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COMMENTS:

(VA1678) Notes and forms from the 1936 excavation of Kiva 2, Bc 50.

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Kiva 2

BC 50

Frances Webster Leon
Aug 28, 1936

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Dig Diary

Aug 4

strat. section, level 1. This section is
the western edge of the mound of BC 50
& is practically barren soil.

Aug 5

Followed a wall running W.E. on
central W. portion of BC 50. Slow
progress

Aug 6

Dug through debris of from 3-4' of
trench north of BC 50. Some Lima gray
and La Plata shards.

Aug 7.

Started excavation of Room 14 at nw of BC cor. Many rocks, few shards. Failed to locate s wall.

Aug 8

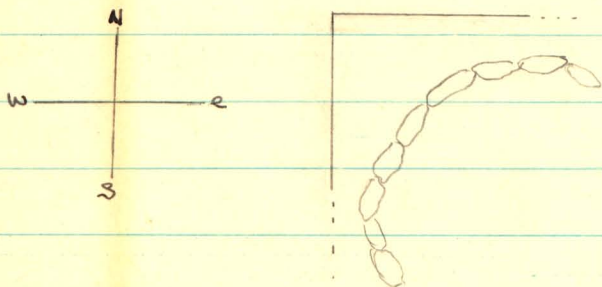
level 2 of Room 12. Failed to locate s. + e. walls

Aug 10.

Graded level 2 of room 12 + once more attempted to locate s + e walls. Shards are concentrated by w wall: shards are varied, much Escavada + Red Mesa, Epub Cor, Chaco Bl on white, Chaco Cor, + some fine gray.

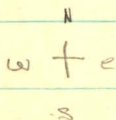
Aug 11

Finished grading 1-2' of Room 12, which has turned out to be a circular kiva surrounded by rectangular walls.



Aug 12

Continued excavation of Room 12. 2-3'. South wall of kiva seems to have caved in at one spot. Shards continue to be concentrated by w. wall. Removed some of fill between kiva + s.e. corner to prevent collapse.

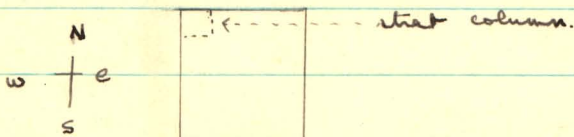


Aug 14

Worked with Tom Fields on Room 12. 3-4'
 Found many displaced rocks and apparent
 cavity in a wall.

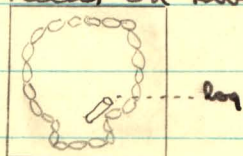
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leveled 3-4' of Room 8 just w of
 Kwa 1. Shards were rather sparse
 1 bone awl. Occasional small
 chunks of charcoal.



Aug 17

Again with Tom Fields on Kwa 1. Found
 log on se side



Aug 18

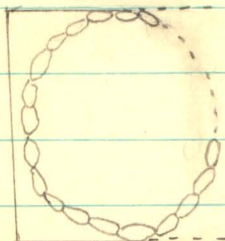
Finished 2-3 & started
3-4 of Kiva 2. Predominantly
emb corr + Red Mesa

Aug 19

Worked on Kiva 2, at one corner of BC 50

^{4-5 much Excavate - all pieces}
~~Finished 2-3' and started 3-4'~~. Kiva

is set in rectangular walls which
I tried unsuccessfully to follow on n.e.
side. There are several small disintegrated
logs lying between 2-3'



Shards are Lino gray, Red Mesa, Kan-a
gray, Emb corr, Wingate, Escavada, Mesa
verde, Chaco, + Chaco corr. Sparse.

Aug 20

Finished level 4-5' of Kiva 2

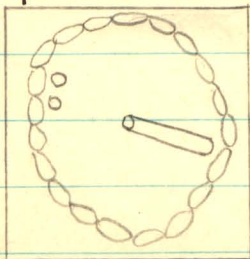
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Dug level 6 of Trench 3, section 3

Aug 22

Finished 6-7' + started 7-8' of Kiva 2. In 6-7 were found 3 logs. 2 were supporting posts of roof & one was a collapsed vigam in a bad state of decay. Located bench on w side

N
 w + e
 S



Aug 24

8-9' of Kiva 2. Another decayed roof beam oriented e-w near e wall + tilting upward toward w. Bench runs entirely around wall of kiva, except at s side where fireplace is located

Aug 25

9-10' of Kiva 2; located floor + swept out remaining dust.

Notes on Kiva 2

Kiva 2 has an e-w diameter of 13'
and a n-s diameter of 12'

{ 10' deep along that column
 { 8' deep along s. wall
 { 7' deep along w wall
 { 7' deep along n wall
 { 7' deep along e wall

Bench was approximately 32" from floor level.

6" wide on w wall

9" wide on n wall

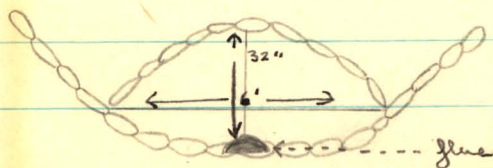
12" wide along e wall

bench is discontinued on south wall to give place for fireplace + ventilator

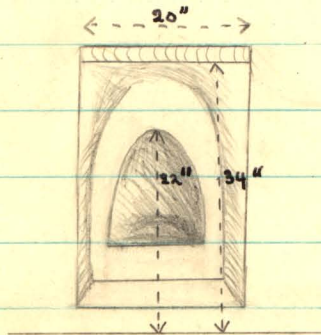
Plaster on walls is many layers thick + is in a good state of preservation.

Walls are made of large stones laid in ~~plaster~~ mortar

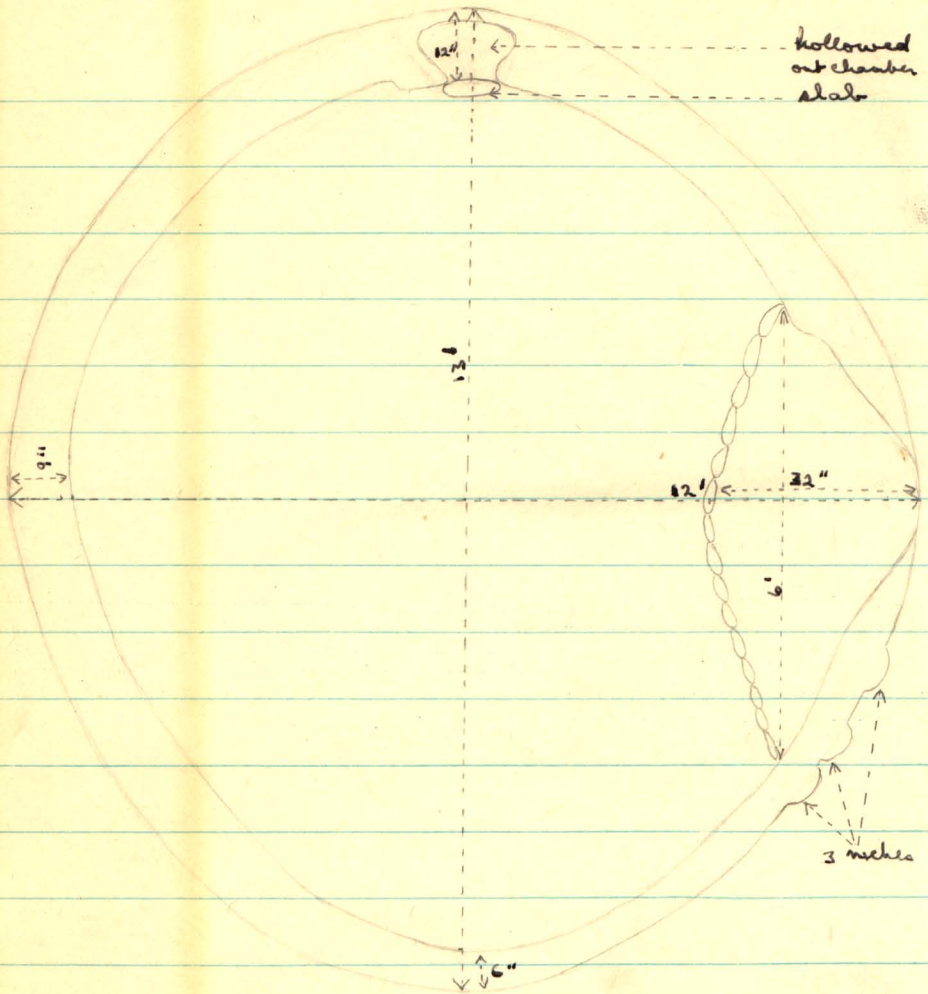
Hearth is on s. side



Opening of flue consists of a circular arch of plaster which has been built into former square aperture supported by a wooden lintel 20" long. Hearth stands 5" above level of floor & is surrounded by a wall of stones. Lintel is placed 34" above level of hearth.



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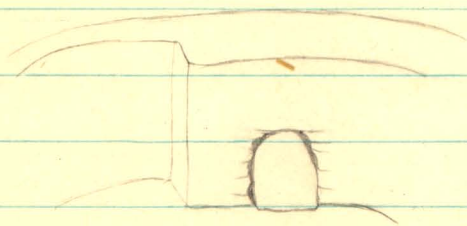
e
N + S
w

There are 4 niches ~~etc.~~ sunk in the kwa wall.

Three are placed close together directly above the bench just w. of the flue aperture.

The other is 20" above floor level in the north wall opposite the hearth.

There is also a small chamber whose floor is ~~antiquous~~ at the level of the kwa floor. Its aperture has a slab to cover it.



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Chaco

exterior fill of kiva 2

level 0 - 0'

Shards plentiful
162artifacts -
metate

Pottery Types

Kins Grey - 15

Red Mesa - Pw - 18

Escavada - 32

Lg. Corr. 13

Mesa Verde 5

Mingate 3

Hana-a B/W 2

corr. 26

Chaco 16

Gallup 32

162

%

9.26

11.11

19.87

8.02

3.08

1.85

1.23

16.05

9.87

17.87

100.1 %

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Chaco 470

Kiva 2

2-4

Sine Grey 32

Red Mesa 39

Kama Grey 2

Exuberant Corrugated 56

Carawada Blank 86

Gully Blank 19

Wingate Blank 19

Mesa Verde 6

Chaco Blank 4

Chaco Corrugated 10

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Description of room fill:

EXCAVATION RECORD

Season:

Site: PC 50

Plaza:

Kiva: 2

Room No.:

Chart No.:

Altar:

Shrine:

Plan:

I. Form and dimensions:

Handwritten notes: circular, 12' diam, 12' high

Pottery:

	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	6-7	9-10
Sino gray	7		2	19	15	10	19
Sino blong					3	2	
La Plata	1				3	1	5
Red Mesa	3		2	36	12	23	1
Kana-a gay	7	1	1	23	4		
Kana-a blon wh				1	19	9	7
Wingate blon red						4	
Puerco " " "						1	
Gulbi con	8	3	3	30	13	15	12
Escavada	46	5	1	17	26	26	17
Mesa verde	4	3	1	14	1	4	7
Galeup	9	2	5	24	13	7	10
Chaco	5		5	24	11	8	20
Chaco con	5	4	5	30	17	23	4
Artifacts:	100	18	19	236	122	151	

Walls and floors: 5-6', 7-8', 8-9', and floor level (10')

base not been clarified. Hence this list is incomplete

Sub-structures or special features:

Architecture and building materials used:

Masonry or adobe:

Photographed: wall, hearth & fire vent. Niche in n wall, 3 niches, w. wall, chamber. Sketched: m. wall

Roofing:

III. Condition and description:

1. Floor sequence:

2. Wall sequence:

3. Special features:

Bags marked by whom:

Large empty rectangular box for notes and descriptions.