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Field Notes

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1984
8-6-84
First day on site - met at lab. Cleared brush, trash from site and started unbackfilling Area 1.

8-7-84
Completed removal of backfill and sand from area 1 / root cellar - scraped units down. First tour given by John - in the rain. Moved onto Area 2 - began unbackfilling it - working with Camille and John.

8-8-84
Continuing to unbackfill and define balks in Area 2. Left briefly to help Kate sightings stakes and then again later to hold a tape off the transit while Kate and Robert put stake in. Left site early today to take time sheets into Annapolis.
8-9-84
Began removing P2 layer of Unit N with Camille, John and volunteer Linda. Finding whiteware, CE, nails and a lot of bone.

Camille came down upon a dark, irregular shaped soil stained. At this point we’re not sure what type of feature it is — could be tree fall — it seems to run up in the P2 layer to be part of F22.

9-12-84
Excavated dark soil stain in Unit N. It was darkest in color along west wall of Unit extending out into center of Unit where it became lighter in color — mottled with soil in the remainder of the Unit. Blasted then scraped feature with a chisel from west to east. Most of the stain disappeared after initial scraping — either a very shallow feature or perhaps not a feature at all but some tree fall or remains. Took area along west wall down deeper but it also bottomed out at P2. No artifacts were found in association with the feature. No profile was drawn — it was determined that this was not a feature but a tree and root stain. (See next page for rough sketch)

as one, we were not fooled.
A: unexcavated area
B: Excavated area
C: Part of excavated area taken deeper

l = denotes arbitrary line drawn and point of location where Excavation was PIsected
8.12 contd.

Remainder of P2 removed from unit. Large stones begun opening along North wall of unit running East from NE corner to center of N wall. More ceramics (*Welden west*) CE, nails and bone were removed.

Stones might be part of Feature 22 - cellar.

Two adjacent units - one directly north NW and one just west NW will be taken out next to look for continuation of stone line.

Camille took NW - I took NW.
8.13.84
Feature 22, but no stones showed, up in both Unit N W and Unit N W.
Camille and I reviewed previous to excavation reports for both units.
Besides Feature 22 - Features 48, 49, 50 were also uncovered in my unit.
Katie and Robert decided that the rest of Area 2 should be unbackfilled before any more single unit be taken down.

8.14.84
Serious fun begins in Area 2. Camille, John and I begin removing backfill and sand from units.

8.15.84
The Fun Continues - remainder of Area 2 is unbackfilled.
8-16-86
Sand cleared from remaining section. Area 2-
steps taken in Area 3—left early today 11:00

8-19-86
Completed steps Area 3—began some north
of Area 1.

8-20-86—rainy lab day
organized lab—washed artifacts

8-21-86—rainy lab day

did Aram vacate distribution
maps for Areas 1, 2 and 3.

catalogued artifacts
Began excavation of unit 150 N25W - working with Eadies. Got most of F2 out - all dirt screened - Found a lot of CE and white wire, borked wire, nails, a brick (?), large bones.

8-23-86

Excavation completed on Unit 150 N25W - remainder of P2 removed. Came down on dark irregular soil anomaly (A & B below) that area most of unit. Scraped it back about 4 different times but it wouldn't disappear. We differentiated between two soil stains.

They could possibly extend into areas to the north, south and west of 150 285.

Artifacts included CE, white wire, cream ware, nail fragments, pipe stem fragments, small brick pieces.
9:26 a.m.
Working with Edie W. Stacked N160 W280 and took it down to subsoil. Soil is consistent in texture and munsell color with other units excavated in area III. Two plow scars were located on unit E1 along west wall.

9:27 a.m. & 9:28 a.m.
Still in area III - working with Edie W. We opened N150 W280 taking it down to subsoil. Lots of root in subsoil. This unit is directly under a tree. Unit E1 has 3 plow scars. A 1935 slab and possible end edge of future.

9:39 & 8:36 a.m.
Working with Edie W. Began N110 W260 - lots of root in subsoil.
Finding plaster and bowl fragments, whiteware, CE bottle glass flasks.
1 button

Stopped in afternoon to do tops and side triangulation of new units.
9.2.86 - 9.4.86

At Finish area W160 W260

got an edge of Feature 87 along
Sewn edge of unit but it's not distinct. 3 other anomalies were located
on unit finds (4, 12 + 3 on rough sketch)

9.5.86 scrape down Nicu260 photo

9.6.86

Began N155 W245 in area III

revering nail fragments, C.E. Whitmore

9.8.86

edge of Feature 87 located
in N155 W265 - along N & NW wall
9.10-8:26 9.11-8:46
Various tasks
helping Ecw map, Stop, Scraping down area III - 8

9.12-8:56
am - Stop areas 1 and 2
afternoon - triangulation of new units
began taking out P2 in 220N 465W
reworking small glass fragments, CEs, Shards, 
whatever.

9.13-8:16 - continuing 220N 465W

9.16-8:16
Completed 220N 465W - taking it to subson. Unit floor revealed large dark anomaly standing in from west wall. unit not photographed or mapped as of 9:16.
9.18 - Rain / Lab day

9.19 - 8:46
am - triangulation of new units
afternoon worked with John Niao Wess

9.20 - 8:46
worked with a group of 7th/8th graders
from Jonny Cake School in Winzugs.
We got a lot of the P2 act - but not all.
They were more interested in screening
and finding artifacts than in shoveling.

9.23 - 8:46
Scraped dada N140
unit floor revealed an styro and a
large circular anomaly with a plan
scar intruding into it.
9-24-81

am - opened new unit with school. N145W265

a group from Jericho. We didn't get as far

of the PZ - not surprising since I had

to continually chase them around the site to

got them to come back and shoot.

afternoon - scraped down 110+ - It

was nice and quiet. No kids.

plus scar is distinct and is running through

Features. Not mapped or photographed as of 9-24

9-25-81

Rain - Spent morning in laboratory

afternoon - began 24x5

N145W265 with Betty

9-26-81

Completed N145W265 taking

it down to subsoil. Large mottled

anomaly is located center of unit close

to norm line. Doesn't seem related to F86.

Located some nail and metal frags CE

and whiteware sherds. pipe stem frags.
9. 24. 86

Working with Lee Preston
volunteers in Nasw4s the unit
that the Jemicy kids steered. Worked
all day on it but still not out of P2.

9. 30. 86

mapped N140 N25
Scraped down W190 W45

and 450

10. 1. 86

cleaned N90 W450 for photo

took opening elevations, set up for

and began excavation of E80.

Excavating SE quad first.

Initial Scraping Find soil evenly

distributed over quad but after taking it
down a few tenths it is apparent that the

feature has much more depth along the quads

West wall and is shallowed along it outer edges.
FB 16 is a 10yr 313 dark brown
silty clay loam mottled with 30% 10yr
3/2 very dark grayish brown silty clay
loam (possible root disturbance) +5%
1.5yr 416 strong brown clay loam w/mica
and 10% hour 613 yellowish brown clay loam.

Finding some nail and metal fragments,
and CE but also cremation and
clay pipe stem and butt fragments.

First indications suggest Feature 6 as
a trash pit due to its circular
appearance and mixture of 19th and 18th
century artifacts.

Excavated about 15 today. Somewhat
slow going. Northern most point of
outer edge seems to extend down deeper
than rest of edge.
Oct 3, 84

Continuing in Feature 36:

I've excavated down far enough to see that the Feature is dish shaped in that it slopes from its outer edges down to the center.

I didn't catch this at first. There is root disturbance (a dark area very similar in color to F86) located in the corner and I didn't notice this "dish" shape until I was able to view the profile wall. Artifacts are not plentiful but are from 18th century.

More pipe stem frags. and creamware sherds.

Afternoon:

Exposed enough of profile wall to notice 2 distinct features.

A - l0yr 12 brown (dk brown) Sandy Clay Loam
B - l0yr 3/3 dk brown Silty Clay Loam
C - 90/50 l0yr 4/3 brown (dk brown) Silty Clay Loam mottled with l0yr 5/4 yellowish brown Clay Loam
D - l0yr 5/4 yellowish brown Clay Loam (subsoil)

took munsell colors to determine difference in soil colors but haven't drawn profile yet.
various artifacts still indicate that F86 is a possible trash pit, but profile wall leads me to think that 86 could be a post mold (a-on section) = post hole (86)

(Feat. 92)

10-4-86

Some of the possible post mold was inadvertently removed with F86. I was looking for the shallower outer edge to slope down towards the thicker center — which I originally perceived to be part of 86 itself.

Removal of 86 from overall SE quad. Perhaps center feature could be a large, top root (its soil is loose and rooty) and that is a definite area of displaced subsoil between it and outer dark anomaly. At this point I’m not 100% sure what F86 is. It could be a large trash pit but if there are a post hole and post mold present are they intrusive into 86 or is 86 intrusive into them?

Stay Tuned.
10-7-86

working with G+T volunteers
on NO 430 - P2 not completely
felt. Recovering a lot of CE some
pearlware, plain and hand painted,
pure skin fragments and nail fragments

10-9-86

am - helped out Camille by screening
herandirt for her.
afternoon tried out new Flotation system -
light Fraction bags and conductor
for water flow - the material is strange
I had to shake and squeeze the bag.
this took lot of time. I only get one
sample done.

10-9-86

opened up new unit with Teen
Pinker kids. They were not really
prepared to work. I had to spend alot
of time explaining the hands and why is
excavation to them. Removed some of CE.
Record, CE shards, nail frags, large green
bottle glass frags, whiteware sherds
10.10.86
Floation-Flo material

10.11.86
am- worked with Al in his unit-
it was dry - almost impossible
to travel
afternoon- washed and F22 material,

10.14.86
rain | half day

10.15.86
am - worked with volunteer Roger.
Spent alot of time explained field method
to him and showing him how to elimate
screen, and recognize artefacts.
afternoon- water screened F22 soil
with Roger and Betsy.
10.16.86
am - Flotation of F10 material.

afternoon - working with Jean Dinkel and Kids. Still not out of P2.

10.17.86
Flotation - F10 and F22 Material.

10.18.86
Workshop - Explained water screening and flotation to visitors.

10.21.86
am - Helped John cut screening steel from his unit.

afternoon - Flotation F22 material.

10.22.86 Flotation all day - F22 Material.

10.23.86 Water screened F22 material with the Bun Mus girls.

afternoon - Jean Dinkel Kids (N240 W436)

Still not out of P2.

Recovery more CE1 Whitewax, pipe sum frags. Not yet.
10-24-86
Begun excavation of new unit with volunteers N140 W435. Removed most of the P2.

10-25-86
Continuing in N140 W435, with two volunteers. Term and heat stirred. Removed remainder of P2 down to subsoil. Noticed dark, rectangular anomaly extending out from east wall.

- P2 was shallow in this unit. Removed subsoil as high as .41. Removed CE ceramic and green bottle glass.

10-28-86
Worked in N240 W430
Located an STP (19.86) in NE corner and a large reddish rock in SE corner. Soil feels soupy and soft to the touch. Camilla thinks it could be part of an original hearth. I'm not sure.
10.29.86
am- waterscreen F22 material with volunteers
afternoon- continued same with John

10.30.86
am traveled down with Kate
afternoon- waterscreen F10 material with the turtle kids.

10.31.86
Scraped down N140 W+35

11.1.86
am- busy volunteer day - a lot of dogs (2)
opened up N266 W+35 (the 4-legged kid)
unit of F10 worked with two high school student volunteers
continued by myself afternoon

11.4.86 Rain lab day

11.5.86 Rain lab day
11.6.86
am - flotation of F22 material
afternoon - traveled all of area 77
with Edie for photo

11.7.86 am - prepared area 77
for photo with porch tote
afternoon - went into lab to wash
artifacts

11.8.86
Lab workshop
washed artifacts in lab

11.11.86 Rainy lab day

11.12.86
am - lab - washing artifacts
afternoon - worked on 1940s J. B.
p32 still not completed out
11.13.86

Drew profile of F84 SE quad
Began excavation of NE quad - pulling it back from the South or profile wall.
1 CE sherd and 1 polychrome Creamware sherd were laying directly on feature surface.
Soil color and texture is consistent with that removed from SE quad, except along the North outer edge where I noticed a light colored (Lot 714 very pale brown clay)

[Diagram: a clay spot with mottles]

11.14.86 Rain lab day
spent day picking, flotation

11.15.86

Drew Feat 92 and Feat 36 on feature forms
went into lab to warm up - washed artifacts - did paperwork

Afternoon - went back out under Kunit worked with Beoey taking P2 out of W250 of 40
11.18.66

Continuing in F86 NE Quad
removing dark feature 5A1. Like SE
Quad, NE Quad slopes from its outer
edges down to the center at 86' - Feet - 92'
Recovering a lot of nails and metal scraps
CE Sheds and Creamware Sheds.
F86 is still acting like a trash pit - Why
does it look like a post hole - Post mold?
Light colored clay is still apparent as
well as contained along North - outer edge.

Kate and Robert discussed the possibility
of F86 being a large planting hole with
Subsequent fill and trash placed around
it. Sounds good but then they
started talking about it being a UFO thruster
pad or alien furniture remnants so who
can believe them with supervisors like them.

But - everything is going OK

Afternoon: waterscreened F86 material
found some small seeds, CE Sheds, a
metal something and - oh no - charcoal.
11-19-86
Scraped down N190 W435 am
N140 W430 afternoon

11-20-86
Open house day — also raining
Channel 13 came in the am
Spent the afternoon in the lab washing artifacts and drinking mulled cider.

11-21-86
Back in F86, NE Quad
Have removed most of Feature down to subsoil. First I've been taking F82 down a few tenths then bringing F86 down here with it. 2 large oyster shell halves here came out of F92 as well as 1 small sherd and a small, green, curved glass fragment.

Noted a squarish, dark area directly east of F92. It was bisected and the south half excavated to determine if it is a separate feature.

No artifacts

In profile it looked like this:

Afternoon — spent in lab
Feature 95 (within Feature 86)

First noted - Erected goes to center for sighting it.

While removing scarp remains of F96, a light, almost whitish colored soil area.
Squad up around Feature 92 - perhaps as an arrow post hole. It's a compact and
gritty soil, much different than what surrounded it or was on top of it. Since this spot
was not noted at a higher elevation. Could this mean that the post hole and moat
preceded F96?

Began removing F92 and F95 separately.
Scoping 92 out with a spoon and then taking 95 down level with it.
Excavation not complete yet.

Afternoon - Water sourced F96 NE quad material.
11-25-86

am scraped down N190W 43.5'  
went into lab around 10 to wait 
for de inrison volunteers.  
came back at lunch (of course)  
afternoon worked in N 260 W 490  

11-26-86 rain lab day  

11-27-86 thanksgiving break  

12-1-86  
Continuing to remove F95 - Soil  
is getting grittier as it is taken down  
but remains the same color.  
Removed the rest of F92 today - 92  
got smaller in diameter as it was taken  
down. Underneath 92 was a large fle  
clay - 95 appears to continue on much  
deeper than 92.  

12-2-86 rain lab day
12-3-36

am working with Edie removing P3 from N250 w 430

also scoured N190 W145 down it was photographed and mapped

afternoon some time left Spent it

removal hole Fill (95) from around

Excavated F92

12-4-36

Removal remains of F95 today

Hole Fill consists of several soils of
different colors and textures and gritiness

I think there the post mold and hole
prevailed F96 a trash pit perhaps
the trash was filled around the post or
what was left of it - profile wall shows
soils slanting not level across wall
the post could have been set in at an
angle or pulled out at an angle displacing
the soils around it thus
2.5.86

Cleaned and travelled F86 and some areas surrounding it for photos of excavated areas of F86 and profile wall. Need closing elevations and b/s s.

12.6.86 Spent the morning in the lab because of cold weather.

Afternoon - drew profile of west wall of F86. See drawing for detail.

12.9.86 Rain Holiday

Began numbering artifacts.

12.10.86

Am and most of afternoon - water screened soils from features 95 and 97. Also mapped features in bottom of N240 W430.
12-11-86

Lab day numbered artifacts

in the morning

Screened Flotation (Heavy Fraction)

Samples in the afternoon

12-12-86

am - Screened Flotation (Heavy Fraction) Samples

afternoon - washed artifacts

12-13-86

am - Screened Flotation (Heavy Fraction) Samples

afternoon - numbered artifacts

12-16-86

Numbered artifacts

12-17-86 - 12-20-86 lab days

Numbered and cleaned artifacts

Flotation, Water Screening
12-22-86
Catalogued coded artifacts

12-23-86 am Coded artifacts
Afternoon helped Edie with profile
at Feet: 10

12-24-86 - 12-29-86 Christmas Break

12-30-86 Worked in lab completing paperwork