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COMMENTS:

This report is specifically on the Bc 50 refuse mound, Trench 7, sections 6 and 7. Includes field notes, level descriptions, and drawings.

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White, Lida
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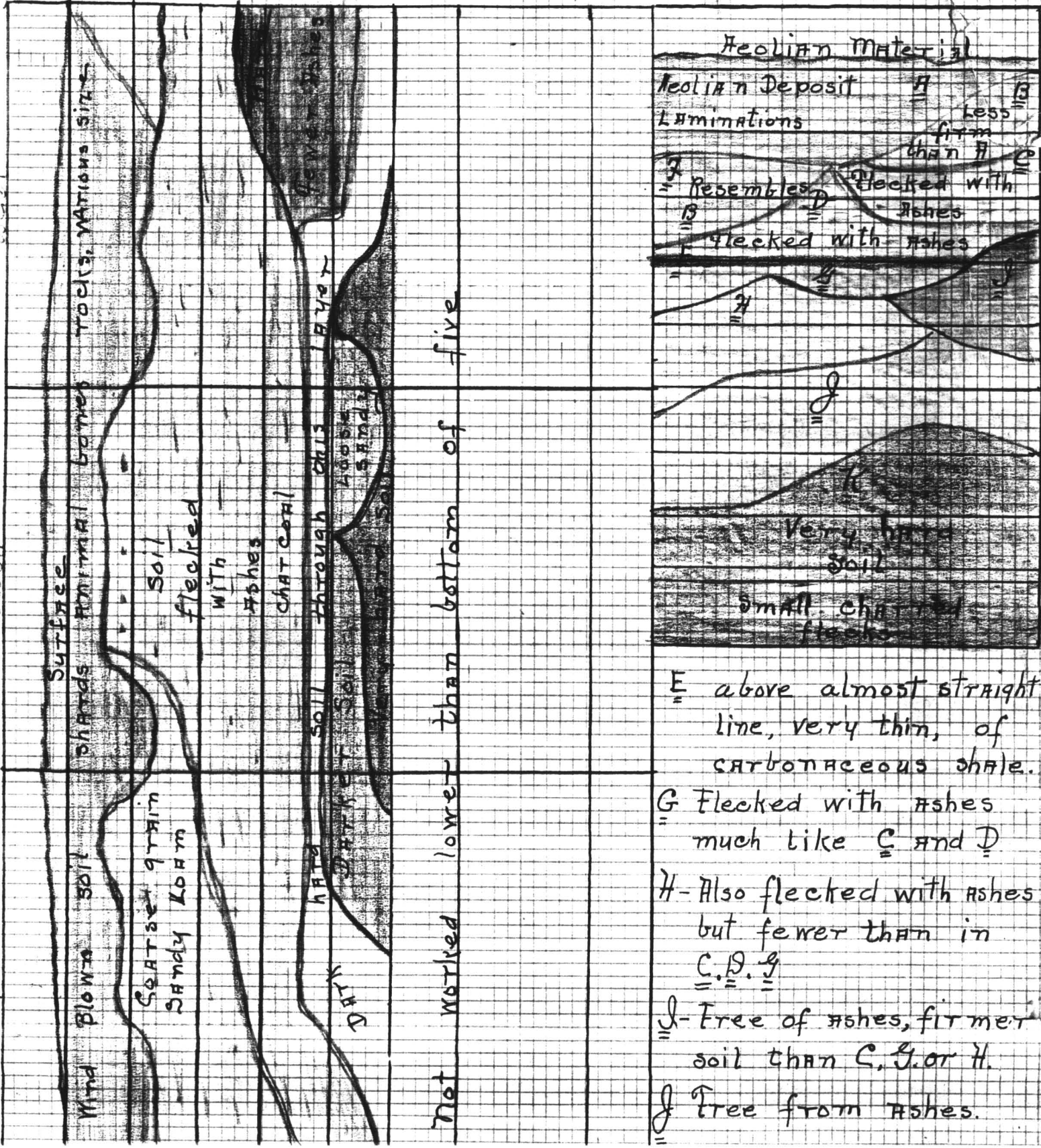


Profile B.c.50 Refuse Heap Trench 7, Sec. 6

B.c.50 Refuse Heap
Trench 7
Section 5
North Face

Scale
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10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1



not worked lower than bottom of five

Aeolian Material
Aeolian Deposit
Laminations
Less firm than A
Resembles D flecked with ashes
Flecked with ashes
Very hard soil
Small charcoal flecks

E above almost straight line, very thin, of carbonaceous shale.
G Flecked with ashes much like C and D
H - Also flecked with ashes but fewer than in C, D, G
J - Free of ashes, firmer soil than C, G, or H.
K Free from ashes.

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Mr. Center - Mr. Bohannon.

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Removed from a 3 days work on room 5 and placed on refuse mound under direction of Mr. Center & Mr. Bohannon.

Mr. Center gave short lectures on value of refuse mound as a means of information concerning occupation of people.

These places are their dumps or refuse areas.

A mound recording from bottom to top furnishes more information than their houses.

The dumpings from baskets form a lens-like affair - thinning out toward peripheral, the earliest material being in the middle. Other materials may blow in.

Refuse heaps are stratigraphy. Each ruin furnishes a new possibility for new information.

This refuse heap ^{Bc 50 RM.} No. 50 B.C. lies east of the ruin B.C. 50. This was the logical place to expect to

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find it, as the wind generally in this region is from the west and would carry odors from the ruin instead of toward the ruin.

When this heap was found they dug a trench to the edge of the mound and another at right angles.

Last year the sections were 6 ft. sq. This year the sections are 3 ft. sq.

The first excavation this season was done in trench 3, section 5. In this section was found a pit house, slab lined.

In numbering our dig the top has highest number. The work, under direction of Mr. Benter & supervised also by Mr. Bohannon, Level 10 starts the surface dig it is $\frac{1}{2}$ inches south and about 2 in high north as will be shown in profile.

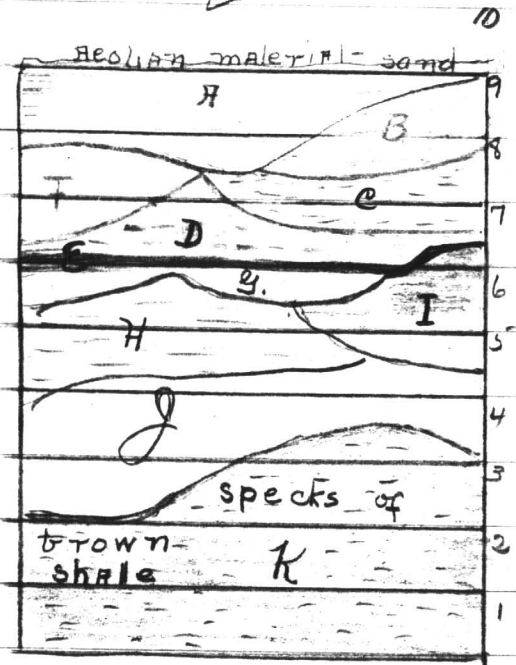
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Before starting our assignment Trench 7- Section 6, we, (Miss Swisher + Mrs White) leveled down + enlarged T7-S-5. It had been left smaller than required measurements by 2 inches east-west and 3 inches lower north-south.

This completed, a $12 \times 12 \times 6$ square was made in floor. Steril earth found there.

This is view of Trench 7. Sect. 5
where we found it, and before
we began on section 6

North face
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A laminations - sand
B - not so firm as A
C + D - flecked with
 ashes but D with
 slightly firmer
 material (sand)
 which showed
 a decided line
 in the soil

E - free of ashes, firmer
 sand than C, G, or H.
F - still seems to be sand
 but free of ashes
G - very hard adobe.
 (Broken shards A to K
 through from A to K were
 rocks varying from
 walnut size to pt. cup
 size)

E is an almost
 straight line, very
 thin, of carbonaceous
 shale.
F material resembles
B, not firm as E
G was flecked with
 ashes, like C + D.
H also had flecks
 of ashes in sand. Fewer
 than in C - B - G.

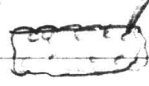
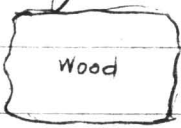
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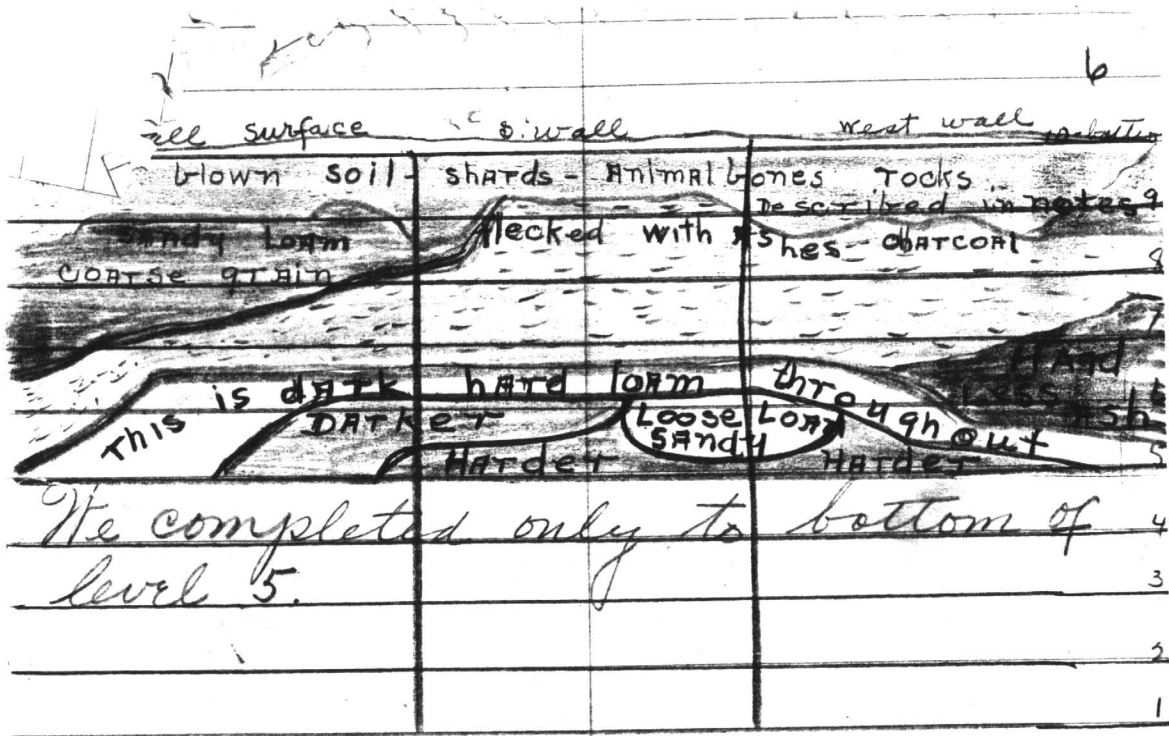
Miss Swisher on dig with me.

During the day we together lowered level 10, sifted and sacked materials found.

There was found in the rather loose shallow level 10 surface (2 inches in front, about 3 in on south line), sand, growing roots, flat rocks, pebbles ranging in size from marble to 6 x 4 x 2 in size.

Shards apparently unrelated to each other were found sacked - labeled and turned in.

Level 9- ^{Wind blown sand} was almost completed Sand, containing a piece of small corn cob , a few charred pieces of wood, very small  wood, bones of small animals were found, sacked and turned in.



Level 8 - was comparable to 9 fill only full of ashes. This condition continued throughout level 7 and part of 6 as indicated on the above drawing. Level 6 firmer loam. He finished including level 5. Level 5 was well flecked with charcoal. More than any level yet found, and fewer shards were present. The soil was very dark and the digging was more difficult as the soil was heavy and compact.

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This work was done 6 inches at a time (6 inches constituting a level). After each level, the square and "level" was used to ascertain our correct measurements.

All soil was sifted at each level. Shards bones and artifacts were sacked up according to instructions and placed in the tent.

Lida White

(Sorry Mr. Senter - to have to go home. Have enjoyed working on your "gang". You are a swell Boss. Hope to meet you from time to time)

L.B.W.