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2010
Area 3

Field Record Book

Name.....	ANDREA SINCLAIR
Trenches.....	44 39/44 BAVUK
Dates.....	29/04/10 -

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.
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.

Trench... 44... Initials... AS... Date 3.5.10 Page... B1
 Locus... 1... Spit... 3... Locus... 2... Spit... 1... Feature/s... 1

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	1		
Bone	1		
Charcoal	-		
Other (Tile)	-		
Photos bw			
Photos col.	487	488	

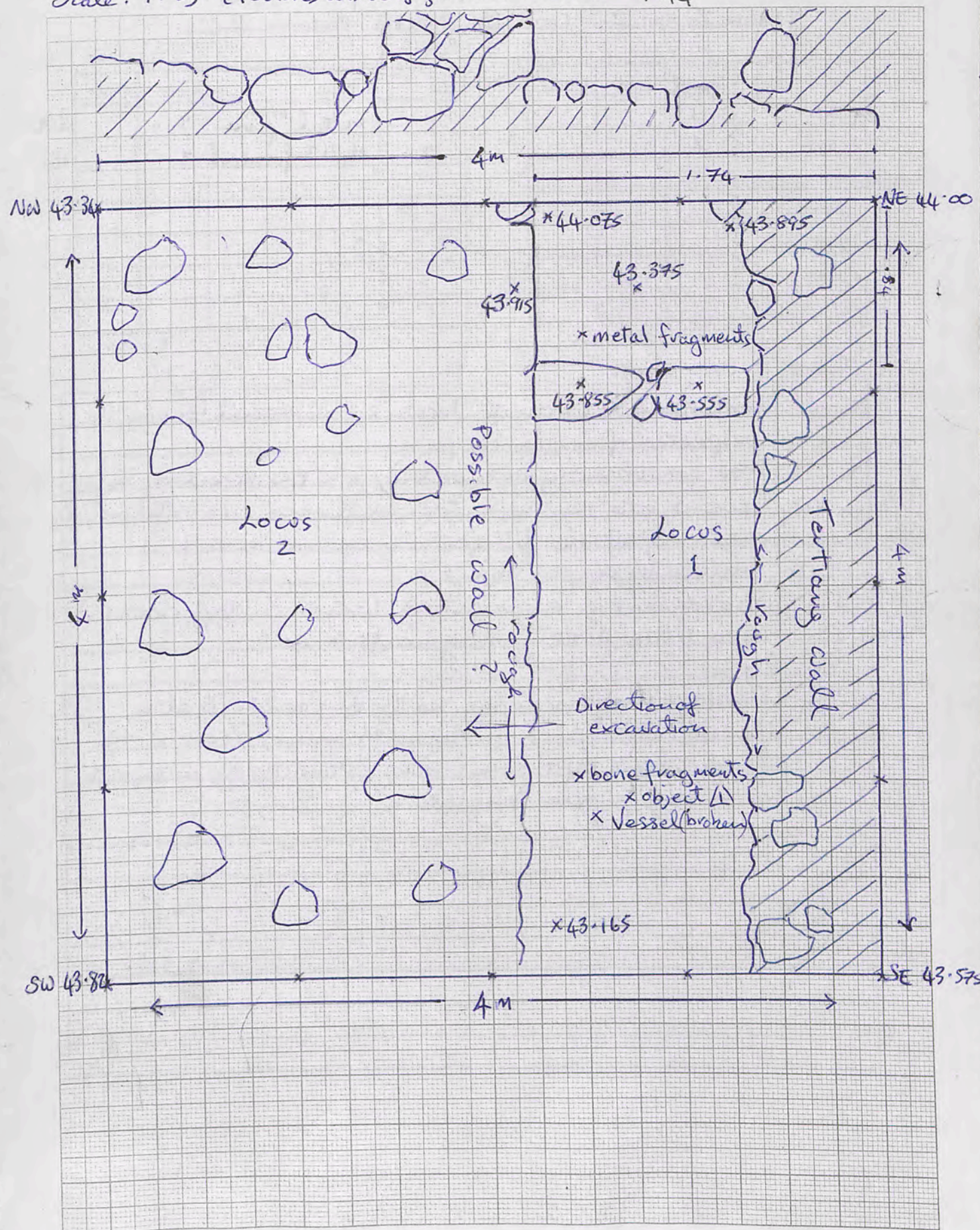
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	Seed pod & shell	1.3	194
2	metal frags (x5)	1.3	190-1
3	metal frag = (x1) bronze handle frag	2.1	205

Context Report

Context	Report
	Starting to excavate towards the west. Locus 2
1.3	Fragments of a possibly complete vessel in locus 1.3
①	(photo no 487) and a small ovoid object (seed?) and 3 bone fragments.
②	5 metal fragments found in feature A at the base of the E/W aligned stone which separates from other locus (1) Started excavating west from locus 1 to 2 (poss. wall?) then:
2.1	Excavating locus 2 as a whole, topsoil down, from approx 2hrs into day. (before 9am break)
③	1 x metal "nail" ?
	At the end of the day a possible floor surface has appeared in the SW corner of locus 2.
	metal frags:
	10.190 large iron rod frag
	10.191

1mm Squares

Scale: 1:25 (features outside of grid not to scale) T44



Trench 44 Initials AS Date 8.5.10 Page 1
 Locus 6 Spit 3 Locus 7 Spit 1 Feature/s 6
 + 7.1

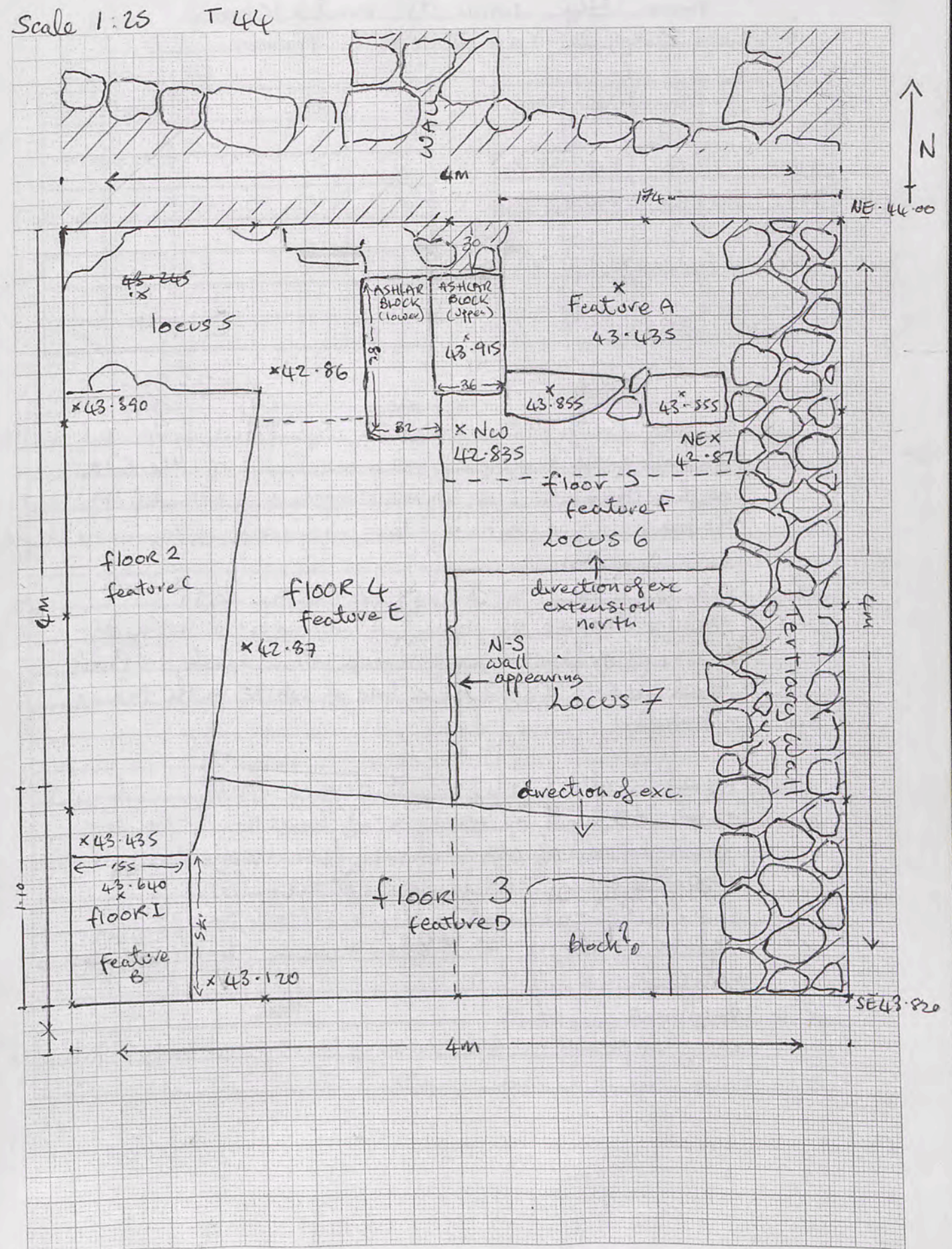
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	6.2	7.1
Bone	3	6.2	7.1, 7.1
Charcoal	1		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	glass fragments	7.1	330
2	charcoal	7.1	
	decorated rim in pottery		360

Context Report

6.2	continued excavating under floor 4 reached another floor at little depth (5-8 cm drop) split area in half (approx) get again and
6.3	started to dig lower (locus 6 spit 3) remnants of a wall appearing, decision made to enlarge area of excavation into floor 3 (locus 4 originally, now locus 7.1)
7.1	excavating floor 3, approx 5-8 cm down found small "glass" fragments - object A + bone frags. a large rock has appeared on the southern face of locus 7.1. also object B - charcoal.
7.2	extended north of locus 7.1 (into floor 5) and south (as earlier stated)

1mm Squares



Trench.....44.....Initials.....AS.....Date 9.5.10 Page...1
 Locus...7...Spit...2... Locus...7...Spit...3... Feature/s.....

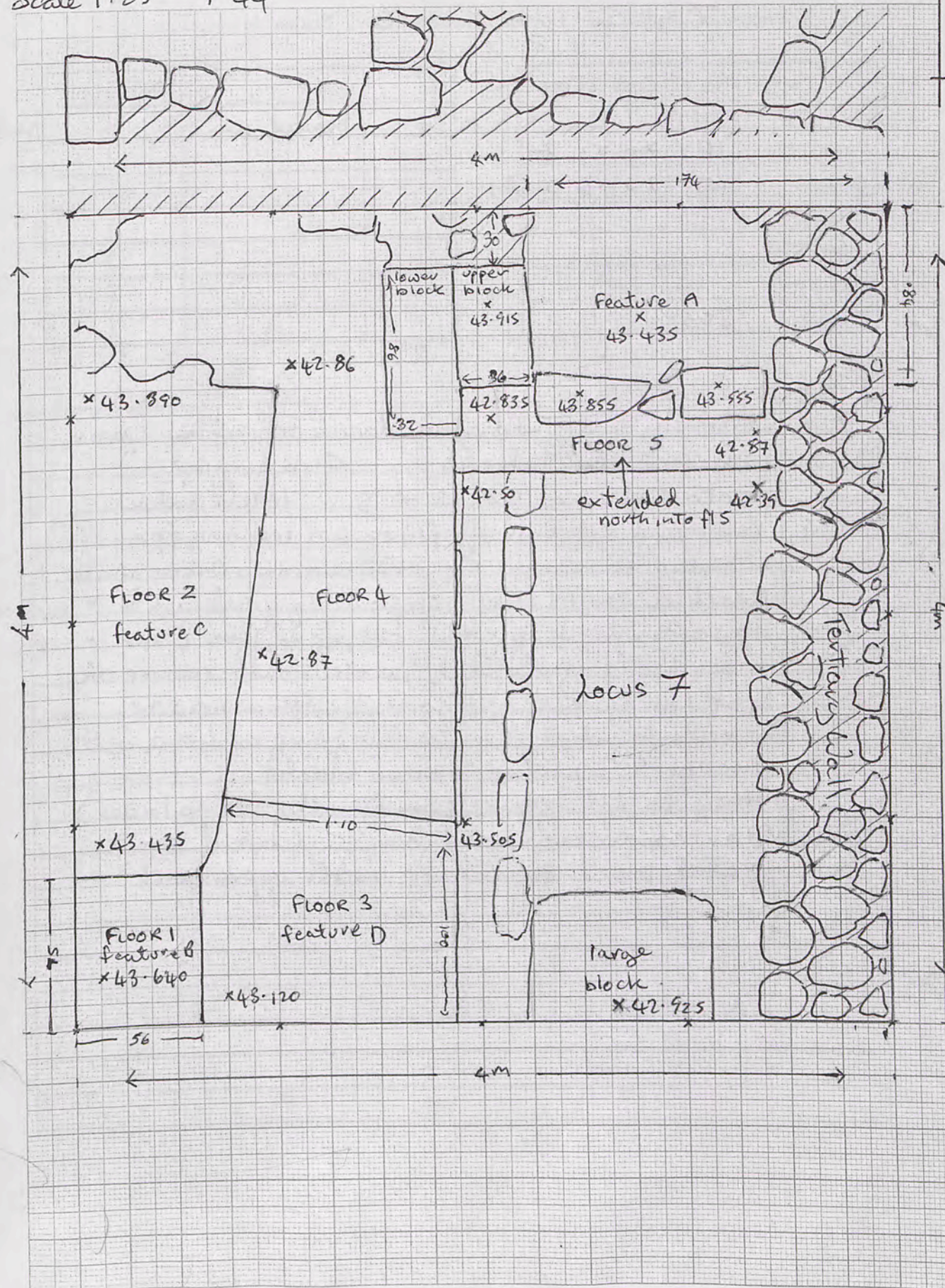
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	B	7.2 7.3 7.4	
Bone	B	7.2 7.3 7.4	
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)	Soil sample	7.3 no A	7.4 (3)
Photos bw			
Photos col.	795		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Context	Report
7.2	Digging down below original superficial drop in locus (som) 7, (all extensions have been levelled out) the S-AD wall on the west side of locus appears to extend further north. The blocks appear to be ashlar and are very regular in shape
7.3	started a new spit at approx 30cms depth. decision made to remove floor no 5 at north of locus, in order to see N/S wall more clearly. (floor level clearly visible as a line of white in the facing NS wall.)
	There is a N/S line of rough stones appearing adjacent to the NS wall on the west of locus 7. Small deposit of ashy-charcoal soil adjacent to the line of stones - soil sample (2) taken. Photo (795) taken at a depth of ca. 30-35 cms levels of locus 7.3 also taken, before descending further.
7.4	Beginning ashy deposit in NW corner of locus - soil sample taken (2)

Scale 1:25 T 44



Trench.....44.....Initials...AS.....Date...10.5 Page.1.
 Locus...7.....Spit...5... Locus...7.....Spit...6... Feature/s.....
 + 8.1

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	12	7.5	7.6, 8.1
Bone	13	7.5	7.6, 8.1
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.	835		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	bronze pin		

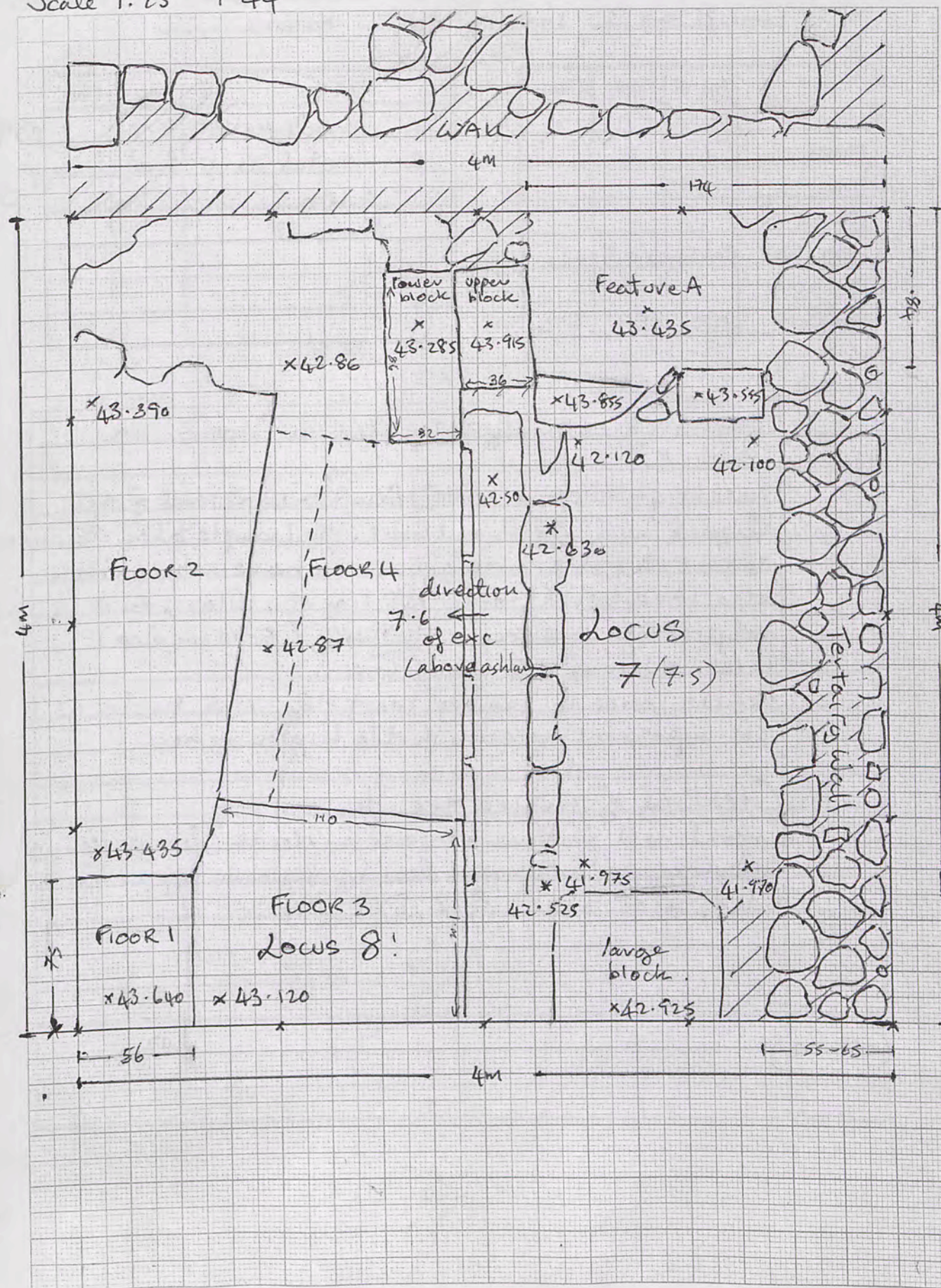
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Context Report

Context	Report
7.5	Continuing to dig down in locus 7, after approx 1 hr hit the Sebel! Cleaning up photo taken of locus 7.5. levels taken
7.6	removing section of floor 4 (leaving approx 1ft) in order to reveal the NS running ashlar (wall?) Reached stone level reasonably quickly (ca. 10-15cm drop) now cleaning away the rest of 4 th floor (2m x 30cm edge) once this is cleared off, we shall remove the 1m x 1m square of floor 3 with a view to revealing what is actually going on here with this N-S "wall" of ashlar blocks. (they do not appear, superficially, to go lower)
8.1	Started excavating floor 3. (depth of 10 cm) metal pin object Δ in the upper soil

1mm Squares

Scale 1:25 T 44



Trench Bank 44 Initials AS Date 11.5.10 Page 1
 Locus 1 Spit 1 Locus Spit Feature/s

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery		1.1	
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

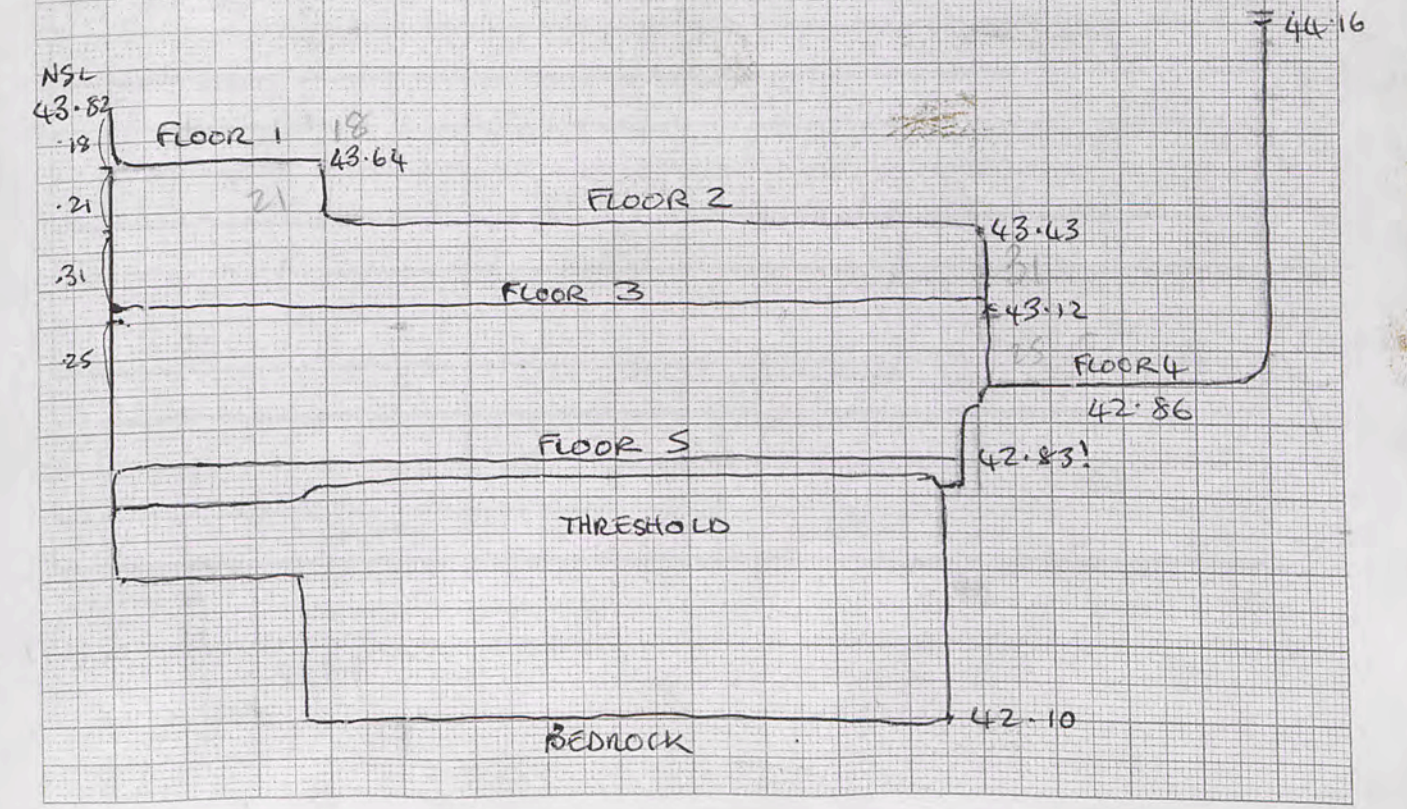
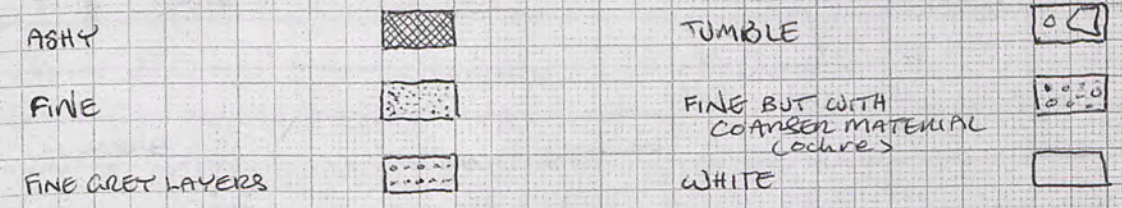
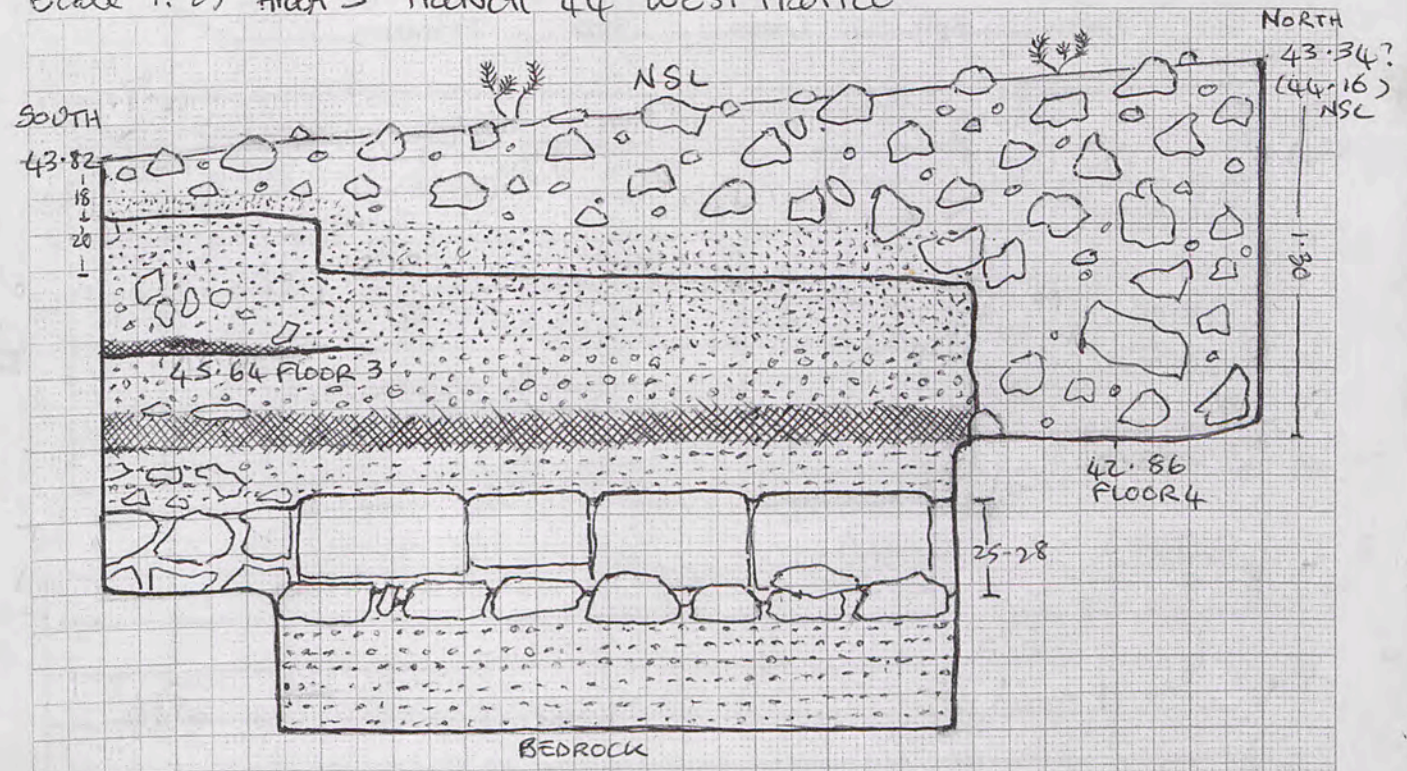
Context Report

NOTES on T44: I have real doubts about the validity of floor 1, as it was only identified as the last few metres of the trench tumble was cleared, and not apparent elsewhere. Equally the layer of silt it represents shows no variation from that of floor 2. In terms of material remains, floor 3, approx, produced the highest amount of casual material, pottery + objects, which were nonetheless, not very high in quantity but the upturned pithos and jar fragments were from this level.

Most noticeable of all the levels/floors, has to be the clear, white compacted line of floor 5, just contemporary to the large ashlar masonry threshold. Presumably these two are contemporary. My one reservation is however on looking back over the levels taken for floor 4 & floor 5 I wonder if perhaps they may represent the one floor surface as they are very close, numerically.

1mm Squares

Scale 1:25 AREA S TRENCH 44 WEST PROFILE



Trench 39/44 BAUK Initials AS Date 13.5.10 Page 1
 Locus 1 Spit 3 Locus Spit Feature(s) 1

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	2	1.3	1.4
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	BEAD - glass	1.3	

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Context

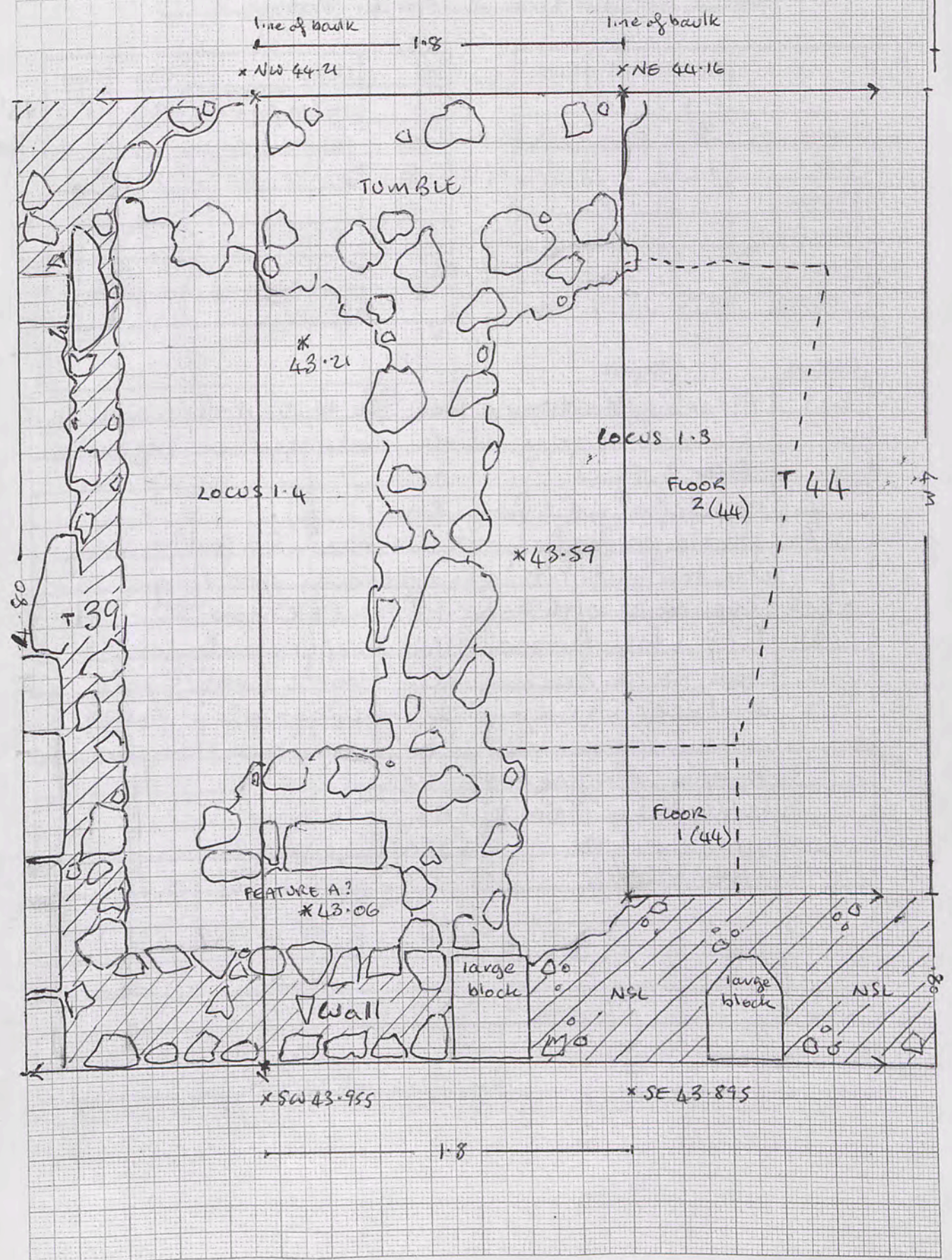
Report

1.3	Continuing to excavate "top down", southern corner of locus is approx level with floor 1 of trench 44 at the commencement of the days work.
	Possible N/S aligned wall appearing in centre of trench
1	object / bead found in sth area west of the & possible central N/S wall.
1.4	Area west of the "N/S wall", (change in soil colour to more ochre)
	levels taken Bm. 2 Bs. 61
	(NW) N of locus 1.4 3.15
	(SW) S of locus 1.4 3.30
	centre of locus 1.3 (against centre wall) 2.87
	Possible wall being cleared, NOT A WALL.
	Digging & clearing has extended into trench 39 (E) where the tumble backs onto the N/S aligned eastern wall. A small barrier is retained in the "doorway" between the small enclosure (N) and the N/S wall this is to prevent contaminating T 39 where Heather's team are still excavating.

6.25
12.50
25.00
37.60
50.00
62.50
75.00

1mm Squares

SCALE 1:25 T39/44 BAUK



Trench 39/44 Baulk Initials AS Date 15.5.10 Page 1
 Locus 2 Spit 1 Locus 3 Spit 4 Feature/s 1

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	3	2.1 + 3.1	3.1
Bone	1		
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.	1076	1077	

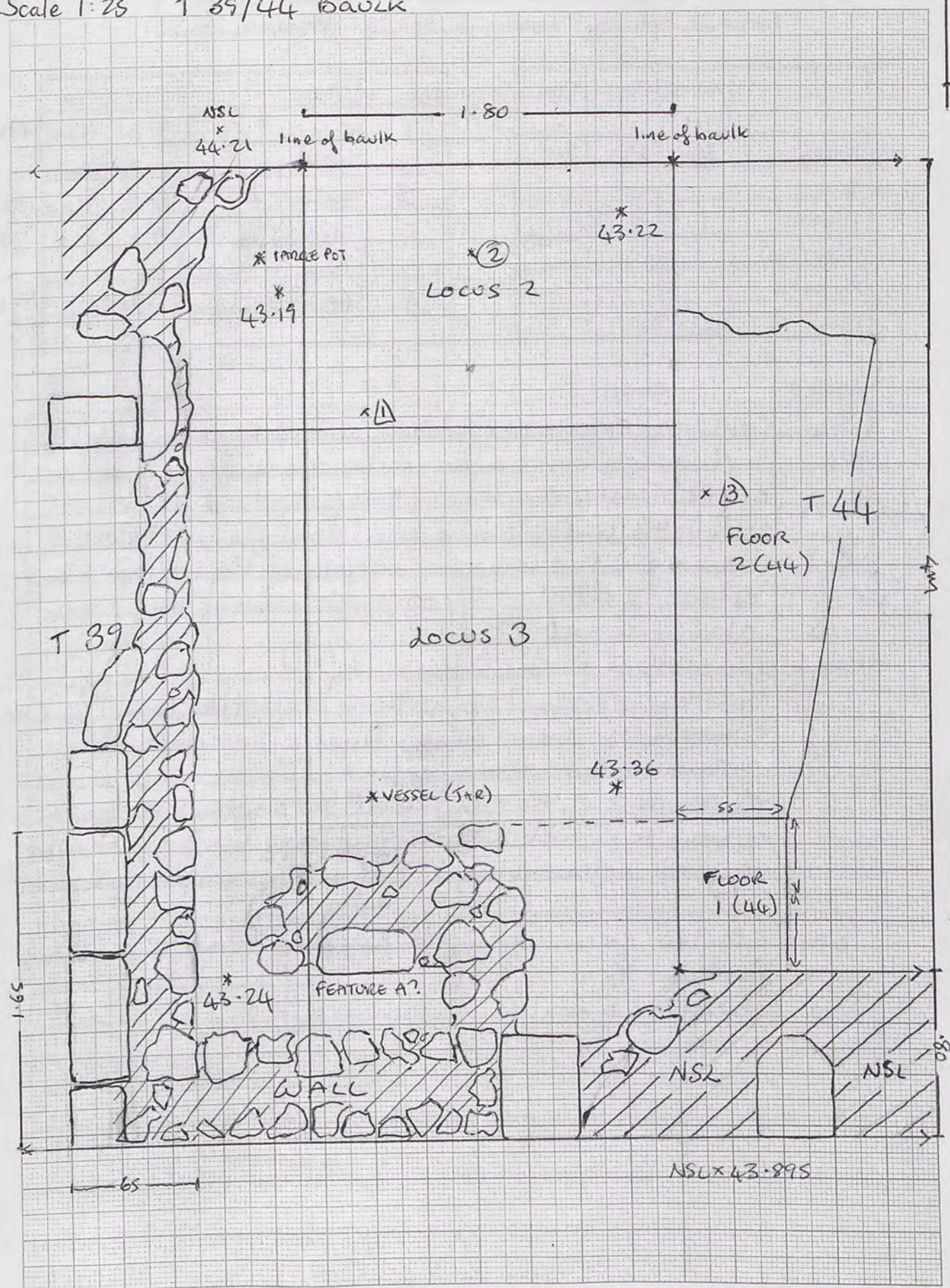
No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	metal ^{bronze} pin frag	2.1	All 739
2	pebble with holes	2.1	Fill (1076)
3	pin?	3.1	

Context Report

2.1	Clearing the tumble from the north of the trench, in order to bring all the levels together. (approx. floor 2 T44)
①	metal "pin" in fill from 2.1
②	pebble perforated with 2 holes in fill (but lower down) started excavating broader area once levels were
locus 3	evened up with locus 1 (loc 1 + 2 now 3)
③	Pin? white fragment found approx centre-east of locus as we descend under floor 2 level (T44)
	2 x ^{pottery} vessels (incomplete, in fragments), photos taken (1076 + 1077) both vessels have perforations in the body, drainage or airing hole?
	levels taken BM.2 BS: .51
	NE: 43.22 NW: 43.19
	SE: 43.36 SW: 43.24

Scale 1:25 T 39/44 Baulk

1mm Squares



Trench T 39/44 Bank Initials AS Date 16.5.10 Page 1
 Locus 3 Spit 2 Locus 3 Spit 3 Feature/s 2

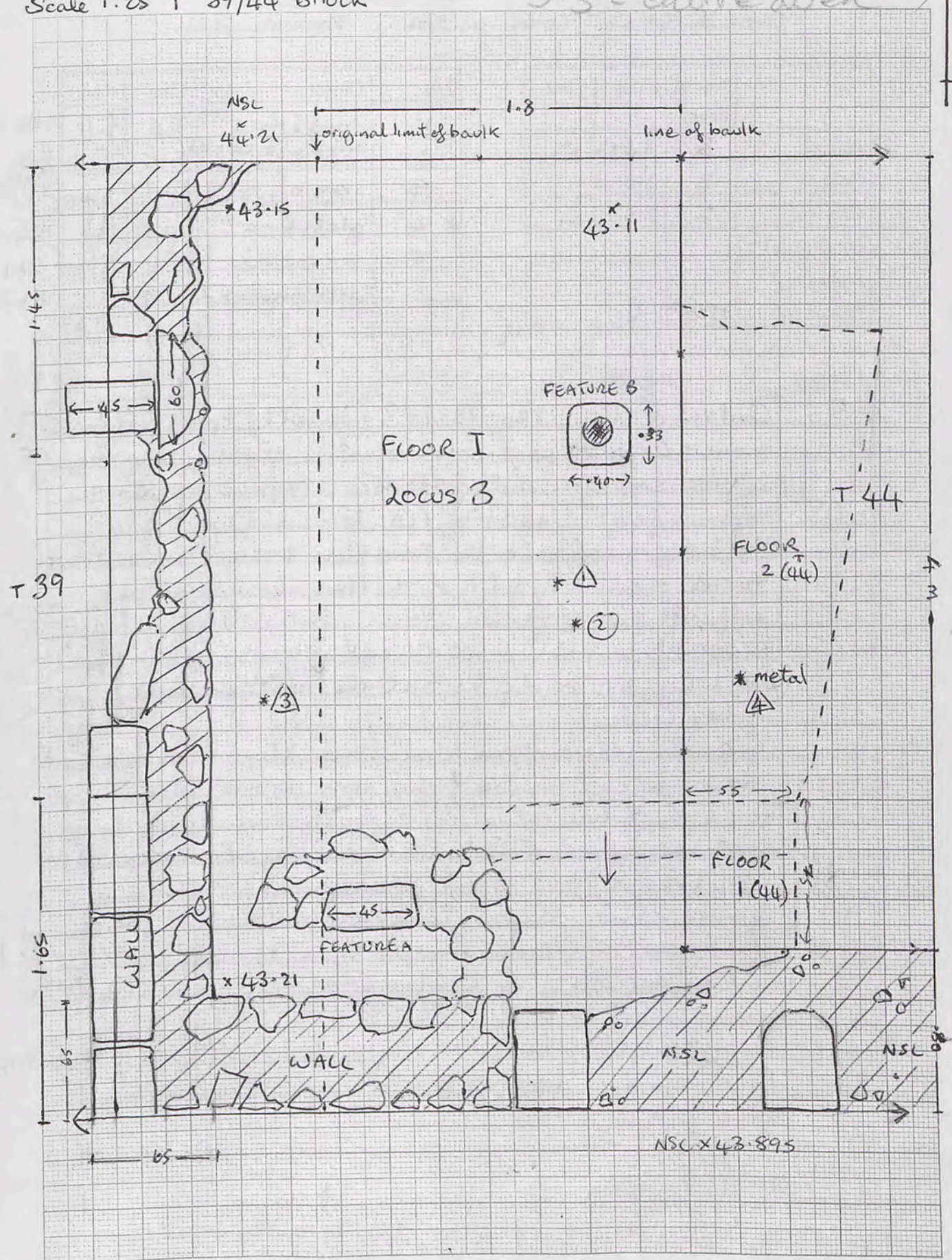
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	4 3-2	fill	floor
Bone			
Charcoal	1	3-3	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.	1141-2		

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	glass?	3-3	floor 774
2	mineral?	3-3	floor
3	metal: ^{bronze} copper?	3-3	floor 802
4	Metal: nail? Iron	3-4	fill 806
5	Glass mm frag	3-4	814

Context Report

3.2	Continued excavating "top down" in centre-east of bank including floor 2 area from T 44 another large pottery shard (from yesterday's jar?) and in the centre (east) a grindstone-quern - FEATURE B
3.3	Cleaning entire locus for a photo of FB + floor I as this is the first clear floor so far in this bank
①	glass fragment?
Floor I	② object: ^{mineral?} or other floor (306? 44)
	This floor is approx level with the ochre floor from T 44 (no 3)
③	Removal of floor 1 (T 44) finally, no material
③	metal fragment: iron or copper?
	The removal of the rubble at the south of the bank appears to reveal a large masonry block in FEATURE A, still not convinced it is not random material
3.4	started excavating the area of floor 2 in T 44 further
④	metal: a nail?

Scale 1:25 T 39/44 BANK
 3.2 = 5th east + floor 2
 3.3 = entire area
 1mm Squares



Object 4 not gears - carbonised material

Trench ^{Baulk} 39/44 Initials A.S. Date 17.5 Page 1
 Locus 3 Spit 5 Locus Spit Feature/s 1

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	3	3.5 x 2	5.1
Bone	2	3.5	
Charcoal	2	3.5	
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.	1214	1215	

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
1	glass frag.	3.5	fill = 814?
2	bronze wire twisted	3.5	fill 824
3	iron bracket?	4.1	fill 823
* 4	glass frag?	4.2	fill 855
5	2x metal	5.1	floor 861 } 862 }
	= iron nails x 2		

Context Report

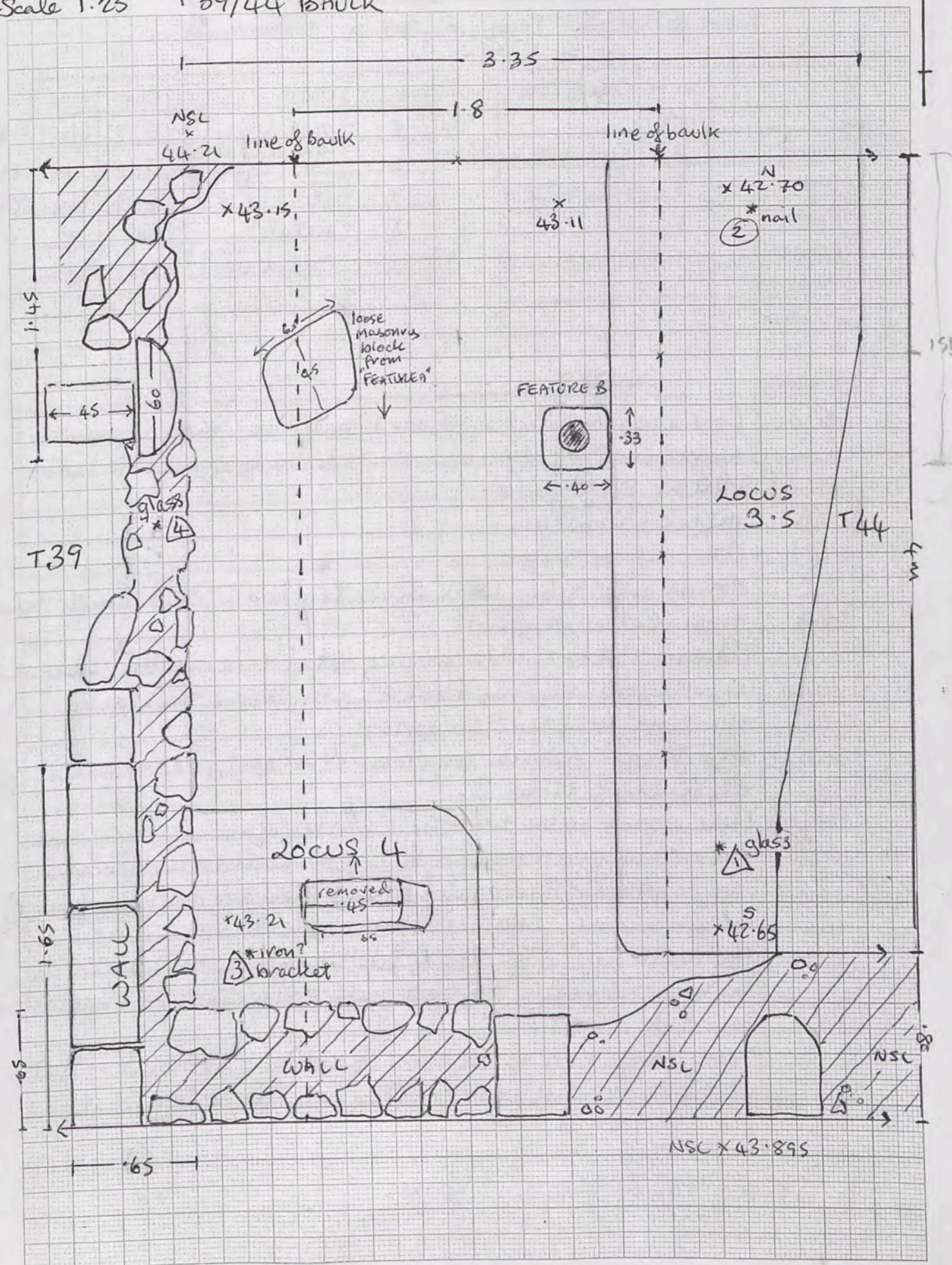
3.5	Continued excavating locus 3 in east of baulk / floor 2 from +44. object 1 found in the slightly ashy layer at the southern end of the locus. (appears to match the previous days glass frag (1), locus 3.3)
1	The "ashy" layer beneath 3/44 floor 1 is in stark contrast to the even ochre fill of the floor above. It is grey silt with alot of tumble (coarse). depth of floor 1: 15 cm
2	A copper? nail found at the end of locus. (in ashy layer)
	The ashy silt is darkest at the northernmost point of the locus.
	On reaching the dropped level of the ashlar blocks from trench 44 we have exposed more stone. Cleaning up for a photo has revealed 2 square sockets for large wooden doorposts in the ashlar masonry. Big doorway?
3	iron bracket (poss not old?) found when workers
4.1	remove rubble enclosure / barrier in sth-west of trench
3.5	(locus 4.1) one large masonry block 55 x 65 x 30. Cleaning + photo of ashlar doorstep nos: 1214/1215 levels taken: BM 2.64: sth 3.5: 42.65 Nth 3.5: 42.70
4.1	clearing last of the soil + bringing level with rest of back trench. Also removing "doorway" barrier with trench 39.

4 glass fragment (also some bone)

5 metal frags

END OF DAY: Commenced excavating below floor 1, having created a new locus (5.1) by dividing original loci 1+2 in half - see next day ->

Scale 1:25 T39/44 BAULK



Trench 39/44 BAULK Initials A.S. Date 18.5 Page 1
 Locus 5 Spit 2 Locus 6 Spit 3 Feature/s 3
 + 6.1

	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery	3	S.2	S.3 6.1
Bone	3	S.2	S.3 6.1
Charcoal	1		
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont
996	1 metal "nail"	S.2	flr 1
1000	2 bronze spatula " copper pin	S.2	"
	3 ?	S.3	low in pit
	4 metal?	"	"
	5 metal nail	"	"

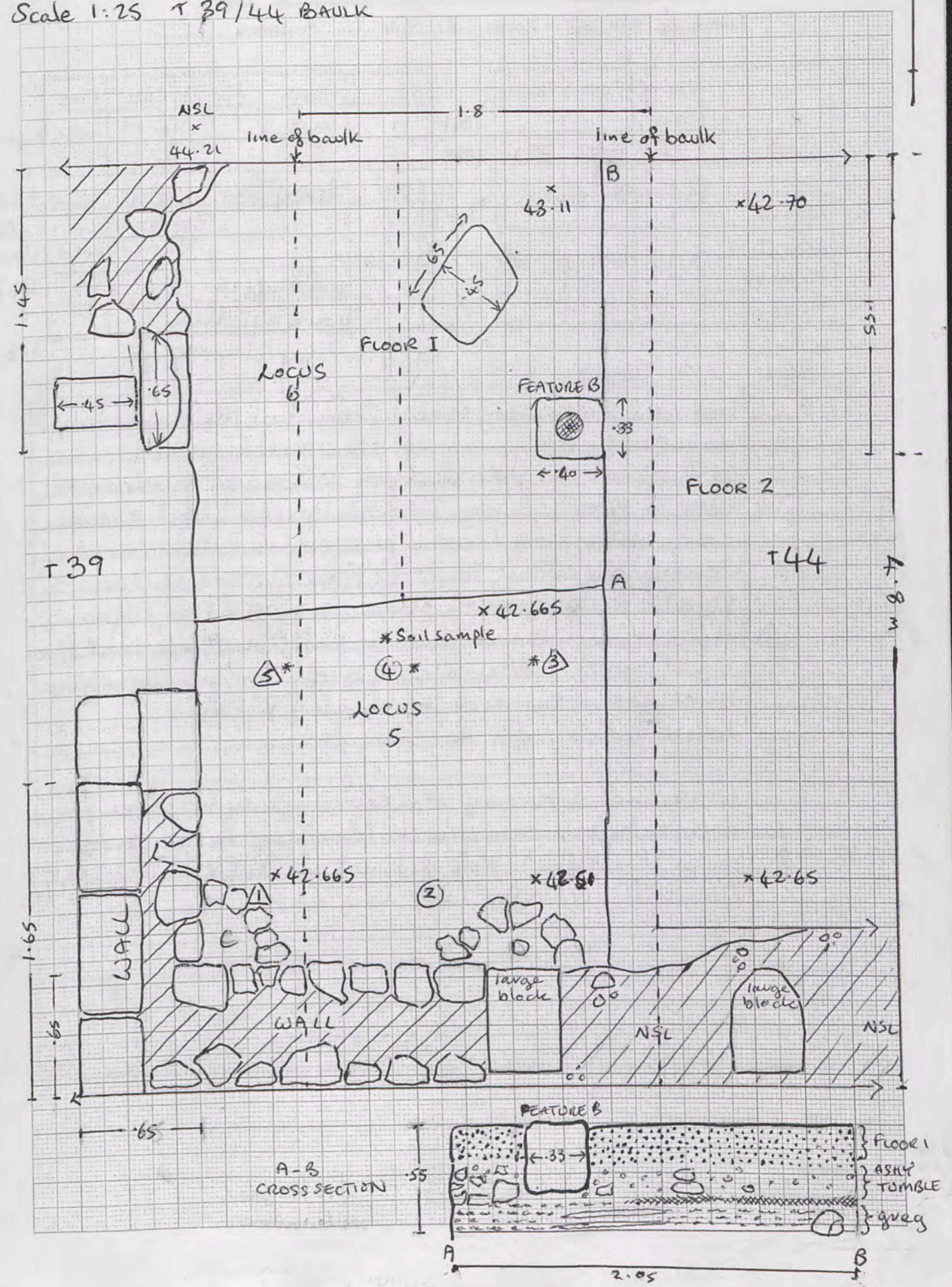
S.11996
" 1087
" 994

Context	Report
S.2	Continued excavating floor 1 material, there is some tumble occurring at the very southern area against the tumble between 2 igb blocks.
①	metal - iron? nail
②	" - copper pin
S.3	Moving into ash level beneath flr 1. Soil sample taken from centre (nth of S.2). There is a lot of tumble coming out of this and also subsequent layer before reaching floor 2, also there seems to be more bone present in this spit.
③④⑤	objects all occurred very low in this spit just above the level of floor 2.
FEATURES	There appear to be two small ^{semi} circles of rock/enclosures at the southernmost point adjoining the wall (one in ^{sc} corner). I am sceptical of their validity but they are drawn before being removed. (they appear like tumble rather than intentional)
6.1	The north half of the trench/baulk has been halved and we are now excavating the west half adjacent to the "odd" enclosure from +39 (locus 6). A very large piece of masonry is transecting the entire spit but the levels are still very consistent with the rest of (stratigraphy of floor 1)

the baulk.

levels taken BM 2 BS: .65

Scale 1:25 T 39/44 BAULK



Trench ^{Baulk} 39/44 Initials AS Date Page
 Locus Spit Locus Spit Feature/s

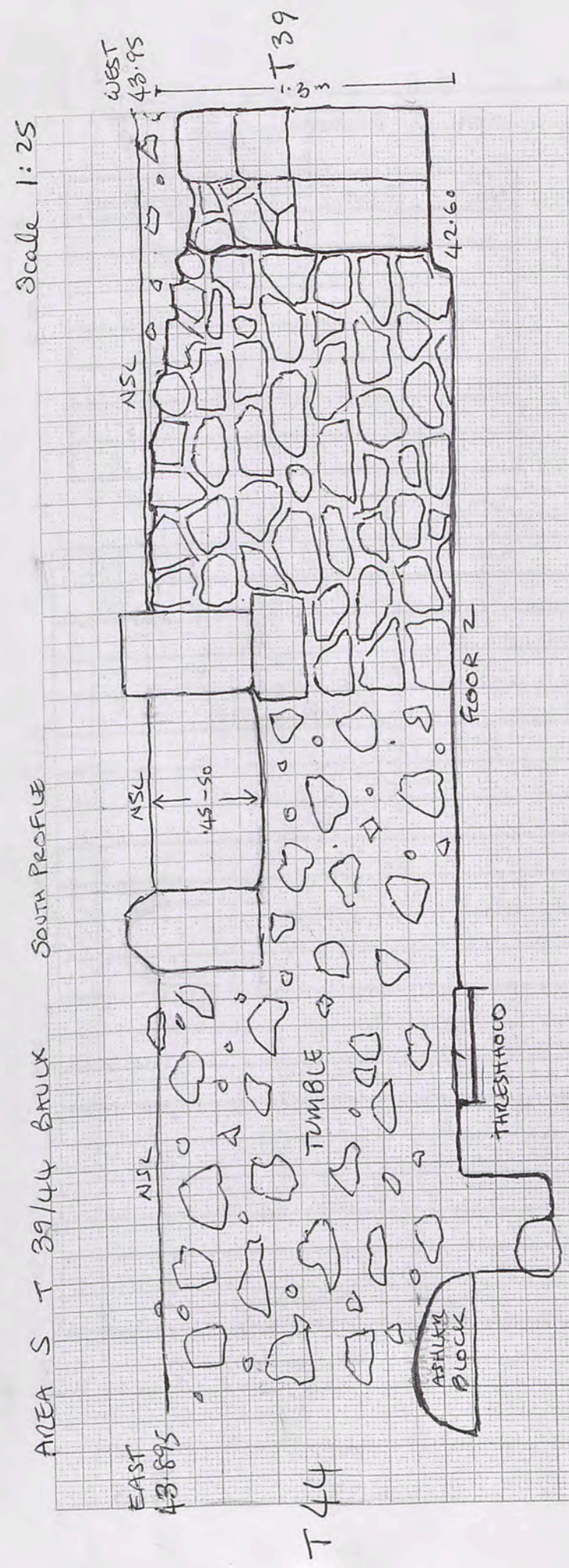
	No. of bags	Cont	Cont
Pottery			
Bone			
Charcoal			
Other (Tile)			
Photos bw			
Photos col.			

No.	Object	Cont	Cont

Context Report

Notes on T39/44 Baulk: Floor 1 from +44 I have chosen to disregard in these notes as there was no material associated with this level and no compacted silt apparent except immediately adjacent to the very small floor in T44. Therefore I have allocated the original floor the first clear floor from this trench as floor 1, it is level with floor 3 from +44 and like +44 has the highest proportion of pottery, bone + object finds for the locus/trench. There were copious fragments of cookpots + jars, as well as the two found in situ (both had been perforated). The floor itself was 18-20cm thick and above a very noticeably dark grey ashy level (20cm approx depth) which contained a high level of tumble. The ashy colour is most intense at the lowest point of the layer.

1mm Squares



Inventoried objects				
Trench	Context	No.	Description	Inv. No.
44	1.2	1	Shell 2	
44	1.3	1	" ?	
44	1.3	2	metal fragments	
44	2.1	3	" "	
44	3.1	1	" "	
44	3.1	2	shell	
44	4.2	1	corn	
44	5.1	2	metal fragment	
44	5.1	3	slag?	
44	4.3	4	metal nail	
44	7.1	1	glass fragment	
44	8.2	1	basalt pestle	
44	final clean	2	metal nail	
39/44B	1.3	1	bead	
39/44B	2.1	1	metal: pin fragment?	
39/44B	2.1	2	pebble with perforations(?)	
39/44B	3.1	3	metal: pin?	
39/44B	3.3	1	glass? (blackish)	
39/44B	3.3	2	mineral?	
39/44B	3.3	3	metal fragment	
39/44B	3.4	4	metal: nail?	
39/44B	3.5	1	glass fragment (blackish)	
39/44B	3.5	2	metal: nail?	
39/44B	4.1	3	metal bracket/hinge?	
39/44B	4.2	4	glass fragment (blackish)	
39/44B	5.1	5	2x metal frags	

JOB No.: ANEAS T44
 SURVEYOR: AS
 DATE: 04/05/10

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Backsight	Inter.	Foresight	Rise	Fall	Reduced Levels	Chainage	REMARKS
04/05/10					45.75		BM 2
.62					43.64		floor SW corner locus 2 (centre)
					43.07		NE corner locus 2
					43.37		NW corner "
					43.58		SE " (inth of floor)
					43.57		SW " " "
05/05/10					45.750		BM 2
.485					43.260		NE corner locus 3
					43.385		NE corner locus 2, 2nd floor?
					43.350		NW " " 2nd floor?
					43.425		SE " " 2nd floor
					43.435		SW " " "
05/05/10					45.750		BM 2 locus 3+1
					43.230		NE corner of new floor
					43.120		NW " " "
					43.470		SE " " "
					43.120		SW " " "
					43.435		centre feature A
					43.335		centre dubious enclosure (middle)
					43.245		" " " (NE corner)

JOB No.: AREA S T39/44 BRUCK

080

SURVEYOR: AS

DATE: 16.06.10

Backsight	Inter.	Foresight	Rise	Fall	Reduced Levels	Chainage	REMARKS
16.05.10					45.75		Bm 2
0.51	3.11				43.15		NW corner locus 3
	3.15				43.11		NE " adjacent to grindstone
	3.055				43.205		SW " within enclosure "
	3.15				43.11		" " outside "
	3.15				43.11		SE corner
17.05.10					45.75		Bm 2
..64	3.84				42.65		Sth locus 3.5
	3.75				42.70		Nth locus 3.5
18.05.10					45.75		Bm 2
.65	3.89				42.51		SE of locus 5.3
	3.735				42.665		NE " " (centre of trench)
	3.735				42.665		SW corner of locus 5.3
19.05.10					45.75		Bm 2 locus 6+7
.49	3.63				42.61		NE above gurna
	3.10				43.14		grindstone/gurna
	3.10				43.14		ashlar block
	3.41				42.83		NW corner
	3.52				42.72		lower threshold

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JOB No.: AREA S T44

079

SURVEYOR: AS

DATE: 10.05.10

Backsight	Inter.	Foresight	Rise	Fall	Reduced Levels	Chainage	REMARKS
10.05.10					45.750		Bm 2
.525	2.99				43.285		Top of lower ashlar block N centre
	3.645				42.630		top of line of NS rods locus 7 - N
	3.75				42.525		" " " " - S
11.05.10					45.750		Bm 2 locus 8-7
.59	3.590				42.75		middle sth. line of ashlar
	3.55				42.79		" nth. line of ashlar
	3.74				42.60		Stone "floor" east of ashlar line
	3.725				42.615		N " " " " "
	3.46				42.88		NW corner of trench (middle)
11.05.10							Bm 2 locus 8-7 ?
.60							
11.05.10					45.750		Bm 2
.65	3.66				42.74		ASHLAR N/S line of blocks South
	3.61				42.79		" " " " North

JOB No.: AREA S T44

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SURVEYOR: AS

DATE: 06.05.10

Backsight	Inter.	Foresight	Rise	Fall	Reduced Levels	Chainage	REMARKS
06.05.10					45.750		BM 2
.59	3.27				43.07		NE corner of locus 4 (floor 4)
	3.48				42.86		NW "
	3.345				42.995		SE "
	3.47				42.87		SW "
08.05.10					45.750		BM 2
.63	3.51				42.87		NE corner locus 5.2
	3.545				42.835		NW "
09.05.10					45.750		BM 2 locus 7.3
.58	3.94				42.39		NE corner of "
	3.83				42.50		bottom of ashlar block " (NW corner) floor?
	3.825				43.505		" " " " " (SW corner) floor?
	3.405				42.925		top of large block in south of locus 7.3
10.05.10					45.750		BM 2 locus 7.5
.525	4.175				42.100		NE corner "
	4.155				42.170		NW "
	4.305				41.970		SE "
	4.300				41.975		SW "

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Trench Context Record
 Trench... Initials... Date started... Date finished...
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Context	Location (below, beside, on)	Structure (tumble, fill, floor, wall, pit, oven)	Soil colour	Soil texture	Depth	Thickness	Pages
1.1	top soil	tumble	grey/ochre	fine	18/20 cm	18	
1.2	east section "half" NS	tumble + wall (NS)	"	"	60		
1.3	5th east section	" " "	"	"	85		
2.1	west section "half"	floor? 1			20	70	
2.2		floor? 2			15-30		
3.1	dentrre	suspected wall					
3.2							
4.1							
4.2							
5.1							
6.2							
6.3							
7.1							
7.2							
7.3							
7.4							
7.5							
7.6							
8.1							
8.2							

