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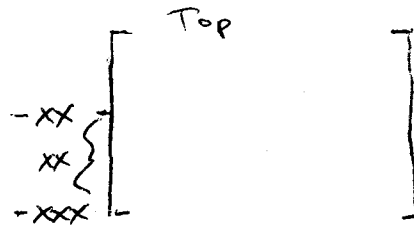
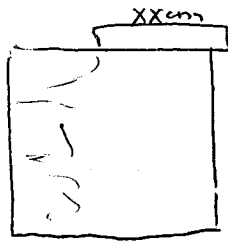
- Label lot
- Measurements
- Drawing - of measurements (~~plane~~ horizontally and vertically)
- Description of what found
- Thoughts

Op202/DI/Lot XXX:

[E] corner initial: -XX

[E] corner post: -XXX

Total Depth: XX



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P04-56-001

Today is a hot and dry day. I've partnered up with Laura and am feeling good. We are working on structure 79.

~~Op 202 DI / Lot 001~~

Op 202 DI: It is the axial trench, running at 60° NE; combined with DJ it is the complete trench. DI begins at the SW and moves in towards the center 5 meters. This is structure 79.

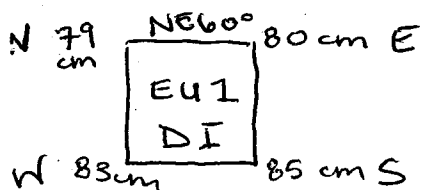
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P04-56-002

Today is overcast and cooler. I'm feeling good - a bit nervous. Were starting with initial measurements.

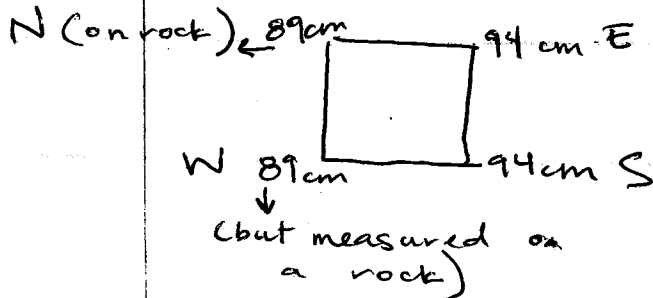
Op202DI (Structure 79, EU1)

Measuring from datum to determine initial elevations.



Op202DI/Lot 001: Not many sherds found; a few rocks. The depth measured from the SE corner. Originally 80 cm, now 94 cm.

Lot 001 is a little deeper than 10 cm.



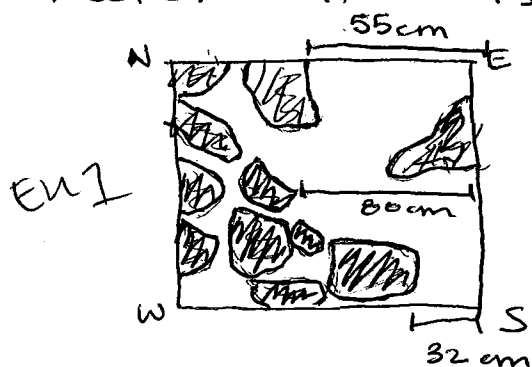
Lot 001 is done. I found 2 bits of sherds. Lot 001, in the eastern corner, ran a bit deep from 80 cm to 94 cm.

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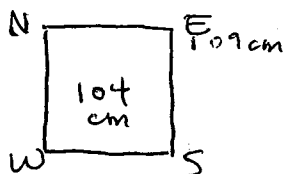
P04-S6-003

Op 202 DI / Lot 002: The initial depth of the eastern corner was -74 cm. The rocks uncovered appear to have some sort of pattern; some are flat. There is a large amount of sherds in this lot. Small piece of obsidian and chert.

The NW edge and half of the SW are lined with rocks. Therefore Lot 002 consists of about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the square meter. Here is a drawing:



We are digging in the areas without rocks, so as to keep them in place.



Lot 002 is done. Lot 002 ran, in the eastern corner, from -74 cm to -109 cm (though this was a bit lower than the rest. When measured in the center, it ran from -74 cm to -104 cm.

Obsidian, chert, & sherds were found.

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P04-56-004

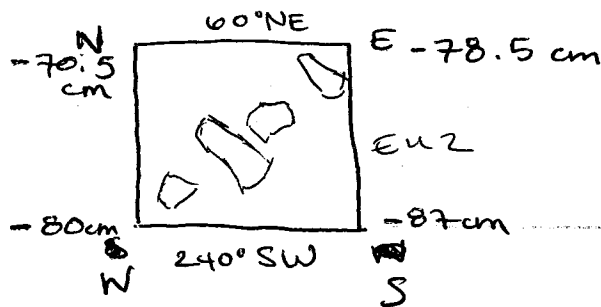
~~Op 202 DI/Lot 003:~~

Today looks like it's going to be hot!
I'm feeling a bit more confident, but
still not wanting to screw anything up.
I want to be slow and meticulous today.

Op 202 DI/Lot 003:

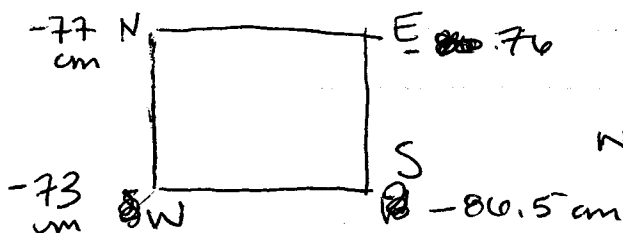
I am going to start digging in the
next excavation unit because we are
thinking that the rocks located in
the previous Lot (002) have some sort
of pattern. We would like to investigate
this by moving in.

Initial measurements:



In order to level
out this EU, we
are only going to
dig deeply at the
NE edge, to make
it level with that
of the SW.

There are many rocks, we are clearing
them off in order to determine if they
are tumble or something more relevant.



Due to the discrepancy,
we are continuing to
even it out.

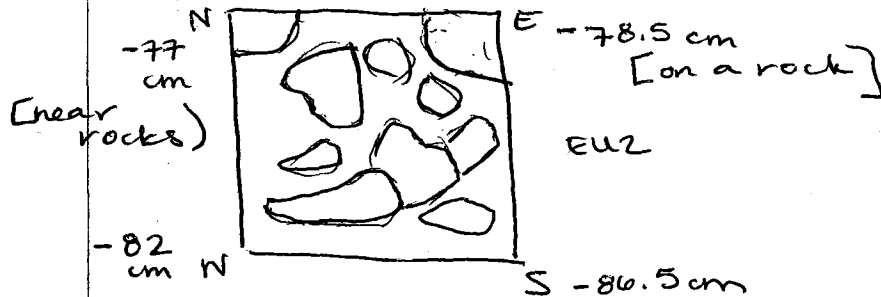
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P04-56-005

Op 202 | DI | Lot 003: Continued

There are many flat rocks located in this lot. Also, we've found 5 pieces of bahareque along the NE edge of the lot.

Final Measurements:



Lot 003 is done. Lot 003 ran, in the northern corner from ~~-80~~^{70.5} cm to ~~-82~~⁷⁷ cm, in the western corner from -80 cm to -82 cm, in the southern corner it did not change, and in the eastern corner from -78.5 cm to -78.5 cm due to a rock disrupting measurements. This lot served to level out EU2 for further digging. There are many rocks that appear to be tumble, but will stay in place through the next lot. Also, small amounts of bahareque were found.

Here is a vertical representation from the NW edge:



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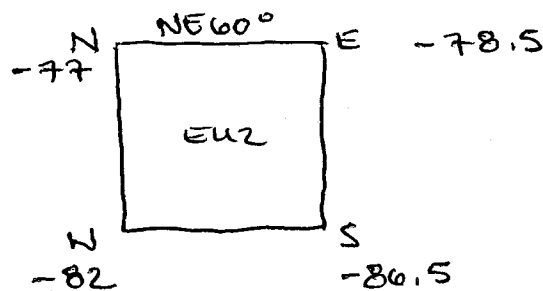
P04-56-006

Op 202 DI/Lot 004:

The goal of this lot is to see if any rocks lie beneath those found in Lot 003.

Initial Measurements

N = -77cm } on rocks
E = -78.5cm }
S = -86.5cm }
W = -82cm }

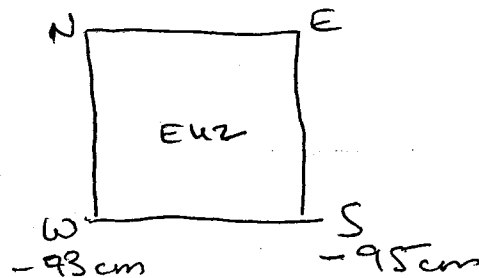


Lot 004 is done.

We have found a few sherds, and I cannot discern a pattern from the rocks.

Final Measurements:

N = not relevant (on rocks)
E = not relevant (on rocks)
S = -95cm
W = -93cm



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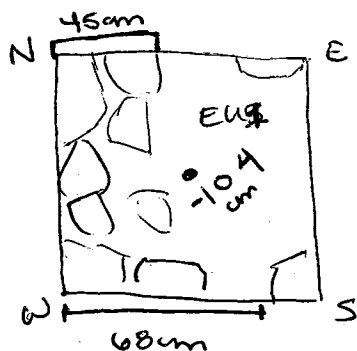
PO4-56-007

I'm a bit more tired today, but the cooler weather feels great this morning. I'm planning to take out much of my tumble today, and go further in.

Pat has noticed the connection/terrace to the neighboring building, so I am moving back to EU I and removing the tumble.

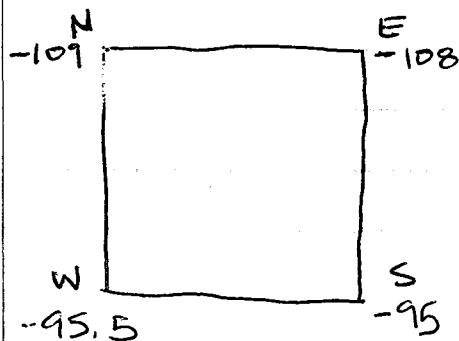
Op 202 | DI | 005:

Initial Measurements: From center: -104cm.



We are returning to excavation unit I, and leveling it out. The rocks taken out were mostly located on the NW edge of the unit. It will be leveled off to -108cm.

The soil is much more dense here. It is ~~tight~~ tightly packed. We've found many swords, 5 pieces of bahareque, 2 pieces of chert, and a few other intriguing small rocks.



Lot 005 is done. It ran from -104cm in the center to -108cm. The SW edge is approaching a wall, so it is slightly higher due to rocks.

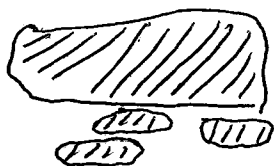
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PO4-56-008

Op 202/DI/006:

Lot 006 is located in excavation unit 2, starting at ⁹³-~~82~~ cm at the western corner. We will approach the lot from the SW edge and move in a direction of NE, removing rubble as we go.

We've taken out the rocks that have obviously fallen and are working slowly to try to pick out a structure. There are smaller rocks lying underneath a big flat rock:



It probably means nothing, but to be conservative, we're looking.

To end the day, we're leaving this lot open and will continue it tomorrow. We have moved into EU2 about 30-40 cm.

Obsidian, chert, sherds have been found.

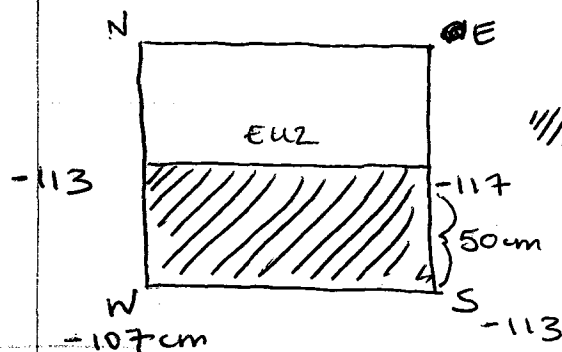
6 Feb 2004, Shannon Donald

P04-56-009

It's Friday and I'm feeling good. I'm tired, but drinking a lot of water and am excited to finish up the week.

Op202/DI/006: continued from yesterday.

Located in excavation unit 2, starting at -82cm in the western corner. Working from the SW edge, and moving into the unit. Yesterday we had gotten through 30-40cm into EU2, and we will continue.



////// = Lot 006

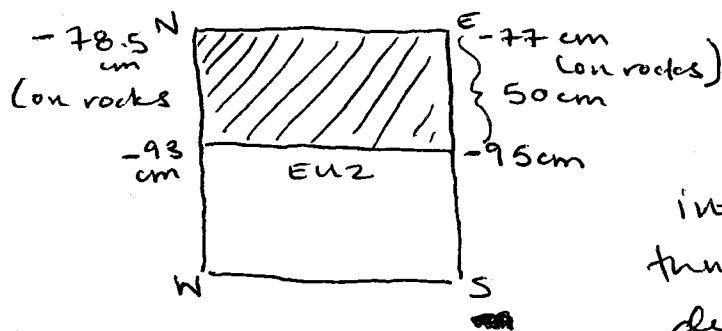
Lot 006 is done. It ran from ⁹³-~~82~~ cm in the

western corner to -107.

It also only covered half of EU2, the SW edge through 50cm from the NE edge. Many sherds were found, bahareque, and chert.

Op202 | DI | 007:

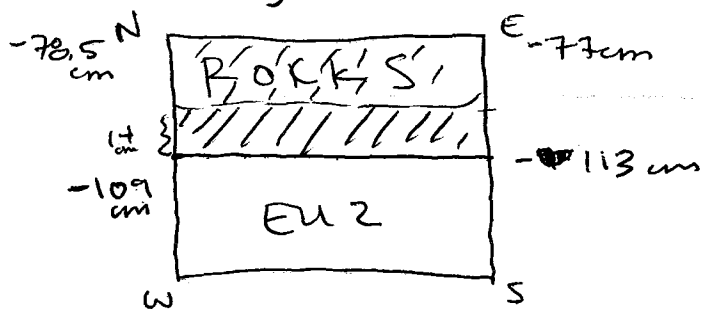
Initial Measurements:



We are moving into EU2, taking out rubble and terminal debris.

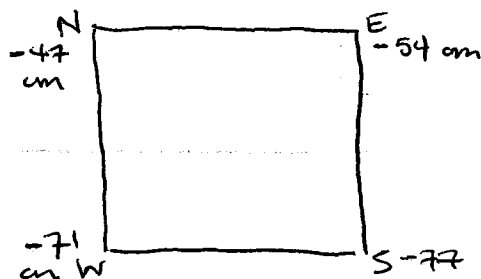
14 cm into this lot (64 cm into the unit) is a line of rocks that may be something. Lot 007 is done. We are going to move into excavation unit 3. We have found sherds, one obsidian blade, and chert.

Ending measurements:



Lot 007 ran from -93 cm to -109 cm on its western corner.

Initial Measurements of EU3:

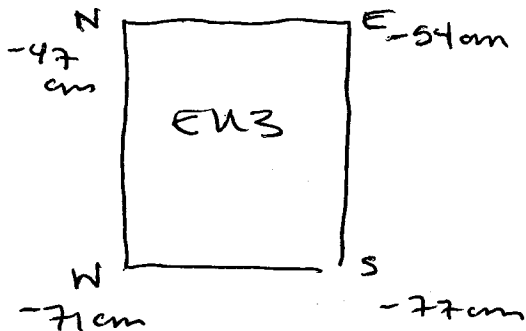


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P04-856-011

Op202/ DI/ 008:

Initial Measurements:



Lot 008 is located in excavation unit 3. We are evening out the dirt to look at the rocks.

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The clouds are breaking up, so it's probably going to be a hot and humid day. It rained last night, but it didn't seem to affect my trench too much. We will continue with Lot 008, by clearing off the dirt and taking a look at the rocks there.

A lot of the first layer of rocks appears to be tumble, but we are slowly taking the dirt out to make sure.

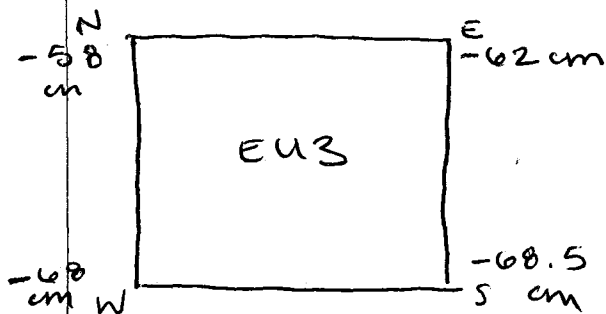
In the N corner, we found a large piece of baharegu. It is about 2 in. x 3 in. This may be an indication of burning.

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PO4-56-012

Op202|DI|008:

Lot 008 is done. It is located in excavation unit 3 and runs from -47cm Final Measurements: to -58cm on the northern corner.



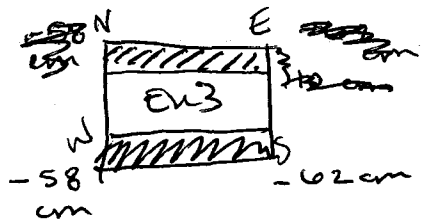
This was used to even out the unit, and clear off rocks. We haven't found anything

distinct in the rocks. One large piece of bahareque was found with a stick indentation.

Op202|DI|009:

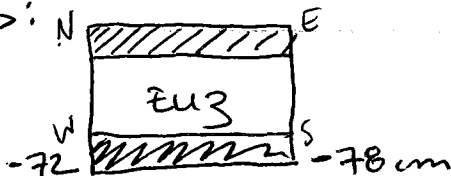
Lot 009 will be a small lot located on the SW 10cm of EU3. The purpose will be to explore the probability of a wall underneath rocks resembling order.

Initial Measurements:



Nothing is more obvious. We found 2 pieces of chert and sherds.

Final Measurements:



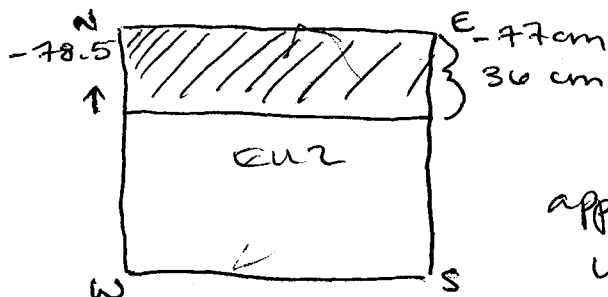
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POY-56-013

Op 202 | DI | 010:

Located in EU2, Lot 010 will be the 36 cm closest to the NE edge. It will run from -77 cm to -113, working slowly from SW to NE.

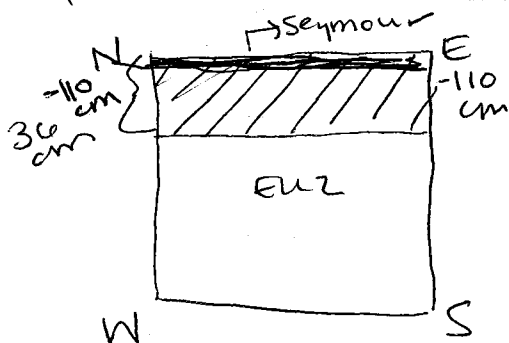
Initial Measurements:



We've found what appears to be the basal wall - SEYMOUR - on the NE edge of EU2.

In this lot we've found bahareque, and sherds. Also, one large piece of quartz.

Final Measurements:



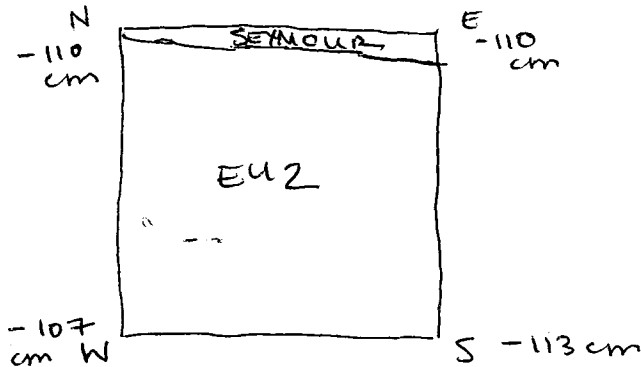
Lot 010 is done. It ran from -77 cm to -110 cm on the eastern corner. SEYMOUR extends about 8 cm into EU2.

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P04-56-014

Op 202 | DI | 011:

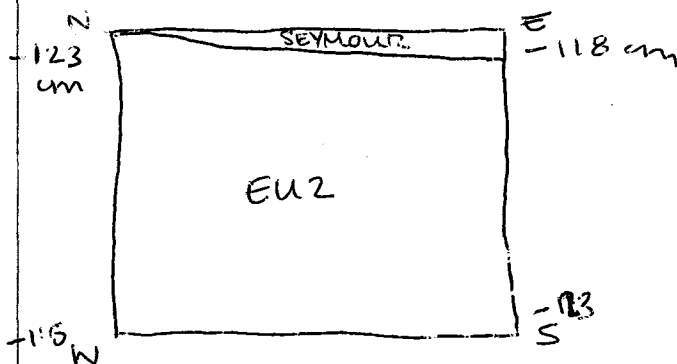
Located in EU2, initial measurements:



- obsidian, chert, sherds

Lot of oil is done. ~~The~~ SEYMOUR continues down; lot of obsidian found; still abundant sherds.

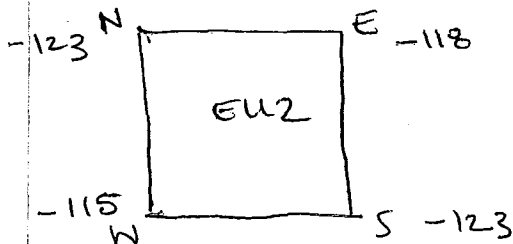
Final Measurements:



Lot of oil runs from -110 cm to -118 cm in the eastern corner.

Op 202 | DI | 012:

Located in EU2; initial measurements:



There is a change in the soil: it is lighter, very fine, tightly packed. Significantly less sherds are being found.

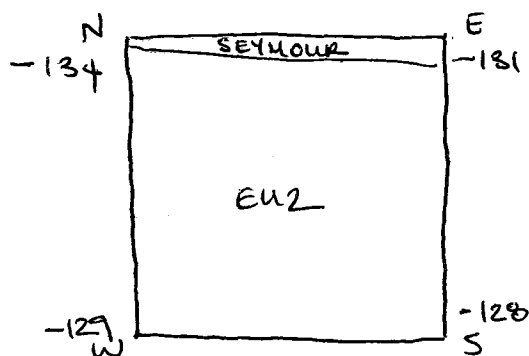
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Pot-56-015

It's overcast this morning, so I'm cool and feeling good. Laura's sick so I'm on my own for the day. I'd like to locate my ancient ground surface today, then continue excavating.

Op202/DI/012:

Final Measurements:

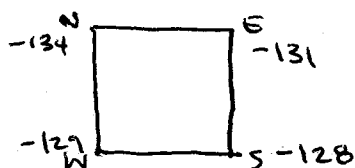


Lot 012 is done. We have found a significantly smaller number of sherds, and some chert. It ran from -123 in the southern corner to -128 cm.

Op202/DI/013:

For this lot we are only going down 5 cm, because it appears that the base of the wall is located here. The earth is very dense, and hard to break apart.

Initial Measurements:

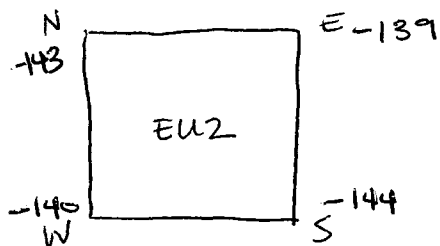


Carbon found at approximately -132 cm BD.

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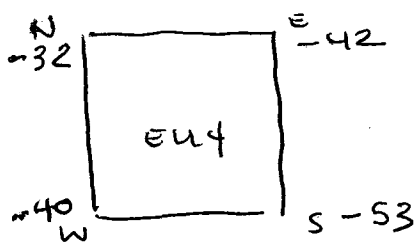
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Op202/DI/013:



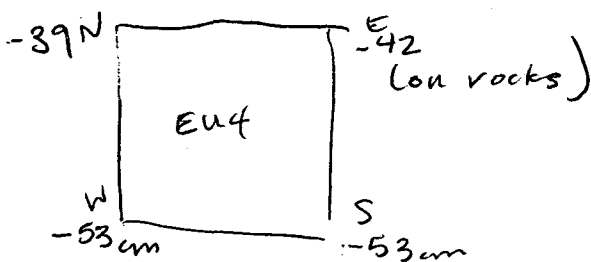
Lot 013 is done. It ran from -134 to -143 cm on the northern corner. The base of SEYMOUR is located in this lot. Just sherds found and one carbon sample.

Op202/DI/014:



Lot 014 is located in EU4. We are cleaning off the rocks and leveling the unit.

Final Measurements:



Lot 014 is done. It runs from -40 BD to -53 BD on the western corner. Just sherds were found.

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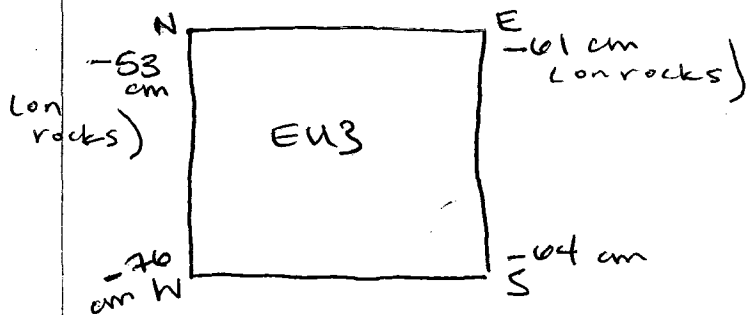
PO4-56-016

Op 202/DI/015:

Lot 015 will be located in EU3.

We are clearing tumble to locate the back of SEYMOUR.

Initial Measurements:



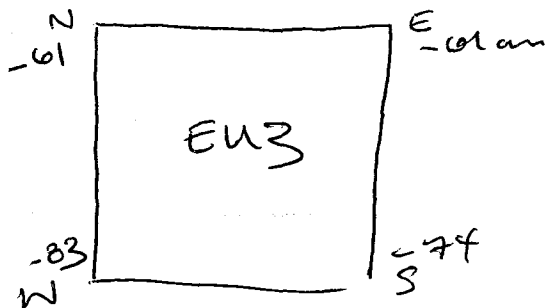
The large amounts of rocks located in EU3 appear to be back fill. They are large and flat.

Lot 015 is done.

Just sherds and tumble were excavated.

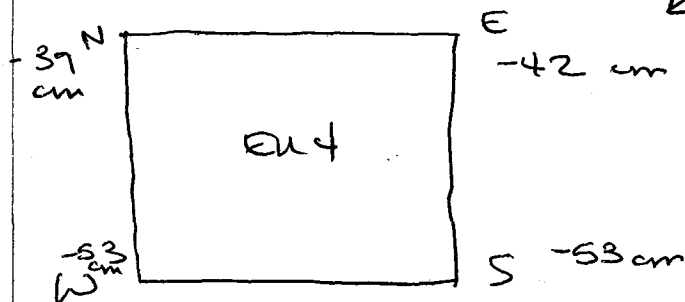
It ran from -76 cm to -83 cm on the western corner

Final Measurements:



Op 202/DI/016:

Initial Measurement



Lot 016 is located in EU4, but extends about 5-10 cm into EU3.

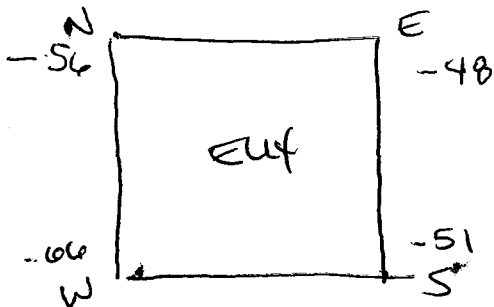
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P04-56-017

Op 202 | DI | 016:

Lot 016 is done. It was determined that the large flat rocks are fill, but in order to place them we must move to the next unit.

Final Measurements:

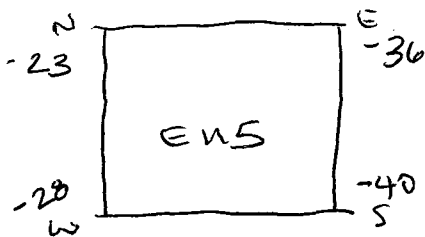


It ran from -48 cm to -48 cm on the eastern corner.

Op 202 | DI | 017:

Lot 017 is located in EU5

Initial Measurements:



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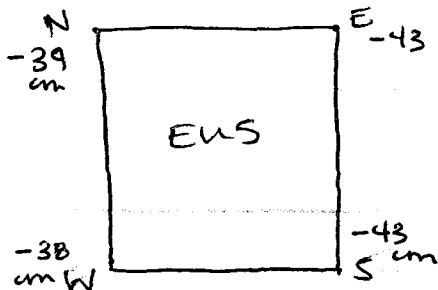
PO4-56-018

Laura is still sick, so I'm getting ready for another lonely day on structure 79. I'm a bit frustrated with the amount of rocks I'm having to sift through - and I'm not even sure what I'm looking for.

Op202 | DI | 017:

Located in EUS, first 10 cm below ground. We are clearing off the rocks to place them in context.

Final Measurements:



We are taking out rocks that are tilted and those without flat bases. A small amount of sherds have been found;

this is in accordance with the first level of every excavation unit.

Lot 017 is done. It ran from -23 cm BD to -39 cm BD on the northern corner.

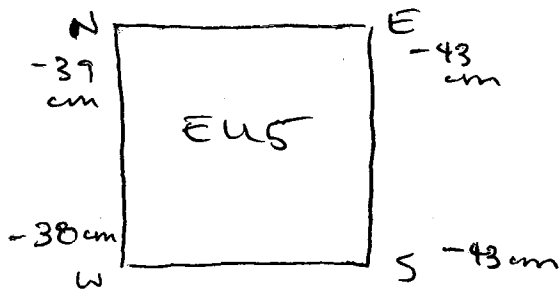
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Op202/DI/018:

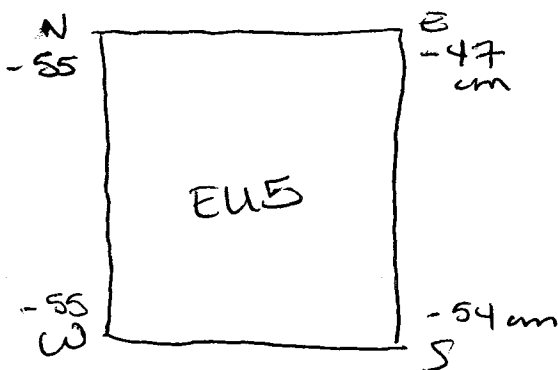
We are starting with removing tilted rocks, and lowering another 10 cm.

Initial Measurements:



Sherds, chert,
bahareque.

Final Measurements:

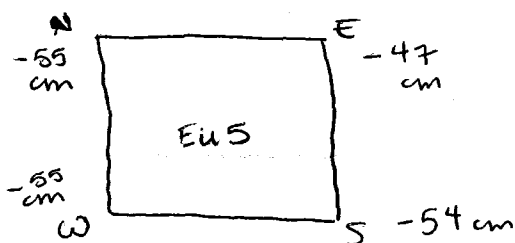


Lot 018 ran from
-39 BD to -55 BD
in the northern
corner.

Op202/DI/019:

We are now taking out all of the rocks in the unit. This will not

Initial Measurements:



change the elevation too much, because the dirt was already leveled out.

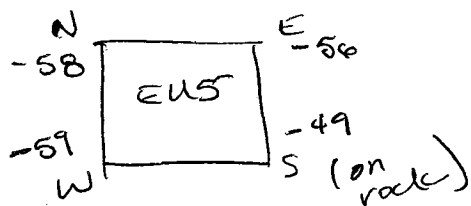
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Op 202 | DI | 019: Located in EU5

We are finding bits of carbon that are too small to be tested. It is @ about 20 cm below ground.

Final Measurements:

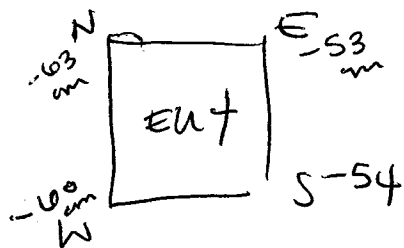


Sherds, bahouque.

Lot 019 is done. It ran from -55 BD to -68 BD in the northern corner.

Op 202 | DI | 020:

Initial Measurements:



We are moving into EU4, from the NE edge to find the back of Seymour.

I've found something that might be a wall. But we're going to have to continue tomorrow.

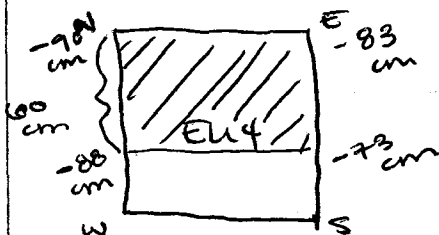
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P04-56-021

Feeling good today. I left yesterday mid-lot, so I need to continue with Lot 020 today. Due to some large rocks, it is incredibly uneven so we are going to even it out.

Op 202 | DI | 020:

Final Measurements:

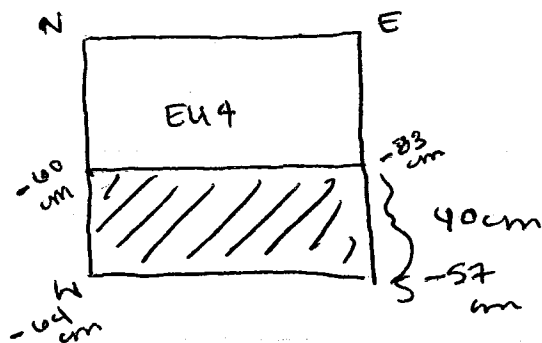


Lot 020 ends midway through EU 4 due to large questionable rocks. It goes through 60 cm of the unit starting from the NE edge. Bahareque and ceramics have been found. [and obsidian].

It ran from ~~-83~~ 63 cm to -90 cm in the northern corner. It is 60 cm x 100 cm horizontally.

Op 202 | DI | 021:

Initial Measurements:



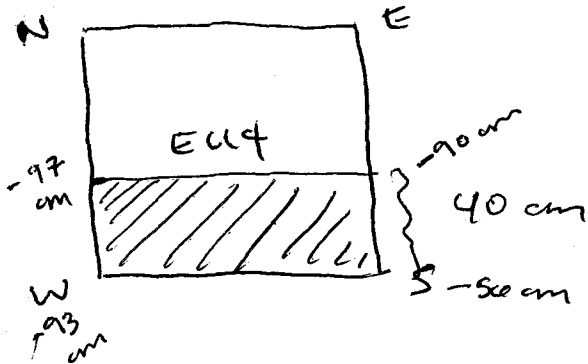
Lot 021 consists of 40 cm x 100 cm in the SW edge of EU 4. We are continuing to look for the back of SEYMOUR.

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P04-50-022

Op202 | DI | 021:

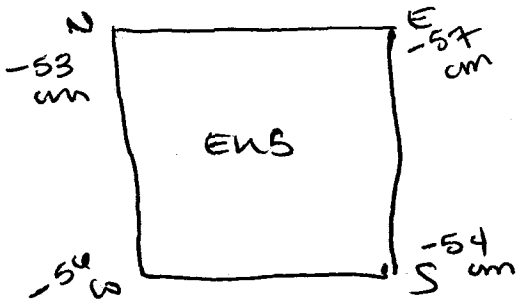
Final Measurements:



Adobe block found in EU4 at about 41 cm below surface. Shards and Obsidian found. It ran from -64 cm BD to -93 cm BD in the western corner.

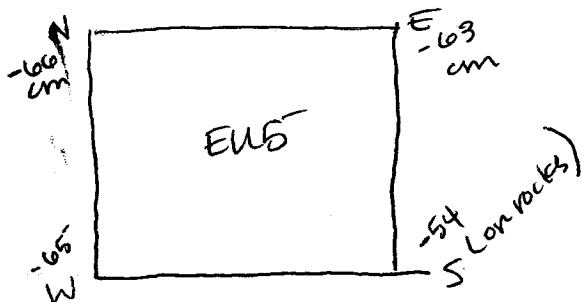
Op202 | DI | 022:

Initial Measurements:



Carbon found in first few centimeters.
- Shards

Final Measurements:



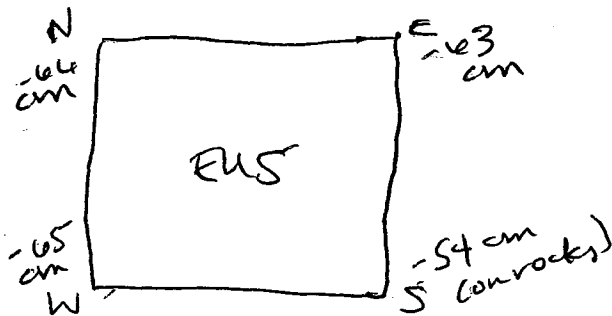
Lot 022 ran from -53 cm BD to -66 cm BD in the northern corner. We are going to continue down to investigate patterned ~~rocks~~ rocks.

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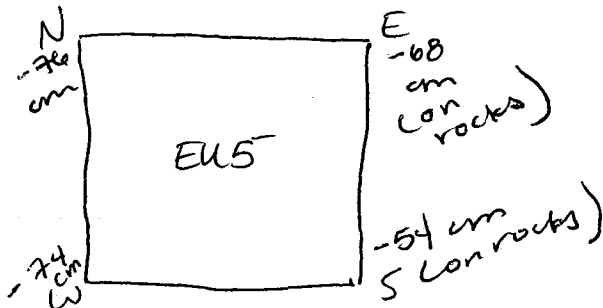
OP202 | DI | 023:

Initial Measurements:



→ Bahareque ceramics

Final Measurements:

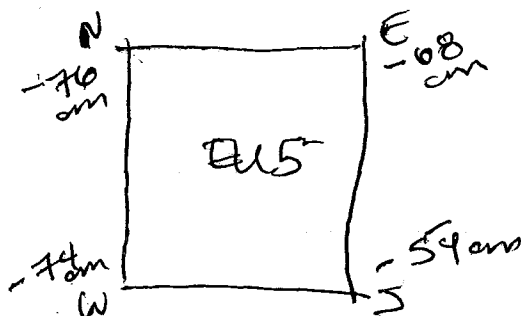


Lot 023 is done. It ran from -66 cm BD to -76 BD. Shards and Bahareque were found, but the rocks are still unclear.

Op202 | DI | 024:

Lot 024 is located in excavation unit S. The purpose of this lot is to investigate some patterned rocks.

Initial Measurements:



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~~Op202/PI/024:~~

We located a possible burial yesterday afternoon in Lot 024. I'm anxious to start digging today and finish up my time in the field. Luckily, Anna is helping me out and my goal is to be as thorough as possible.

Op202/PI/024: EU5

● Possible burial:

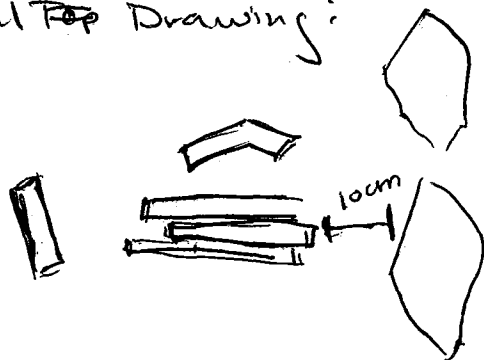
Located on the SW edge of excavation unit 5 (35 cm into the unit). There are a series of three long bones placed perpendicular to two other bones that are a bit shorter. One last bone is located ≈ 7 cm NE of the 3 long bones.

Depth: 80 cm BD

Measurements from SEYMOUR: 130 cm

Measurements from nearest possible feature: 10 cm

Aerial Top Drawing:



Side View:



Measurements from SE edge:

49 cm

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Final Notes - 202/DI

<u>Feature/ Unit Name</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Height</u>
SEYMOUR	1 meter exposed	1.06 meters	0.02 meters

<u>Alignment</u>	<u>Courses</u>
30° NW	Not decipherable

<u>Top Measure</u>	<u>Bottom Measure</u>
-67cm Below Datum	-130cm Below Datum

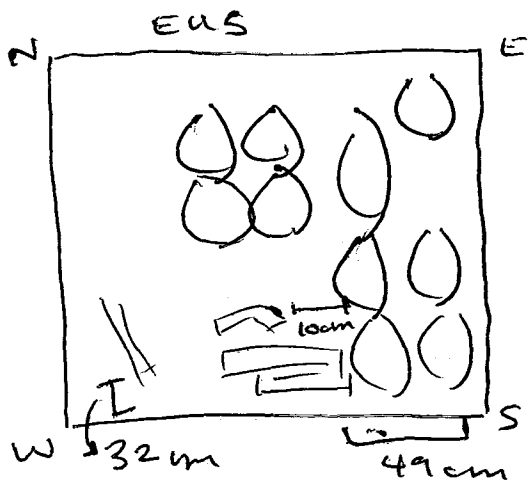
<u>Largest Rock</u>	<u>Smallest Rock</u>	<u>Modal Size</u>
20cm x 30 cm	7cm x 10 cm	

<u>Rock Form</u>
Flat, Shaped

Material

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PVC - Lot Chart
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Op	SubOp	Lot	Cer	Chert	Obs	Baja	Bone	Carbon	Elev (Start/Finish)	Location-Description
202	DI	001	X						-80 BD -74 BD	EU 2; Structure 79
202	DI	002	X	X	X				-74 BD -104 BD	EU 2; Structure 79
202	DI	003				X			70.500 -77 BD	EU 2; Structure 79
202	DI	004	X						-84.5 BD -95 BD	EU 2; Structure 79
202	DI	005	X	X		X			-108 BD -108 BD	EU 1; Structure 79
202	DI	006	X	X		X			-83 BD -107 BD	50cm x 100cm on SW side of EU 2
202	DI	007	X		X	X			-93 BD -109 BD	50cm x 100cm on NE side of EU 2
202	DI	008	X			X			-47 BD -58cm	EU 3; Structure 79
202	DI	009	X	X					-62 BD -78cm	10cm x 100cm on SW side of E3
202	DI	010	X			X			-77 BD -110cm	EU 2; 36cm x 100cm on NE side
202	DI	011	X	X	X	X			-110cm -118cm	EU 2; Structure 79
202	DI	012	X	X					-123 BD -128 BD	EU 2; Structure 79
202	DI	013	X				X		-134 BD -143 BD	EU 2; Structure 79
202	DI	014	X						-40 BD -53 BD	EU 4; Structure 79
202	DI	015	X						-76 BD -83 BD	EU 3; " 79
202	DI	016	X		X	X			-42 BD -48 BD	EU 4; " 79
202	DI	017	X						-23 BD -39 BD	EU 5; Structure 79
202	DI	018	X	X		X			-37 BD -55 BD	EU 5; Structure 79
202	DI	019	X			X			-55 BD -59 BD	EU 5; Structure 79
202	DI	020	X		X	X			-63 BD -90 BD	EU 4; 60cm x 100cm of NE side
202	DI	021	X		X				-63 BD -93 BD	EU 4; 40cm x 100cm of SW side
202	DI	022	X				X		-53 BD -66 BD	EU 5; Structure 79
202	DI	023	X			X			-66 BD -76 BD	EU 5; Structure 79
202	DI	023	X			X			66	
202	DI	024	X				X		-76 BD -80 BD	EU 5; Structure 79

measured on different corners due to rocks