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(VA1691) Notes and forms from room 8, Bc 50.

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VA1691B-1A

Room 8.

Bc - 50

VA1691B-2

Chaco Ruin 50
 Room 8
 Strat. Column
 2-3 feet.

Patterny	#	%
Low Key	6	12
Kanau B.	1	2
Red Mesa	3	6
Exub. Cor.	12	24
Chaco Cor.	2	4
Weng -	1	2
Escavado	12	24
Gallup	10	20
Mesa Verde	3	6
	<hr/> 50	<hr/> 100

Chaco Ruin 57

Rober

Room 8

VA1691B-3

Strat. column

1-2 feet.

Pottery	#	of
Lino Grey	2	4.65—
Kanab Bone	1	2.32
Red Mesa	1	2.32
Emb. Cor.	16	37.21
Ch. Cor.	1	2.32
Wengate	1.	2.32
Escavada	8	18.60
Saleup.	5	11.63
Chaco	3.	6.98
Mesa V.	<u>5</u>	11.63
	<u>43</u>	<u>99.98.</u>

Chaco Run 50

Room 8

0-1 feet

strut. column

Robert

VA1691B-4

Pottery	#	%
Leno Grey.	5	6.17
Tu Platta	1	1.23
Emb. Cor.	25	30.85
Chaco Cor.	5	6.17
Wingate	6	7.4
Escavada	9	11.11
Isleup	16	19.76
Chaco	10	12.34
Mesa Verde	4	4.94
	<hr/> 81	<hr/> 99.97

Chaco Run 50

Room 8

Robert

VA1691B-5

Strat. Column

3-4 feet

Pottery

#

%

Lim Gray

3

4.89

Red Mesa

4

10.53

Wingate

1

2.63

El Cor.

6

15.79

Chaco Cor

3

7.89

Escav.

6

15.79

Gallup

9

23.68

Mesa Verde

2

5.26

Chaco

4

10.53

38

99.99

A. E. Rober

Chaco Ruin 50

Aug-20

Room 8

VA1691B-6

4 feet to floor
(about 6-9 inches)

Pottery	#	¢/o
La Plata	1	.47
Kansas Grey	1	.47
Linco Grey	13	6.15
Red Mesa	18	8.44
Wingate	3	1.42
Exhib. Cer.	62	29.29
Chaco "	7	3.31
Escavada	42	19.85
Gallup	35	16.5
Mesa Verde	2	.94
Chaco	<u>28</u>	<u>13.05</u>
	212	100.03

J M H

Chaco

Room 50

Room 8

Level 2-3

Aug. 11, 1936.

S. W. Adler

1 hand

Chaco Black on
White

J M A

Chaco

VA1691B-8

Room 50

Room 8

Level 2-3

Aug. 11. 1936

S. W. Adler

Island

Mesa Verde

7 M H

VA1691B-9

Description of room fill:

EXCAVATION RECORD

Site: B Chaco 50

Season:

Chart No.:

Room No.: 8

Kiva:

Plaza:

Shrine:

Altar:

Plan:

1. Form and dimensions:

2. Walls and floors:

3. Opening:

4. Sub-structures or special features:

Architecture and building materials used:

1. Masonry or adobe:

2. Plastering:

3. Roofing:

111. Condition and description:

1. Floor sequence:

2. Wall sequence:

3. Special features:

Items marked by whom: Excavation

Handwritten notes and sketches on the right side of the page, including a table with columns for 'Pottery', 'Pueblo III', 'Pueblo II', and 'Pueblo I'. The notes include various measurements and descriptions of architectural features.

VA1691B-10

EXCAVATION RECORD

Description of room fill:

Site: B Chaco 500

Season: 1957

Chart No.:

Room No.: 8

Kiva:

Plaza:

Shrine:

Altar:

Plan:

- 1. Form and dimensions: approximately square
- 2. Walls and floors: e. 8' 3 1/2" s. 5' 10" to offset 11" offset - total 6' 9"
w. 8' 4 1/2" n. 7' 1"
diagonal S.e. to N.W. 11' 4"
- 3. Opening: Sw. to Ne. 10' from offset at S. side
- 4. Sub-structures or special features: sherds found from 12 inches to 24 below floor level. fire pit NW corner, door w. T shape.

Architecture and building materials used:

- 1. Masonry or adobe: irregular sandstone blocks with spalls in much adobe
- 2. Plastering: 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch
- 3. Roofing:

111. Condition and description:

- 1. Floor sequence:
- 2. Wall sequence:
- 3. Special features:

Level #	Material	Notes
3	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
2	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
1	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
0	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-1	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-2	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-3	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-4	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
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-14	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
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-17	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
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-19	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-20	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-21	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-22	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-23	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-24	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-25	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-26	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-27	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-28	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-29	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-30	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-31	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-32	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-33	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-34	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-35	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-36	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-37	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-38	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-39	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-40	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-41	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-42	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-43	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-44	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-45	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-46	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-47	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-48	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-49	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?
-50	Reddish blocks	marked by whom?

VA1691B-11

EXCAVATION RECORD

Description of room fill:

Site: *Chaco Ruin 50*

Season:

Chart No.:

Room No.: *8*

Kiva:

Plaza:

Shrine:

Altar:

Plan:

1. Form and dimensions: *rectangular*
6'4" by 7'5"
2. Walls and floors: *Sand packed hard; some clay*
3. Opening: *Probably a walled-in door in the East wall*
An opening in the West wall, over 4 feet above floor
4. Sub-structures or special features:
I did not go below floor level

Architecture and building materials used:

1. Masonry or adobe: *Masonry with a considerable number of spalls*
2. Plastering: *Some traces*
3. Roofing: *a few small blocks of red-marked adobe*

111. Condition and description:

1. Floor sequence: *floor even; did not investigate beyond floor level*
2. Wall sequence: *all of same type, but S. wall has a 17 inch*
zig at W. end. Riv. seems to have been added later.
3. Special features:
walled-in door in E. wall
N. wall highest; W. wall almost as high.
others a foot lower, or more
N. wall 17" thick. Others about 12"

11-1914

Description of room fill: *Mostly loose sand.*
 Upper layers contained many *corn-cobs*,
 charred.
 A considerable amount of charcoal in all
 layers, sometimes in minute pieces, sometimes
 1/2 inch in diameter.
 Many shards in level 1-2 feet; also 2-3 feet.
 Few elsewhere.
 Many rather large stones in 3-4 foot level;
 not so many in 4-4 1/2 feet (floor).

Pottery: 1 restorable corrugated ware - charred
 1 bird ware

	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV	Level V	Strat. 1	Strat. 2	Strat. 3	Strat. 4									
Pueblo III Tusayan Polych.	2 ... 01.6	1 ... 0.19	1 ... 0.25	1 ... 0.25	11 ... 20.00	5 ... 6.17	1 ... 2.32	2 ... 2.00	3 ... 7.89									
Pueblo III Corrugated	25 ... 20.6	65 ... 12.40	127 ... 32.48	58 ... 21.58	11 ... 20.00	5 ... 6.17	1 ... 2.32	2 ... 2.00	3 ... 7.89									
Pueblo III Mesa Verde Bon W	15 ... 12.0	39 ... 7.42	15 ... 3.83	10 ... 3.77	4 ... 7.27	4 ... 4.94	5 ... 11.63	3 ... 6.00	2 ... 5.26									
Pueblo III Chaco Bon W	17 ... 14.0	51 ... 9.73	62 ... 15.88	44 ... 16.60	6 ... 10.90	10 ... 12.34	3 ... 6.98	10 ... 20.00	4 ... 10.53									
Pueblo III Gallup Bon W	17 ... 14.0	78 ... 14.88	67 ... 9.69	49 ... 18.48	10 ... 18.18	16 ... 19.70	5 ... 11.65	10 ... 20.00	9 ... 23.68									
Pueblo III Wingate Bon R	3 ... 02.4	30 ... 5.71	6 ... 1.53	10 ... 3.77	2 ... 3.63	6 ... 7.4	1 ... 2.32	1 ... 2.00	1 ... 2.63									
Pueblo III Puerco Bon R		2 ... 0.38	1 ... 0.25															
Pueblo III Exub. Corrug.	13 ... 10.7	96 ... 18.32	53 ... 13.55	24 ... 12.83	4 ... 7.37	25 ... 30.86	16 ... 37.21	12 ... 24.00	6 ... 15.79									
Pueblo III Escavada	22 ... 18.0	119 ... 22.75	25 ... 6.36	33 ... 12.48	11 ... 20.00	9 ... 11.11	8 ... 18.60	12 ... 24.00	6 ... 15.79									
Pueblo III Kanaa Bon G		119	251	275			1 ... 2.32											
Pueblo III Kanaa Grey			137	137			1 ... 2.32											
Pueblo III Red Mesa	3 ... 02.4	17 ... 3.24	11 ... 2.81	9 ... 3.39	4 ... 7.37		1 ... 2.32	1 ... 2.00	4 ... 10.33									
Pueblo III Lino Grey	3 ... 02.4	17 ... 3.24	21 ... 5.37	15 ... 5.60	3 ... 5.95	5 ... 6.17	2 ... 4.65	6 ... 12.00	3 ... 7.89									
Pueblo III Lino Bon G		3 ... 0.57																
Pueblo III La Platta	1 ... 0.8	595																
	121	98.9	523	100.17	391	102.48	265	99.96	55	99.97	81	99.97	43	99.98	50	100	88	99.89

Artifacts:
 1 bone
 1 "awl" - crumbly
 1 "awl" - excellent condition
 1 other bone implement
 hammer stones

Bags marked by whom:
 Dr. Lawley

III. Condition and description:
I. Floor sequence:
2. Wall sequence:
3. Special features:

Bc 50

Room 8

subfloor 12" to 24"

Aug. 27

Evelyn Eilsinn

	no.
Lino grey	7
Red Mesa	12
Escavada	2
Exuberant Cor.	3
Itallup b. m.w.	4
Chaco corrugated	5
Total	<u>33</u>

Bc. 50

Room 8

Strat Column

Level 5

Aug 21

Evelyn Tibbitts

	no.
Lino grey	3
Red Mesa b.w.	15
Escavada b.w.g.	3
Ex. corrugated	6
Wingate b.w.r.	1
Grallup b.w.	7
Corrugated Choco	22
Mesa Verde	<u>2</u>
Total	59

Evelyn Gilswain Digs report

Room 8.

Room 8 is built on ~~to~~ an older structure. In the southwest corner, the corner of room 16 protrudes into the room. The room is rectangular in form. The measurements are on my room report handed in to Dr. Hawley.

east wall

8' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

south wall

5' 10" + offset + 11" offset Total 6' 9"

west wall

8' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

north wall

7' 1"

diagonal Se to N.W. 11' 4"

diagonal Ne. to Sw. 10' from offset at s.

door 36 inches from floor.

24 ~~inches~~ inches wide at lower part

35 ~~inches~~ inches wide at upper part

There was a step 12 inches below the sill. The sill is of adobe.

The west wall is a part of the old structure. The south east and north are built on. The east wall is curved outward. The walls are approximately 12 inches thick. There is no core, no tying in of walls. The masonry is

Evelyn Eilsinn

Digs notes

- Aug. 4 searched for wall, unit house type indicated by size as walls emerge. Masonry is inferior to any at Bonito with possible exception of Type I, dug out wall
- Aug. 5. searched for wall, walls unevenly aligned, dug out wall.
- Aug. 6 searched for wall, but did not find any; round hammer of petrified wood.
- Aug. 7. assigned to room 8, dug out part of foot 1 level, 121 pieces of pottery. Percentages indicated preponderance of corrugated Chaco, Escarado, Chaco black on white and Itallup black on white; found charcoal at S.W. corner; found two pieces of Tusayan polychrome; started on foot 2; found 2 round hammers, broken mano, 1 used whet stone.
- Aug. 8 worked on foot 2; arrowhead of petrified wood, small hammer, obsidian and chert chips
- 9 Sunday
- 10 no digs; lectures on digs technique.
11. no digs; visit to Bonito
- 12 worked on foot 4, restorable corrugated pot, small polishing stone; gypsum amorphous and crystalline embedded in wall; small hammer stone; 1 piece Tusayan polychrome

Sherds. of. Room 8

	level 1	2	2	3	4	5	5
Pueblo III Tusayan Poly	1.6		19	25	25		
Chaco corr.	20.6		12.40	21.48	21.88		20
Mesa Verde b.m.w.	12.		7.42	3.83	3.77		7.27
Chaco b.m.w.	14.		9.73	15.85	16.60		10.9
Etahyp b.m.w.	14.		14.88	19.69	18.49		18.18
Wingate b.m.w.	2.4		5.71	1.53	3.77		3.63
Ex. corrugated	10.7		18.32	13.55	12.83		7.27
Puerco			.38				
II Escorado	8.		22.75	6.36	12.45		20
I Kana-a b.m. Ir.	2.4					.75	7.5
Kana-a grey	2.			.51	.37		
Red Mesa	2.4		3.24	2.81	3.39		7.27
B.M. Lino Grey	2.4		3.24	5.37	5.66		5.45
Lino B.m grey			.57		99.96		
La Plata	<u>.8</u>		<u>.19</u>				<u>99.97</u>
	98.9		102.17				
Red-blocks smudged list				<u>.25</u>			
				102.42			

CHACO RUIN 50, ROOM 8

THE EXCAVATION

AUGUST 6

This morning I began looking for a wall on the slope just south of room 7. I found it eventually, then lost it. Working on the presumption that there was a threshold there, I tried for it about two feet further along, and found it again.

AUGUST 7

Began working on the room East of yesterday's wall. It is now officially room 8. The afternoon workers had found all the walls. I left a column of earth in the north-west corner for use in judging the stratification later, and worked just East of it, along the wall.

I found shards, small pieces of charcoal and a bone implement, somewhat crumbled, *this last quite near the column.*

AUGUST 8

Miss Gilsinn had finished the first foot level in the afternoon. I started the second level along the same wall where I started the first level yesterday. I also tried to clear the threshold which was just barely visible along the west wall.

I found many shards, some charcoal and several burnt corn-cobs. The earth is still light and sandy, as soon as I get below the three inches or so that were soaked by rain and dried hard.

AUGUST 10

Miss Gilsinn had finished ~~it~~ about half of the second level. I went on.

I still noticed no stratification.

Shards, corn-cobs, charcoal. Very many shards--over 300.

AUGUST 11

Completed level 2 with the assistance of an Indian.

Began level 3 in the usual place. I found another bone implement there, about 28 inches below the surface. This was in good condition.

About 30 inches below the surface there was a layer of white material, which seems to indicate a pool of water which was once there.

In the afternoon Dr. Adler worked on the room, finishing the level and finding many things.

In the south wall, about a foot from the west end, there is a jog in the wall, which makes it look as though the wall to the east of it was put in at a different time.

In the east wall there is what looks like a built-in doorway. The threshold which caused so much trouble now seems to be the bottom of a window, rather than a door. A little below it there was a projecting stone. I cannot tell how much it projected, because it had been broken off when I saw it. It may have been used as a sort of stepping stone for people who entered the room through the window.

Dr. Adler found some bone implements--2, I think--and a piece of pottery that looks like a small pot, but is really a handle.

I found an animal head shard myself in the ~~2-3~~ 1-2 foot level.

AUGUST 12

No dig. I went to see Pueblo Bonito.

In the afternoon Miss Gilsinn found fragments of a restorable pot--corrugated--in the south-west corner, level 3-4

AUGUST 13

I continued work in the south-west corner, but found only 1 or 2 shards that might belong to the pot. There were very few shards in the layer.

AUGUST 13 cont.

There was a great quantity of bones--looked like bird bones, mostly. Many were wedged between the wall and the rather large stones that lay against it. The entire layer (3-4) was full of lumps of hard earth and stones. More white deposits about 4 feet down, in spots.

No floor yet, though I went deeper than 4 feet in one spot.

AUGUST 14

Continued work on the 3-4 foot level. Found a beautiful bone awl, unhurt, a roughly pointed bone, and a little bird jar (that is, several fragments of it) about 4 feet down, in the angle between the west wall and the column.



- 1- bone awl
- 2- roughly pointed bone
- 3- bird vase

August 15

Continued work on the level. Found almost nothing, not even many bones.

AUGUST 17, 18

on the strats

AUGUST 19

I found about 2/3 of the floor had been cleared during my absence. It was about 4 1/2 feet below the level of the top of the walls.

It had rained the night before, and everything was damp, but fortunately, the actual water had drained away through two holes in the floor--probably gopher holes.

I finished clearing the floor and took pictures.

AUGUST 20

Began taking down the column.

There were more sherds in the column than I had expected from what I remembered of the contents of the room.

In the 2-3 foot layer I found several more pieces of the little bird-vase. Also a round disk of stone, about three inches in diameter.

I finished the column down to the four foot level.

