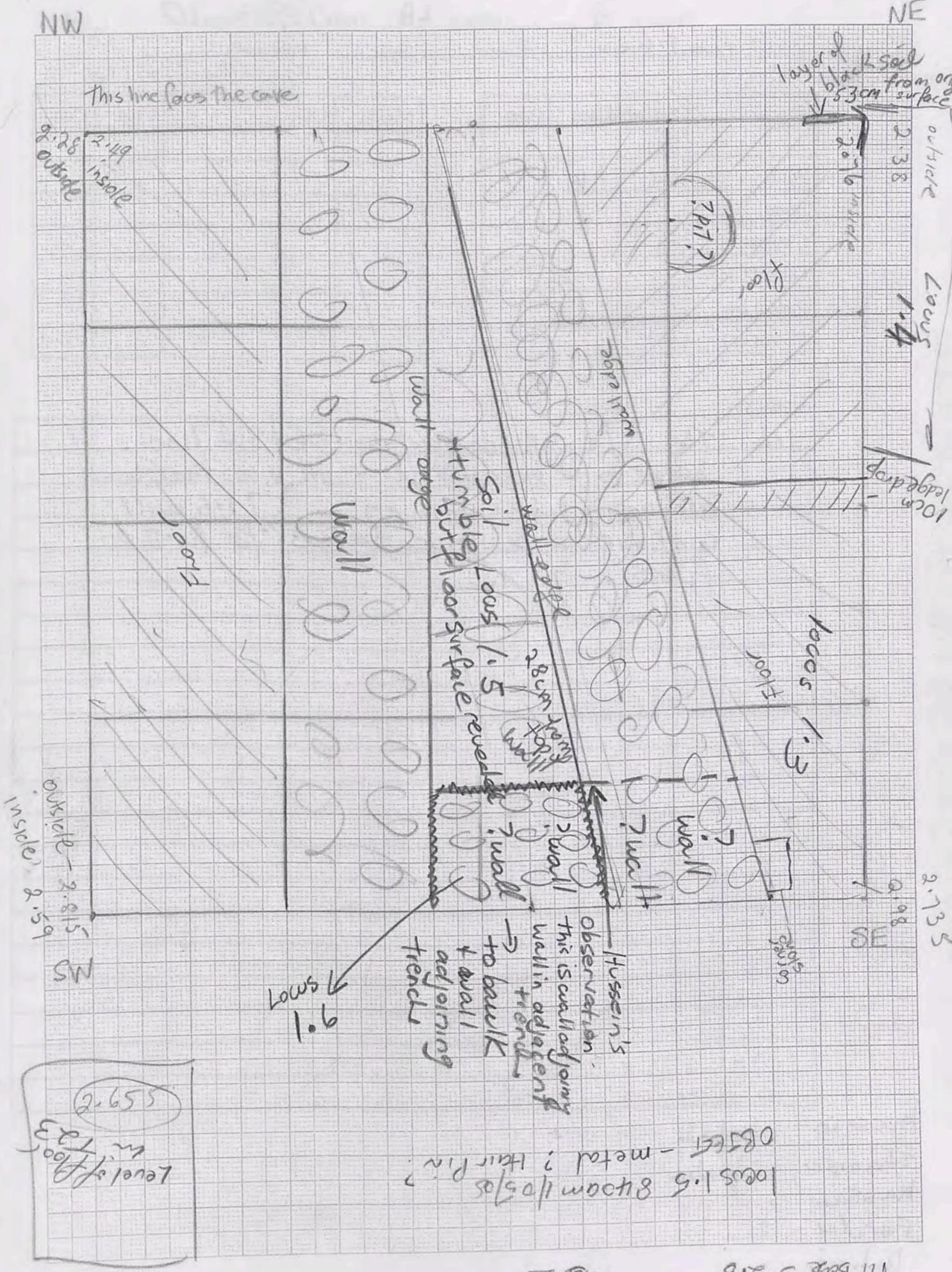
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.4	1.5
Bone	1	1.4	1.5
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Metal hair pins?	1.5	
2.	Metal nail	1.6	

Context Report Locus ?
 Pottery 1 Bag from 1.4
 Bone 1 Bag from 1.4
 1.4 Excavation continued to depth of 80cm from orig trench surface reveal floor. Floor level at ledge Locus 1.3
 50cm from orig trench surface. Floor surface from ledge:
 AN 154cm Note: Floor level Locus 1.2
 inside 2.49/2.59 - cf Floor T23 2.655
 Locus 1.4 183cm PIT - Locus 1.4 level 3.21
 206cm 116 53cm ledge - look like a pit 40cm -
 1.4 floor surface reasonably even except for possible pit in NW side of 1.4 whereas Locus 1.3 floor is uneven & characterised with what seems to be a corner stone to wall? 1.4 & 1.3 will be photographed.
 830cm moved to Locus 1.5 - mostly soil & tumble but object - metal found seen like a longhair pin, around 53cm down from orig trench surface & in NE corner of lower floor (1.3) a layer of black soil can be seen - but does not extend beyond that corner very far - layer is $\frac{1}{2}$ 4-5cm thick
 wall = Locus 1.5 level 2.95

Page 10

1mm Squares



Trench 24 Initials LA Date 1/05/08 Page 10
 Locus 1.6 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.6	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

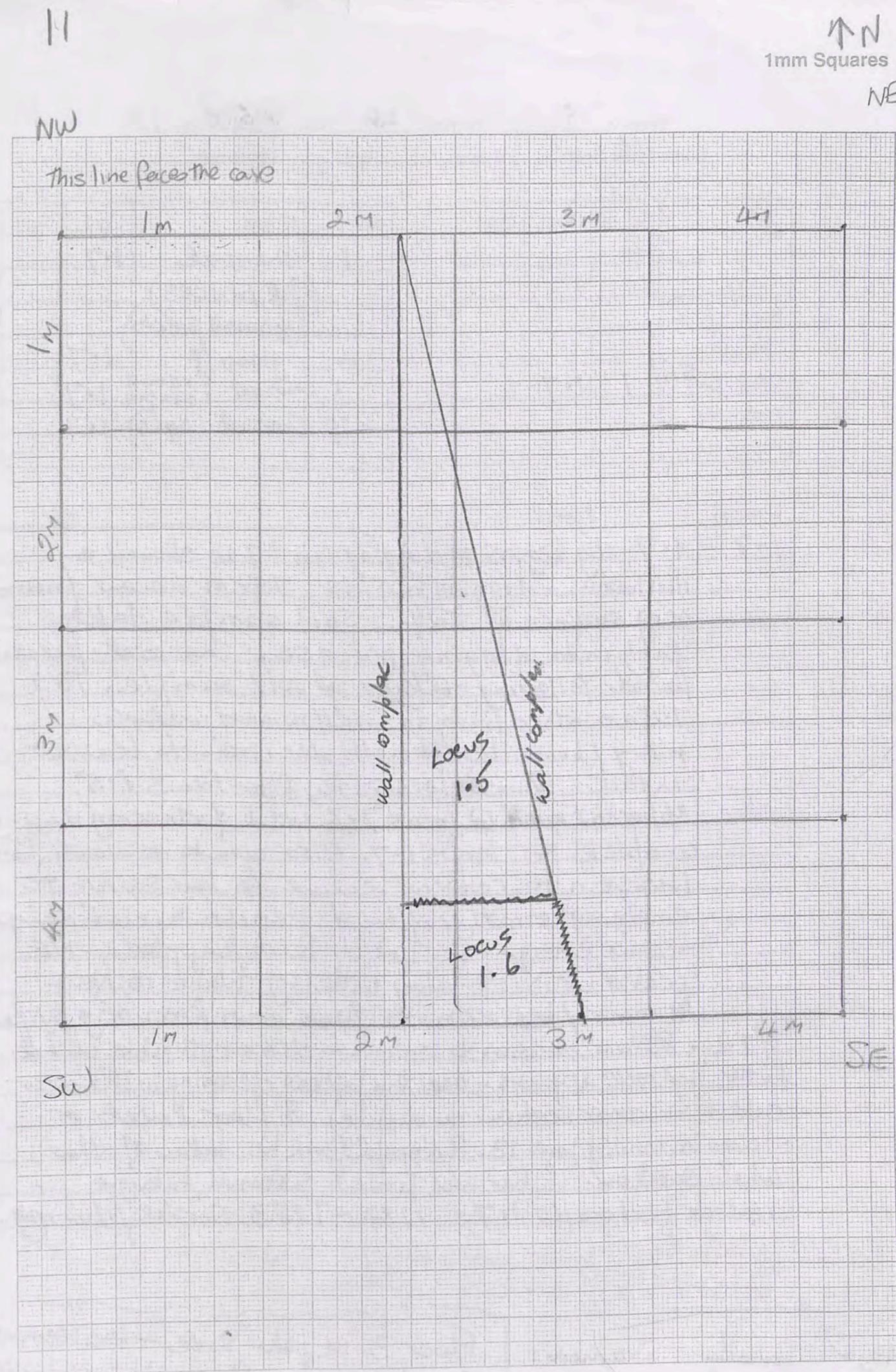
Context

Report

1.6. The wall complex to SE/SW line begins to be excavated - with view that wall along this line continues. — 1.6 will continue to be excavated for further finds.

Musseim
Shamsa
hassan
Farida
Halima

Scabat
Ghalia



Trench.....24 Initials.....LA Date.....3/05/08 Page....12
 Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

1.7

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	Soil 1	1.7	
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	charcoal (4 pieces) (4 small pieces)	1.7	
2	glass?	1.7	
3	charcoal 5 small	1.7	
4	charcoal (2 pieces) 1xlarge	1.7	

Context	Report
1.7	<p>1.7 dig begins & digging in 1.7 as shown in illustration - digging begins 75cm down from orig surface of T24. Soil sample taken early into digging process. Charcoal pieces found following taking of soil sample. To \pm 7.15am other finds in small numbers include pottery / bone. Heather makes decision to leave intact floor @ locus 1.2, floor locus 1.5, apparent wall @ locus 1.6 until further digging complete in locus 1.7. Also wants to wait for Hussein to return because he has savvy re emerging stratigraphy of trenches & relationships to that emerging in T23. Bedrock appears in NE corner of Locus 1.7 - along with large tumble rocks. At corner of bedrock marks 90cm down from orig surface of T24. 830am decision to continue to clear out tumble until further bedrock appears - once this happens cleaning will occur right to SE corner section to display 3 floor levels as shown in drawing page 13. Photograph will be taken of this whole section. Charcoal pieces 5x small 1xlarge - 1140am photograph 1.7. 1782 - 1783 serial flooring.</p>

Backsight - before
2.532 9am
 Hajar Sabah Shamsa.
 Hassan Farida.
 Halima Ghaliya

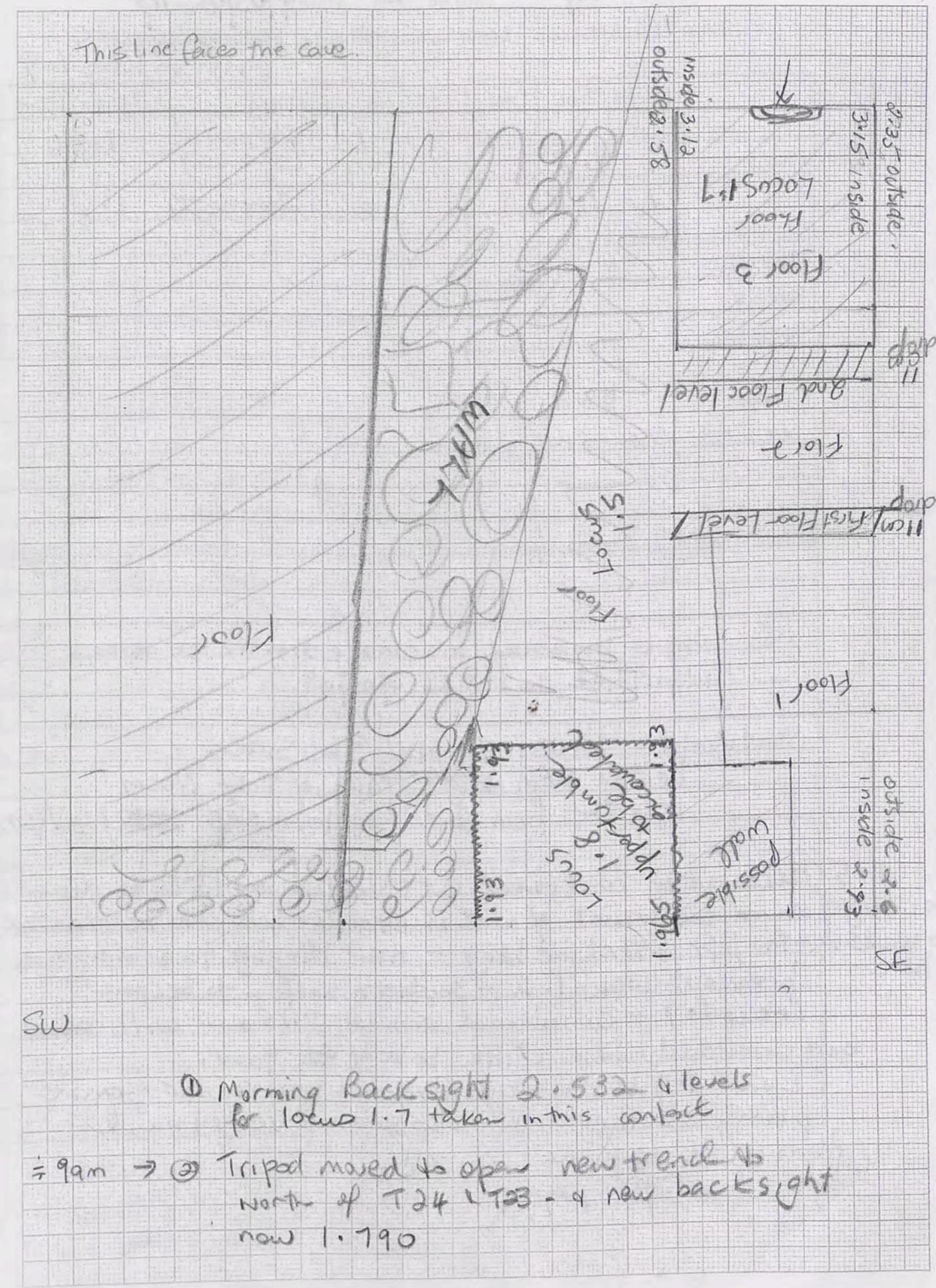
Backsight after 9am
1.790

Floor 3 NE/NW Side - evidence
50-60cm in from NE/SE side of trench at \pm 20cm up from Jebel - cluster of charcoal.

13

NW

This line faces the cave.



① Morning Backsight 2.532 4 levels for locus 1.7 taken in this context

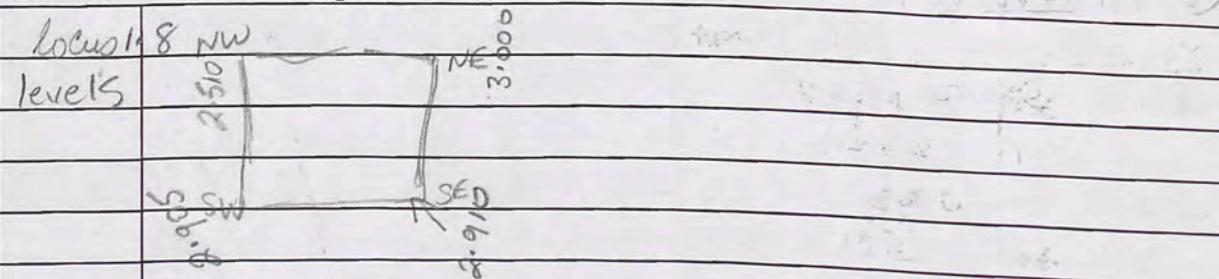
\approx 9am \rightarrow ② Tripod moved to open new trench to North of T24/T23 - a new backsight now 1.790

Trench..... 24 Initials..... LA Date..... 4/05/08 Page..... 14
 Locus 1.8 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s..... Square
 paver in locus 1.9

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.8	
Bone	1	1.8	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	2x metal (spatula)	1.8	
2	2x teeth	1.8	

Context Report



1.8 Digging commenced to remove tumble in area identified as 1.8 on 3/05/08.

Stratigraphy locus 1.7 NW/SW Side.

Depth from orig surface of T24 10cm length from 2nd floor level step 147cm

1.5 Excavation continued but revealed very little to draw no changes sound conclusions of what is evolving here - to be cleaned to walls + the left for that time being - now digging to commence previous locus 1.2 - southern half - to become

Locus 1.9 - commenced around 8.15 am. with sand only coarse soil rubble & little pottery to 9am.

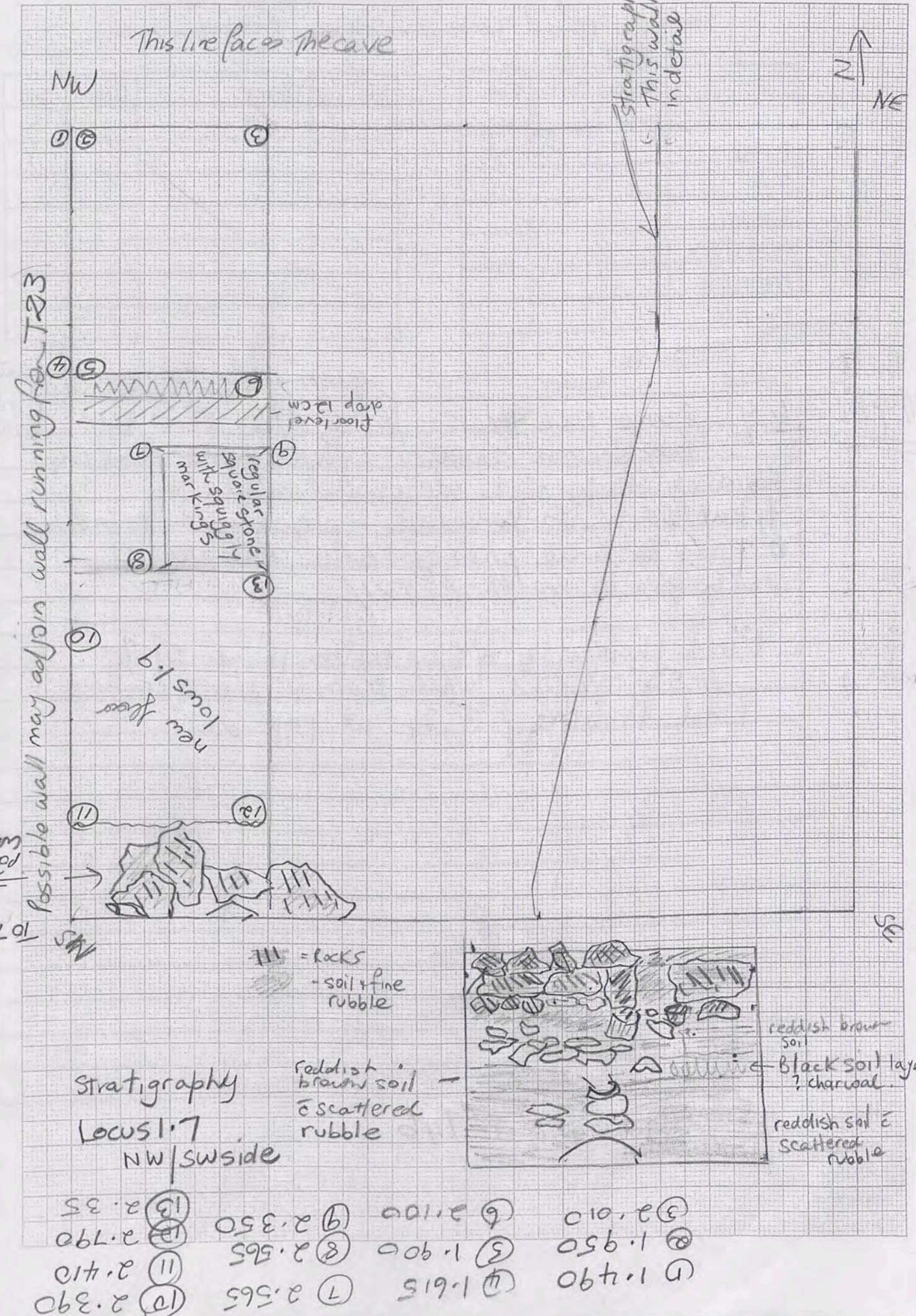
Locus 1.9 by end day revealed very regular square paver, a bulting wall - also seems very level from levels taken.

BackSight 1.975

Halim
Hassan
Farid
Sabat - Sabat replaced
Glaban by Iosse

done
4/05/08
draw stratigraphy

Stratigraphy shown
This wall shown
in detail below.
Page 15
1mm Squares



Trench..... 24 Initials..... LA Date..... 5/5/08 Page..... 16
 Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....
 1010

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

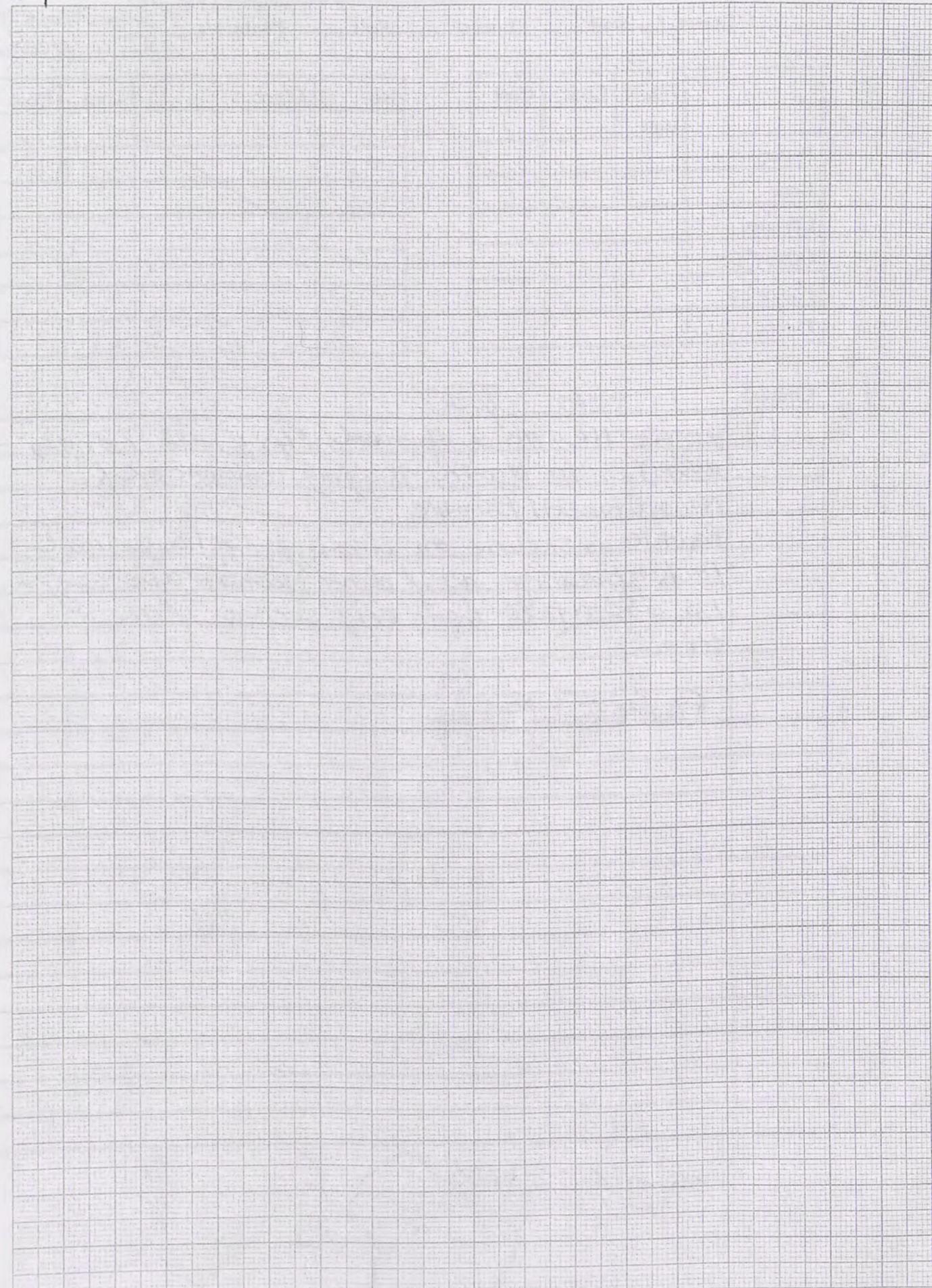
from
4/05/08 -

Context	Report
1.9	<p>taken before commencement any work of</p> <p>Square rock juncs - photographs 1827-29 5/5/08</p> <p>floor section showing square paver feature</p> <p>following photograph decision made to</p> <p>treat Trench as complete - cleaning undertaken</p> <p>ready for final photographs. Now trench</p> <p>will be open to north of T24.</p>

Final photographs of T24 taken 11am. 5/5/08
 1855 - 1858 whole trench. photographs
 Final Drawing of T 24 at page 20

Haja
 hassan halima Backsight 1:746
 Shamsy
 Sabal
 ghalia farida.

17



New Trench. 4x4

Trench..... 30 Initials..... LA Date..... 5/5/08 Page..... 18
 Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s..... ?Door Jamb? /
 58cm tall doorway

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report T 30

1 ~~Digging~~ New trench opened (4x4) off 730qm -
 abuts T24 to N & TR. Digging commenced to
 remove topsoil / tumble
 Feature as shown on drawing - solid carved
 rock appearing as if door jamb or doorway -
 is 58cm tall from orig surface of the
 trench.

Final drawing of

Backsight - 3.235

Backsight 3.235

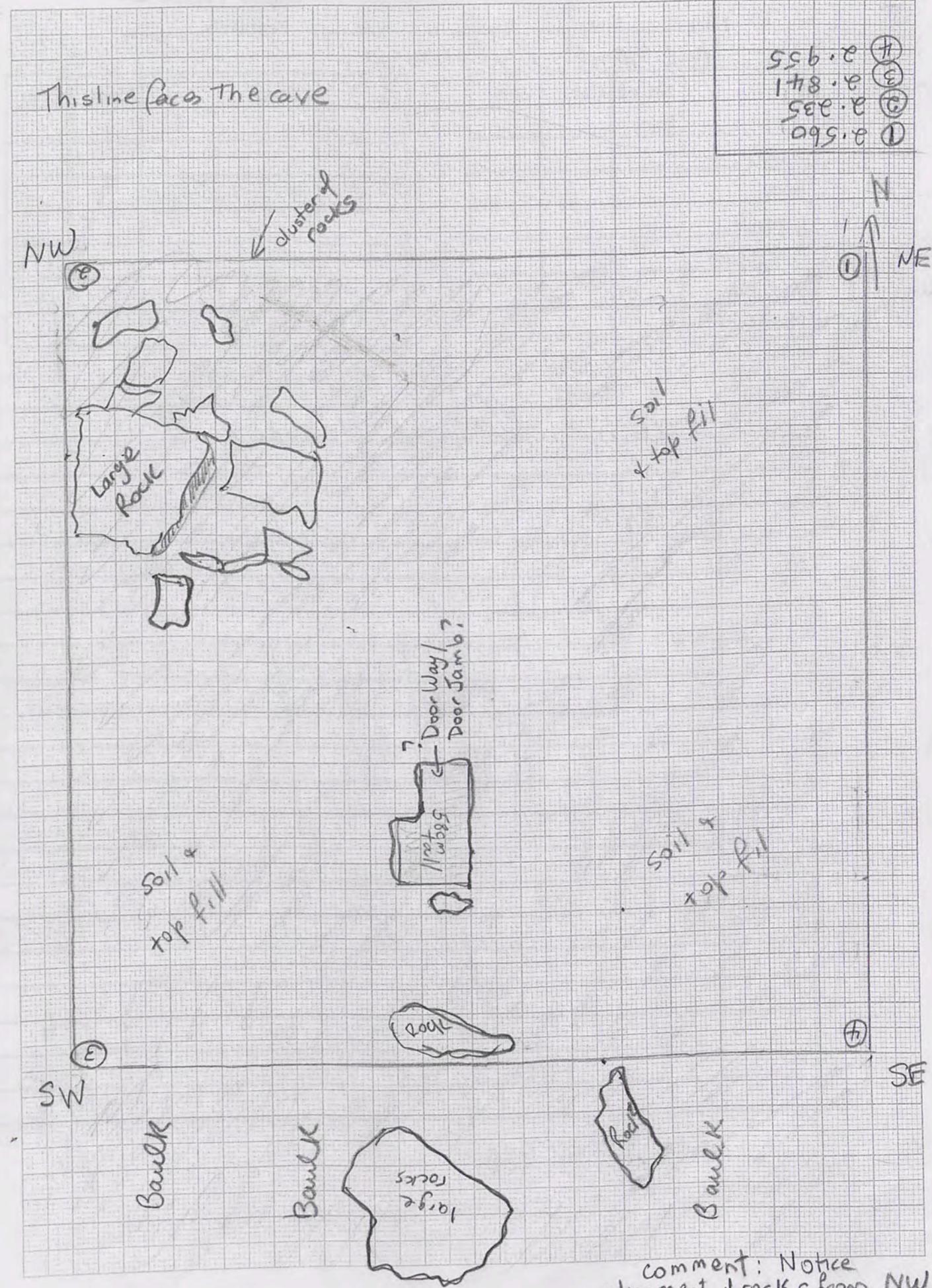
19 1mm Squares

* internal levels *

559.0
148.0
533.0
095.0

④
③
⑤
①

N
① NE



Comment: Notice
 alignment of rocks from NW
 to SE -

Trench...24 Initials...LA Date...5/5/08 Page...20

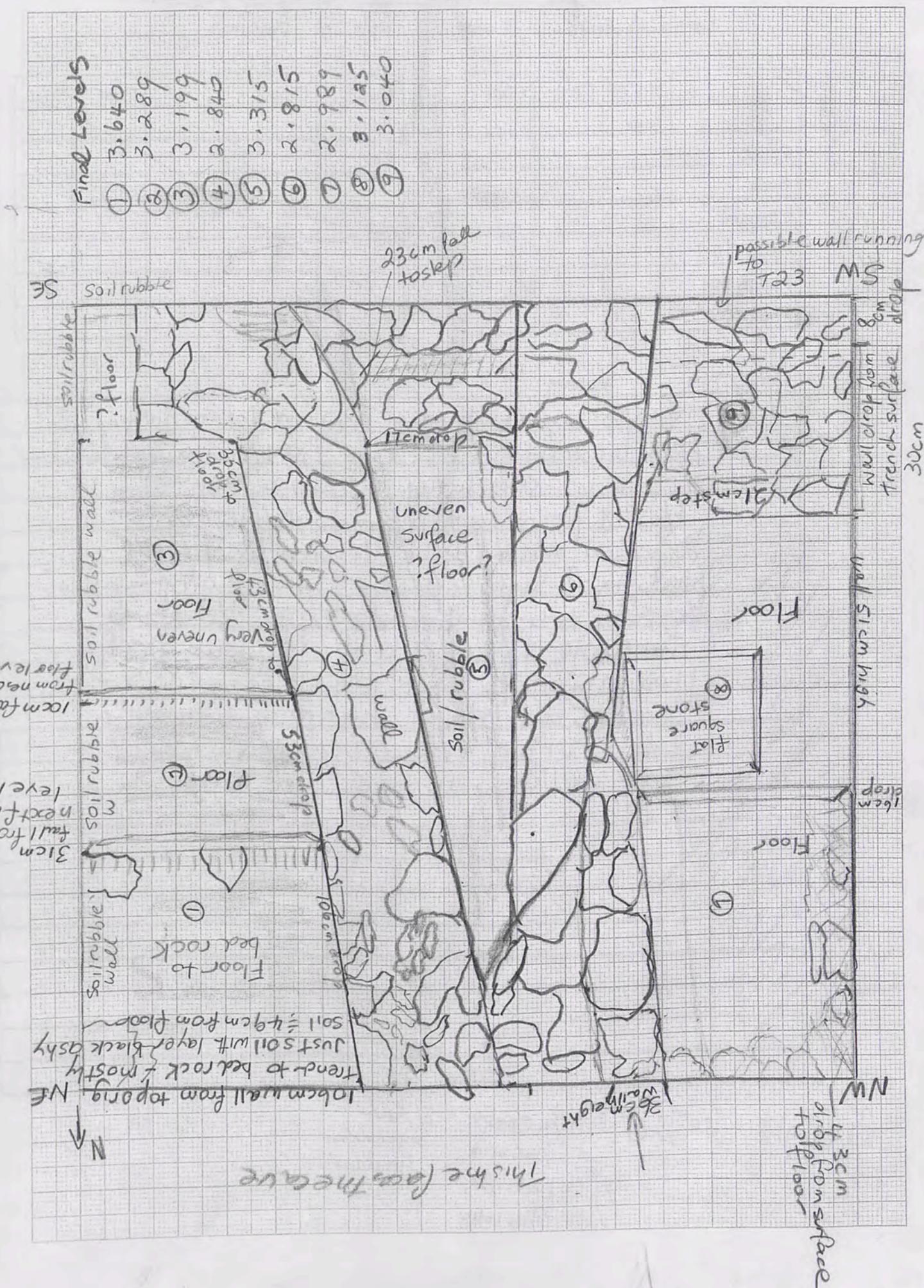
Locus.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....
full trench final drawing.

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

full trench final drawing.



Trench..... 30 Initials..... LA Date 6/05/08 Page 22
 Locus 1.2 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

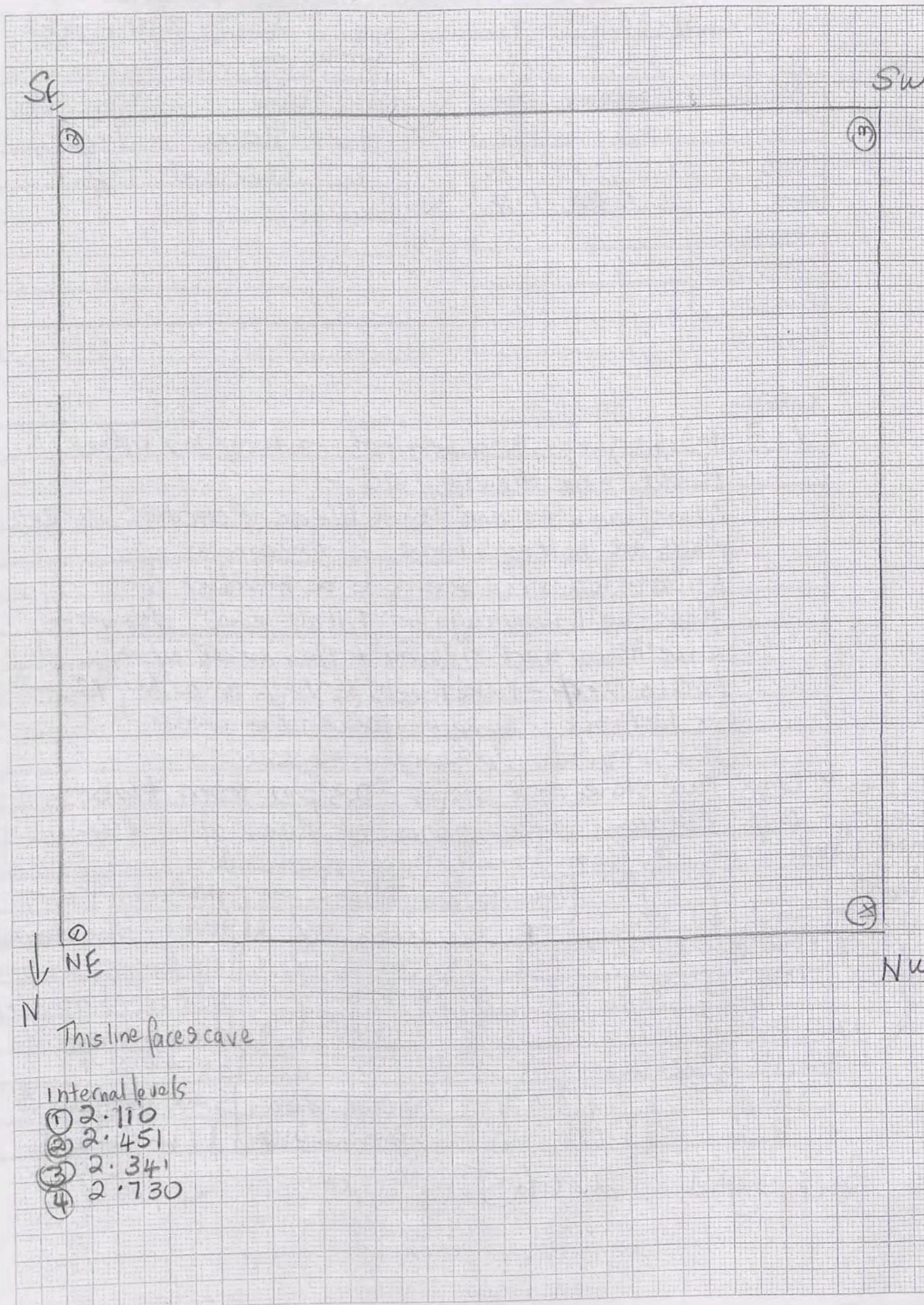
Context	Report
1.2	5/05/08 began opening of T30 at 1.1 - nothing in finds but drawings taken as per P19 1.1 showing alignment of certain rock formation & feature
	6/05/08 further work began to define 1.2. After 9am trench being cleaned for first photograph since opening. When photographed, decision made where to open Locus 2.
	SW corner to door jamb is focus for digging. photograph of whole trench is 1885 -
	By 11:45 am this corner reveals mostly soil & rubble, v. few rocks of any size & some pottery - no bone.

Backsight 2.720

hussein
hassan
halima
farida

Sabah
Shamsa
ghalia

Backsight 2.720



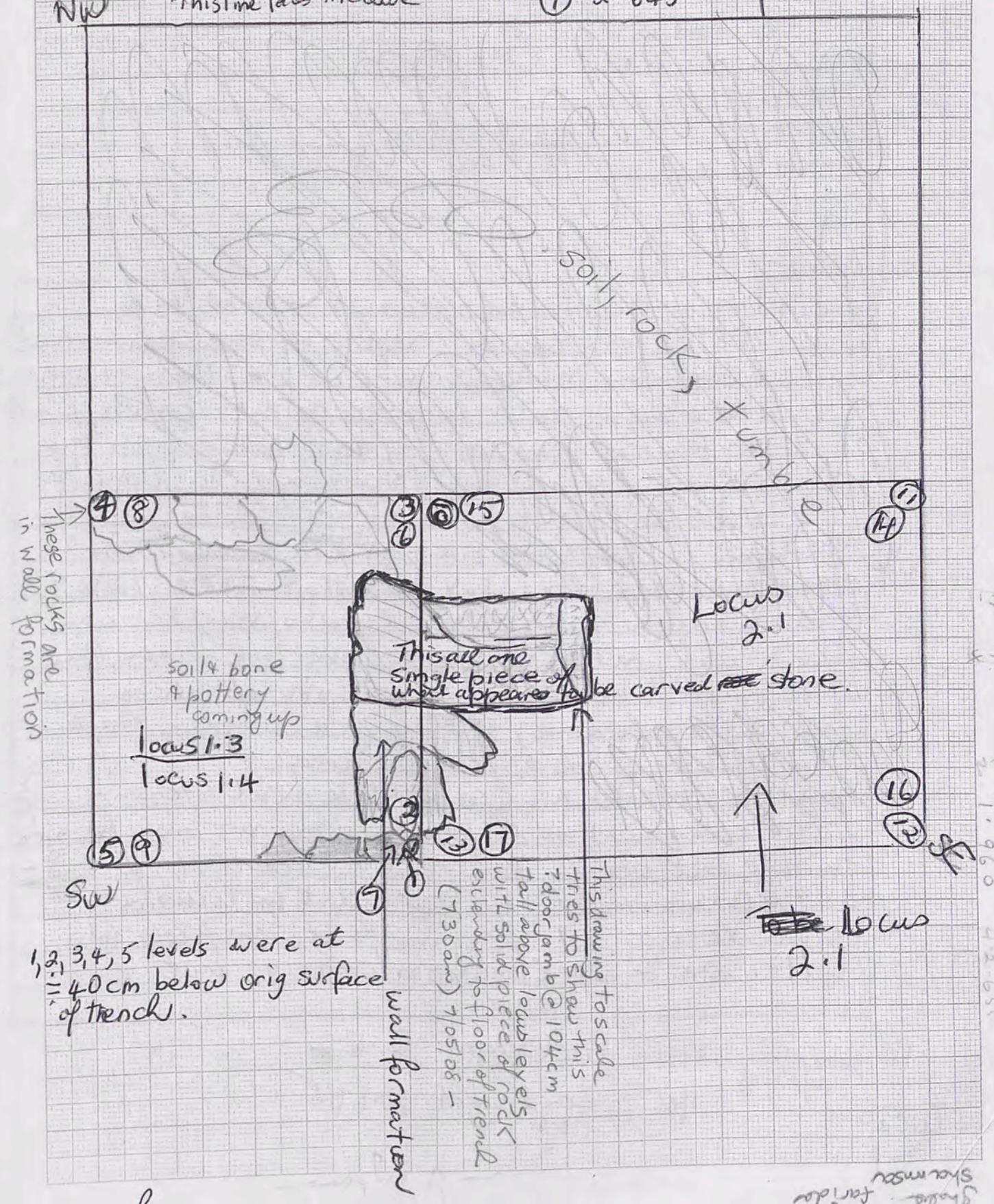
Trench.....30 Initials.....LA Date.....1/5/08 Page....24
 Locus 1.3 Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....? door jamb?

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.3	1.4
Bone	1	1.3	1.4
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	glass	1.4	
1	charcoal	1.4	

Context	Report
1.3	1.3 digging commenced - a lot of soil & few finds. Refer drawing p 25 - ? door jamb 1.3 one solid piece of carved stone - finds are pottery & bone to 130cm. 8:10am. locus 1.3 seems to be heading for floor - we'll keep digging till we find floor - & we'll now start sieving & this will open up locus 1.4 - take levels for 1.4 & go to floor or bedrock. Some red soil NW corner 1.3 but no need for bagging the soil.
• Rock to floor - almost all soil v. little rubble	Large tall stone rock stops = 23 cm from floor
1.4	8:30am small piece of glass from 1.4 NW ↑ 9am small piece charcoal
Final floor level locus 1.4	1. 2.659 2. 2.650 3. 2.656 4. 2.645
1.4	5. 2.655 6. 2.651 7. 2.650 8. 2.656
17. 2.710	9. 2.645
Locus 2.1 levels 1/5/08	10. 2.650 11. 2.650 12. 2.655 13. 2.655
no digging commenced	Some bone present
Backsight 2.665	1.1F locus

① 2.429	④ 2.592	1ocus 1.3 mm Squares
② 2.561	⑤ 2.650	Final Floorlevels 1.4
③ 2.549		14. 2.855
Locus 1.3	Locus 1.4	15. 2.856
Locus 2.1	Locus 2.1	16. 2.755
12. 1.561	10. 2.349	17. 2.710 NC
13. 2.655	11. 1.960	
NN	This time pass the case	



Trench..... 30. Initials..... LA Date..... 8/05/08 Page..... 26 2.1
 Locus..... 2.1 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature(s)..... large rectangular
 stone seems cut to locus

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	2.1	
Bone	1	2.1	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

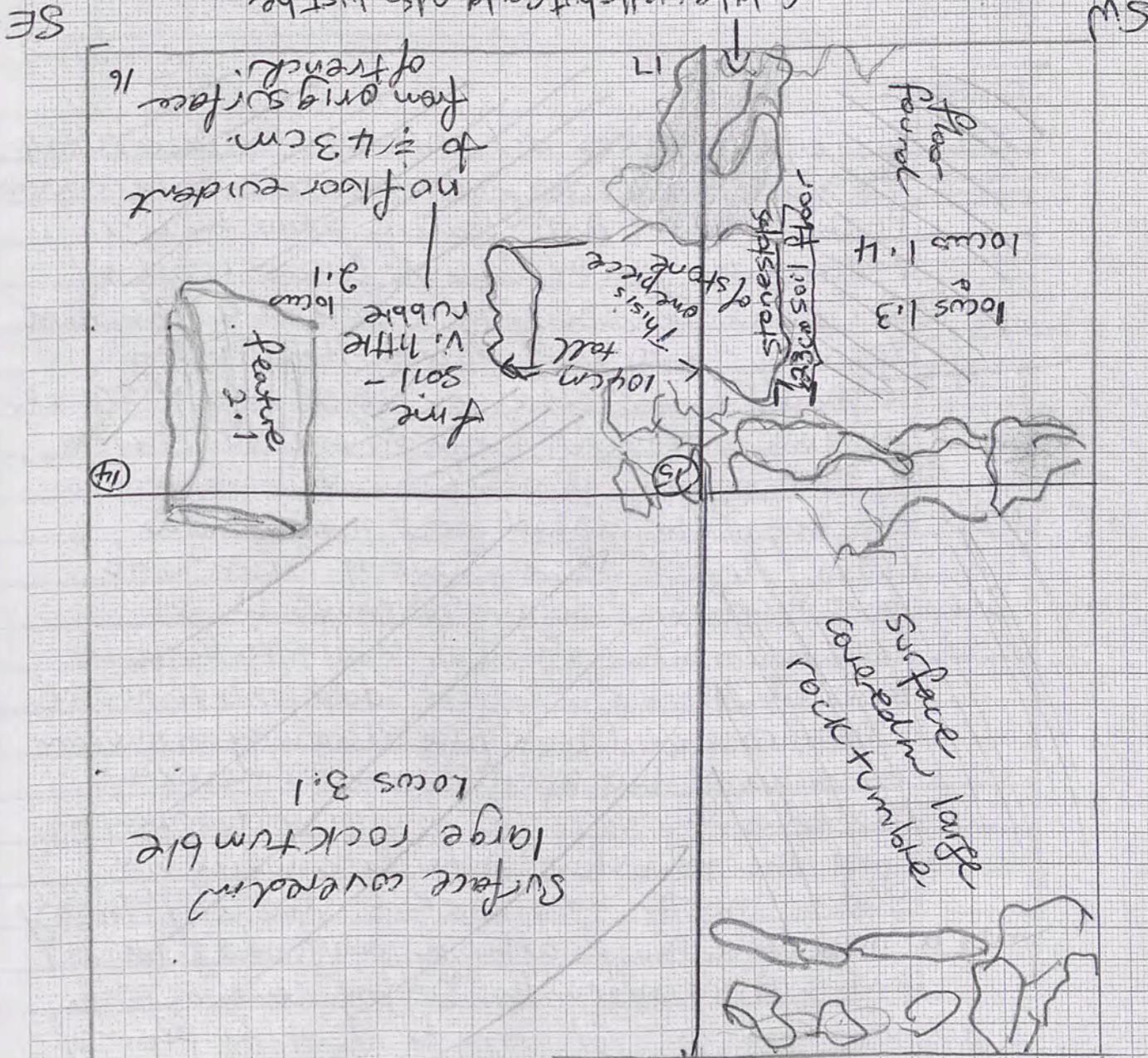
Context	Report
2.1	Digging commenced locus 2.1 - levels taken 7/05/08 for locus 2.1 before digging commenced (shown on today's drawing P27). Digging removes a lot of soil & quite large rocks from rubble, finds very few. By 9am, digging to ≈ 40 cm from 'original' surface of trench has thrown up no bone or 23 foot pottery sherds. Question: If T29 & 28 are part of the same room & show defined walls, what does that make T24 & T30 which reveal no defined walls, very uneven floors & configuration of 'rued' walls looking more like 'neatly piled' rubble going to a depth of 61cm from surface (original) of T24, for example. Maybe T23 & T24 are part of the one area. Locus 2.1 reveals what seems to be a cut stone - large rectangular in shape - see drawing - may be rubble but seems too regular - recorded for further assessment. No floor evident in locus 2.1. Open locus 3.1 for any find samples @ 11-15am - working from centre out
state when levels - first thing 10/05/08	done 10/05/08 8/05 Backsight 2.82
for Locus 3.1	10/05/08 8/05 Backsight 2.665

Farida
Sabah
Halima
Hassan
Ghalia
Shamsa
Haja

Page 21

The 104cm tall soft is
a remnant of a surrounding
stone wall, it is all shaly.

Locus 3.1 levels to backsight 2.665 (see page 25)
Surface trunble
could be wall - but could also just be



Trench..... 30 Initials..... LA Date..... 10/05/08 Page..... 28
 Locus 3.1 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	3.1	
Bone	1	3.1	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

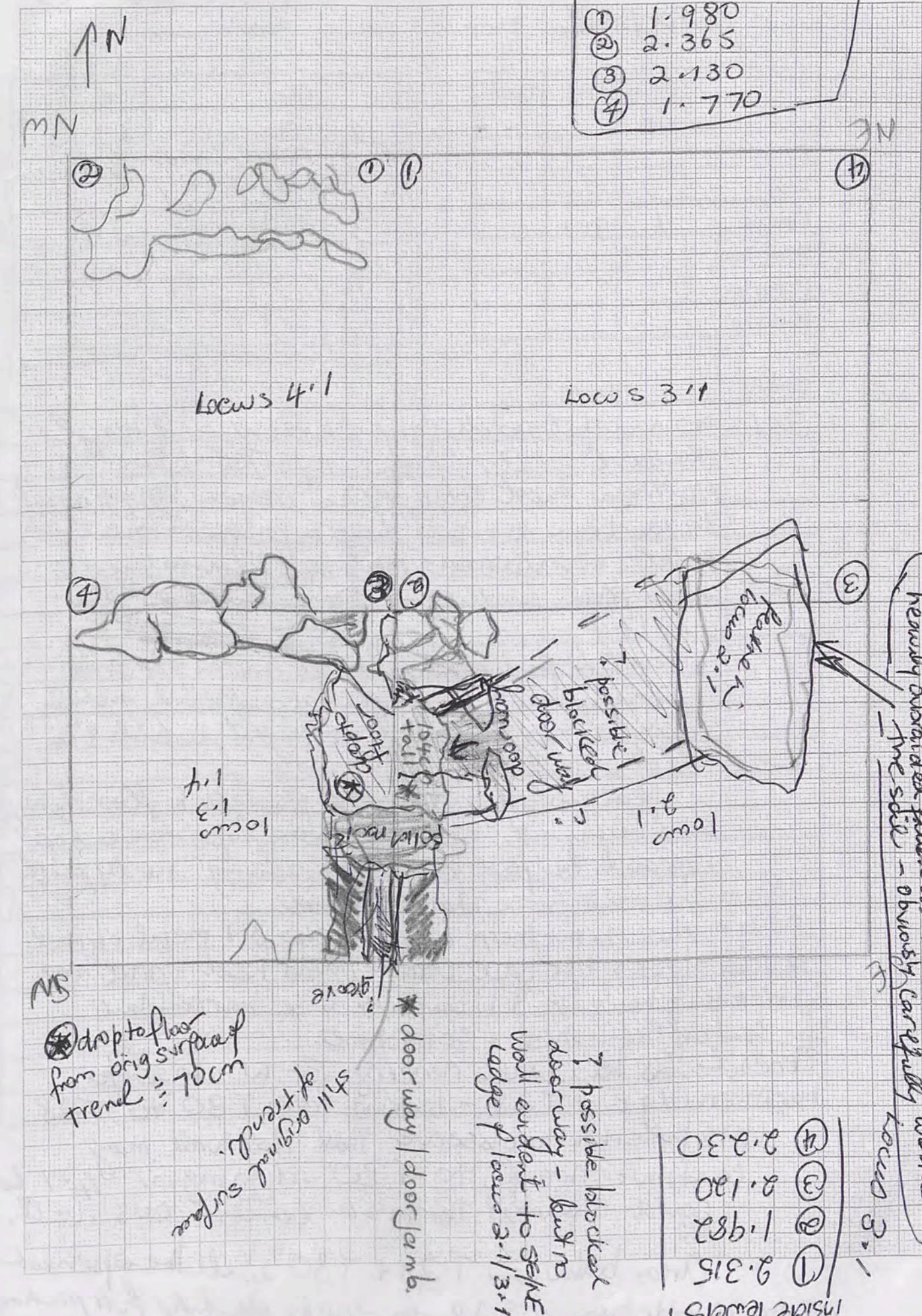
Context	Report
3.1	Digging commences 3.1. - remove surface tumble from all over locus - quite large rocks to be removed. Heater assesses that feature stone in 2.1 & feature door jam on edge of locus 1.3/1.4. 2.1 could be doorway - possible blocked doorway - but it is curious that there is no wall or evidence on N/E/S edge of trench going out of trench. Keep an eye on this as further digging evolves.
1.3/1.4	to be photographed post manganya 1978 - 1980 floor & abutting ? door jamb. post manganya digging continues in 3.1 with minimum finds & much soil & larger rocks being removed. Rocks in front of ? door jamb removed - these rocks had look like doorway as shown in drawing but at 1055 am - removed & cleared away to reveal no sign of doorway - just the 'tombstone stone' face which is flat & smooth - so 'blocked doorway' theory may be invalid although although alignment to 2.1 feature still apparent. Digging continues to try to identify floor of 3.1
Backsight 2.725	try to identify floor of 3.1

Backsight 2.725
 Ghagiai, daughter of Samsa
 Halima - Haja
 Farida - Sabah
 Nasra -

start to return
 10/05/08

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Locus 4.1 internal top levels		1mm Squares
(1)	1. 980	
(2)	2. 365	
(3)	2. 130	
(4)	1. 770	



Backsight 2.025

Trench..... 30 Initials..... LA Date..... 11/05/08 Page..... 30
 Locus..... 3.1 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal	1	3.1	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

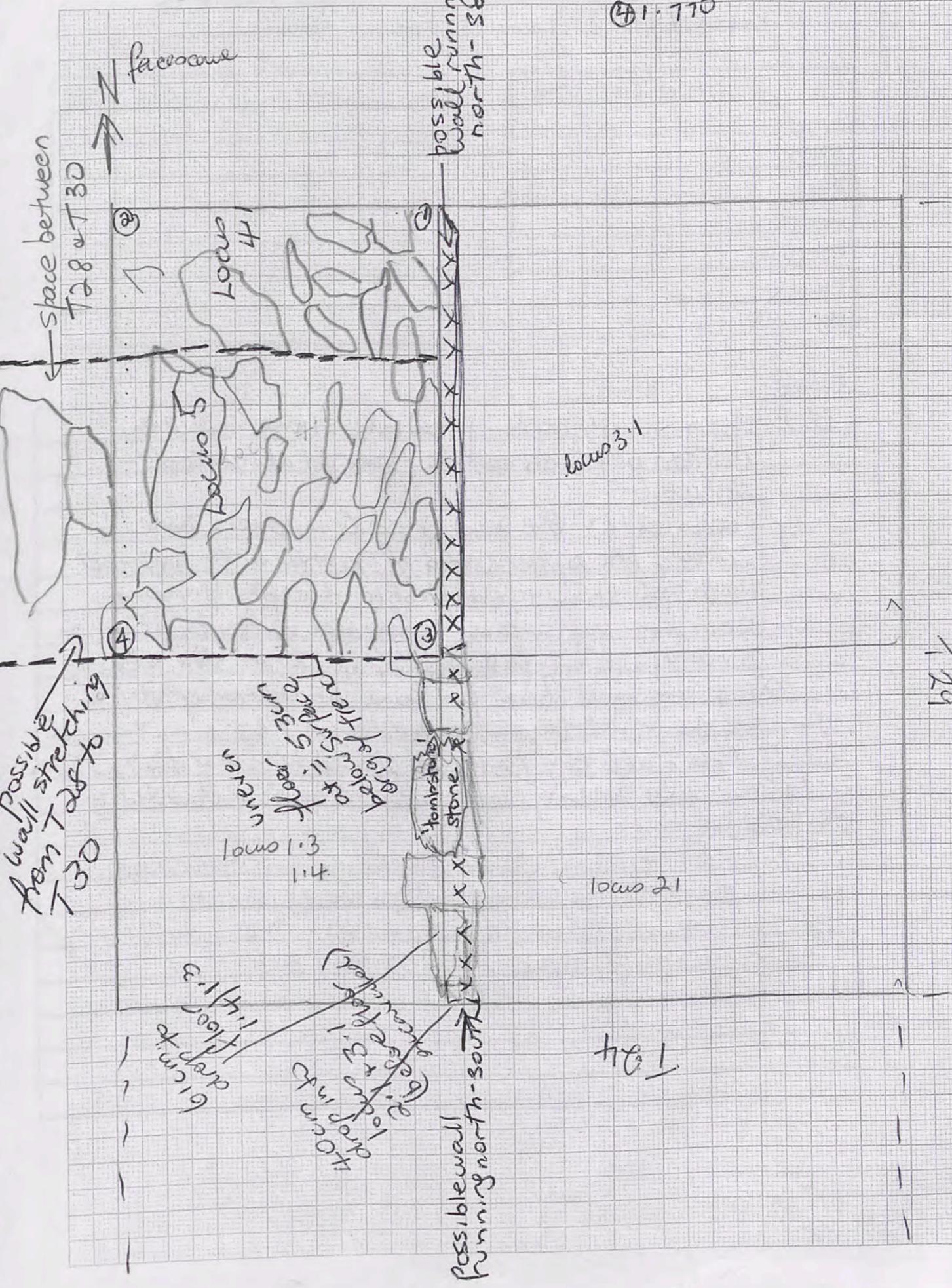
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Charcoal	3.1	
2	Metal? nail with large round head	3.1	
3	small bronze pins	3.1	

Context	Report
3.1	No new spit as digging continues through the level of 3.1 from 10/05/08 to the Northern most edge of the trench. Digging in 3.1 has been 2 or 3 days in progress now. To date observations may be summarized:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no floor evident at same level as floor 1-3/1.4. limited pottery sherds with nothing of any significance; one small piece of bone, many large rocks removed, negligent rubble & a lot of soil. features large cut stone prostate to floor showing some alignment to the limestone slope stone which appears to be part of a wall running north/south 730am 3.1 small piece charcoal found.
	830am close to northern edge locus 3.1 metal object found - looks like nail w/ largeround head - nail not complete - however 3.1 continues to be barren but for finds of pottery sherd & some bone.
	Trench 28 has wall running E-W close to northern edge of T28 - looking from T30 to T28 it is possible to observe that that wall may continue through to T30 - digging in 4.1 levels could show if this is a continuous wall.

Hassan
 Italma
 Itaja
 ghalia
 Farida
 shamsa's daughter
 s. wahid's brother (Gessa)
 Area between T28 & T30 will be opened up on completion of T28 to try to identify full picture of room structures

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10/5/08 Backsight 2.725
 Inside levels Locus 4.1 mm Squares
 ① 1.980
 ② 2.365
 ③ 2.130
 ④ 1.710



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Locus.....3.1.....Spit..... Locus.....Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report
3.1	9am photograph prostrate stone - fallen ashlar block on earth - heavily abraded - 2064-65
	Locus 2.1 & 3.1 now present as one whole area. The outer walls of this area to the northeast & south east show tumble/ rubble to depth of around 30cm from any surface - one area is fairly flat & barren, with only fallen ashlar block on the soil. 1045 am Small bronze pin found NE section of 3-1
	The work shows that the northern edge of T30 is not a wall - but that the wall E-W from T28 should be part of that in T30.
	1115 am work suddenly ceases with the news of death of Abu Ibrahimi.
	12/05/08 - when sorting pottery in afternoon saw some bone pieces (small) were in the charcoals - so 3 v. small pieces of bone for T30 / 3.1

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Trench 30 Initials LA Date 12/05/08 Page 34
 Locus 3.1 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	3.1	
Bone	1	3.1	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	ring base/bay part lined glass? mother of pearl?	4.1	

Backsight 3.314.

Context Report

3.1 Excavation continues at northern end of 3.1 with decision made 8am to excavate combined Locus 2.1 + 3.1 to a floor level. Many larger rocks removed from the northern end of 3.1 with pottery sherds & bone present. After finding floor locus 3.1/2.1 will open Locus 4.1 (not shown in drawing page 35)
 Post 9am Locus 4.1 begins excavation - 2.1/3.1 all but complete but need to be excavated to floor level - will be done when locus 4.1 completed. Combined Locus 2.1/3.1 reveal fairly even level to 61 cm from orig trench surface - remains to be seen if that trend continues to floor level. Northern End of 3.1 is not distinct - but northern side of 4.1 appears to be a wall.
 10:55am - object from 4.1 ring base part lined glass?/mother of pearl? 4.1 showing body sherds/bone present. Locus 4.1 NW/NE line proves not to be wall but one theory is that the fallen ashlar stone feature from 2.1 could have been a 'block' from the

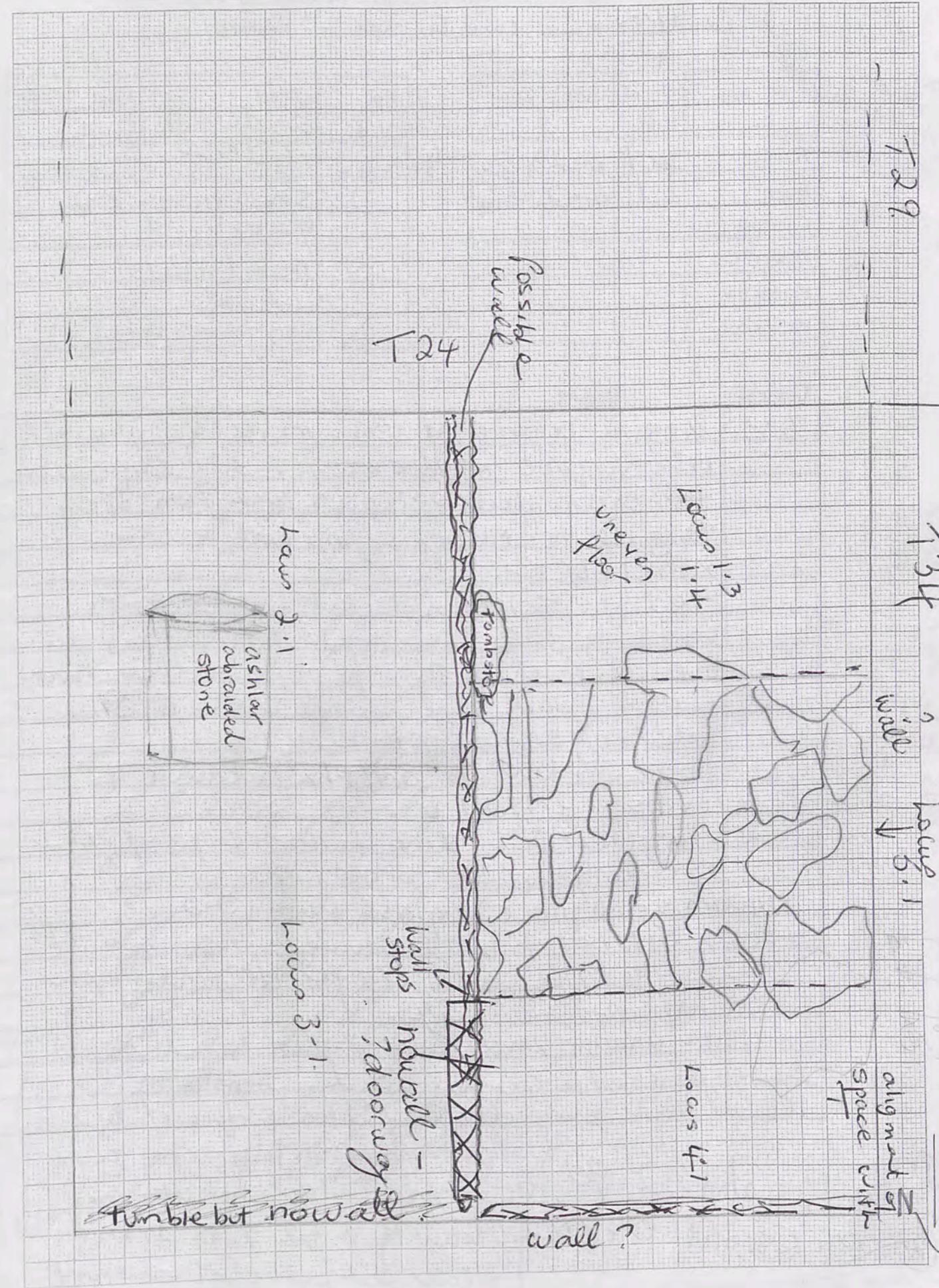
~~Loc 4.1~~ Loc 4.1 NW/NE edge. Digging will continue thru 13/05/08 through locus 4.1 seems Ashlar stone now pedestalized on approx 8cm of soil

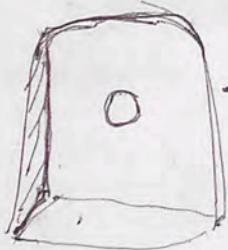
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as
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Top shot
Features
before cut thru floor
Back 3.314
sight

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1mm Squares





actual size

Trench..... 30 Initials LA Date 13/05/08 Page 36
Locus 4.2 Spit..... Locus 5.1 Spit 4.1 Feature/s.....
4.3

loom weight object

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	11	4.2	4.3
Bone	11	4.2	4.3
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1.	Small piece of glass	3.2	
2	Small piece of glass	3.2	
3.	pieces (small) of charcoal	3.2	
4	loom weight	5.4	see drawing

Context Report

plus to be excavated
to below 'limestone' level.

4.2 Digging begins at 38cm down from orig surface of Locus 4.1 T 30. Locus 4.1 to 38cm down: Locus 4.2 from 38cm going down. Morning begins with presence of pottery & bone.

705am soil sample taken as seemed very dark; also presence of pebbles. Decision taken to level 4.2 & go no further down than level at which soil sample taken ie 81cm below orig surface of trench.

Workers now return to 3.1/2.1 to excavate to floor levels - 3.1/2.1 becomes Locus 3.2 Note: very clear that the southern edge of 4.2 is clearly a wall or corner turn

740am small piece of glass from 3.2.

Locus 5.1 not to be excavated as seems to be wall - but this could change depending on what happens in T 34.

8.15am another small piece of glass found near where first piece found in 3.2. 3.2 to be

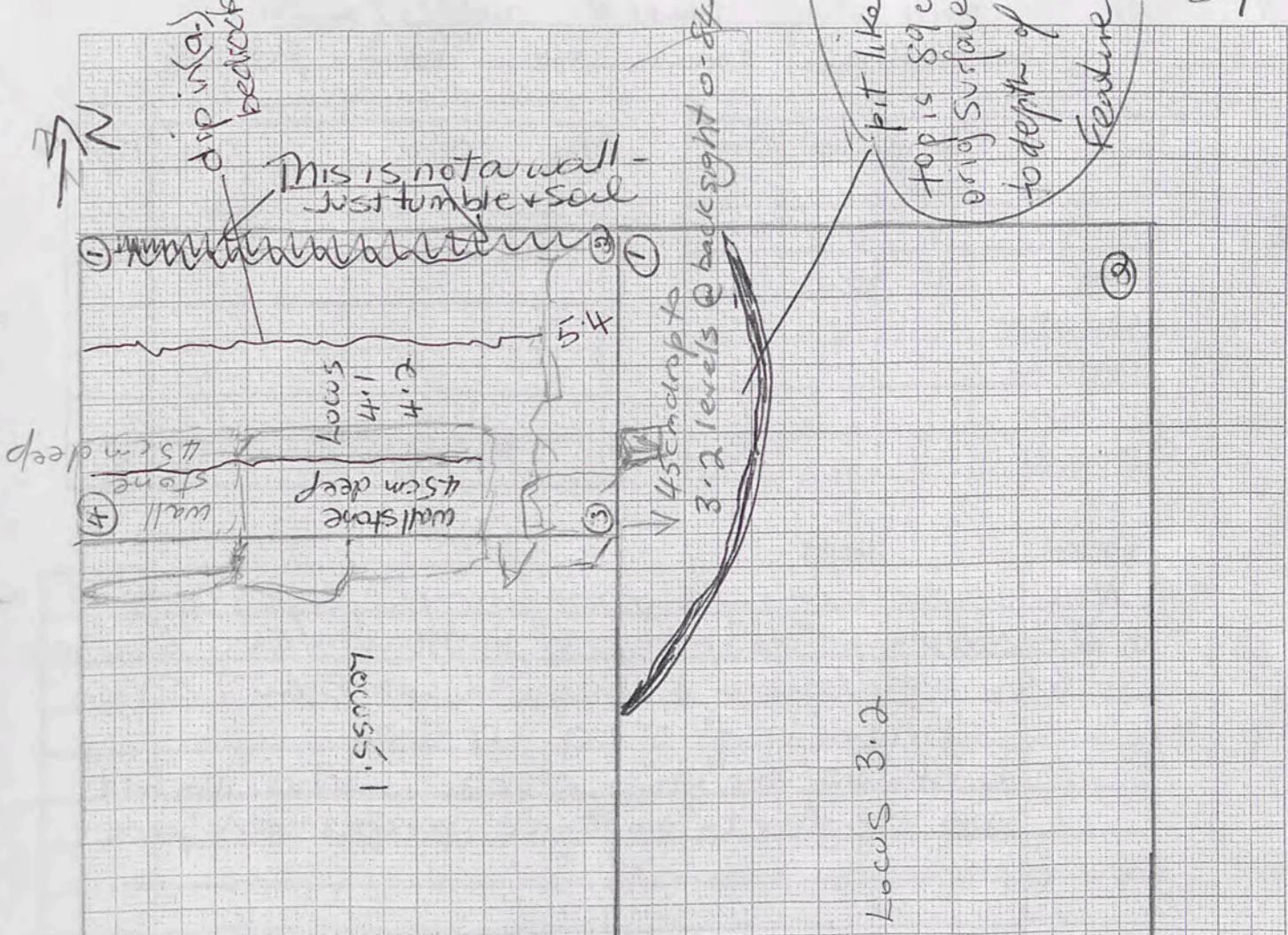
10.15am began serious clean of 'floor' surface of 3.2 -

still unsure if this is the floor surface & as shown on drawing a pit like structure is revealed which throws up some burnt rock, bones, burnt pottery & charcoal, some ashy soil.

① Back sight: 2.80

② Back sight 0.842

13/05/08



Locus 4.2 levels at start of dig 13/05/08

Locus 3.2 starts

Back sight 2.50
(1) 2.259
(2) 2.259
(3) 2.319
(4) 2.319

Back sight 0.95
(1) 0.83
(2) 0.87
(3) 0.899

It transpired that corner 1. is an important corner - large rectangular stones - bedrock at two levels (a.). ∵ baulk removed - context 5.4. pto

1mm Squares

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Trench 30 Initials LA Date 13/5/08 Page 38
 Locus 3.2 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.... Pit like
 structure at base of Ew

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	3.2	
Bone	1	3.2	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

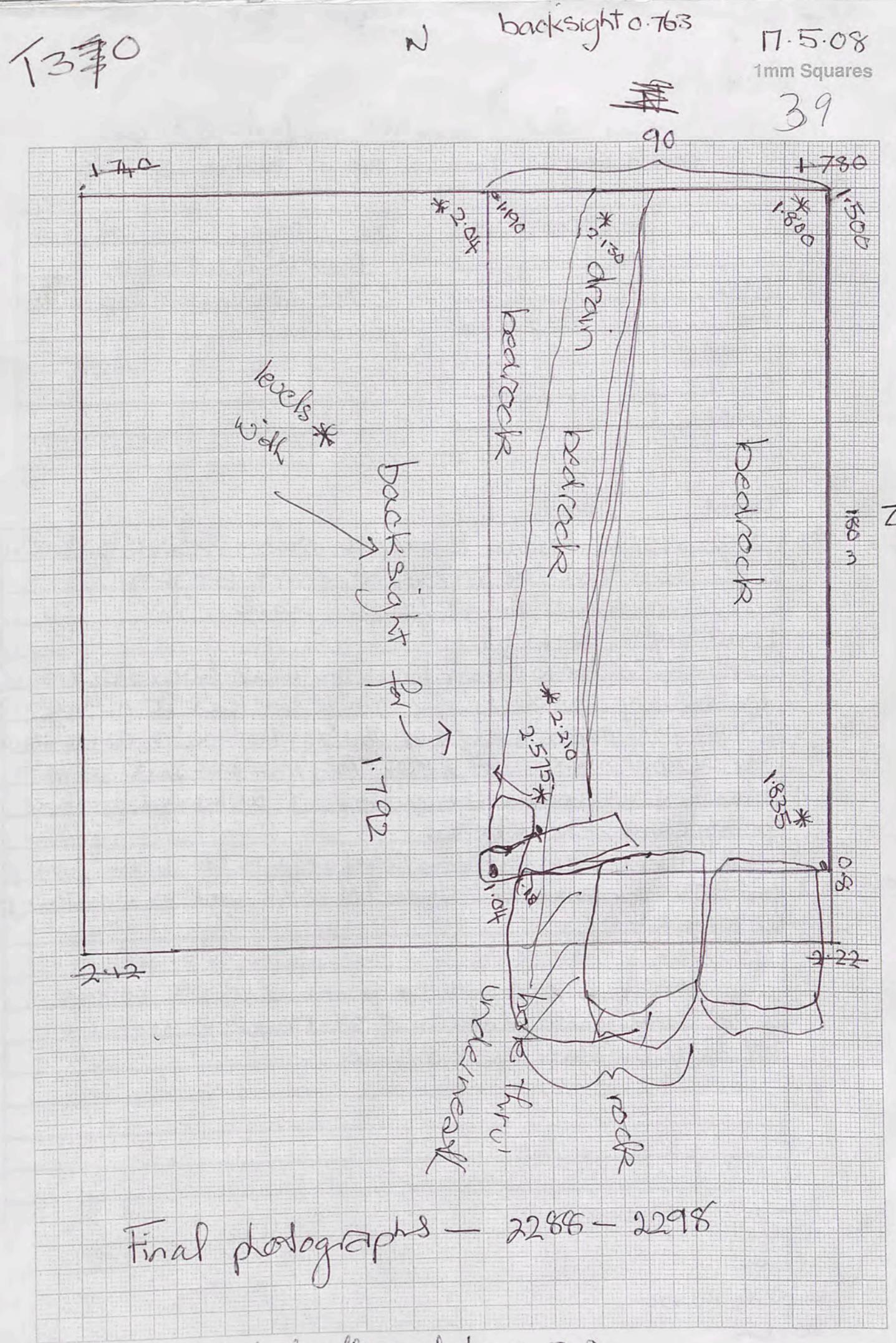
Note immediately after manganese, news comes of Abu Ibrahim's death - so most workers leaving skeleton workforce - 4 remain to work in T30.

Finishing off T30 17.5.08

backsight for final 0.763. Jabel reached - work continued to tidy/square up spit before photo.

which exit is the most southerly of these two narrow spits.

From previous page - An open rectangular groove has emerged in locus 4.1 or 4.2 - it appears to have been deliberately gouged out of the bedrock. It slopes W to E outside main wall of area S may be a gutter or drain. May go under bulk 5.4



To the ditch in the floor of locus 3.2.
 drop
 Bedrock appears to (deliberately?) slope towards this drain here (to enable water flow?)

2.664

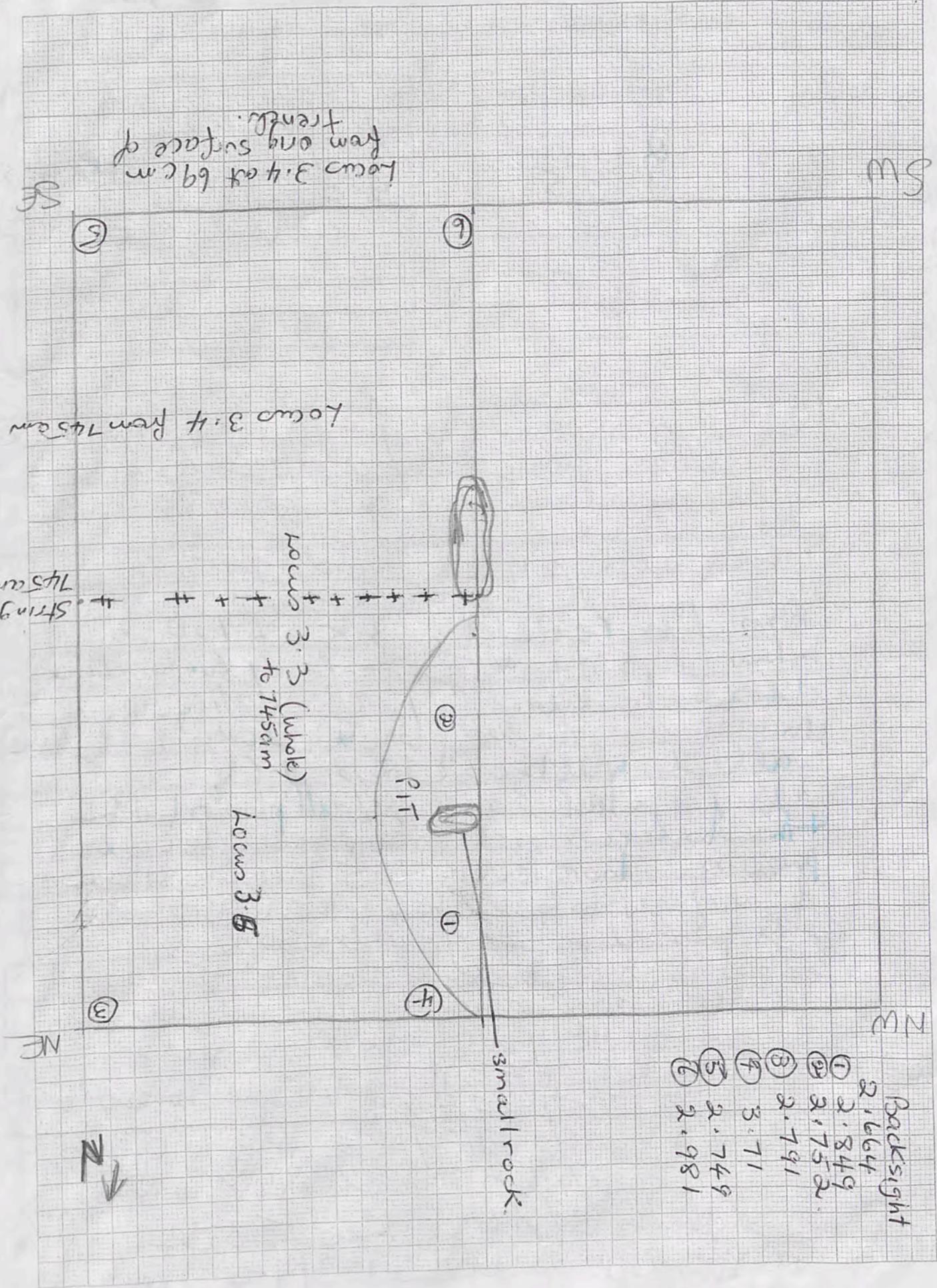
Trench..... 30 Initials LA Date 14/05/08 Page 40
 Locus 3.3 Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	3.3	
Bone	1	3.3	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	3 pieces charcoal	3.4	
1	small metal object	3.4	

Context	Report
3.3	Ashlar stone removed from its soil pedestal to outside the trench to ensure work to continue to floor or jamb.
[Backsight 2.664]	745cm - need to closer focus on what Locus 3.3 is showing so decision made to cut it in half from the northern edge of the 'tombstone' & concentrate to southern edge of T30. This marked out as per drawing & now becomes Locus 3.4. 3.3 showed presence of pottery shards + some bones.
3.4	As more excavation occurs, reveals 'tombstone' now restated on soil & looks more like door jamb as org. Thought - see previous notes.
	1055am - 3 small pieces of charcoal & 1 small metal object come up from 3.4 SW corner. other small pieces of charcoal at random come up - but none of less than one cont piece

Hannah
Fiona
Tessa
daughter Husain
Hanan
Shaleen



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1mm Squares

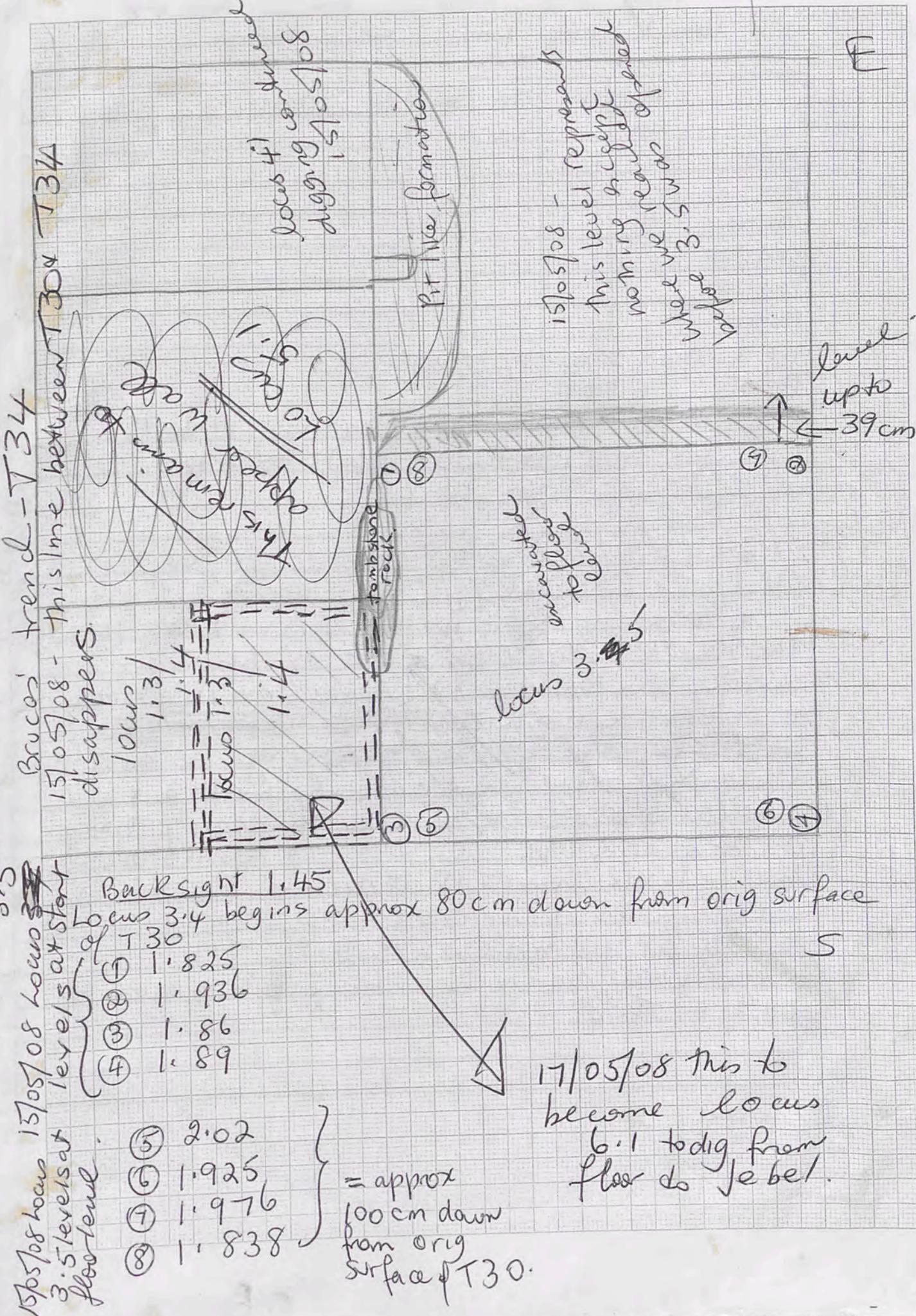
Trench..... 30 Initials..... LA Date..... 15/5/08 Page..... 42
 Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....
 3.5

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	3.5	
Bone	1	3.5	
Charcoal	2		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	4x small pieces charcoal	3.5	
2	2x small pieces charcoal	3.5	

Context Report
 3.5 digging commences from 14/05/08 at around 80cm from orig surface of trench. 4x small pieces of charcoal emerge - consistent with other finds in this locus. Few rocks, lots of rubble + soil + lots of pottery chards. 7.15am further 2 small pieces of charcoal 8am floor reached in 3.5 at 100cm below orig surface of T30 - fairly even floor - decide to clean for photo & then do double trench again to dig a jebel along tombstone wall. This will become locus 3.6
 Digging then back locus 4.1 till photo taken + marks locus 3.6 - rain interrupted photo process. Floor levels 3.5 taken + shown on drawing. Photo to be taken later. (22.60-61)
 4.1 presence of pottery chards + bone.
 22.60-61 photo's taken of Locus 3.5 floor.
 4.1 not throwing up any significant finds but for fine tumble/rubble + pottery chards.
 Area marked --- will become locus 6.1

Backsight } 1.45 on 17/05/08 - idea to dig to
 level in this section while
 continues to merge into T30 -
 Remainder on locus 1.3 | 1.4 will
 merge to T34



T no. changed to 38

38 LA 18.5.08
Trench..... Initials..... Date..... Page.... 44
Locus..... Spit..... Locus..... Spit..... Feature/s.....

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1	1.2	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

(1.1 began late 17.5.08)

Context Report

1.2 continuation of top-cleaning of whole T.
backsight 1.388 410 - levels on graph.
Ph 2351 photograph.

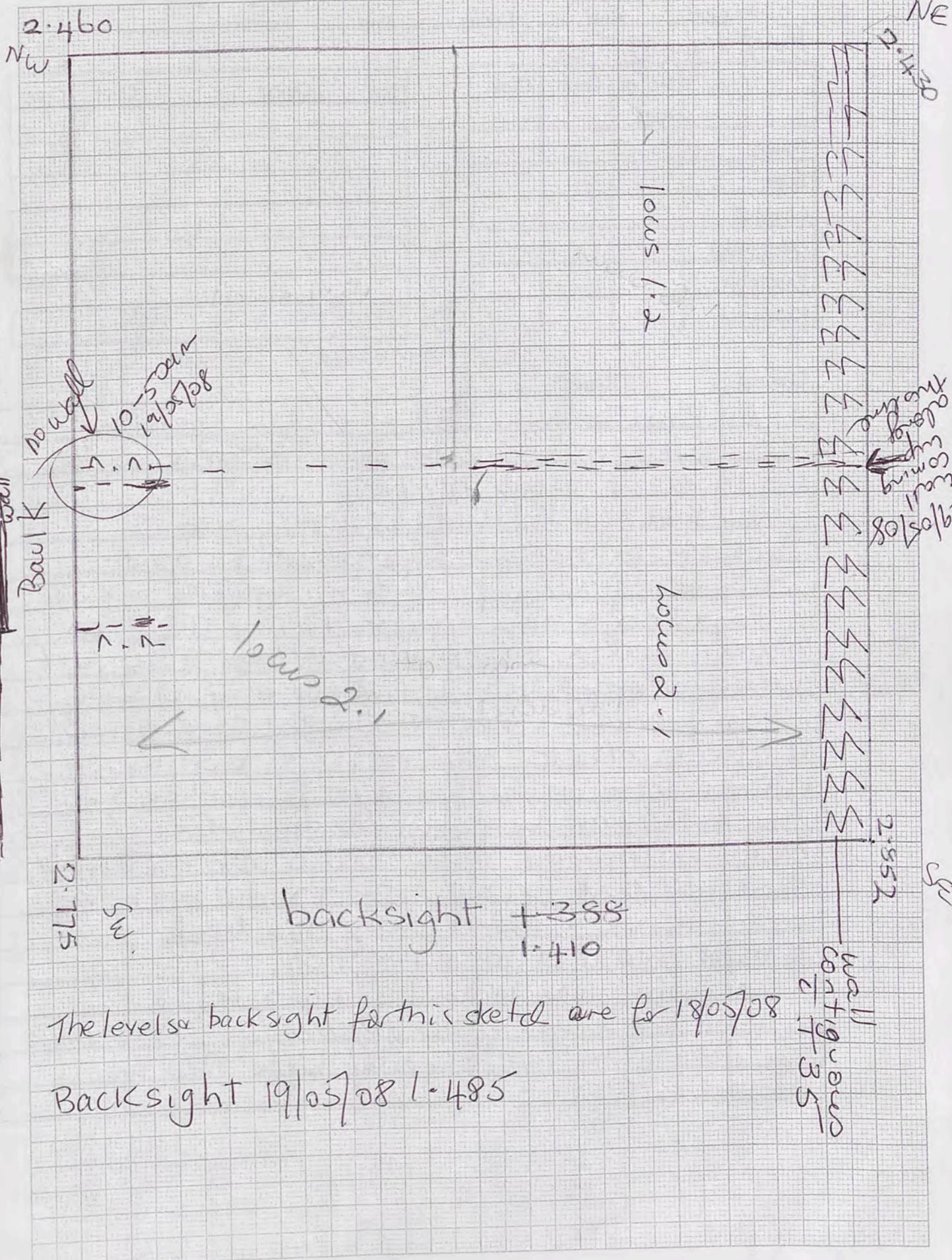
19/05/08
(Backsight 19/05/08 1.485) T38 opened with view
to seeing if the wall in T18 extends through
the bank into T38 - see as shown in
sketch. Plan 1st to clear top tumble from T38 & then
to concentrate work ~~so that 2 sections of 1.2~~
~~once this begins will call this area Locus 2.1.~~
as shown
ondrainage
work proceeding simultaneously in 1.2 & 2.1
with what appears to be a wall coming through
on ~~the~~ middle line 1.2/2.1 - & seems aligned
with wall from T18 at around 850am amaz
but until further excavation there seems to be
no wall at all & aligned to that in T18.
However wall running N-S in T35 is same N/S
wall in T38

Sabah Farida
Shalie hassan
Halima daughter of
Shemusa Hussein

T38

N.

1mm Squares



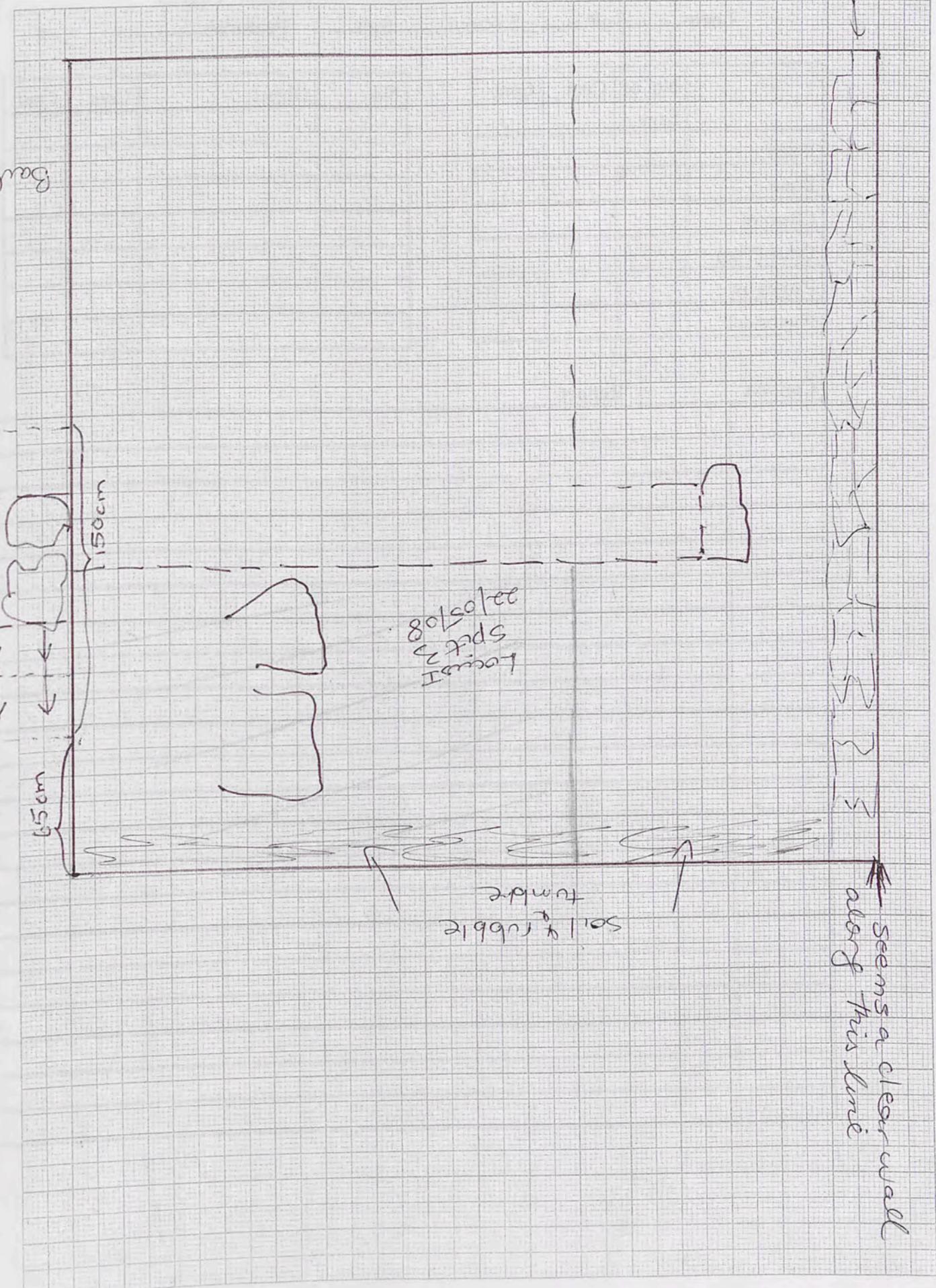
Trench..... 38 Initials..... LAT Date..... 20.5.08
 Locus..... 1. Spit 2. Locus..... 2. Spit 3. Feature/s..... Page 47

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	11	1.2	2.3
Bone	1	1.2	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context	Report
1.2	Continuation of levelling - tumble
2.3	Across baulk to T18. () - this cut was subsequently widened to attempt to reveal more of the wall (E/W). This wall appears to continue across the baulk (N/S baulk W) into T38 but quickly disappears.

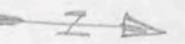
locus I / spit 3. 22/05/08 (last day of dig!). Excavation continues across the wall from adjacent trench - very little presence of pottery, bone & nil other finds.



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AREA S - TRENCH 24 - LEVELS.

T.24 200



PATUM 2.73