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FIELD NOTES
Bc 53 Room 2

Raymond S. Baby.

Aug. 5, 1940.

Excavation began by removing a small portion of the top soil to locate walls and other structures. Located a wall running north and south. Trenched along this wall until another wall was reached which ran east and west. In trenching a small area of burnt corn was found in the S.E. corner, 12" from the top of the wall. Trenched along wall (E.W.) until another N.S. wall was reached. The average depth of trench was 8" to 10" and 12" to 16" wide.

Aug. 6.

Continued and completed trenching along walls until the outline of the room was obtained. Numerous amount of sherds were found in trenching. Photographed site as far as the excavation had progressed.

Aug. 7.

Number assigned to room, #2. Began the removal of fill or level 1. A small dark ash area was found in the center of room, 1'8" from B.M. 61 sherd found.

Aug. 8.

Continued to remove fill. Began along west wall and immediately found large pieces of stone, 2'4" from B.M. In this rubble was found one metate, 3'2" from B.M., 2' from W wall, and 3 1/2' from N wall. No other artifacts found. 91 sherds collected. Max. depth of fill, 3'4" from B.M.

Aug. 9.

Started on level 2, and continued to remove large pieces of stone. The distribution was not consistent. The depth of stone in the east portion of the room was 3'6" extending out to a distance of 6'. From the west wall, 4'2" in depth and 3' out.

Just below this stone was found a stratum of fine sand mixed with roof material. At this point a test hole was started in the north west corner. This was used in trying to locate the floor. In cleaning the west wall, a patched door was found, 3' from the N.W. corner. The patch was 1'11" wide (max.). No artifacts found. Sparse amount of sherds found, 34, in number. Min. depth 3'4" Max. 5'6".

Aug. 10.

Started on level 3. Consisted of roof material, small to medium sized pieces of stone mixed in with sand. Artifacts: A work piece of sandstone, triangular in shape, 5'6" from B.M., next to N. wall, and 2' from W. wall. One awl sharpener, 5'8" from B.M., 6" from N. wall, 3' from W. wall. Many sherds found.

August 12 Cleaned up room and dig for Conference.

August 16 Continued Level three. material consisted of roof portions, fine sand and pieced of stone. Found rush mat impression five 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from B.M., 2' 5" from west wall, and 1' 7" from north wall. One Manx six feet from B.M., one foot six inches from west wall and two feet from north wall. One piece of wood five inches long and one and one half inches in diameter, oval in shape, 5' 8" from B.M., and 2' 7" from north wall and two feet from east wall. Another Mano 6' 8" from B. M. 2' 4" from west wall and 5' from north wall. A hard-packed portion was found runningg along the west wall, 6' 8" from B.M. and was believed to be the floor. It was 1' 7" wide and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and 3' 7" long. A hundred and sixty-two shards were collected. The minimum depth was 5' 5", maximum 6' 4".

August 19 Started strat.

August 20 Completed strat.

August 21 Started removal east L section. Began at north-east corner and worked to south wall. Removal done by levels. One broken metate found in fill Level two removed some shards, no artifacts. Burial located in third level in north-east corner in sist.

August 22 Too wet from rain to work in room, cleaned up dig.

August 23 Started excavation of burial located in the third level, assisted by D. Morgan. began by removing roof material and stones above the burial. Then proceeded with uncovering of the matting which was carefully brushed and treated with alvar. This was removed and placed in cotton lined boxes. Then continued with the uncovering and outlining of the skeleton. It was found that the burial was placed in a sist on the floor in the north-east corner of the room. Over the body was placed one small log (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter) laid lengthwise and two others crosswise. Matting had evidently been laid over the logs and then covered with reeds. The burial was of an adult, lying on the right side, facing east. Left leg over and crossing right leg. Left arm flexed down and across the chest, fingers clenched. Right arm flexed under torso. A portion of a pot (forest dale smudge) placed in front of the face. Some vegetable material found in the abdominal region. The length of burial 3' 8", length of sist 4' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and width 2' 2".

August 24 Cleaned up burial and photographed.

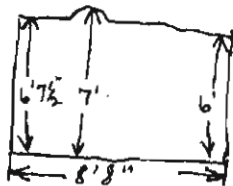
August 26 Charted and measured burial in the morning.

August 27 Went to Largo Canyon with Dr. Hibben. D. Morgan removed burial.

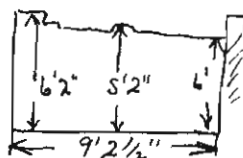
August 28 Removal begun of south L section. No artifacts. Only shards found.

August 29 Morning. measured depth and height of walls, assisted by Jean watt. Depth of Room - 6' 10"

S. wall



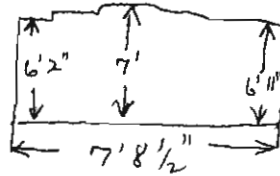
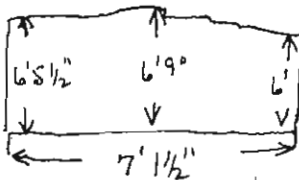
N. wall



W. wall

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E. wall



Then helped D. Morgan remove portion of south L section of room six. Then worked on floor of Kiva B.

Afternoon: Assisted D Morgan to excavate and remove burial, room six. Removed stone slab over burial, 18" by 29". Burial ran along south wall 26 1/2" from the west wall. No artifacts but several shards were in association with the burial. The skeleton was of an infant's in a semi-flexed position lying on right side, facing south. Left arm (ulna and radius) was under the skull. Right arm extended at the side. Left leg over right. Condition was fair. Skull cracked and the bones in this area were disturbed.

After removal of burial went to room ten and excavated a small portion which was left by Jack Anderson. Found one human mandible, 3' from south wall next to west L section, and on floor. Also several cervicle vertebra ^{and} ribs, some loose human teeth and these mixed with miscellaneous animal bones. Another human mandible 2' 5" from south wall next to west L section and on floor. One humerus in the west L section 1' 9 1/2" from south wall, distal end protruding and was not removed.

Artifacts:

Pottery leg, Bc-53 10/2
Stone tablet, Bc-53 20/37
Matting, Bc-53 35/4,35/6.

Burial, Bc-53 60/3.

Dear Dr. Roberts,

It has been a pleasure to work under your direction, this summer. Thanks a million for everything.

Raymond S. Baby.