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Bc 53, Field Notes - 1940 Unidentified. Very small pages, some spiral bound. Contains information on rooms 10 and 11 mostly. Mentions a number of burials below floors of rooms.

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Field Notes
1949

Field Notes

W. H. C. Group, Camp, in the
62-53-672

1949

16

BC 53 Room 10

Bulk sherds floor
level

bone awl

e $1' 3\frac{1}{2}"$, n $2' 8\frac{1}{2}"$
vertical $5' 5\frac{1}{2}"$

board pine

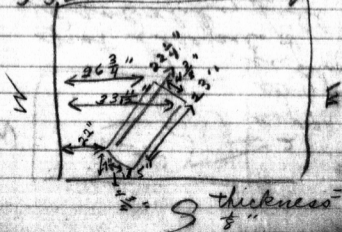
Length

width

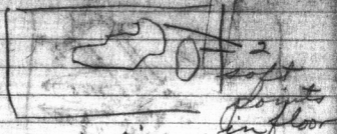
thickness

distance from top of wall

$5' 3\frac{1}{2}"$



W



not fire pits
Probably fill
between 2 floors.
Below 1st floor
fill of ash, bones &
charcoal.

Aug. 26/1940 A. S. Stein

Aug. 27

BC 53 Room

9' 10" = h. of fill

Stratifications of
enwall drawn to
scale

Aug. 28 - stratifications of en-

wall drawn to scale

h. fill - taken off
in 10" layers.

Top fill - water fill
and then some adobe

$W = 27'' = 2\frac{1}{4}''$

$L = 7\frac{1}{2}''$

3 levels of 10'

1 level - the last 13''

about 1' in
8'' below floor level
small piece of agurite

in floor fill
given to Ed. Stern at Or. Museum

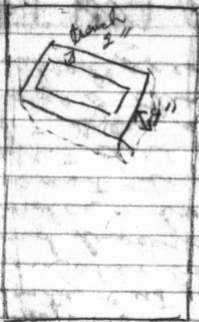
e Wall cleared to floor level
very few shreds found
about 5 in the total
levels - 2 bones in level 4.

Aug. 27

BC 53

Room 11

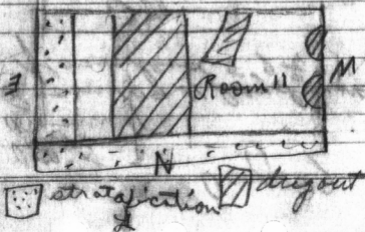
Room 109 11 benchmark
floor level $5'9\frac{3}{4}"$



floor dug under
to below level of wall

rubbish pit cleaned

wood cluster
cast cut under
2 inches below
and board slid
under - board
& cast turned
over & dirt taken
off - new side of
board clustered
& shellaced.



Aug. 27,

BC 53 - Room 11

the fireplace stratification is taken
 $6\frac{1}{2}$ "s. from n. block
at west end and $5\frac{1}{4}$ "s.
from n. block at east
end.

North block stratification mapped.

BC 53

Aug. 29, 1940

Room 11

N. stratum block

1st water washed sand
fill taken out

2nd rest of top of wall
level 10" down taken
out (contains rubble
& adobe)

Rest of wall taken
down by 10" levels.

no sherds in water wash
sand

2nd level of rubble
one rim sherds.

2nd level - 1st below water
wash sand - below +
fragmentary rock was
sterile

↓ shard found in ^{4th}
section of rubble
rest of 2nd level steric

left half of mass
2' 8" s. from n. wall
2' 6" w. from s. wall
1' above floor level

portion of a metate
3' 3" s. of n. wall
1' 11" w. of s. wall
10" above floor level

Bone awl found
L 6", W 2 2"
vertical 5' 2" from
bench marks
very good
condition; conyle

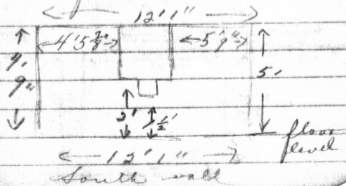
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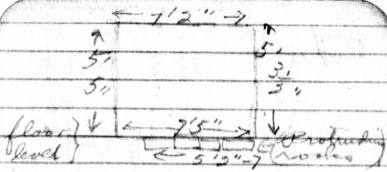
BC53 Room 11

small center
position + complete
point found broken
by fresh break, -
all parts obtained
& restorable

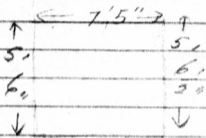
very fine point
& smooth surface

Cleared floor of room
and took wall
measurements
from floor level -



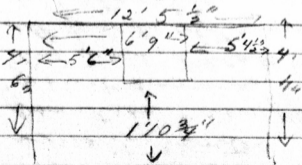


east wall



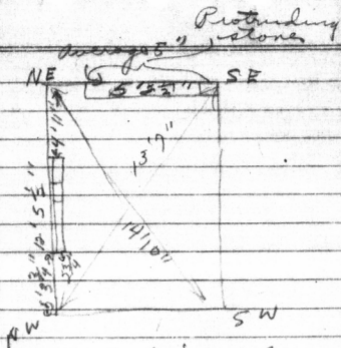
$\leftarrow 7' 7 \frac{3}{4}'' \rightarrow$

west wall



$\leftarrow 12' 4 \frac{1}{2}'' \rightarrow$

south wall



floor with diagonals.

rocks are $1\frac{1}{2}$ " out
from N. wall at fire
pit. Patches used
as wedge in filled
door of N. wall.

NK

NR

NL

NE

A

SE

SL

SR

SV

W10. W5

0

E5

E10

E15

2 pole wooden lintel
Room 6. Wall blocking
door only $\frac{1}{2}$ way through
2

Aug. 4,

Started cleaning up
on room:

Burial Beneath floor
of room 6
7

Trench in Sec A-E10
to locate dump at foot
of talus.

Aug. 5.

- continued with various rooms
- Facial half skull in dump in Sec. A-E10.
- Located underlying room in N.W. cor. of Court & King A.

Aug. 6.

- Burial beneath floor & foundations in Room 8, N.W. Cor.,
- Struck rating R. 12, on level 13-14. First thought to be floor.
- Burial in dump Sec. A-E10.
- Upper walls in Court King A.

- Bones in Room 10 possibly from old dump or fill where pit was dug for Run D.

- Removed Burial from Room 7,

Aug 7.

- Struck another burial below floor of room 7. Adult.

- worked on bones in Room 10, Good adult skull upside down in S.W. corner.

- Long section cedar pole in Room 12,

- walls Rooms 1 & 2 rotted out beyond 10-12

Tops of 16-17 S. wall
formed foundation
for 142. 16-17 filled,
parts of walls
collapsed & then sheet
of clean sand washed
across before 142
were built.

- Fire pit Kwa D
in Bad shape.

- 2 inside Kwa, 350
Katchina niches 2 outside
A-C, None, 1?

- Base of walls
Rooms 13-14, outside.
Kwa C, at much higher
level than ^u adjoining
rooms, 13 had shale
below.

- Deep Niche in Kwa
D on N side, opposite
ventilator.

- Niche for ventilator in
Kwa C, set back, Bench
not continuous as in
others.