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Chaco Culture NHP Files

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ERRATA:**COMMENTS:**

Student excavation report from the 1937 season at Bc 50 written by M. Boynton. Includes field notes, level descriptions, and drawings.

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1937 Bc 50 Field Notes - Boynton, M.. In Chaco Culture NHP Files, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Chaco Canyon, N. M.



Excavation of Refuse Mound Bc 50, Section 5; Trench 7

The refuse mound was originally excavated in areas six feet square. In the 1937 session this was reduced to three feet. The sections are measured from a surveyed mark in the northwest corner to the south, the trenches to the east. Excavation is made in arbitrary six inch levels. As there were few very small objects and little expectation of a burial in a Chaco Cañon refuse heap, the digging could proceed rapidly and picks could be used. Much of the earth dug out was screened. A fair estimate had already been made of the contents of the refuse heap, but confirmation of this estimate was necessary.

In level 10 shards were found, with a few pieces of wood and bone of surface origin. The shards throughout the section were predominantly the painted black on white or corrugated varieties. Only a very few red pieces appeared with black marking and, in the third level, a piece with apparently yellow paint on the inner surface.

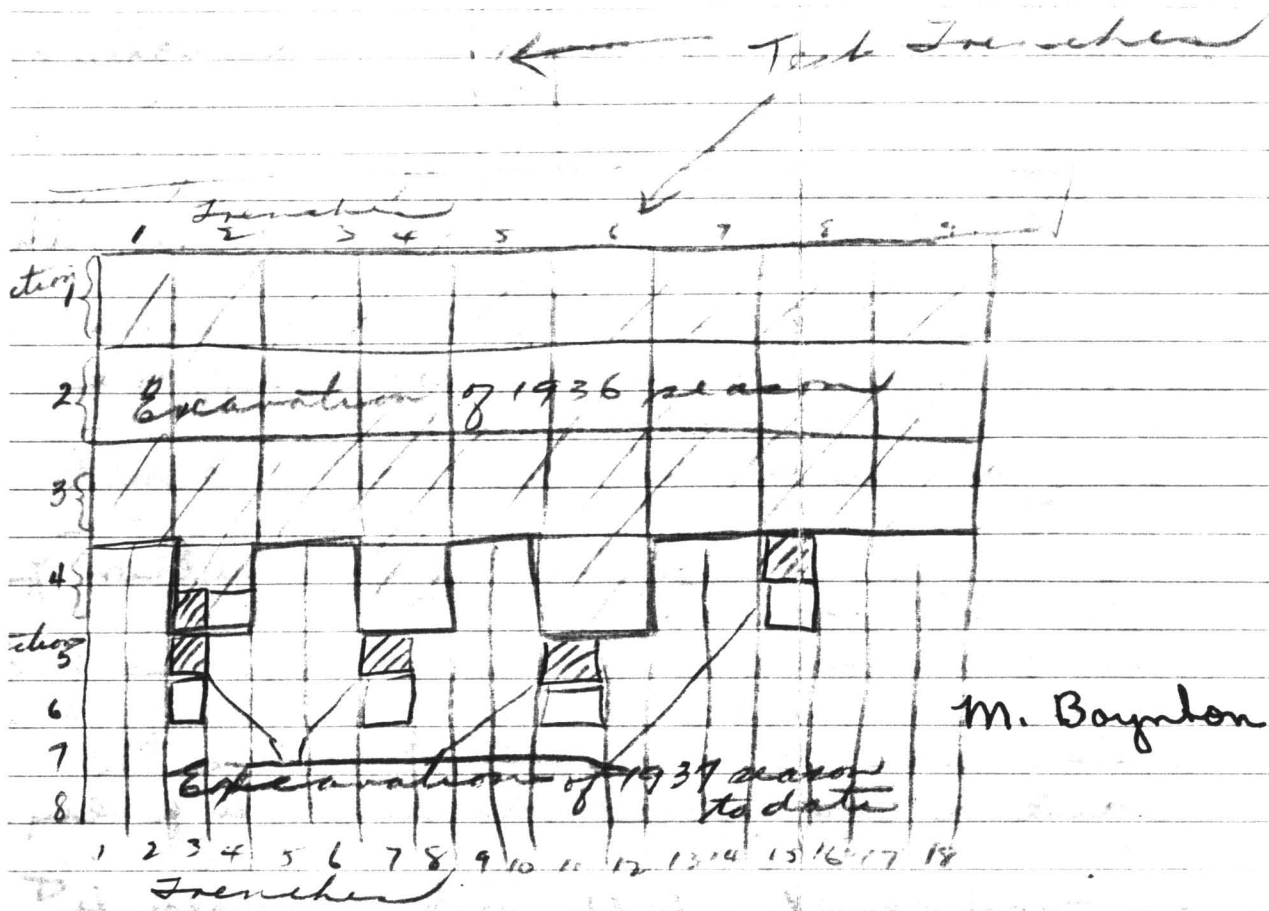
In level 9 a few bones appeared and a flat head, appearing to be bone, broken and about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter.

Level 8 was approximately the same. In 7 Charcoal appeared and about a third of a small metal. In six there was a considerable amount of charcoal and in all three of these levels a fair number of shards.

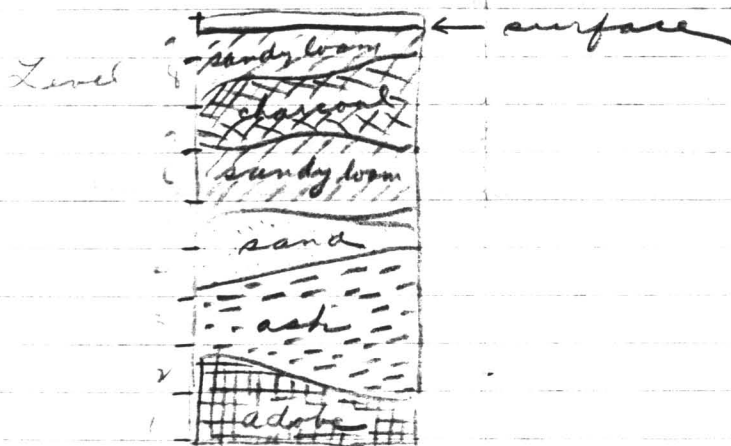
There was adobe in 5 and 4, more shards being found in the latter than in the former.

In the third level there was a deposit of low sand in a circular shape, some charcoal, a few small number of shards and a couple of tiny bones.

Three or four shards were found in the second level. The first level was not opened for lack of time and probable lack of culture evidences.



Profile should look something like this



This is schematic, but shows how a profile should look. It shows how one side of a stratigraphy column might appear.

Bc 50 S5 T7
 RM. Profiles of Excavation
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Boynton 2

Right Side west

10	sandy loam
9	sandy loam
8	sandy loam
7	sandy loam
6	loam and a little charcoal
5	adobe soil with charcoal
4	loam
3	adobe
2	adobe

this is your only indication of a profile
 Left Side East

10	Sand	Sandy loam
9	Sand	Sandy loam
8	Sand	Sandy loam
7		Sandy loam
6	loam and a little charcoal	
5	charcoal	adobe and a little charcoal
4	"	adobe and charcoal
3	adobe	
2	adobe	

Recheck these faces
 and some profiles.

Front South

10	sandy loam
9	sandy loam
8	sand loam
7	sand
6	a little charcoal and loam
5	adobe and charcoal
4	adobe
3	adobe
2	adobe

Handwritten notes on the right margin, including a vertical line of small marks and some illegible text.