Trench MF18 narrative appendix

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Trench 18 Overview

Trench 18 was situated over the remains of two rectangular structures visible on the geophysical survey that run perpendicular from the eastern side of the temple *temenos* wall. As the excavation was part of a training field school, the style of excavation for Trench 18 reflects a combination of research goals to understand the physical composition of the structures, their purpose, and their dating, and the need to provide students with opportunities to excavate discrete areas and draw vertical section and horizontal plans. Accordingly, Trench 18 was excavated in Sectors (**Fig. 1**), starting with exploration openings over key features on the geophysical survey in MF02; then a grid of 3.5 x 3.5m sectors where every other was excavated in depth to provide running lines of stratigraphy across the Trench; finally, a number of extensions were made to establish the relationship between the buildings and the temple *temenos* wall immediately to the west. It was excavated over the course of four field seasons (MF02 – MF05), with its dimensions adjusted each season to explore underlying archaeological features (**Fig. 2a-d**). First, we explain the logic of the excavation to help the reader navigate through the data. We then present the results and interpretation of the excavation in three sections: (1) the South Building; (2) the Courtyard; and (3) the North Building.

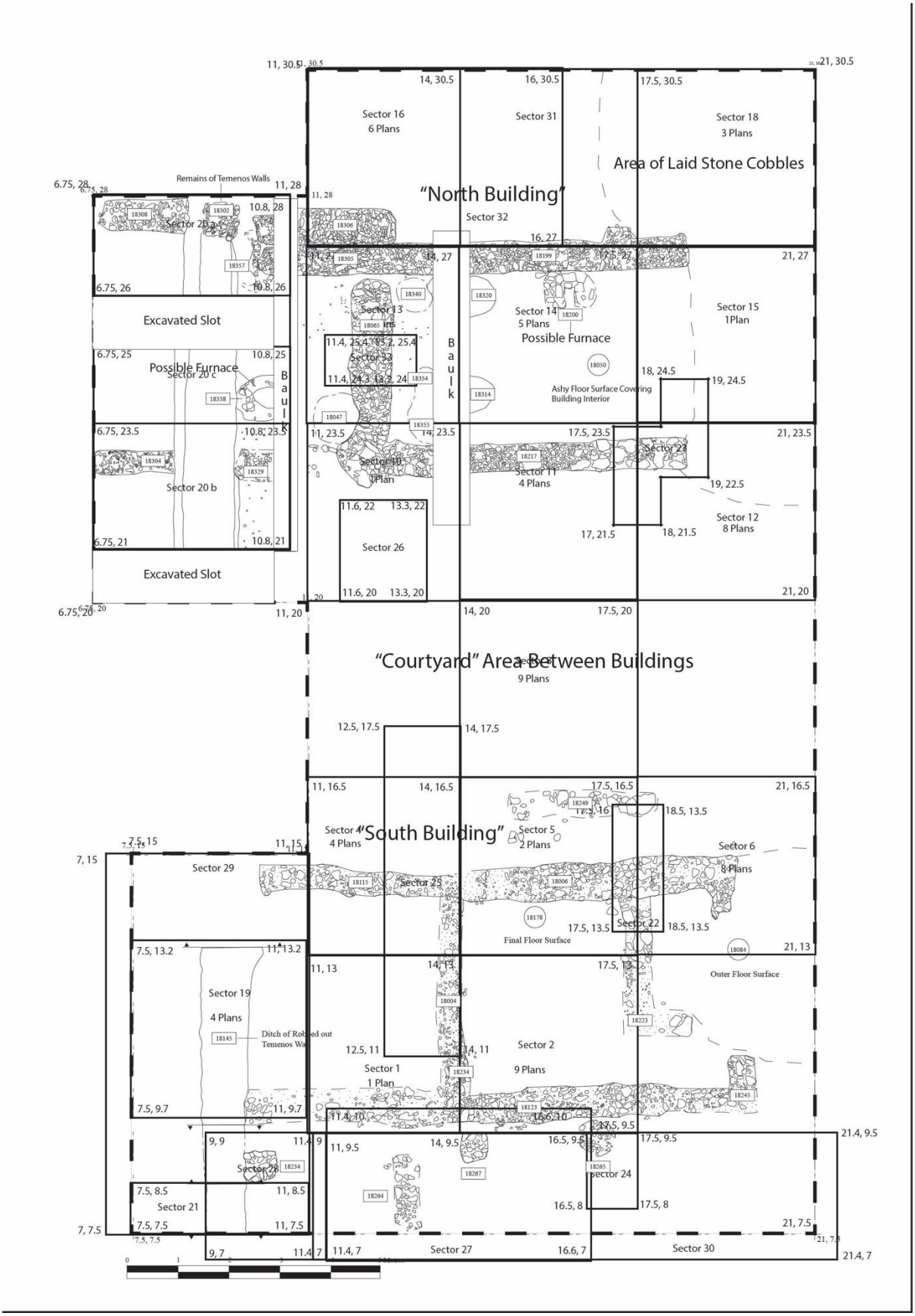
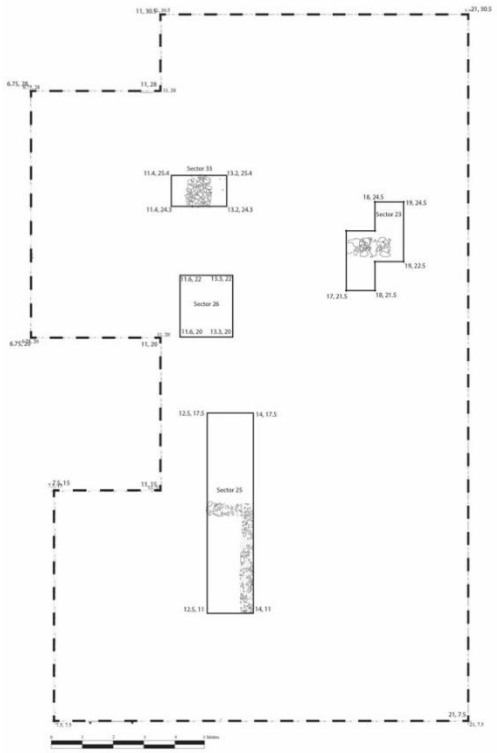
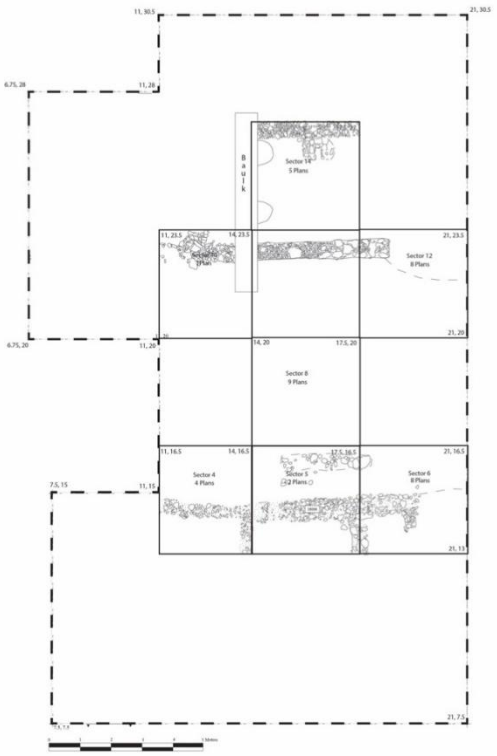


Figure 1: Composite plan of Trench 18 showing sketch of main archaeological structures and all Sectors excavated between the MF02 – MF05 field seasons.

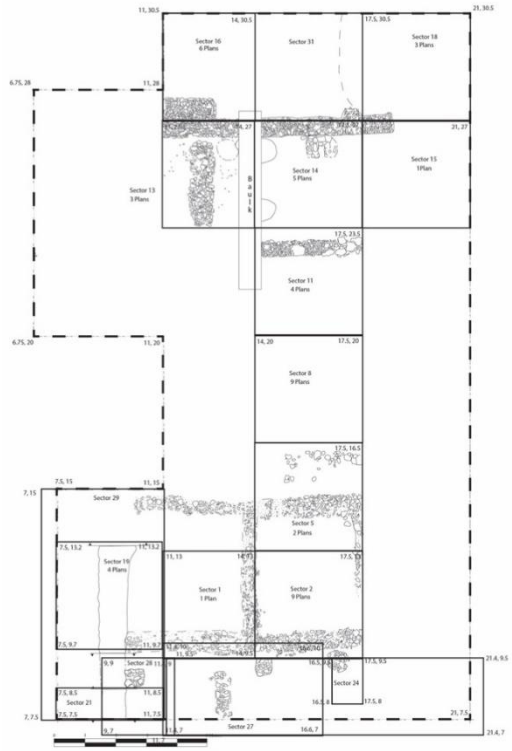
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MF 2004



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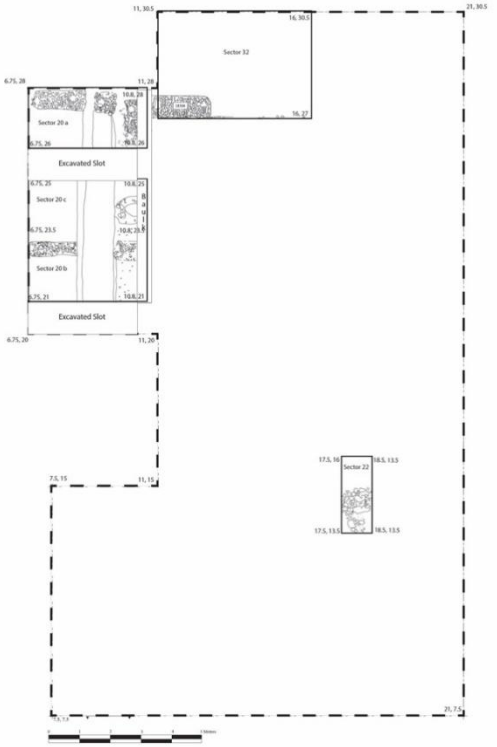


Figure 2a, b, c, & d: Sectors excavated in Trench 18 by year (MF02 – MF05). Note some sectors were excavated over more than one field season.

The "South Building"

Summary: Excavations exposed the lower layers and foundations for two parallel walls **[18115 & 18006]** and **[18123 & 18245]** that form a rectangular structure approximate 11m long and 5m wide. The structure is aligned east-west, with an opening on the east side. The walls on the west side of the building butts the robber trench of the temenos wall of the temple. The interior space is divided by a partial perpendicular wall **[18222]** approximately 2m from the eastern end of the building and a complete perpendicular wall **[18004]** approximately 5m from the rear of the structure. The ends of the walls at the eastern end of the structure turn inward at right angles. There are the remains of three distinct semi-circular stone bases or platforms just to the south of the south wall of the structure **[18234, 18267, & 18265]**, along with small traces of walls to both the north **[18249]** and south **[18264]** of the structure. The walls were heavily damaged by ploughing and as well as possible quarrying (especially near the connection with the former temenos wall) and so difficult to establish definitive relationships. However, it seems likely that the walls formed a cohesive building, with an entrance to the east and two interior spaces. There is no obvious opening in the interior wall **[18004]** indicating an opening, but not enough of the wall survived to rule out the possibility of an interior door. It seems likely that the structure was built so that the temenos wall served as the western wall of the building, most likely indicating that the western end was the rear of the building and that the building was constructed after the temenos wall (and while the temenos wall was still intact enough to be incorporated into a building). The function of the semi-circular stone platforms to the south of the building is not clear. It is possible that they served as an exterior component of the structure, perhaps as the bases for standing wooden features or plinths for statues (but this is highly speculative).

North Wall: Northern wall of the building was recorded as two separate parts, **[18006]** to the east of the rear division wall and **[18115]** running from the interior division wall to the temenos wall. The material, composition, and alignment of these segments were sufficiently different to at least suggest that they were the result of two phases of construction, but we could not distinguish evidence for phases in the construction of the wall.

[18006] The lower level of a wall built with flat and angular limestone block, c. 20cm across on average. The wall is c. 60cm wide and c. 35cm deep, resting on the limestone bedrock. The stones were not finished. The stones were possibly three courses deep, with traces of mortar/cement bonding the blocks together. Most likely the base of a robust double faced, free-standing wall. The eastern end of **[18006]** has a distinct outside edge and a small turn 90 degrees to the south into the structure, possibly part of and/or supporting the entrance of the building.

[18115] A linear arrangement of mid to small sized irregular shaped limestone blocks, c. 4 – 15cm thick. The wall is c. 40c wide and had at least two courses running down to the soil directly above the limestone bedrock. The blocks were bonded with a mix of mortar and gravel. This segment of the wall was heavily truncated by ploughing and possibly quarrying. Most likely the base of a robust double faced, free-standing wall that ran up to the outside of the temple temenos wall.

South Wall: The southern wall of the building was recorded as one part **[18123]**. The segment running from the interior division wall to the temenos wall is heavily truncated.

[18123] A linear arrangement of angular limestone blocks up to 20cm thick laid in rough courses forming the base of a wall. The wall is c. 50cm wide and sits on a soil base about 10cm above the natural bedrock. There are traces of gravel and mortar within the matrix of the wall. Most likely the base of a robust double faced, free-standing wall that ran up to the outside of the temple temenos wall. The eastern end of the wall makes a 90-degree turn north into the interior of the structure, possibly part of and/or supporting the entrance of the building.

Division Walls: There are two interior walls **[18223 & 18004]** that run perpendicular to the main walls of the structure. The main interior wall **[18006]** is located c. 7 meters into the structure. There is a smaller segment of wall **[18223]**, the end of which turns east toward the entrance of the building.

[18004] The remains of the base of a c. 25cm wall dividing the structure into two spaces. The wall is survived by a linear arrangement of small limestone rubble and gravel. There are some larger shaped limestone blocks in the mix, but the wall is heavily truncated. The wall buts tightly against the main walls of the structure, with the intersection at the southern end indicating that the interior wall was well integrated into the southern wall. This suggests it is possible that the interior wall was constructed at the same time as the two exterior walls.

[18223] The remains of the base of a c. 30cm wall segment that extends from the northern wall two thirds of the way to the southern wall. The wall segment makes a clear 90-degree turn to the east, combining with **[18245]** to make a possible entrance or doorway into the building. The wall is survived by a linear arrangement of small limestone rubble and gravel. It is heavily truncated. While not definitive, it is possible that the wall was built up against the north wall **[18006]** of the building, indicating the main exterior wall was constructed first.

SECTOR 1 & SECTOR 25

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 1) was cleared of topsoil over the southwestern part of the South Building to reveal the top of underlying wall segments and the uppermost sediment layers. Data from Sector 1 is captured in a 1.5 x 6.5m rectangular slot (Sector 25, Plans 1807 & 1818) initially cleared back during the MF 2002 field season to ground proof results from the GRP survey showing possible walls just outside the temple temenos wall. Initial cleaning revealed the upper part of a wall [18004], and three distinct deposits: Context (18008) on the west side of wall [18004] and Contexts (18046) and (18009) on the east side of wall [18004]. Sector 1 was cleared of topsoil during the 2004 season (Plan 1899), further exposing the main interior dividing wall of the South Building [18004], revealing the southern wall of the structure [18123], and providing a wider view of the tops of the contexts. Note that Sector 1 was only excavated enough to clearly articulate the main walls of the structure.

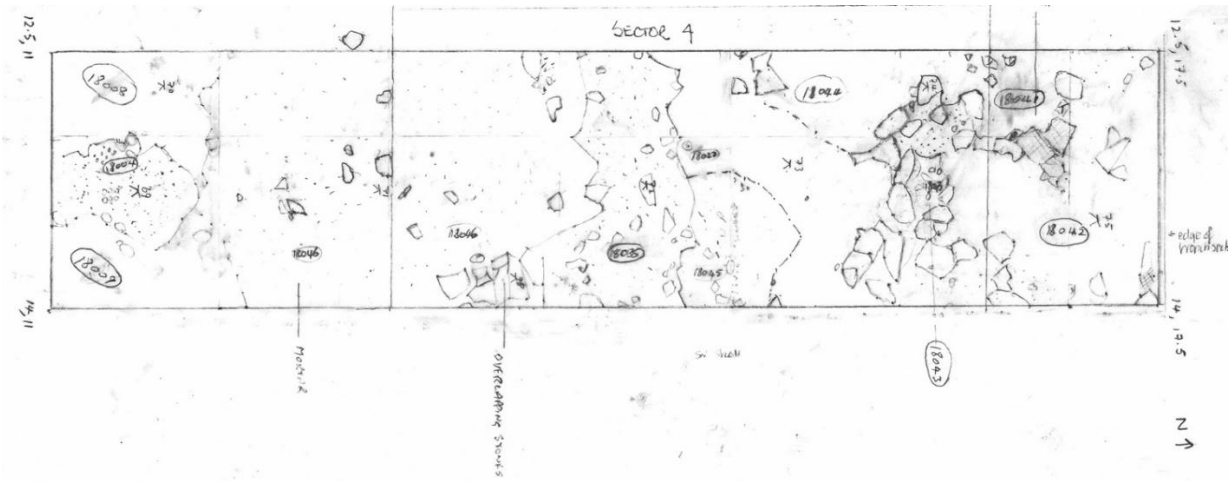


Figure 3: First plan of Sector 25, 1807.

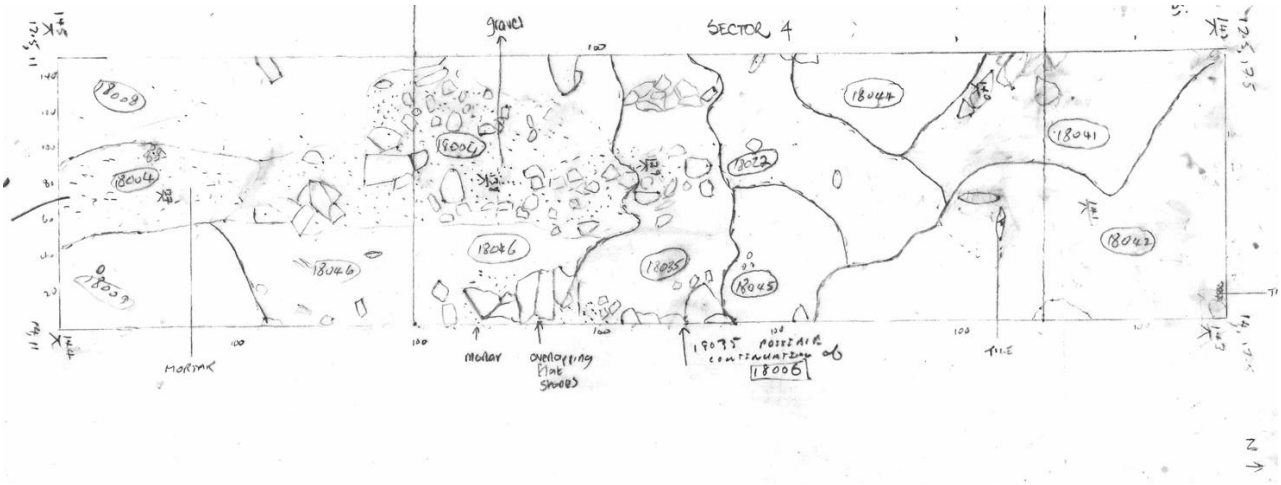


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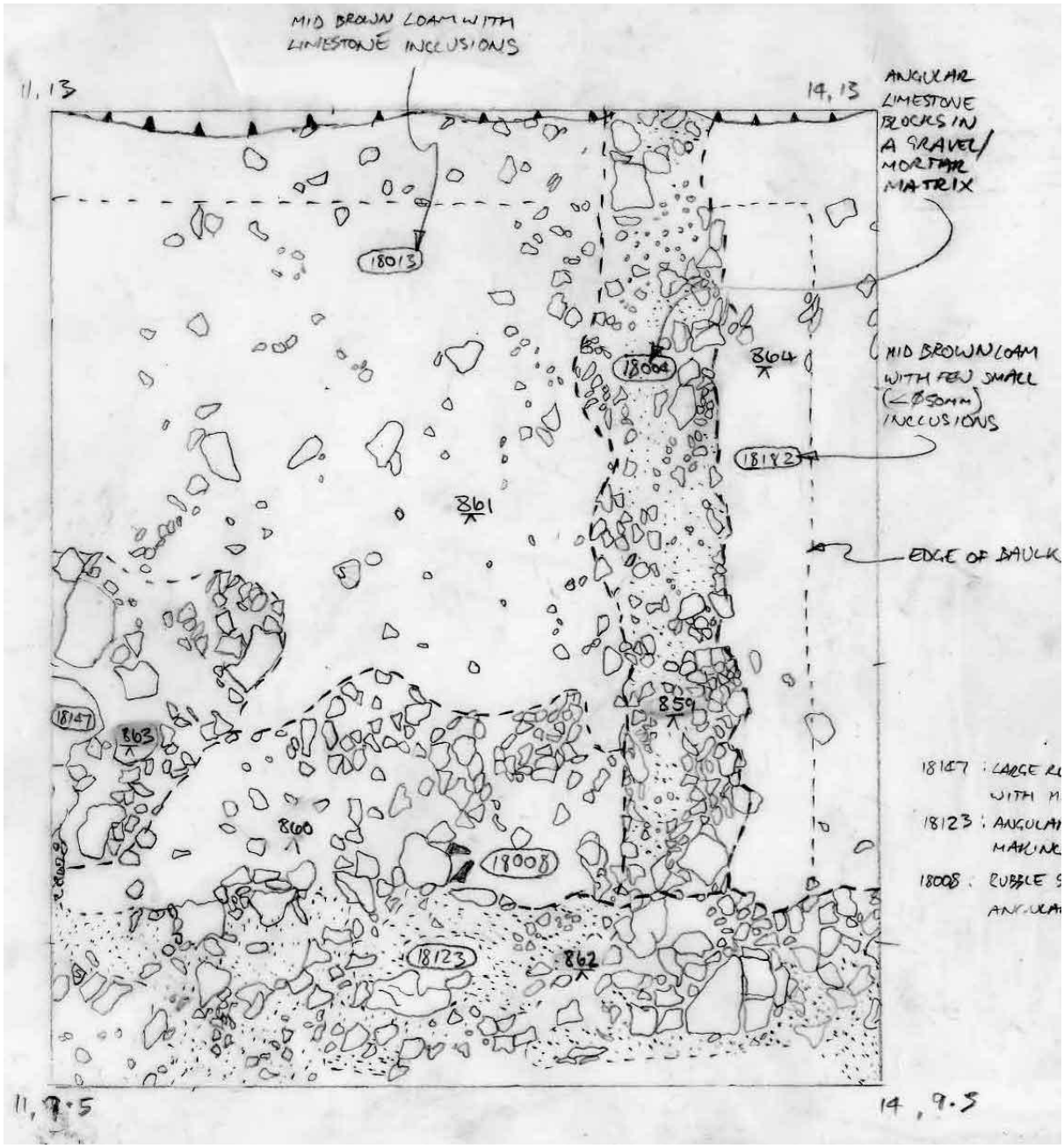


Figure 5: Plan of Sector 1 (1899). Sector only cleared of topsoil – not excavated further.

Context Information for Sectors 1 & 25

[18004] Structure

Description: The remains of the base of a c. 25cm wall dividing the structure into two spaces. The wall is survived by a linear arrangement of small limestone rubble and gravel. There are some larger shaped limestone blocks in the mix, but the wall is heavily truncated.
Relationships: overlain by 18000, 18046. Abutted by 18008 and 18009. Butts 18035.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: North/south running wall that divides the South Building in half. The wall butts tightly against the main walls of the structure, with the intersection at the southern end indicating that the interior wall was well integrated into the southern wall. This suggests it is possible that the interior wall was constructed at the same time as the two exterior walls. There is no indication for an opening or door in the wall foundation.

[18123] Structure

Description: A linear arrangement of angular limestone blocks up to 20cm thick laid in rough courses forming the base of a wall. The wall is c. 50cm wide and sits on a soil base about 10cm above the natural bedrock. There are traces of gravel and mortar within the matrix of the wall.
Relationships: Overlaid by 18000. Overlies 18146 and 18247.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Most likely the base of a robust double faced, free-standing wall that ran up to the outside of the temple temenos wall. The eastern end of the wall makes a 90-degree turn north into the interior of the structure, possibly part of and/or supporting the entrance of the building.

(18008) Layer

Description: Very compact brownish red silty clay, visible beneath the topsoil in the SW corner of the trench.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18005. Butts 18004.
Material Culture: A total of 47 sherds of Roman pottery recovery from the context.
RFWOX 7 RCWR 13 SM 2 RFWW 13 OXFWS 7 D 5.
Interpretation: Not fully excavated. No interpretation for this context.

(18009) Layer

Description: Compact matrix of dark silty loam, substantial small inclusions and patches of greyish-white mortar. Fragments of material culture such as ceramics, roof tile, and bone protruding from the surface of the context.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Butts 18004.
Material Culture: A total of 108 sherds of pottery recovered from context (1 prehistoric & 107 Roman).
Prehistoric: PCW 1
Roman: RCWO 4 RFWOX 21 RCWR 18 RFWR 14 RFWDS 8 SM 1 RWW 9 OXFWS 17 GR 3 D 9 O 3
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18009	2329	Glass	vessel?	vessel?		1	Roman	MF03	16.60	9.67	97.29	glass vessel fragment

Interpretation: Not fully excavated. The material seems to contain debris from the structure. No further interpretation possible.

(18013) Layer

Description: Compact, mid-brown silty loam with small inclusions of limestone and building material. Not fully excavated.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18022, 18042, 18041, 18044, 18043, 18045, 18046, 18074, 18067, 18035, 18078, and 18079.

Material Culture: A total of 499 sherds of pottery recovery from this context (2 prehistoric and 497 Roman.

Prehistoric: PCW 2

Roman: RCWO 57 RFWOX 14 RCWR 117 RFWR 44 SM 16 IMPCC 8
RWW 104 BWW 4 DOR 2 OXFRS 21 OXFWS 62 GR 10 ROBSH 7 D 29 O 2

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18013	1586	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	13.10	11.96	98.38	
18013	1776	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02				
18013	1873	Glass	vessel	Handle		1	Unknown	MF03	19.04	14.23	98.35	Glass handle fragment
18013	1874	Metal	cu-alloy	lump		1	Unknown	MF03	19.01	13.30	98.34	Iron pellet
18013	2453	Metal	cu-alloy	Needle		1	Roman	MF03	12.17	11.20	98.33	Large needle
18013	2468	Metal	cu-alloy	Nail cleaner	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF03	12.10	12.20	98.61	no further info
18013	3613	Metal	iron	Coin		1	4th C?	MF05	11.46	17.50	98.53	- SECURITAS REIPUBLICAE

Interpretation: The interface between the topsoil and the underlying archaeological deposits. Very similar in composition to 18011, 18012, and 18014. In places 18013 lies over the top of wall rubble. This context contains lots of material culture. Possible that this has all been mixed up by ploughing.

(18022) Layer

Description: Compact mid-dark brown silty loam with a mixture of limestone gravel, ceramic building material (tiles), and ceramics. Small areas of ferrous material in the southwest corner of the Sector.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000 and 18013. Overlies 18036. Butts 18006.

Material Culture: A total of 683 sherds of pottery recovered, all of which are Roman.

RCWO 45 RFWOX 60 RCWR 123 RFWR 108 SM 10 IMPCC 16
RWW 89 BWW 2 DOR 15 OXFWS 124 GR 7 ROBSH 2 D 3 O 79

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18022	1576	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	St	1	330-346	MF02	18.20	15.60	98.40	CONSTANTINOPOLIS - VICTORY - TRS - clipped
18022	1585	Stone	flint	flake		1		MF02	17.73	15.40	98.35	
18022	1675	Metal	iron	pin		1		MF02	13.20	14.72	98.36	
18022	2260	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Roman	MF03	16.25	15.80	98.42	
18022	2971	Stone	flint	tool		1		MF04	no 3d			
18022	2985	Metal	iron	stud		1		MF04	16.25	15.64	98.34	
18022	3037	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF04	-	-	-	

Interpretation: Spread of soil mixed with debris from the building. An interface layer, most likely truncated by ploughing, lying over the remains of the South Building.

(18035) Layer

Description: Layer of limestone fragments and mortar overlying the wall of the South Building [18115].
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18115.
Material Culture: A total of 22 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 1 RCWR 8 RFWR 1RFWDS 1 SM 1 RFWW 7 OXFWS 1 D 2
Interpretation: Truncation zone, containing debris from the remains of a limestone wall foundation. Most likely damaged by ploughing.

(18041) Layer

Description: Loose mid-brown soil mixed with orange-yellow sandy loam with lots of charcoal inclusions. Contains large blocks of limestone, including several that have visual evidence for burning.
Relationships: Overlain by 18013.
Material Culture: RCWO 5 RFWOX 5 RCWR 5 RFWR 14 SM 2 RWW 6 RFWW 16 OXFRS 3 D 4
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18041	1765	Bone	animal bone	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF02	13.20	16.73	98.35	

Interpretation: Thin layer containing debris from the underlying structure covering a discrete area that has indications of burning.

(18042) Layer

Description: Thin, dark brown friable soil with small pieces of animal bone and pottery. Does not appear in Section.
Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Possible same as 18044.
Material Culture: A total of 43 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 13 RCWR 6 RFWR 3SM 1 IMPCC 1 RWW 8 RFWW 4 BWW 1 D 5 O 1
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18042	1766	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	3rd/4th C	MF02	13.67	17.30	98.38	RADIATE
18042	1767	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	12.72	17.29	98.48	

Interpretation: A thin layer covering the destruction layer just outside the north wall of the South Building.

(18043) Layer

Description: Small scatter of limestone rubble concentrated on top of 18042, just outside the north wall of the South Building.
Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Overlies 18042.
Material Culture: A total of 27 sherds of Roman pottery were recovered from this context.
RFWOX 1 RCWR 13 OXFWS 2 D 6 O 5
Interpretation: Small patch of building material, most likely associated the South Building.

(18044) Layer

Description: Loosely mixed, dark reddish-brown soil with some limestone blocks, mixed with small pieces of animal bone, oyster shells, pottery, and small flecks of charcoal.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013.

Material Culture: A total of 178 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 7 RFWOX 8 RCWR 33 RFWR 25 SM 6 IMPCC 1 RWW 24
RFWW 41 BWW 5 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 9 D 18

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18044	1686	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	13.10	15.70	98.38	
18044	1687	Metal	cu-alloy	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF02	12.80	15.40	98.39	
18044	1893	Metal	cu-alloy	pin/needle		1	Unknown	MF03	8.38	12.93	98.40	Metal pin fragment
18044	1940	Metal	cu-alloy	pin		1	Roman	MF03	11.37	15.34	98.51	Pin - no further info
18044	2193	Metal	iron	Pin		1	Roman	MF03	12.72	16.00	98.33	
18044	2194	Metal	iron	Plate/fitting		1	Roman	MF03	13.03	15.93	98.28	

Interpretation: Possible Roman topsoil just outside the north wall of the South Building (in the 'Courtyard' between the North and South Buildings.

(18045) Layer

Description: Friable dark yellowish-brown silty loam, mid-compact, with inclusions of limestone gravel and fragments of material culture. Not fully excavated in this Sector.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Butts 18035.

Material Culture: A total of 45 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 4 RCWR 4 RFWR 4SM 7 RWW 12 RFWW 14

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18045	2019	Metal	iron	Stylus?	tool?	1	Roman	MF03	18.40	14.77	98.57	Tool/stylus - large piece of iron thought to be a iron stylus tapers out towards one end into a fan shape other end slightly thicker than middle.

Interpretation: Patch of soil mixed with traces of limestone mortar and gravel overlying wall [18006].

(18046) Layer

Description: Compact greyish yellow silty clay, poorly sorted with small limestone inclusions.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Overlies 18085, 18004. Butts 18006.

Material Culture: A total of 68 sherds of Roman pottery recovered from this context.

RCWO 3 RFWOX 3 RCWR 12 RFWR 11 SM 2 RWW 9 RFWW 14 DOR 1
OXFWS 2 GR 1 D 5 O5

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18046	1730	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	DUP/AS	1	97-117	MF02	13.00	13.64	98.35	Trajan (98-117AD) IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AUG GERM P M
18046	2027	Metal	iron	Ring/collar		1	Roman	MF03	13.75	13.80	98.57	Small piece of thick metal thought to be either a ring or hoop, part missing, very dense, small gap in middle

Interpretation: Thin layer of re-worked soil incorporating a range of building material from the underlying structure (South Building). 18046 is contained on the south side of the wall [18035]. Possible debris from collapsed wall.

(18147) Layer

Description: Area of large, sub-angular limestone blocks, c. 30 – 40cm across, mixed with sediment and lime mortar. Some stones have pink staining, suggesting exposure to burning, but no other evidence for fire in the area near the stones.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18247.
Material Culture: None
Interpretation: A concentrated scatter of what seems like wall construction material. Does not seem to be distinct structure. More likely debris from the destruction of either the temenos wall or the one of the walls of the South Building.

(18182) Layer

Description: Dark brown loam with limestone mortar inclusions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18255, 182566, and 18233. Abutted by 18123. Same as 18228.
Material Culture: A total of 583 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context (9 prehistoric and 574 Roman)
Prehistoric: PCW 9
Roman: RCWO 46 RFWOX 25 RCWR 132 RFWR 6SM 4 RWW 218
BWW 16 DOR 1 OXFRS 2 OXFWS 19 GR 6 D 89 O 10
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18182	3101	NCBM	plaster	Fragment		1		MF04	14.28	12.86	98.21	
18182	3121	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF04	15.51	10.54	98.24	

Interpretation: First pre-floor soil later. Represents extensive activity area with large number of artifacts. Pre-construction layer which contains evidence for activity, including patches of burnt material (18255 and 18222), and considerable assortment of material culture.

SECTOR 2

A 3.5m – 3.5m trench (Sector 2) was excavated over an area that extended from just south of the wall [18123] through most of the interior space of the front room of the building. This included possible interior wall/entrance [18223]. The Sector was excavated by unit, with new plans made following the removal of each major unit. Results outlined below, starting with the upper units and going down to the lowest stratigraphic units. Note that the entire sector was not excavated down to the underlying natural bedrock, but a small sondage was inserted to verify depth of deposit at the end of the excavation period.

Plan 1: Removal of the topsoil exposed a clearly defined foundation of a wall [18123] running east – west across the southern end of the Sector. The space south of the wall contained on unit (18177). There were 4 distinct contexts visible north of the wall, in the interior of the structure (18182), (18178), (18179), and (18181). There was a circular feature that looked like a cut [18229], filled with a deposit (18180), going into (18178), (18181), and (18179). We interpret this cut and fill as the latest contexts in this Sector.

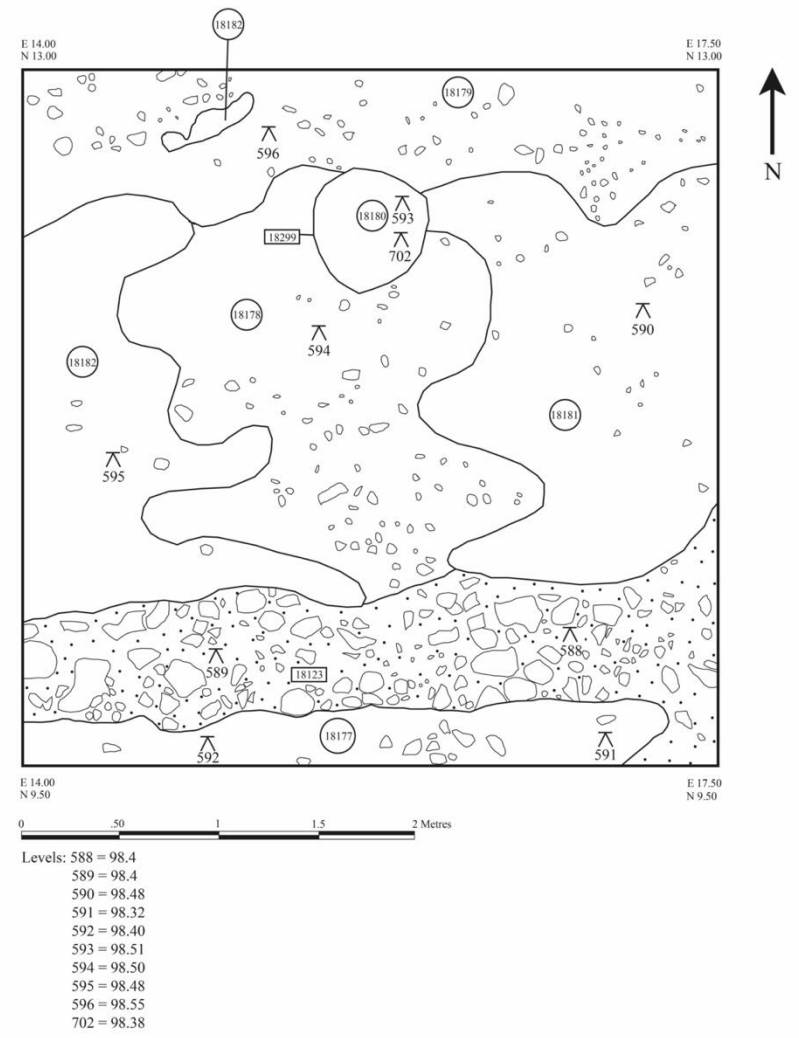


Figure 6: Plan 1 of 9 for Sector 2 (1863).

Plan 2: We excavated out the fill of the pit (18189), exposing an underlying layer (18228).

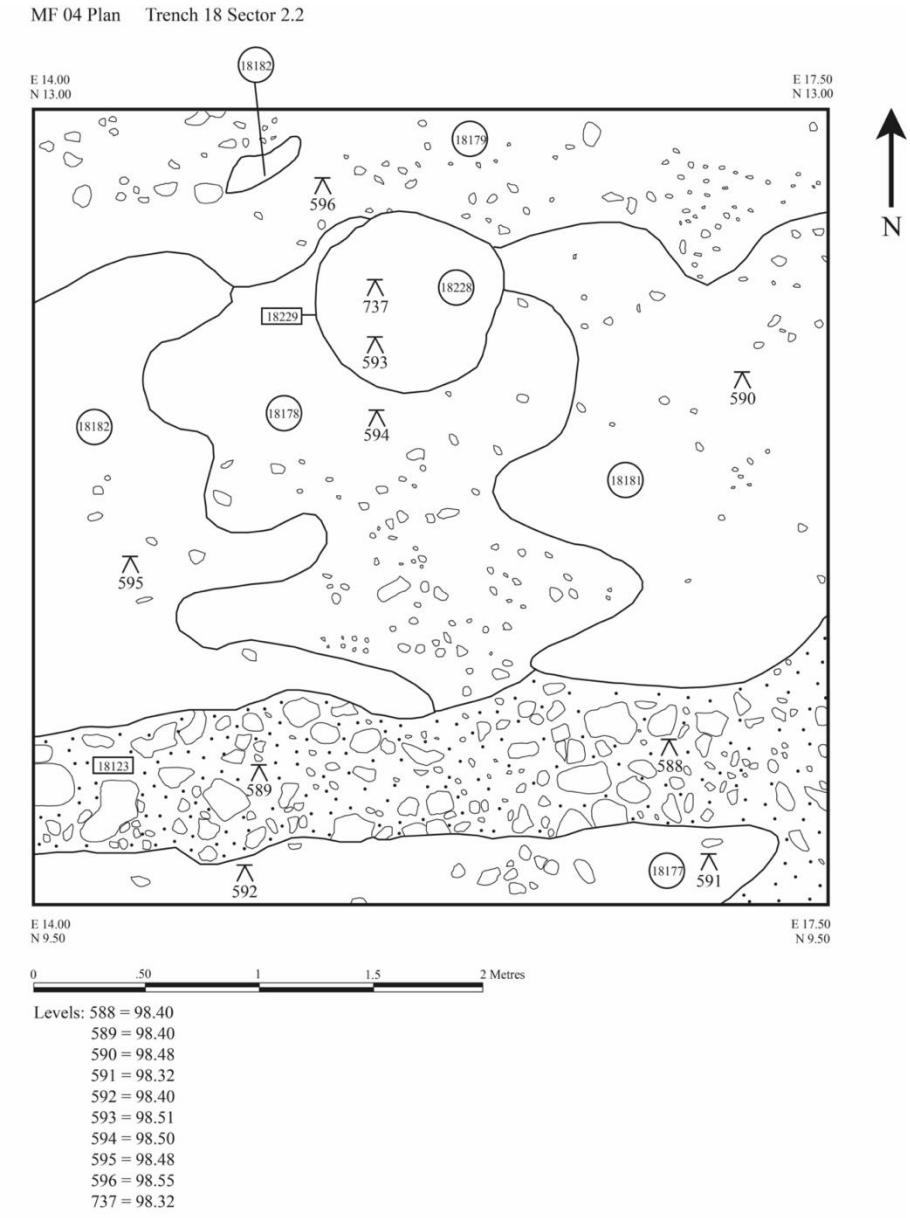


Figure 7: Plan 2 of 9 for Sector 2.

Plan 3: We excavated context (18178), which was found to be covering parts of contexts (18181), (18179), and (18182). At this stage we dug a small rectangular sondage down through (18179) and (18182).

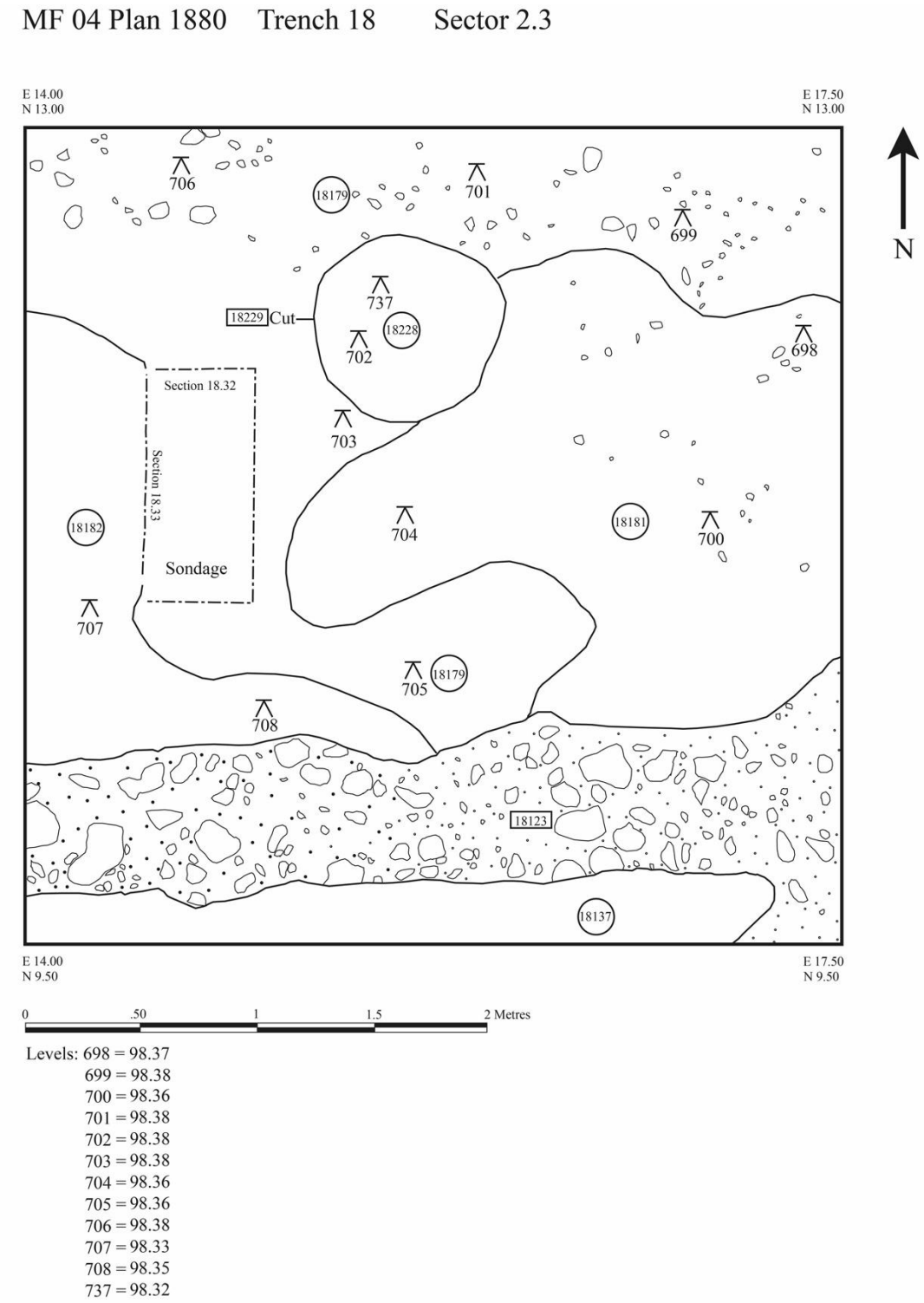


Figure 8: Plan 3 of 9 for Sector 2 (Plan 1880).

Plan 4: We excavated (18179), which was laid over (18181) and (18182). Removing (18179) revealed four new contexts (18220), (18222), (18220), and [18223]. It also exposed a large patch of context (18228) which was found at the bottom of cut [18229].

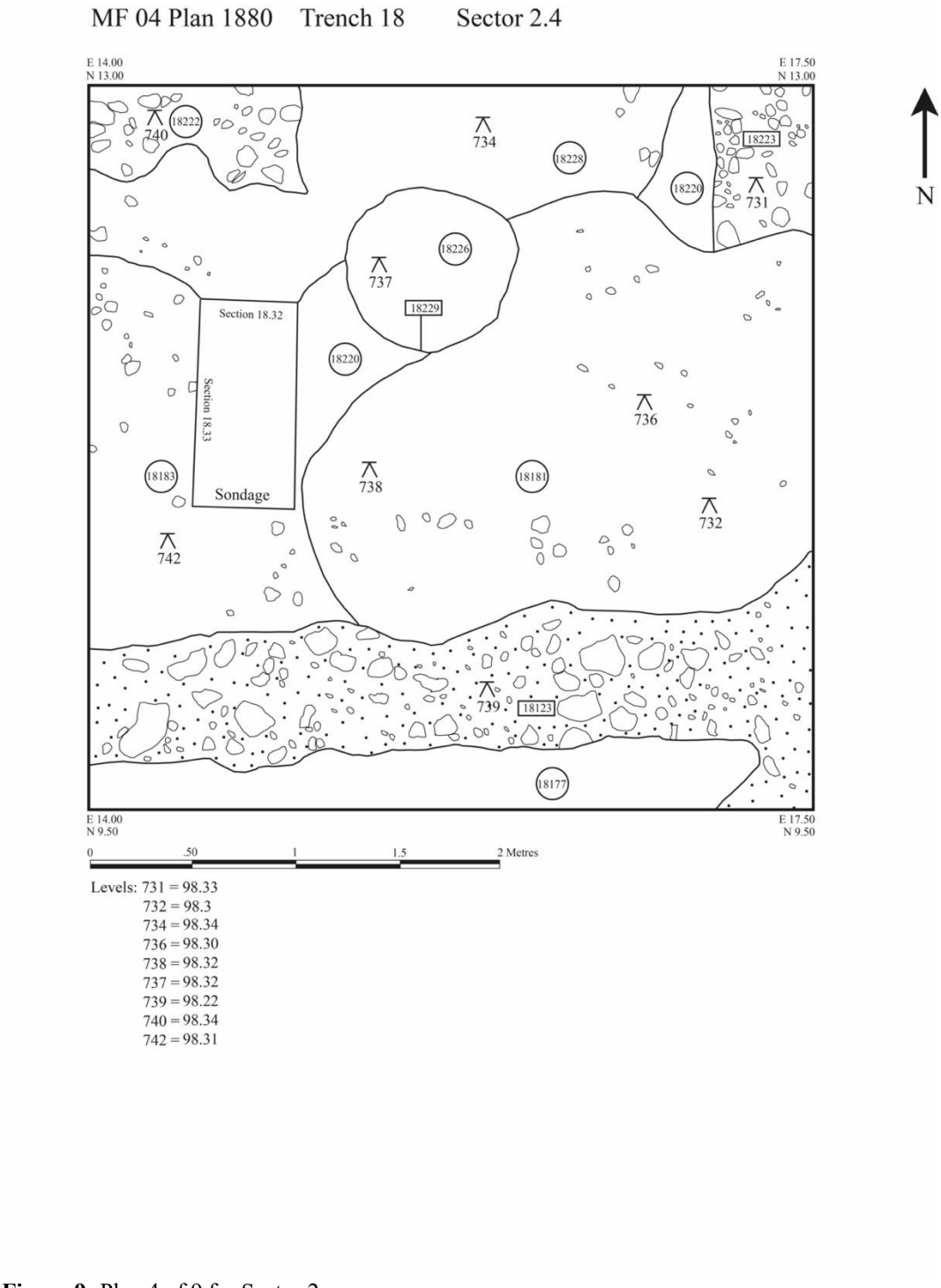


Figure 9: Plan 4 of 9 for Sector 2.

Plan 5: We excavated (18181), which further exposed underlying contexts (18182) and (18220). It also revealed context (18241) and several discrete patches of burnt material (18256) laying over (18182).

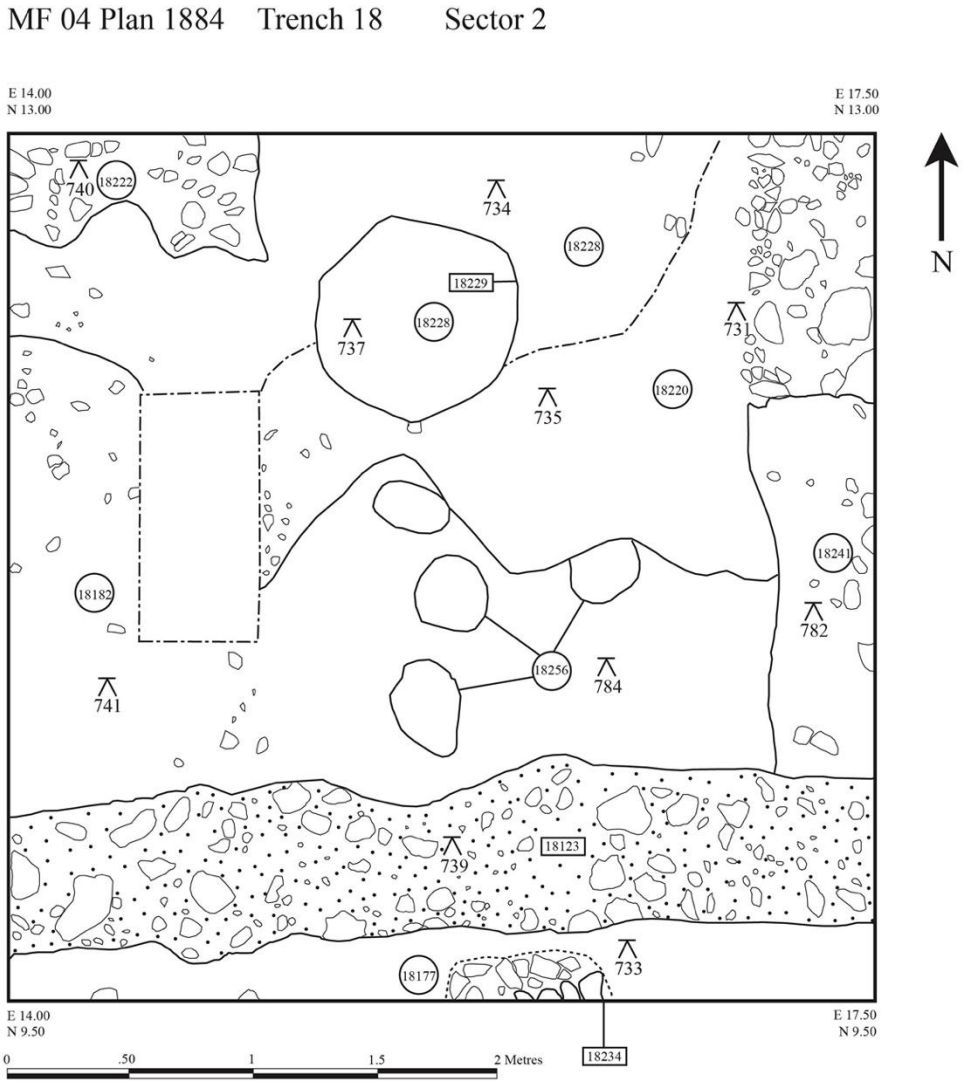


Figure 10: Plan 5 of 9 for Sector 2 (Plan 1884).

Plan 6: We excavated the context to the south of the wall (18177), which went down to the underlying natural (18001). Inside the structure we excavated unit (18220), which exposed a larger patch of (18228) as well as an additional patch of burnt material (18256). Removing (18222) at the north-western edge of the Sector revealed a small concentration of stones [18257] and further exposed (18228).

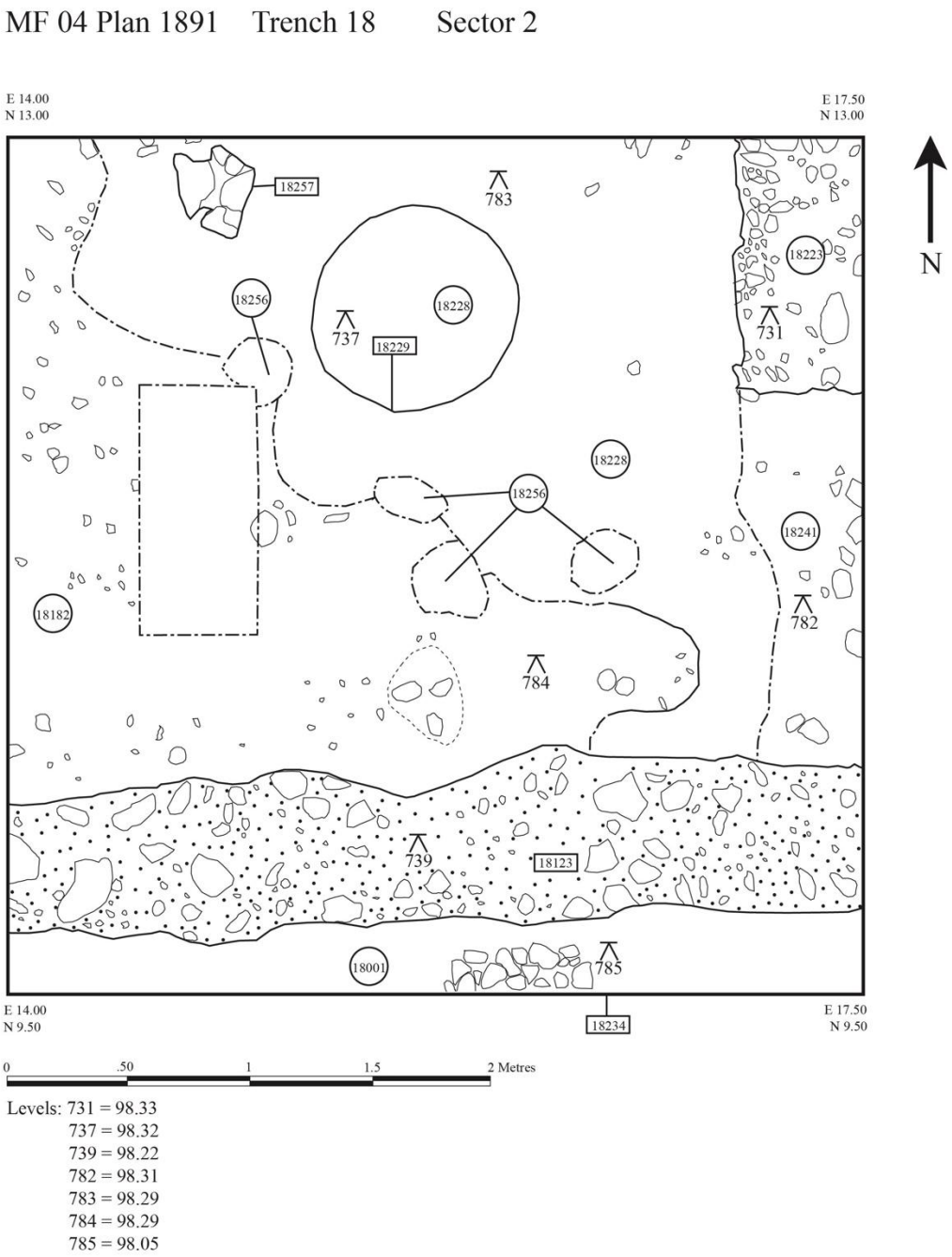


Figure 11: Plan 6 of 9 for Sector 2 (Plan 1891).

Plan 7: We removed the small patches of burnt material (18256) and all (18228). This further exposed (18182). It is revealed 3 new contexts (18255), (18250), and (18251).

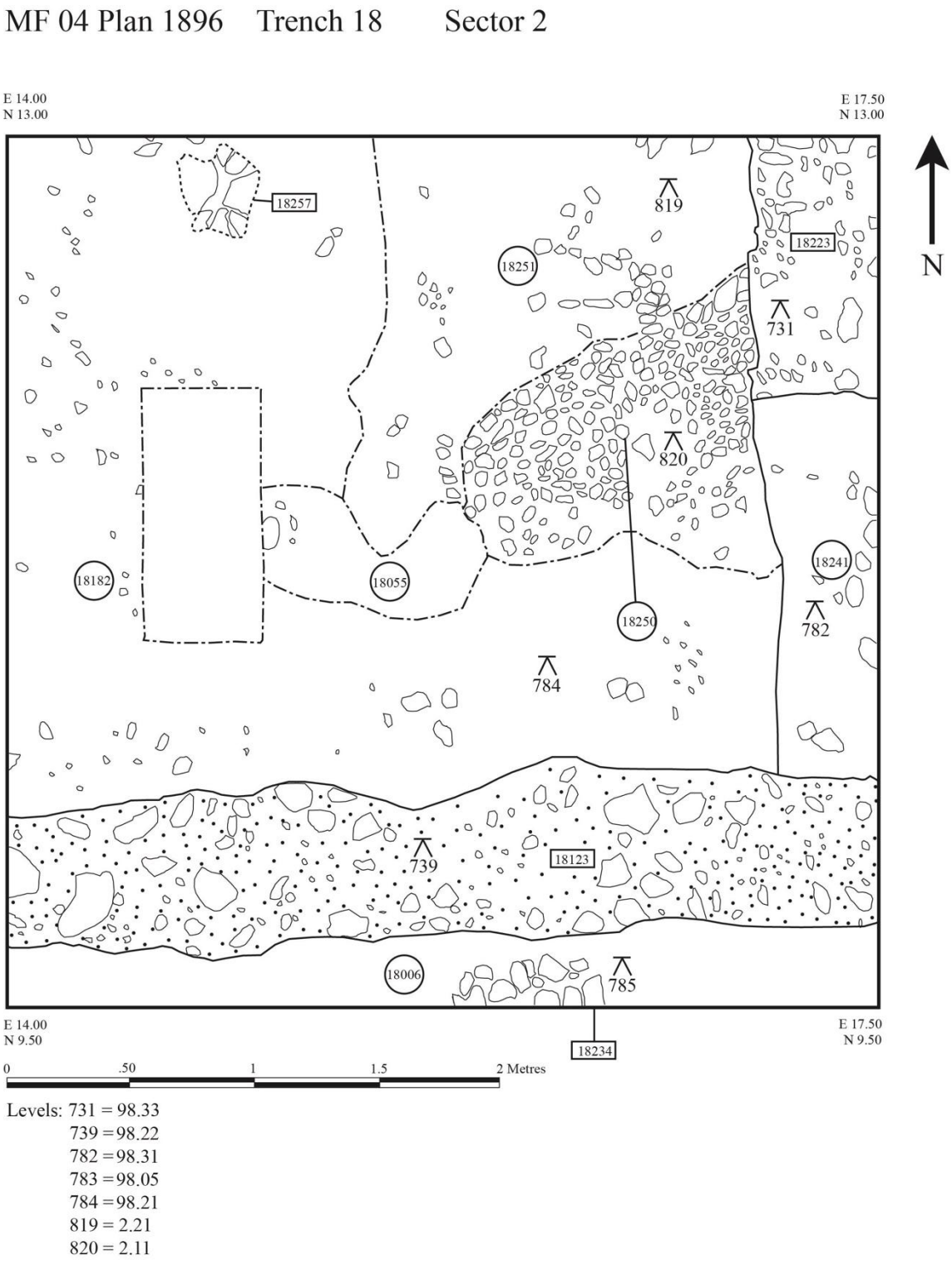


Figure 12: Plan 7 of 9 for Sector 2 (Plan 1896).

Plan 8: We removed contexts (18255) and (18241). This further exposed (18182).

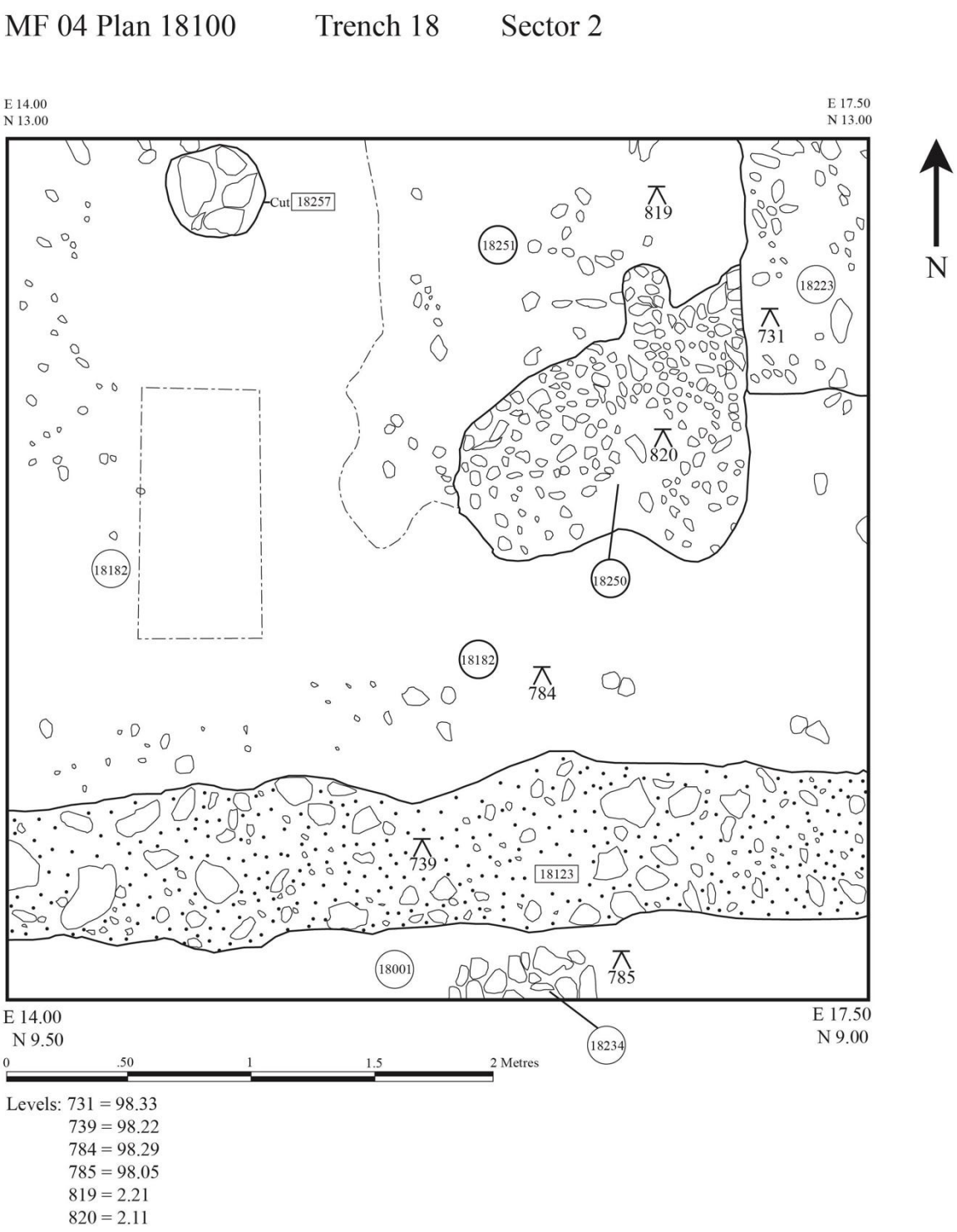


Figure 13: Plan 8 of 9 for Sector 2 (Plan 18100).

Plan 9: We removed [18257] and all (18182). This revealed that context (18251) covered most of the area inside the structure. We did not excavate the remaining contexts further, but the sondage shows that (18251) went down c. 30cm until the natural limestone bedrock. Therefore, we interpret (18251) as the earliest context in the trench.

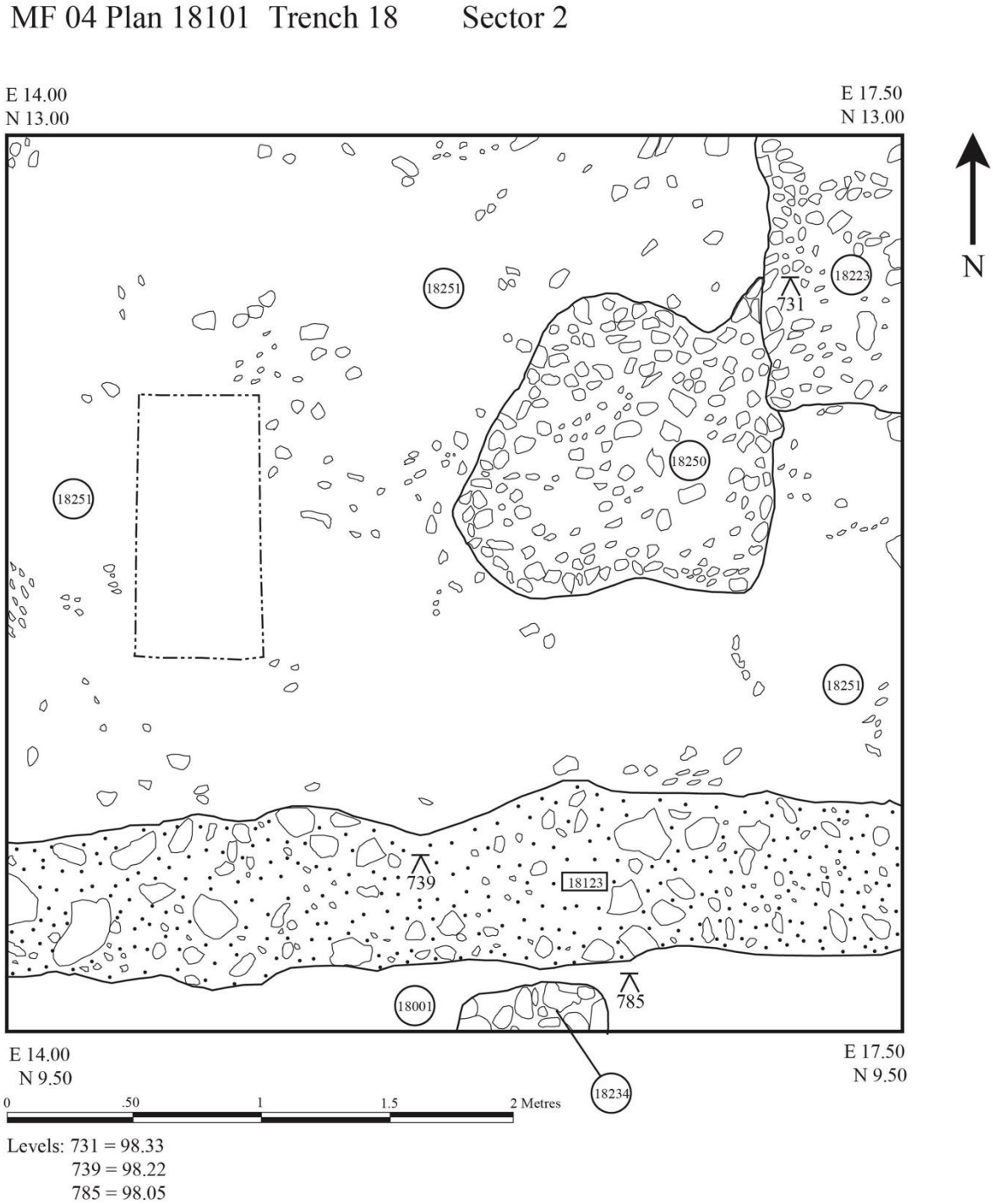


Figure 14: Plan 9 of 9 for Sector 2 (Plan 18101).

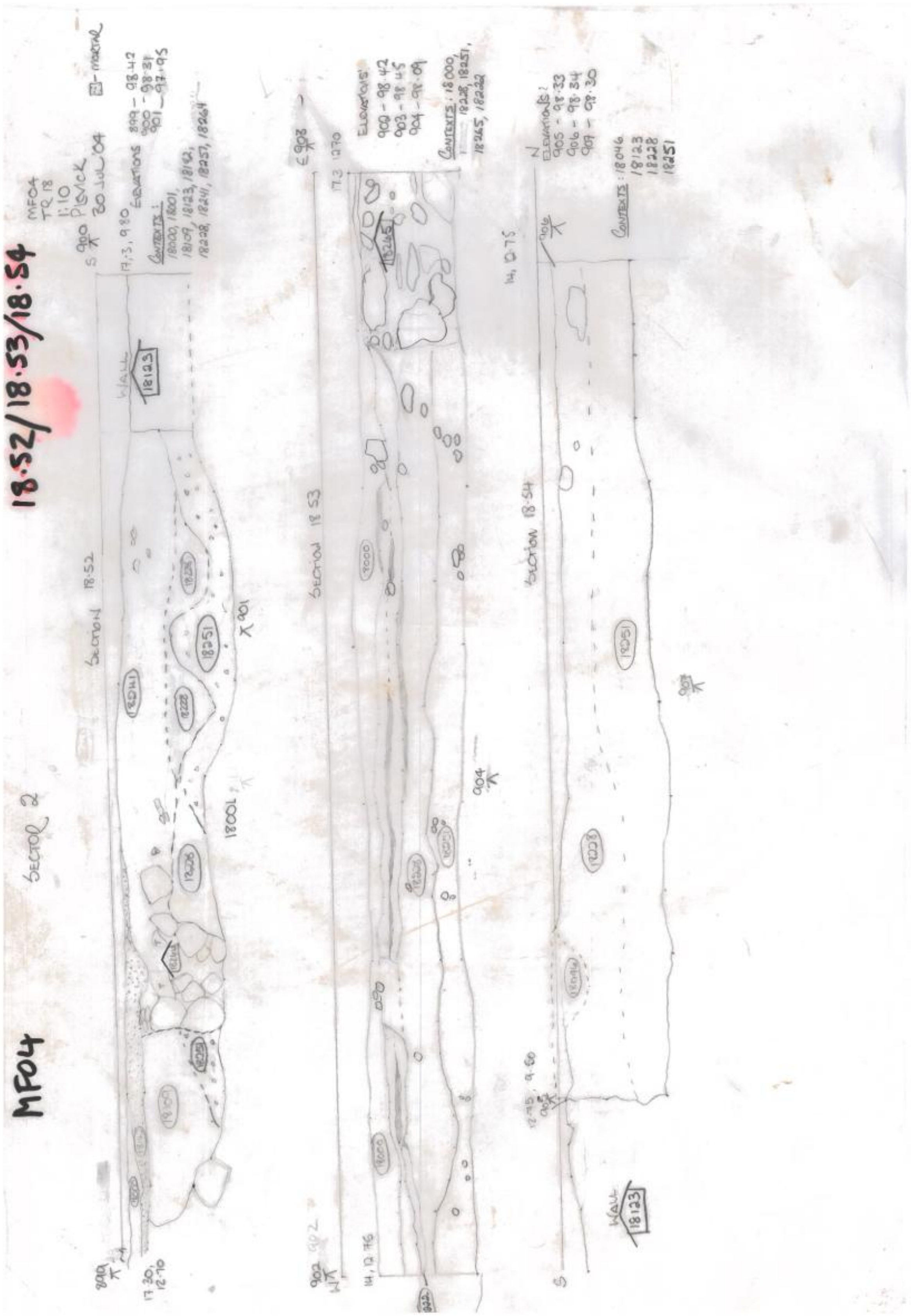


Figure 15a - c: Section 18.52 – east face of Sector 2. Section 18.53 & 18.53 north face of Sector 2. Section 18.54 – west face of Sector 2.

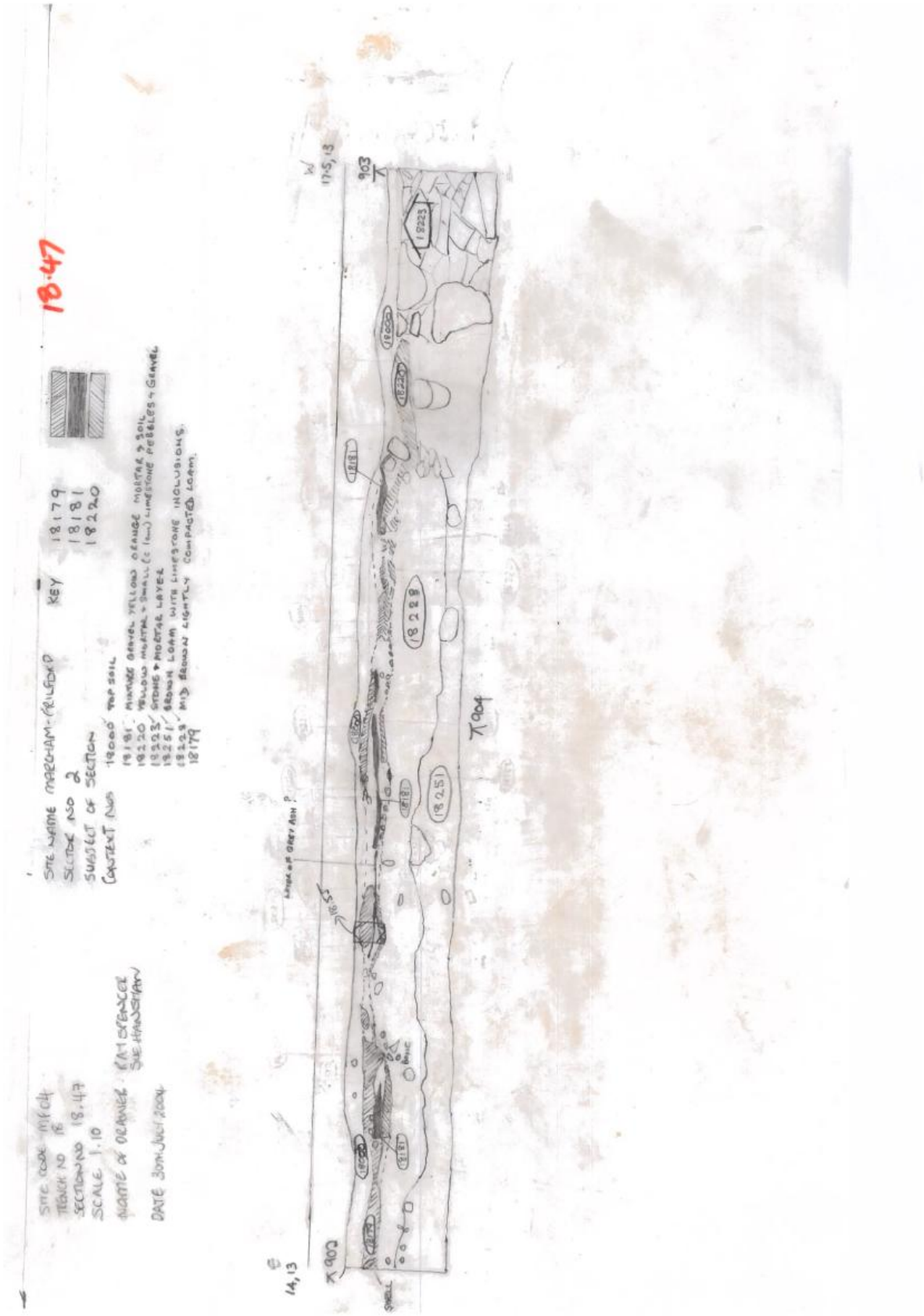


Figure 16. Section 18.47 alternate north face of Sector 2.

Context Information for Sector 2

[18123] Structure

Description: Wall comprises mix of angular limestone blocks ranging from 18cm – pebbles of 1 – 2 cm in a mortar matrix. Approximately 50cm wide. Final course of stones lies c. 12cm above natural on a soil base. Constructed from limestone. In places, larger (c. 30cm) tabular limestones lie about foundations.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18146 & 18247.
Material Culture: One sherd of Roman pottery recovered from this context: SM 1.
Interpretation: Wall running east – west forming external wall of the South Building.

(18177) Layer

Description: Deposit outside the southern wall of the building between the building and possible post-pad **[18265]** Consists of soft medium brown loam with no inclusions. Several fragments of pottery and animal bone. This deposit underlies the topsoil **(18000)** and extends down to the underlying limestone bedrock **(18001)**. The post-pad **[18265]** is built directly on the bedrock and so likely that it was cut through **(18177)**.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18000)** and **(18207)**. Abutted (or cut through by) **[18123]**. Overlies the natural limestone bedrock **(18001)**.
Material Culture: A total of 40 sherds of Roman pottery recovered from this context.
RFWOX: 14 SM: 1 RFWW: 3 OXFRS: 2 OXFWS: 10 GR: 2 D: 8
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18177	2841	Metal	iron	Hook		1		MF04	9.62	0.49	98.39	long s-shaped bar, hook? Bent nail?

Interpretation: We interpret **(18177)** to be the natural ground surface outside of the structure, with some artifacts worked into the matrix.

(18178) Layer (Upper Floor Surface)

Description: Deposit within the interior of the structure. It is a compact greyish white silty clay with small limestone gravel inclusions. The layer has been heavily truncated by ploughing. This context is not visible in any of the sections drawings for Sector 2. This context overlies **(18181)**, **(18182)**, and **(18179)**.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18000)**. Cut by **[18229]**. Overlies **(18181)** and **(18182)**. Butts **(18123)**.
Material Culture: A total of 2 sherds of Roman pottery recovered from this context.
D: 2
Interpretation: We interpret this layer as the upper-most deliberately constructed floor surface within the structure.

(18179) Layer (Middle Floor Surface)

Description: A thin yellowish white layer of coarse sandy mortar mixed with small limestone gravel. The layer has been truncated by ploughing.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18000)** and **(18178)**. Same as **(18113)**. Overlies **(18222)**, **(18181)**, **(18220)**, and **(18223)**.
Material Culture: A total of 21sherds of pottery recovered from this context (1 Prehistoric, 20 Roman).
PCW: 1 RCWO: 2 RCWR: 6 RFWR: 1 RWW: 1 RFWW: 1
OXFWS: 3 GR: 2 D: 2 O:2
Interpretation: A floor surface used to level the interior of the room. It is possible that this was either made to repair damage to the underlying floor surface **(18181)** or was a new floor surface.

(18180) Fill

Description: Consists of dark brown, compacted loam with small limestone inclusions. Some small fragments of material culture in the pit.

Relationships: Overlain by **(18000)**. Overlies **(18228)**. Fill of **[18229]**.

Material Culture: A total of 54 sherds of Roman pottery recovered from this context.

RCWR: 24 RFWR: 4 RFWDS: 1 SM: 2 RWW: 8OXFRS: 4 OXFWS: 1
ROBSH: 1 D: 7 O: 2

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18180	2970	Metal	iron	rod/hook?		1		MF04	15.90	12.27	98.46	
18180	2974	Metal	iron	hook?		1		MF04	7.60	11.90	98.37	
18180	2976	Stone	flint	tool		1		MF04	15.31	11.94	98.27	

Interpretation: The single fill of pit **[18229]**. No indication of deliberate deposition of material culture in the pit.

(18181) Layer (Lower Floor Surface)

Description: A thin layer of gravel and yellow/orangish mortar and sand located on the eastern side of the building interior.

Relationships: Overlain by **(18179)** and **(18178)**. Cut by **[18229]**. Butts **(18123)**. Overlies **[18223]**, **(18241)**, **(18220)**, **(18256)**, and **(18182)**.

Material Culture: A total of 49 sherds of pottery recovered from this context (1 Prehistoric, 48 Roman).

PCW: 1 RFWOX: 6 RFWR: 11 RFWW: 18 OXFRS: 2 OXFWS: 1
D: 5 O: 3

Interpretation: Most likely a deliberately constructed floor surface, which has indications of re-surfacing.

(18182) Layer [Same as 18228. On Section drawings only as 18228]

Description: Large layer consisting of dark brown loam with small limestone and mortar inclusions covering c. two thirds of the area of the room.

Relationships: Overlain by **(18255)**, **(18256)**, and **(18223)**. Same as **(18228)**. Overlies **(18251)**.

Material Culture: A total of 583 sherds of pottery recovered from this context (9 Prehistoric, 574 Roman).

PCW: 9 RCWO: 46 RFWOX: 25 RCWR: 132 RFWR: 6 SM: 4
RWW: 218 BWW: 16 DOR: 1 OXFRS: 2 OXFWS: 19 GR: 6 D: 89
O: 10

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18182	3101	NCBM	plaster	Fragment		1		MF04	14.28	12.86	98.21	
18182	3121	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewellery	1		MF04	15.51	10.54	98.24	

Interpretation: First pre-floor soil layer. Contains large number of artefacts and represents a significant activity area.

(18220) Layer

Description: Compact yellow sandy mortar with small limestone pebbles and gravel in the central area of the room.

Relationships: Overlain by **(18181)**. Cut by **[18229]**. Butts **[18223]**. Overlies **(18228)**.

Material Culture: A total of 18 sherds of pottery recovered from this context (18 Roman).

RCWO: 2 RCWR: 4 RFWW: 5 OXFWS: 4 D: 2 O:1

Interpretation: First layer of a constructed floor surface that indicates the start of the second main phase of activity within the structure. This layer started a sequence of thin floor surfaces.

(18222) Layer

Description: A small rectangular patch of small limestone fragments and loose granular mortar gravel missed with some brown loam.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18179)**. Overlies **(18182)**, **(18228)**, and **(18257)**.
Material Culture: A total of 13 sherds of pottery recovered from this context (13 Roman).
RCWO: 1 RCWC: 8 RFWW: 4
Interpretation: It is possible that this is layer is an interface between the overlaying floor surface **(18179)** and the lower deposit of brown loamy soil.

[18223] Structure

Description: A small rectangular stone and mortar layer.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18179)** and **(18181)**. Overlies **(18250)**, **(18251)**, and **(18241)**.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: Possible that it was the remains of a foundation for some sort of wall. This context was laid down after the first phase of room use and before the construction of multiple phases of floor surfaces.

(18228) Layer [Same as 18182]

Description: A large patch of mid brown lightly compacted loam covering c. 50% of the northern eastern half of the room. The surface is overlain by some small patches of burnt material.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18179)** and **(18220)**. Cut by **[18229]**. Same as **(18182)**. Overlies **(18251)** and **(18250)**. Butts **[18223]** and **[18123]**.
Material Culture: A total of 175 sherds of pottery recovered from this context (2 Prehistoric, 173 Roman).
PCW: 2 RCWO: 5 RCWR: 8 RCWR : 29 RFWR: 56 SM: 6 RWW: 56
BWW: 2DOR: 1 OXFRS: 7 D: 3
Interpretation: Forms a second pre-floor layer, possible the same as **(18182)**. This context is associated with the first phase of activity in the east room of the structure.

[18229] Cut

Description: A 70cm semi-circular cut c. 10cm deep that cuts through **(18179)** and into **(18228)**. The pit is filled with one deposit **(18180)**.
Relationships: Filled by **(18180)**. Cuts **(18228)** and **(18179)**.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: Not sure what the pit was cut for. This cut and fill are most likely the latest features within this Sector, as they cut through the floor surfaces.

(18241) Layer

Description: Appears in the Sector as a rectangular patch of friable orange and yellow sand and mortar with small limestone gravel inclusions and some fragments of plaster.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18181)**. Overlies **(18182)**. Butts **[18223]** and **[18123]**.
Material Culture: A total of 8 sherds of pottery recovered from this context (8 Roman).
RFWOX: 2 RCWR: 1 RWW: 4OXFWS: 1
Interpretation: This patch of mortar and sand is cohesive and well-defined and located right where the 'entrance' to the south building had to be based upon the configuration of the walls. It is likely part of the construction of the building and one of the earlier elements of the second phase of the building use associated with the construction of multiple floor surfaces.

[18250] Structure

Description: A thin layer of tightly packed limestone gravel covering c. 20% of the east central area of the room. The stones are irregularly shaped, ranging in size between 2 – 6cm across.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18228)**. Overlies **(18223)** and **(18251)**.
Material Culture:
Interpretation: The composition and material suggest that this was a deliberately laid surface, but it is not clear its function. Possible that it was a gravel fill used to level the ground surface before laying down the floor surfaces.

(18251) Layer
Description: Compact brown loam with limestone inclusions and very few artefacts.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18228)**. Same as (18124).
Material Culture: No pottery recovered from this context.
Interpretation: This is the pre-Roman activity soil surface.

(18255) Layer
Description: A thin friable patch of burnt material. The matrix contains both larger chunks and small flecks of charcoal.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18228)** and **(18182)**. Overlies **(18182)**.
Material Culture: A total of 21 sherds of pottery recovered from this context (21 Roman).
RCWR: 5 RWW: 5OXFWS: 6 D: 2 O: 3
Interpretation: Clear indication of burning in-situ. This occurred near the end of the first phase of activity evident within the structure. It is directly covered by the first floor surface.

(18256) Layer
Description: Several very similar small patches of burnt material consisting of friable mid-brown sandy loam with small limestone inclusions. Very shallow – less than 3cm thick. Matrix contains both large chunks of charcoal and many small charcoal flecks.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18181)**. Overlies **(18182)**.
Material Culture: No pottery recovered from this context.
Interpretation: The context lies at the interface between the initial phase of activity and the second phase associated with the construction of multiple floor surfaces. The burnt material is covered by the earliest floor surface.

[18257] Structure
Description: Roughly rectangular cluster of mid to large limestone blocks ranging between 20 – 50cm across located in the north-western corner of the room.
Relationships: Overlain by **(18222)**. Overlies **(18251)**.
Material Culture:
Interpretation: Maybe a post-pad in the east room of the building. Not clear what it might have supported. This feature pre-dates the start of the floor surfaces.

SECTORS 4 & 25

The eastern half of Sector 4 was initially cleared during MF2002 field season to ground proof results from the GPR survey showing possible walls just outside of the temple precinct wall (Sector 25). The 2002 excavation involves clearing the topsoil and shallow cleaning by trowel to define underlying contexts (Plans 1807 and 1818). Sector 4 was widened and partially excavated during MF2003. This exposed the full definition of the walls and the contexts on both inside the rear room of the South Building and immediately outside the north wall of the structure (into the "Courtyard" between the South and North Buildings). Below we first present what was exposed in Sector 25 in MF02 and then in Sector 4 in MF03.

Sector 25

Plan 1 (1807): Removing the topsoil exposed seven distinct contexts: (18041; 18042; 18043; 18044; 18022; 18045; 18035; and 18046).

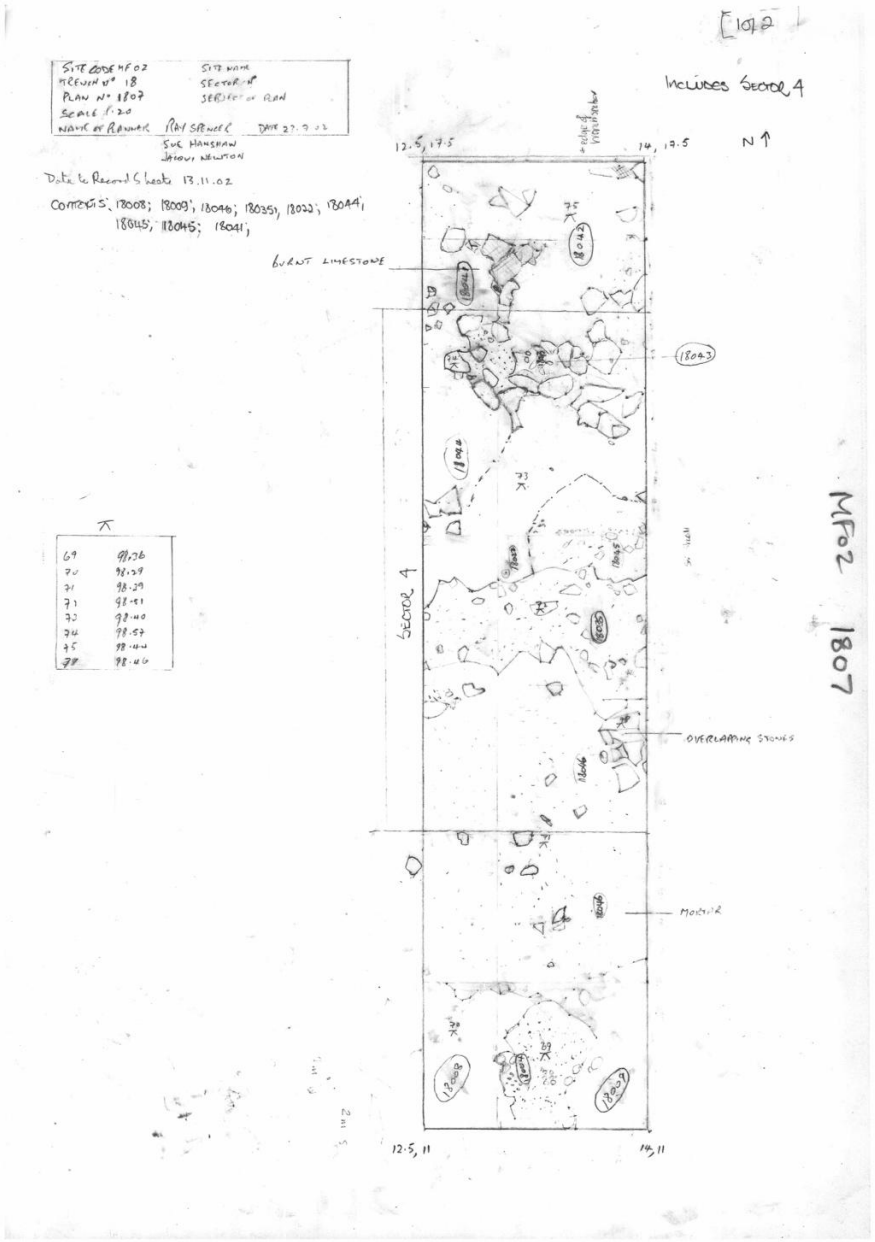


Figure 17. Plan 1 of 2 for Sector 25 (Plan 1807).

Plan 2 (1818): Context (18043) was removed, exposing more of underlying contexts (18041 & 18042). Context (18046) troweled down until the top outline of wall [18004] was clearly defined.

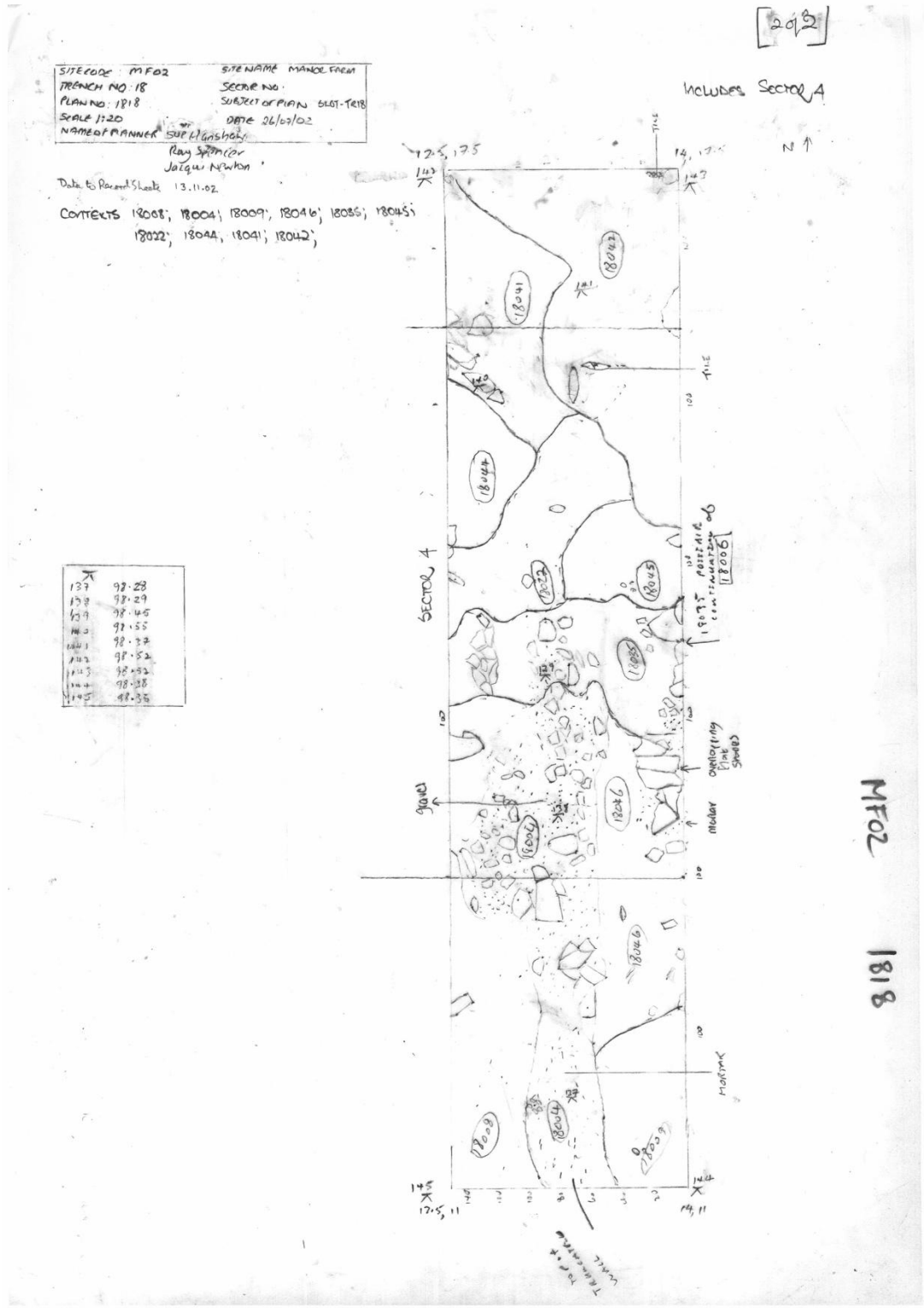


Figure 18. Plan 2 of 2 for Sector 25 (Plan 1818).

Context Information for Sector 25

(18022) Layer

Description: Compact mid-dark brown silty loam with a mixture of limestone gravel, ceramic building material (tiles), and ceramics. Small areas of ferrous material in the southwest corner of the Sector.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000 and 18013. Overlies 18036. Butts 18006.
Material Culture: A total of 683 sherds of pottery recovered, all of which are Roman.
RCWO 45 RFWOX 60 RCWR 123 RFWR 108 SM 10 IMPCC 16
RWW 89 BWW 2 DOR 15 OXFWS 124 GR 7 ROBSH 2 D 3 O 79
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18022	1576	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	St	1	330-346	MF02	18.20	15.60	98.40	CONSTANTINOPOLIS - VICTORY - TRS - clipped
18022	1585	Stone	flint	flake		1		MF02	17.73	15.40	98.35	
18022	1675	Metal	iron	pin		1		MF02	13.20	14.72	98.36	
18022	2260	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Roman	MF03	16.25	15.80	98.42	
18022	2971	Stone	flint	tool		1		MF04	no 3d			
18022	2985	Metal	iron	stud		1		MF04	16.25	15.64	98.34	
18022	3037	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF04	-	-	-	

Interpretation: Spread of soil mixed with debris from the building. An interface layer, most likely truncated by ploughing, lying over the remains of the South Building.

(18035) Layer

Description: Layer of limestone fragments and mortar overlying the wall of the South Building [18115].
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18115.
Material Culture: A total of 22 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 1 RCWR 8 RFWR 1RFWDS 1 SM 1 RFWW 7 OXFWS 1
D 2
Interpretation: Truncation zone, containing debris from the remains of a limestone wall foundation. Most likely damaged by ploughing.

(18041) Layer

Description: Loose mid-brown soil mixed with orange-yellow sandy loam with lots of charcoal inclusions. Contains large blocks of limestone, including several that have visual evidence for burning.
Relationships*:* Overlain by 18013.
Material Culture: RCWO 5 RFWOX 5 RCWR 5 RFWR 14 SM 2 RWW 6
RFWW 16 OXFRS 3 D 4
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18041	1765	Bone	animal bone	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF02	13.20	16.73	98.35	

Interpretation: Thin layer containing debris from the underlying structure covering a discrete area that has indications of burning.

(18042) Layer

Description: Thin, dark brown friable soil with small pieces of animal bone and pottery. Does not appear in Section.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Possible same as 18044.

Material Culture: A total of 43 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RFWOX 13 RCWR 6 RFWR 3SM 1 IMPCC 1 RWW 8 RFWW 4
BWW 1 D 5 O 1

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18042	1766	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	3rd/4th C	MF02	13.67	17.30	98.38	RADIATE
18042	1767	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	12.72	17.29	98.48	

Interpretation: A thin layer covering the destruction layer just outside the north wall of the South Building.

(18043) Layer

Description: Small scatter of limestone rubble concentrated on top of 18042, just outside the north wall of the South Building.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Overlies 18042.

Material Culture: A total of 27 sherds of Roman pottery were recovered from this context.

RFWOX 1 RCWR 13 OXFWS 2 D 6 O 5

Interpretation: Small patch of building material, most likely associated the South Building.

(18044) Layer

Description: Loosely mixed, dark reddish-brown soil with some limestone blocks, mixed with small pieces of animal bone, oyster shells, pottery, and small flecks of charcoal.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013.

Material Culture: A total of 178 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 7 RFWOX 8 RCWR 33 RFWR 25 SM 6 IMPCC 1 RWW 24
RFWW 41 BWW 5 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 9 D 18

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18044	1686	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	13.10	15.70	98.38	
18044	1687	Metal	cu-alloy	hair pin	jewellery	1	Roman	MF02	12.80	15.40	98.39	
18044	1893	Metal	cu-alloy	pin/needle		1	Unknown	MF03	8.38	12.93	98.40	Metal pin fragment
18044	1940	Metal	cu-alloy	pin		1	Roman	MF03	11.37	15.34	98.51	Pin - no further info
18044	2193	Metal	iron	Pin		1	Roman	MF03	12.72	16.00	98.33	
18044	2194	Metal	iron	Plate/fitting		1	Roman	MF03	13.03	15.93	98.28	

Interpretation: Possible Roman topsoil just outside the north wall of the South Building (in the 'Courtyard' between the North and South Buildings.

(18045) Layer

Description: Friable dark yellowish-brown silty loam, mid-compact, with inclusions of limestone gravel and fragments of material culture. Not fully excavated in this Sector.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Butts 18035.

Material Culture: A total of 45 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 4 RCWR 4 RFWR 4SM 7 RWW 12 RFWW 14

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18045	2019	Metal	iron	Stylus?	tool?	1	Roman	MF03	18.40	14.77	98.57	Tool/stylus - large piece of iron thought to be a iron stylus tapers out towards one end into a fan shape other end slightly thicker than middle.

Interpretation: Patch of soil mixed with traces of limestone mortar and gravel overlying wall [18006].

(18046) Layer

Description: Compact, greyish – light yellow silty clay with poorly sorted limestone rubble, gravel and mortar inclusions.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Overlies 18004. Butts 18006.

Material Culture: A total of 68 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 3 RFWOX 3 RCWR 12 RFWR 11 SM 2 RWW 9 RFWW 14
DOR 1 OXFWS 2 GR 1 D 5 O5

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18046	1730	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	DUP/AS	1	97-117	MF02	13.00	13.64	98.35	Trajan (98-117AD) IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AUG GERM P M
18046	2027	Metal	iron	Ring/collar		1	Roman	MF03	13.75	13.80	98.57	Small piece of thick metal thought to be either a ring or hoop, part missing, very dense, small gap in middle

Interpretation: A thin layer of reworked soil incorporating a range of building materials from the underlying structure. The majority of inclusions were small and fragmentary, suggesting extensive exposure to ploughing.

Sector 4

Plan 1 (1820): Sector 4 is a 3.5 x 3.5m square opened in MF03 over the northwest corner of the South Building. Approximately half of Sector 4 was opened and cleared as Sector 25 in MF02. Sector 4 was cleared down enough to fully expose the main walls of the South Building and the contexts inside the rear room of the South Building and immediately outside of the north wall of the South Building (the 'Courtyard'). A 1 x .5m sondage was dug in the northwest corner of Sector 4 down to underlying natural limestone bedrock (see Plan 1800). Removing the topsoil by machine digger and light cleaning by trowel exposed 7 contexts: wall segment [18115]; two deposits to the south of the wall inside the rear room of the South Building (18013 & 18067); and four deposits to the north of the wall immediately outside the South Building (18022, 18044, 18068, and 18069).

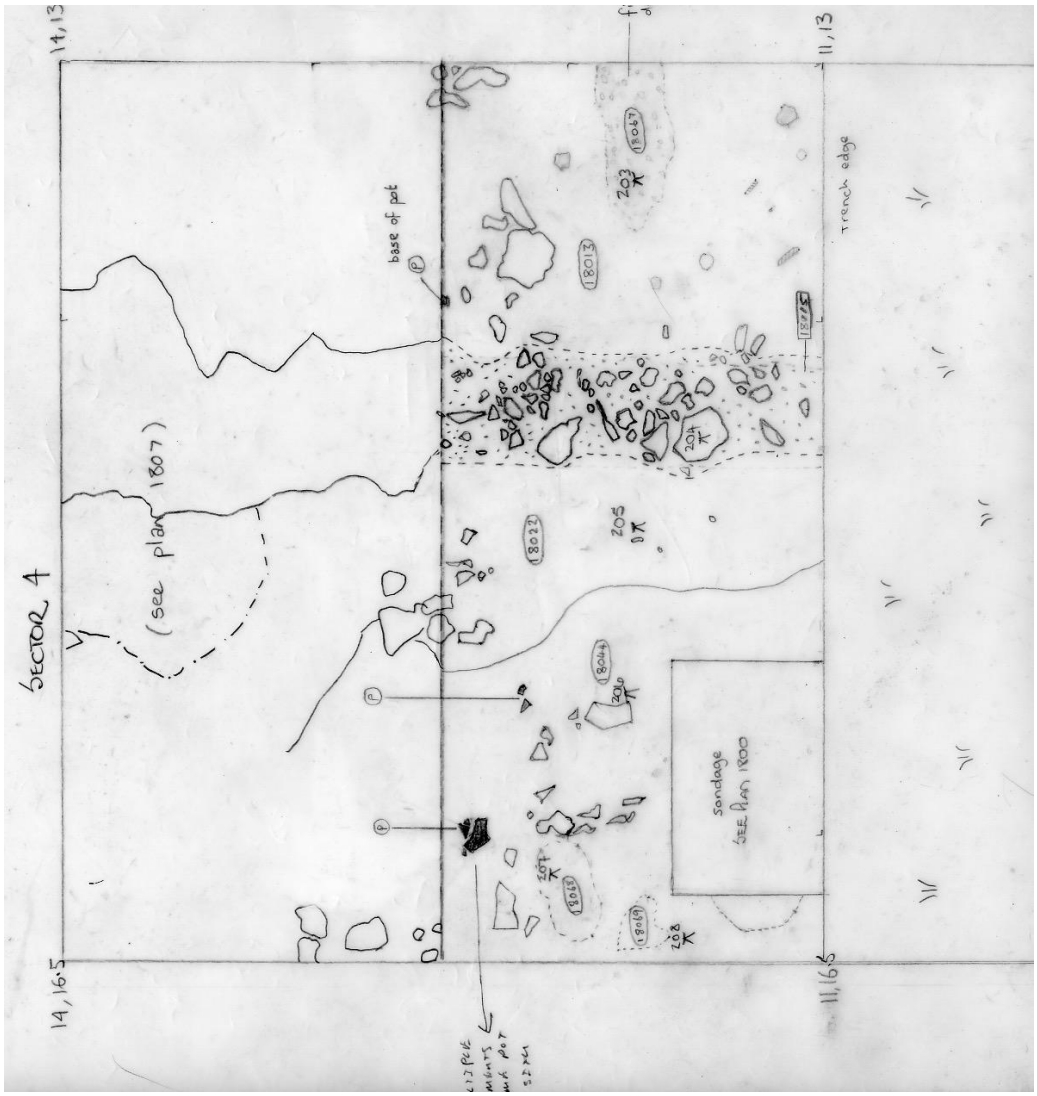


Figure 18: Plan 1 of 4 for Sector 4 (Plan 1820).

Plan 2 (1823): Context (18013) within the rear room of the building was toweled down, further exposing underlying context (18067), and revealing a cluster of tightly packed limestone blocks (18074) and a small patch of burnt material (18075). Context (18022) on the exterior of the wall was troweled down further exposing underlying context (18044). Context (18044) was troweled down further exposing underlying contexts (18068 & 18069) and revealing context (18091).

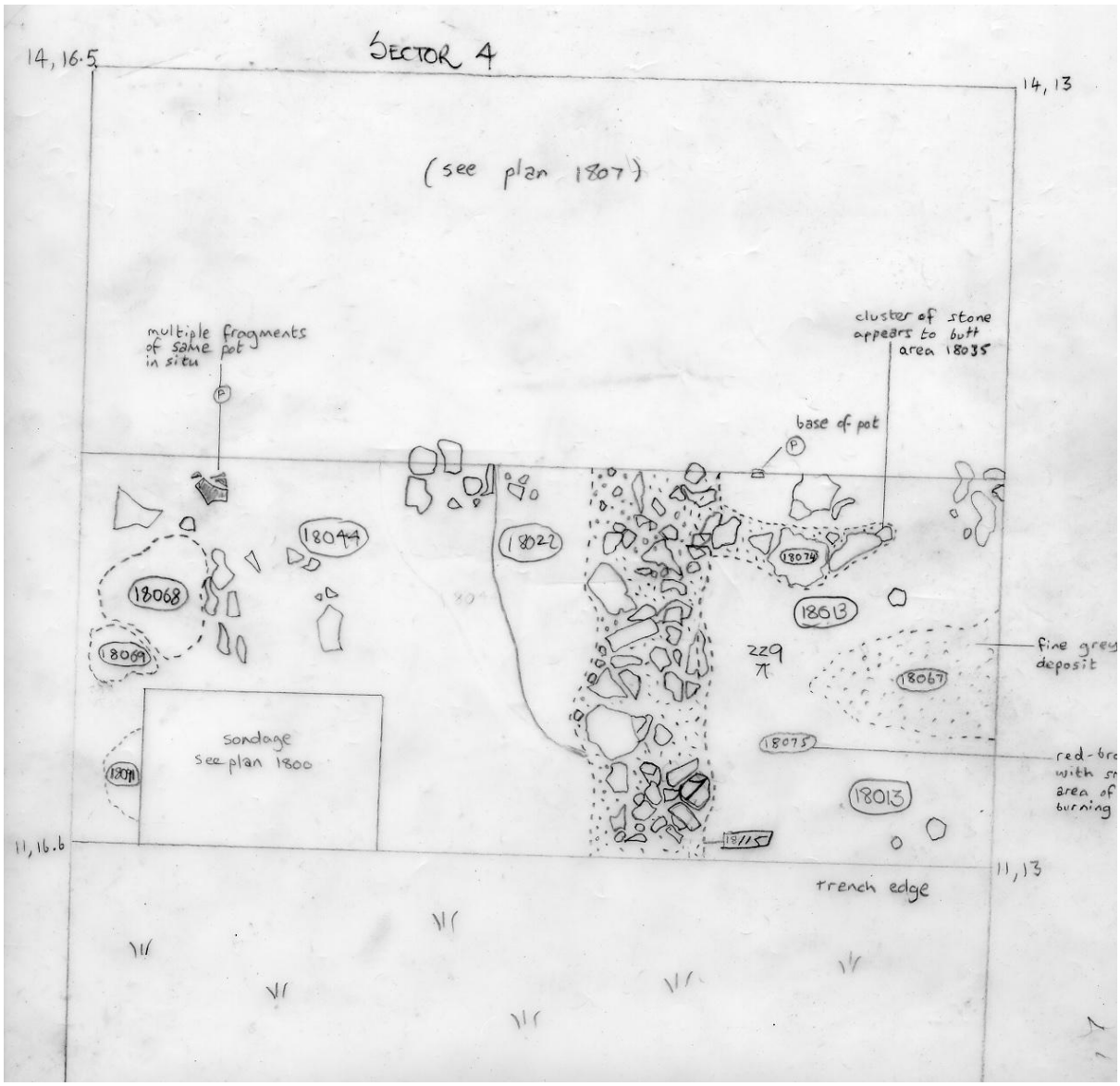


Figure 19: Plan 2 of 4 for Sector 4 (Plan 1823).

Plan 3 (1828): This plan only focuses on the wall and area within the rear room of the South Building. The area to on the exterior of the wall in the 'Courtyard' is the same as depicted in Plan 1823). In this plan, Contexts (18067), (18013), and (18075) were removed, revealing three new contexts (18046), (18086), and (18085).

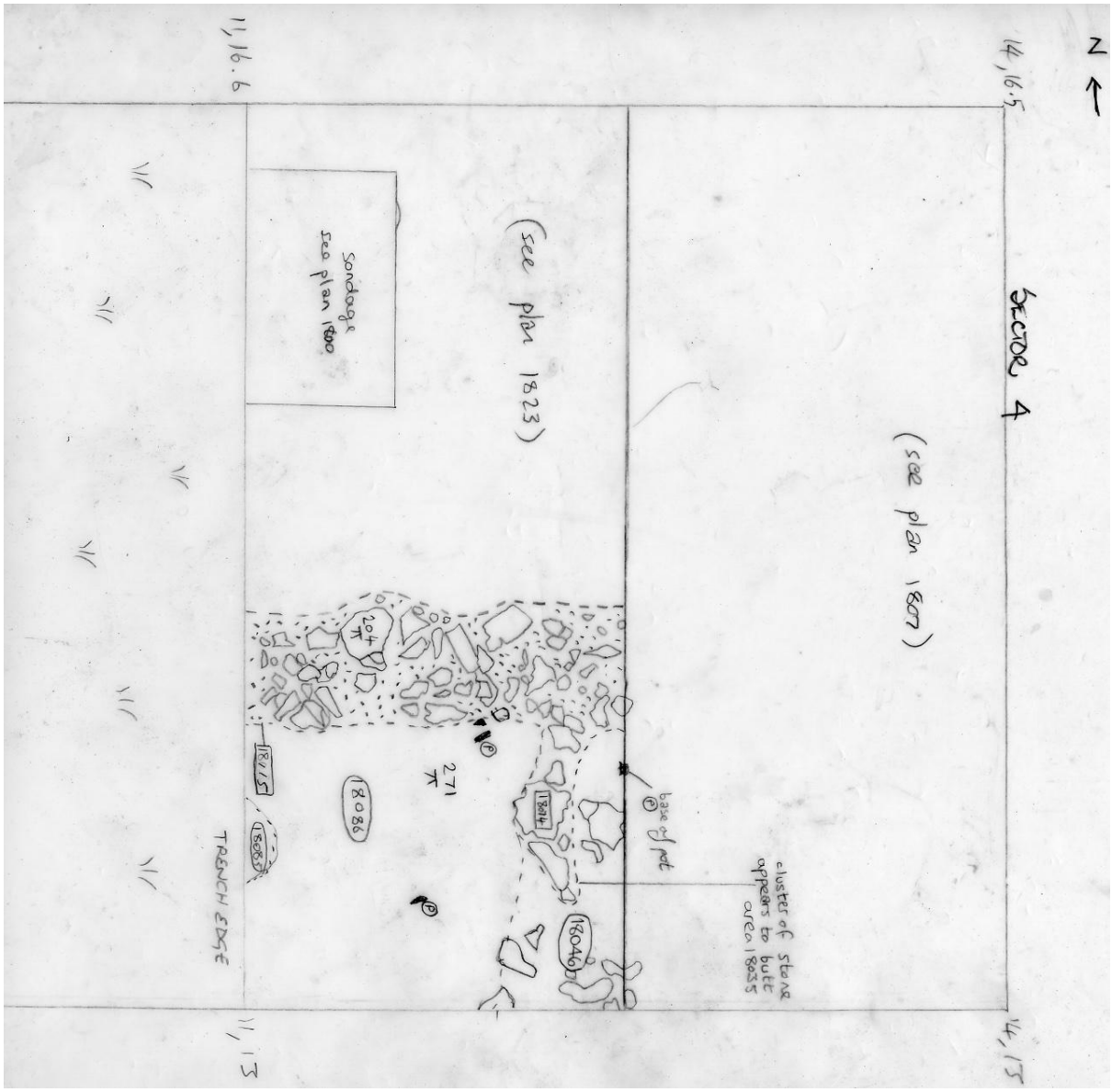


Figure 20: Plan 3 of 4 for Sector 4 (Plan 1828).

Plan 4 (1830): This plan represents the lowest level that the Sector 4 was excavated down to and continues from Plans 1818 and 1820. In the areas depicted in previous Plan 1818, (18035) was removed, revealing one of the main walls of the South Building [18006]. Context (18046) was removed, revealing (18104), (18103), and clarifying the definition of wall [18004]. In the space on the interior of the rear room of the South Building, contexts (18013 & 18067) were removed, revealing (18120 & 19085). On the outside of the South Building (Courtyard), (18044) was troweled down, revealing a round arrangement of packed limestone blocks [18087], a loosely defined cluster of mid to large limestone blocks (18088), and a patch of limestone pebbles and mortar (18089).

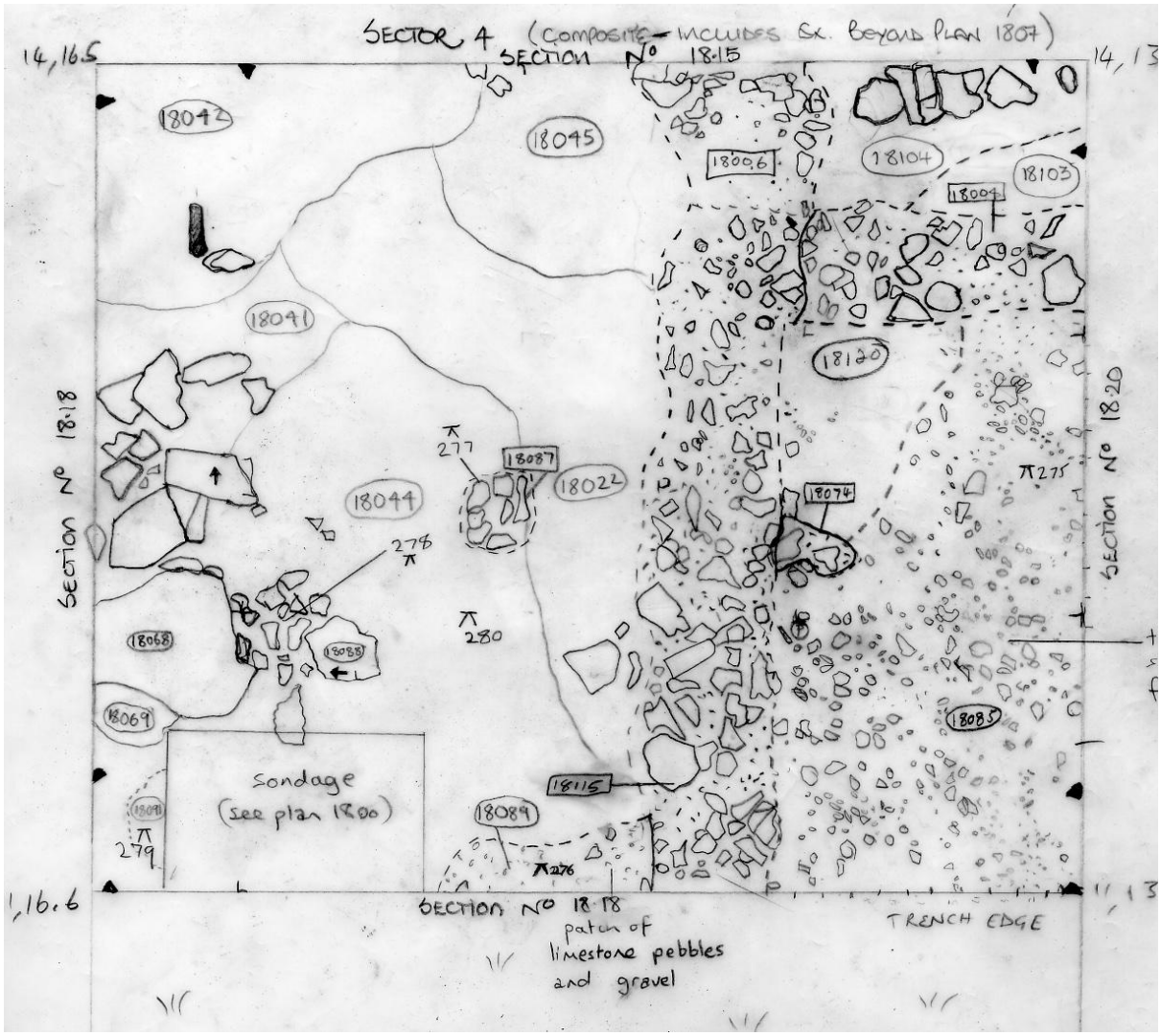


Figure 21: Plan 4 of 4 for Sector 4 (Plan 1830).

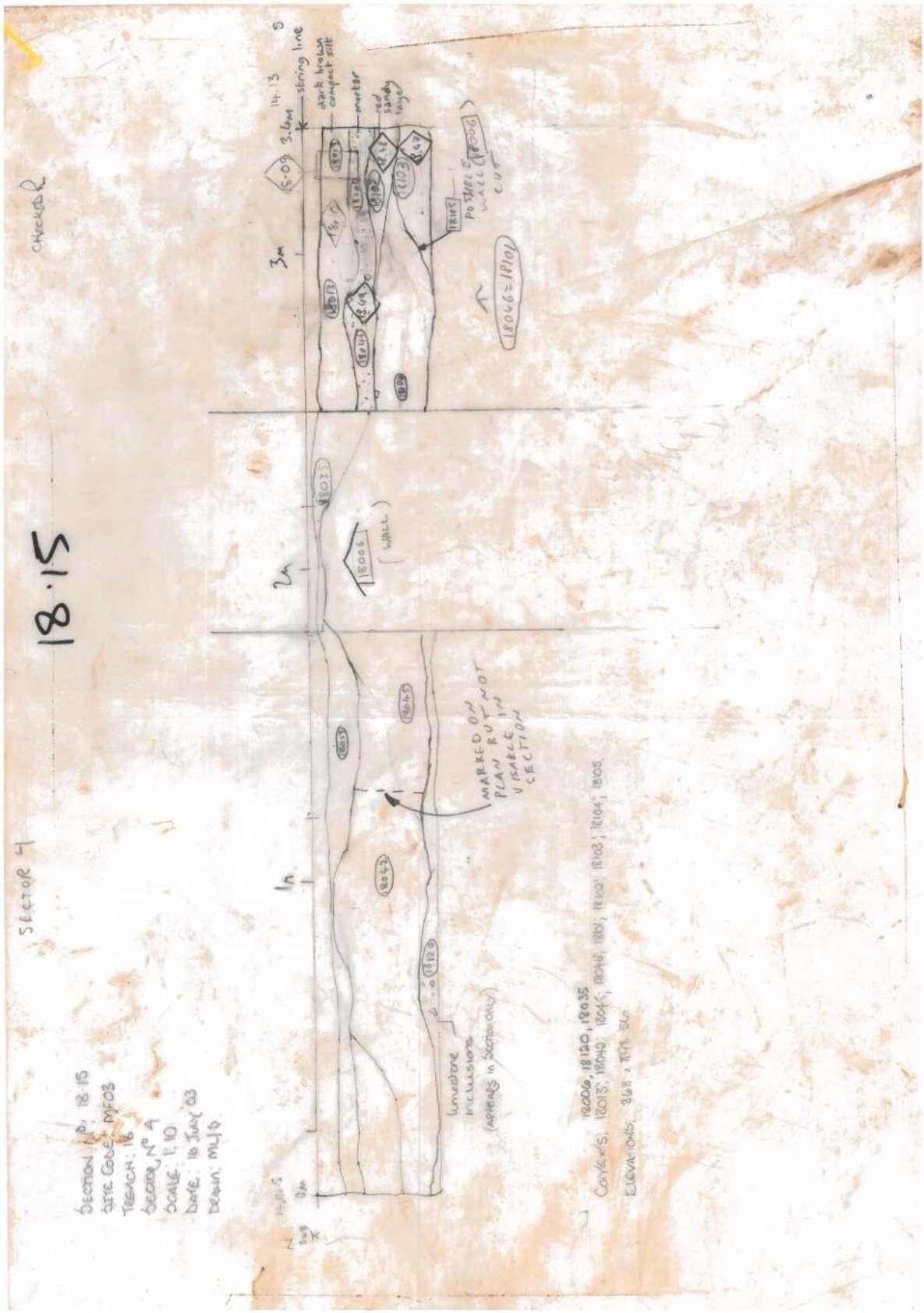


Figure 22: Section 18.15, east face of Sector 4.

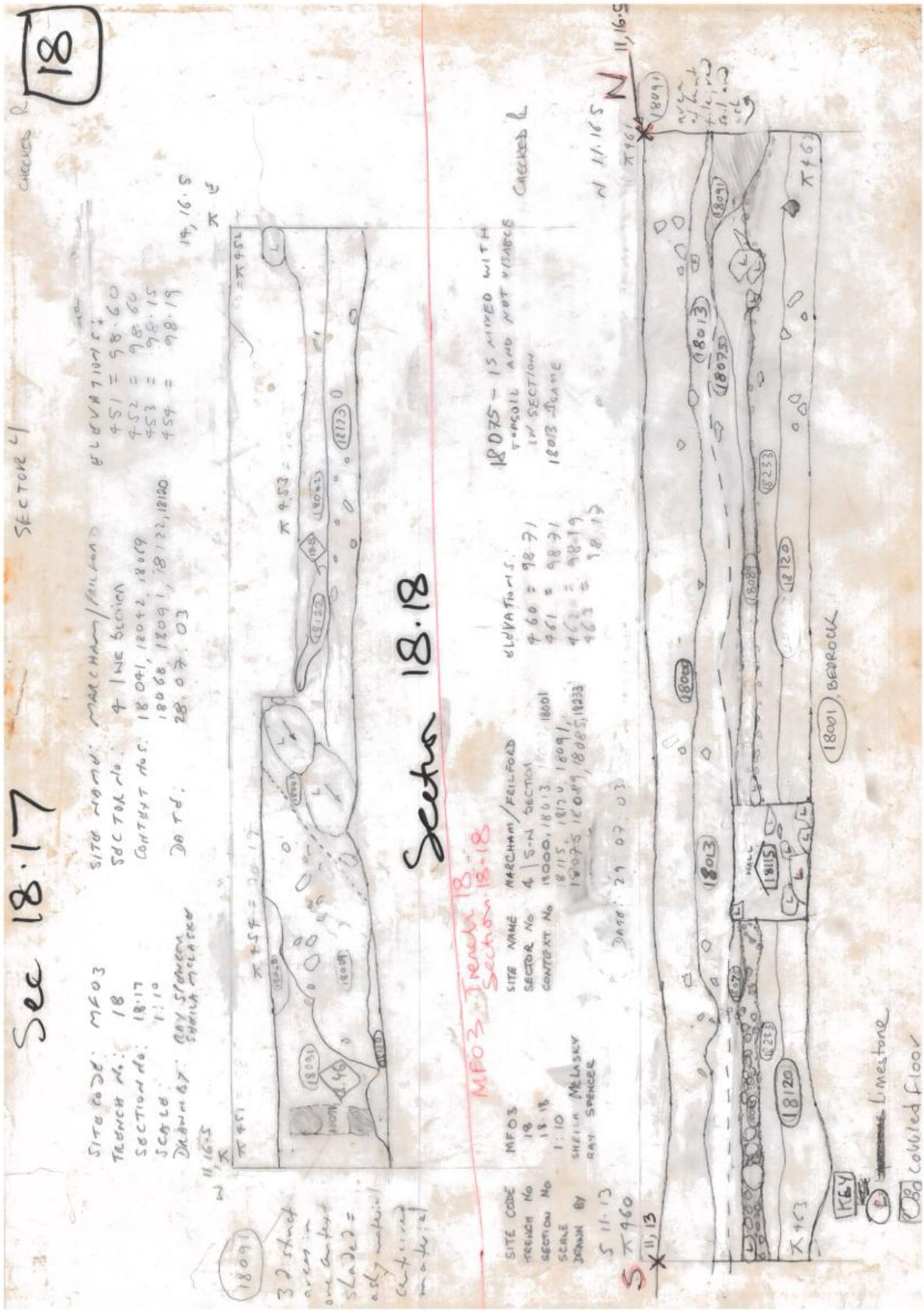


Figure 23: Sections 18.17, north face of Sector 4, and 18.18, west face of Sector 4.

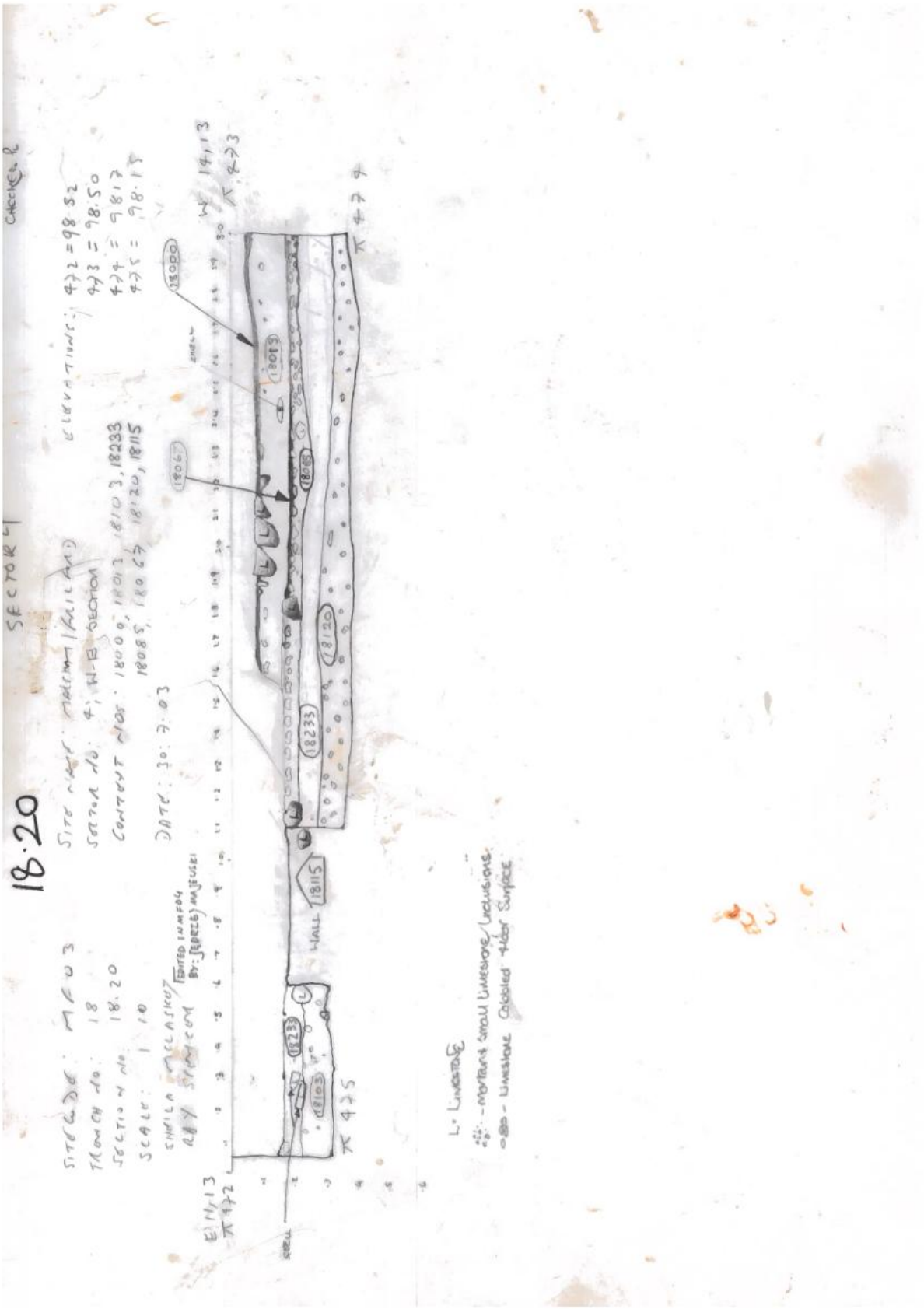


Figure 24: Section 18.20, south face of Sector 4.

Context Information for Sector 4

[18004] Structure

Description: The remains of the base of a c. 25cm wall dividing the structure into two spaces. The wall is survived by a linear arrangement of small limestone rubble and gravel. There are some larger shaped limestone blocks in the mix, but the wall is heavily truncated.
Relationships: overlain by 18000, 18046. Abutted by 18008 and 18009. Butts 18035.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: North/south running wall that divides the South Building in half. The wall butts tightly against the main walls of the structure, with the intersection at the southern end indicating that the interior wall was well integrated into the southern wall. This suggests it is possible that the interior wall was constructed at the same time as the two exterior walls. There is no indication for an opening or door in the wall foundation.

[18006] Structure

Description: Up to three courses of stacked mid-sized (c. 20cm) flat and angular limestone blocks mixed with traces of lime mortar. Double faced and free standing. Approximately 60cm across and 35cm deep. First course laid down over the limestone bedrock.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Abutted by 18058, 18021, 18022, 18036, & 18037. Overlies 18001. Possibly same as [18115].
Material Culture: A total of 8 sherds of pottery recovered from within this context: all Roman.
RCWR 2 RFWR 2RWW 1 OXFWS 2 D 1
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Trench No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18006	1947	18	Metal	cu-alloy	lump		1	Unknown	MF03	16.64	14.01	98.44	Smelted fragment/nugget

Interpretation: The northern wall of the South Building. It is likely that interior walls [18004] and [18223] were built off this wall. At the eastern end, the wall has a 90-degree turn inwards, most likely part of the entrance to the building. The western half of the wall is identified as [18115], which contains the inner wall of the South Building and most likely butted up against (was built off) the temenos wall.

(18013) Layer

Description: Mid-brown compact silty loam with inclusions of limestone fragments and assorted building material (bits of ceramic roof tile, etc.), and fragments of material culture (pottery & animal bone). This layer generally ranged between 1 – 3 inches thick but was not fully excavated in this sector.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18022; 18042; 18041; 18044; 18043; 18045; 18046; 18074; 18067; 18075; 18035; 18078; & 18079.
Material Culture: A total of 499 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: 2 prehistoric and 497 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 2
Roman: RCWO 57 RFWOX 14 RCWR 117 RFWR 44 SM 16 IMPCC 8
RWW 104 BWW 4 DOR 2 OXFRS 21 OXFWS 62 GR 10
ROBSH 7 D 29 O 2
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18013	1586	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	13.10	11.96	98.38	
18013	1776	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02				
18013	1873	Glass	vessel	Handle		1	Unknown	MF03	19.04	14.23	98.35	Glass handle fragment
18013	1874	Metal	cu-alloy	lump		1	Unknown	MF03	19.01	13.30	98.34	Iron pellet
18013	2453	Metal	cu-alloy	Needle		1	Roman	MF03	12.17	11.20	98.33	Large needle
18013	2468	Metal	cu-alloy	Nail cleaner	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF03	12.10	12.20	98.61	no further info
18013	3613	Metal	iron	Coin		1	4th C?	MF05	11.46	17.50	98.53	- SECURITAS REIPUBLICAE

Interpretation: Layer seems to be the interface between the topsoil/ plough layer and the underlying archaeological deposits. Very similar to contexts (18011, 18012, and 18014) – all patches left after the topsoil was removed by machine digger. This later contains significant material culture and building debris. This most likely is a mixture of rubble from the ruined building and possible post-South Building discard.

(18022) Layer

Description: Compact mid-dark brown silty loam with a mixture of limestone gravel, ceramic building material (tiles), and ceramics. Small areas of ferrous material in the southwest corner of the Sector.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000 and 18013. Overlies 18036. Butts 18006.

Material Culture: A total of 683 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 45 RFWOX 60 RCWR 123 RFWR 108 SM 10 IMPCC 16 RWW 89
BWW 2 DOR 15 OXFWS 124 GR 7 ROBSH 2 D 3 O 79

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18022	1576	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	St	1	330-346	MF02	18.20	15.60	98.40	CONSTANTINOPOLIS - VICTORY - TRS - clipped
18022	1585	Stone	flint	flake		1		MF02	17.73	15.40	98.35	
18022	1675	Metal	iron	pin		1		MF02	13.20	14.72	98.36	
18022	2260	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Roman	MF03	16.25	15.80	98.42	
18022	2971	Stone	flint	tool		1		MF04	no 3d			
18022	2985	Metal	iron	stud		1		MF04	16.25	15.64	98.34	
18022	3037	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF04	-	-	-	

Interpretation: Spread of soil mixed with debris from the building. An interface layer, most likely truncated by ploughing, lying over the remains of the South Building.

(18041) Layer

Description: Loose mid-brown soil mixed with orange-yellow sandy loam with lots of charcoal inclusions. Contains large blocks of limestone, including several that have visual evidence for burning.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013.

Material Culture: RCWO 5 RFWOX 5 RCWR 5 RFWR 14 SM 2 RWW 6
RFWW 16 OXFRS 3 D 4

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18041	1765	Bone	animal bone	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF02	13.20	16.73	98.35	

Interpretation: Thin layer containing debris from the underlying structure covering a discrete area that has indications of burning.

(18042) Layer

Description: Thin, dark brown friable soil with small pieces of animal bone and pottery. Does not appear in Section.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Possible same as 18044.

Material Culture: A total of 43 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RFWOX 13 RCWR 6 RFWR 3SM 1 IMPCC 1 RWW 8 RFWW 4
BWW 1 D 5 O 1

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18042	1766	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	3rd/4th C	MF02	13.67	17.30	98.38	RADIATE
18042	1767	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	12.72	17.29	98.48	

Interpretation: A thin layer covering the destruction layer just outside the north wall of the South Building.

(18044) Layer

Description: Loosely mixed, dark reddish-brown soil with some limestone blocks, mixed with small pieces of animal bone, oyster shells, pottery, and small flecks of charcoal.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013.

Material Culture: A total of 178 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 7 RFWOX 8 RCWR 33 RFWR 25 SM 6 IMPCC 1 RWW 24
RFWW 41 BWW 5 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 9 D 18

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18044	1686	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	13.10	15.70	98.38	
18044	1687	Metal	cu-alloy	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF02	12.80	15.40	98.39	
18044	1893	Metal	cu-alloy	pin/needle		1	Unknown	MF03	8.38	12.93	98.40	Metal pin fragment
18044	1940	Metal	cu-alloy	pin		1	Roman	MF03	11.37	15.34	98.51	Pin - no further info
18044	2193	Metal	iron	Pin		1	Roman	MF03	12.72	16.00	98.33	
18044	2194	Metal	iron	Plate/fitting		1	Roman	MF03	13.03	15.93	98.28	

Interpretation: Possible Roman topsoil just outside the north wall of the South Building (in the 'Courtyard' between the North and South Buildings.

(18045) Layer

Description: Friable dark yellowish-brown silty loam, mid-compact, with inclusions of limestone gravel and fragments of material culture. Not fully excavated in this Sector.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Butts 18035.

Material Culture: A total of 45 sherds of pottery were recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 4 RCWR 4 RFWR 4SM 7 RWW 12 RFWW 14

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18045	2019	Metal	iron	Stylus?	tool?	1	Roman	MF03	18.40	14.77	98.57	Tool/stylus - large piece of iron thought to be a iron stylus tapers out towards one end into a fan shape other end slightly thicker than middle.

Interpretation: Patch of soil mixed with traces of limestone mortar and gravel overlying wall [18006].

(18046) Layer

Description: Compact greyish yellow silty clay, poorly sorted with small limestone inclusions.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Overlies 18004. Butts 18006.

Material Culture: A total of 68 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 3 RFWOX 3 RCWR 12 RFWR 11 SM 2 RWW 9 RFWW 14
DOR 1 OXFWS 2 GR 1 D 5 O 5

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18046	1730	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	DUP/AS	1	97-117	MF02	13.00	13.64	98.35	Trajan (98-117AD) IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AUG GERM P M
18046	2027	Metal	iron	Ring/collar		1	Roman	MF03	13.75	13.80	98.57	Small piece of thick metal thought to be either a ring or hoop, part missing, very dense, small gap in middle

Interpretation: Thin layer of re-worked soil incorporating a range of building material from the underlying structure (South Building). 18046 is contained on the south side of the wall [18035]. Possible debris from collapsed wall.

(18067) Layer

Description: Very loose light grey silt. This lens is less than 1am thick extending over a small area. The deposit does not contain any inclusions.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Overlies 18086. Butts 18075.

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18067	1898	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	11.20	13.15	98.40	Unrecognizable FEL TEMP?

Interpretation: Not clear what this context represents.

(18068) Layer

Description: Small area of yellow clay within (18044).

Relationships: Overlain by 18004.

Material Culture: A total of 9 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWR 1 RFWR 3SM 1 RWW 2 DOR 2 OXFWS 1 GR 1

Interpretation: Function unknown.

*(18069) Layer CONTEXT SHEET NOT FOUND.

Description: No Information available.

Relationships: No Information available.

Material Culture: A total of 12 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 5 RCWR 2 RWW 4 D 1

Interpretation: No Information available.

[18074] STRUCTURE

Description: Blocks of limestone between c. 5 – 10cm across. Rough finish and loosely packed. Some mortar found mixed with the blocks.

Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Overlies 18085.

Material Culture: N/A

Interpretation: Structure of unknown function which lay across 19085 and divided sediments and post-dates floor surface. Enters into interior of building parallel to 18004. Possible part of destruction layer?

*(18075) Layer CONTEXT SHEET NOT FOUND.

Description: No Information available.

Relationships: No Information available.

Material Culture: A total of 34 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 6 RCWR 4 RWW 16 OXFRS 2 OXFWS 2 D 2 O2

Interpretation: No Information available.

(18085) Layer

Description: Cobbled area comprising of limestone fragments between 1 and 8cm across. Extends 1 x 1 meters across area.

Relationships: Overlain by 18086. Overlies 18120. Butts 18004 & 18115.

Material Culture: A total of 4 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RFWOX 1 RFWR 1RFWDS 1 OXFWS 1

Interpretation: Appears to be a well-constructed intentionally laid floor surface in a room in the east of the South Building. It is situated upon about 15cm of soil inside the structure. It has a thin soil deposit on top, and above that there is a patch of burnt material. It seems that [19074] is over the floor surface.

(18086) Layer
Description: Fairly loose mid-brown sandy silt. Thickness varies between 2 and 4cm, covering the whole area up to [18115].
Relationships: Overlain by 18075. Abutted by 18035. Butts 18115. Overlies 18085.
Material Culture: A total of 42 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 1 prehistoric and 31 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 1
Roman: RCWO 2RCWR 5 RFWW 7 BWW 2 OXFRS 13 OXFWS 5 GR 3 D 2 O2
Interpretation: Thin layer of sediment built up against wall [18115] and 18004. Contained within the room of the structure.

[18087] Structure
Description: Small cluster of limestone blocks in a tightly grouped circular form. Blocks of about 15c, - all a similar size. No evidence for mortar. Associated with significantly large number of chunks of charcoal. They appear to be between and under the limestone blocks. Also associated are a mixture of animal bones. Only one layer of blocks formed, they do not continue downwards.
Relationships: Overlain by 18044.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: Blocks appear to form a pillar-type structure. Possible it is a post-pad related to the South Building. However, this was only a single layer. Charcoal concentrated in small area directly under the blocks and nowhere else. Possibly a deliberate deposit made under the cluster of blocks.

(18088) Layer
Description: Group of limestone blocks measuring between about 5 and 25cm. Some of the larger blocks have a quite smooth finish. Mixed with dark reddish soil. No traces of mortar. Reasonable circular arrangement. Many fragments of animal bones, oyster shells, and pottery sherds. Burnt area in the NW corner.
Relationships: Overlain by 18044. Abutted by 18068.
Material Culture: A total of 34 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 9 RCWR 12 RFWR 5RFWW 2 BWW 1 DOR 2
OXFWS 2 D 1
Interpretation: Possible wall tumble. Burning extends beyond this context.

*(18089) Layer NO CONTEXT SHEET FOUND.
Description: No Information available.
Relationships: No Information available.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: No Information available.

(18091) Layer
Description: Burnt area. Soil compacted on western side. Very dark red with inclusions of burnt (pinkish) limestone, ash, and charcoal on eastern side.
Relationships: Overlain by 18117. Possibly same as 18069.
Material Culture: A total of 3 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWDS 3
Interpretation: Appears to be a continuation of 18069 where there are also ash and charcoal. The context continues beyond the sector to the north and west, where indications of burning seem most intense.

(18103) Layer
Description: A mid-compact, dark brown clay loam with several small limestone inclusions. The depth varies – getting thicker away from the wall [18006].
Relationships: Overlain by 18102, 18125, & 18104. Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: A total of 499 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 2 prehistoric and 497 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 2
Roman: RCWO 57 RFWOX 14 RCWR 117 RFWR 44 SM 16 IMPCC 8
RWW 104 BWW 4 DOR 2 OXFRS 21 OXFWS 62 GR 10 ROBSH 7
D 29 O 2
Interpretation: This is the first layer of soil covering the bedrock, but it is clearly distinct from other layers of 'pre-structure' soil elsewhere in the trench. It seems that, as part of the construction of the east room of the South Building, the ground was cleared to bedrock, and material began to accumulate or was laid.

(18104) Fill

Description: Friable mid-brown sandy silt with small sub-angular limestone inclusions. Very small flecks – gravel sized. Unsorted matrix.
Relationships: Overlain by 18046. Overlies 18001. Butts 18006. Fill of 18105.
Material Culture: A total of 4 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWR 1RFWDS 1 RWW 1 OXFWS 1
Interpretation: A deposit of material just inside the wall [18006]. Does not seem to be the natural 'pre-Roman' ground surface, but rather a dump of sediment following the construction of the wall.

[18115] Structure

Description: Linear arrangement of unfinished small to mid-limestone blocks c. 4 – 15cm in width. At least two courses visible. The feature is c. 40cm wide and bounded by a mix of lime mortar and gravel.
Relationships: Overlain by 18013. Abutted by [18004]. Possible same as [18006].
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The base of a double sided, free-standing wall. This is the segment of the northern wall of the South Building, which extends from [18006] back to the ditch where the temple wall was robbed out. This wall segment was heavily damaged, but there was no indication that it was built separately from [18006]. It seems likely that the interior wall of the South Building [18004] abuts this wall.

*(18120) Layer CAN NOT FIND CONTEXT SHEET.

Description: No Information available.
Relationships: No Information available.
Material Culture: *None*
Interpretation: No Information available.

SECTOR 5

Sector 5 is a 3.5 x 3.5m square opened in MF03 over the center segment of the north wall of the South Building. It was cleared, but not fully excavated, as seen in plans 1844 & 1894.

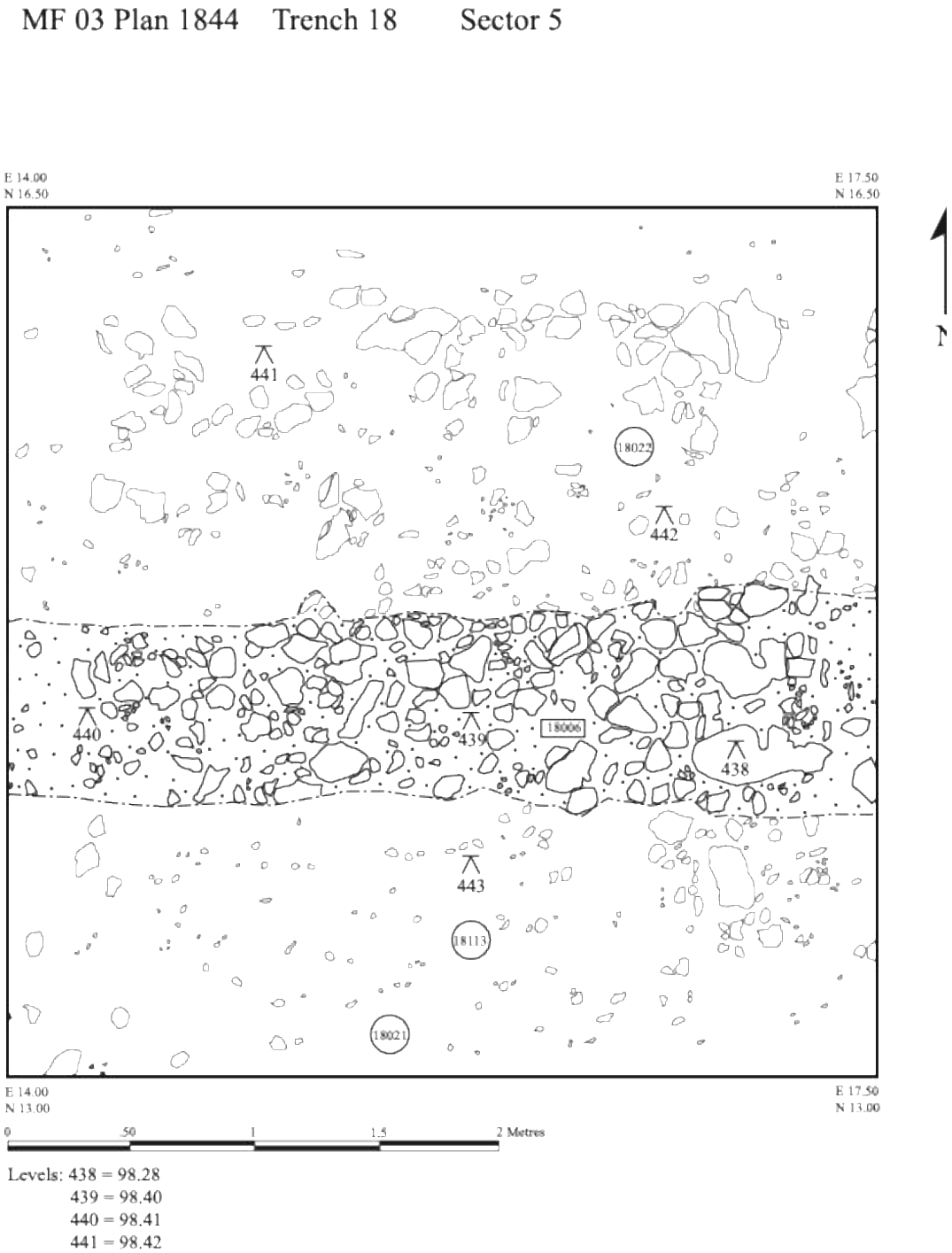


Figure 25: Plan 1 of 2 for Sector 5 (Plan 1844).

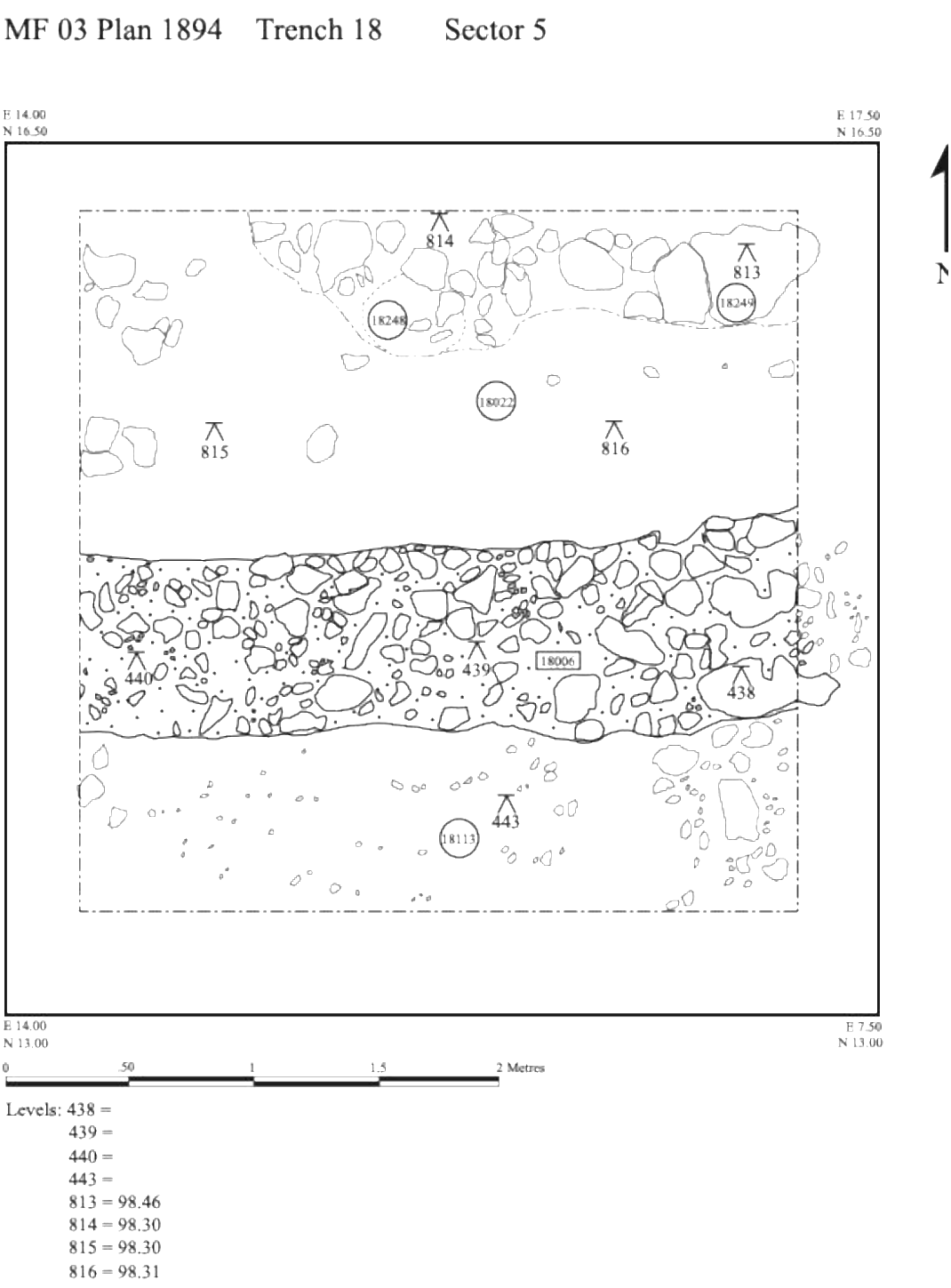


Figure 26: Plan 2 of 2 for Sector 5 (Plan 1894).

SECTOR 6 & 22

A 1 x 2.5m trench was excavated in the eastern half of Sector 6 during MF2002 field season to ground proof results from the GPR survey showing possible walls just outside of the temple precinct wall (Sector 22). The 2002 excavation involves clearing the topsoil and shallow cleaning by trowel to define underlying contexts and then excavating down to natural (progress depicted in Plans 1805, 1806, and 1810 – discussed in detail below). The full Sector 6 was excavated during MF2003 (progress depicted in Plans 1821, 1825, 1826, 1829, 1832, 1838, 1841, and 1847 – discussed in detail below). This exposed the full definition of the walls and the contexts at the entrance to the South Building and immediately outside the north wall of the structure (into the "Courtyard" between the South and North Buildings). Below we first present what was exposed in Sector 22 in MF02 and then in Sector 6 in MF03.

Sector 22

Plan 1805: Topsoil was cleared using mechanical digger and then light cleaning by trowel. This exposed part of wall [18006] running east – west. North of the wall (in the "Courtyard between the South and North Buildings) was context (18036). To the south of the wall, inside what seems to be the entrance to the South Building, were contexts (18021 & 18037).

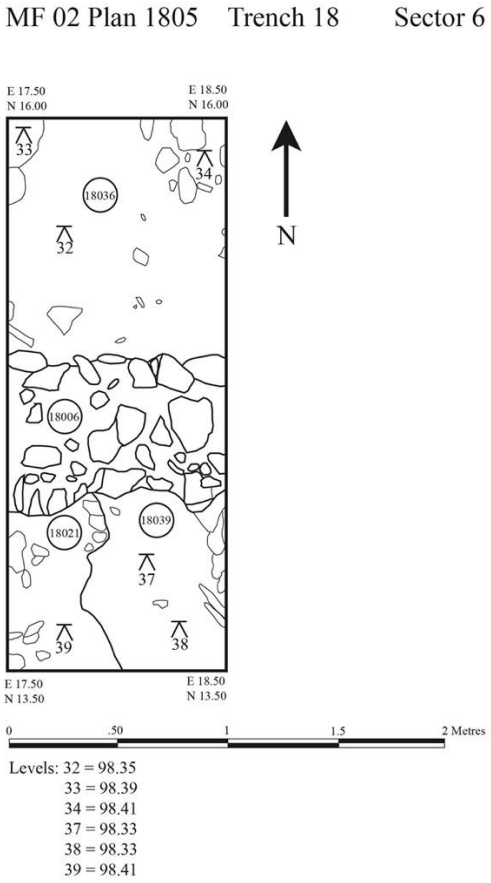


Figure 27: Plan 1 of 3 for Sector 22 (Plan 1805).

Plan 1806
Context (18021) was removed, exposing more of (18037).

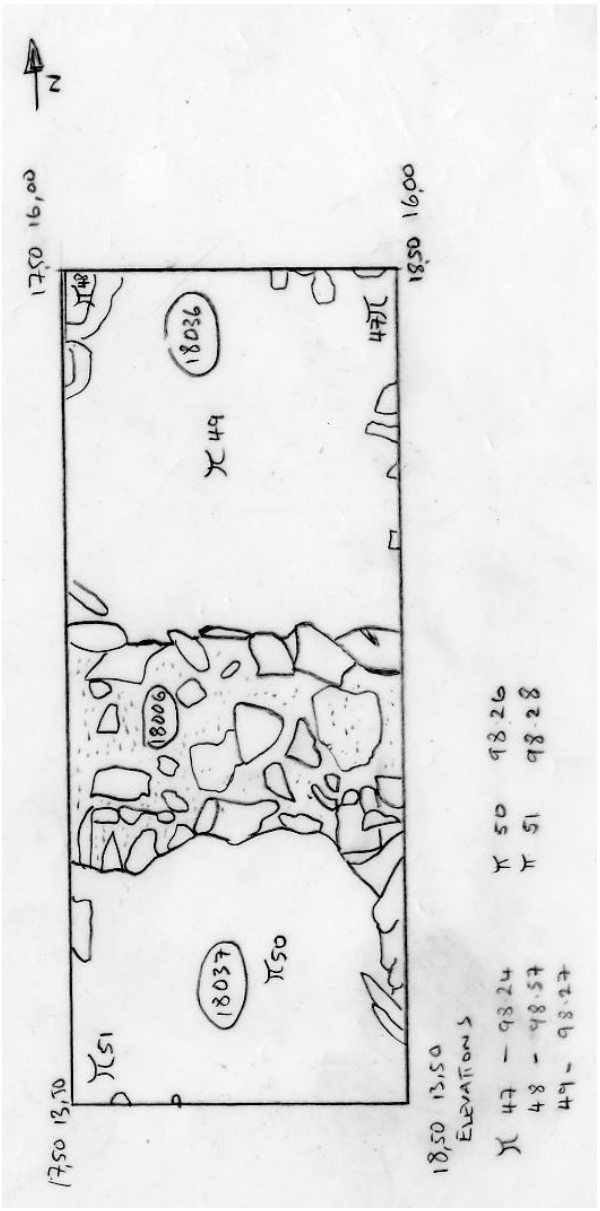


Figure 28: Plan 2 of 3 for Sector 22 (Plan 1806).

Plan 1810
Contexts (18037 & 18036) were removed down to the underlying natural layer (18001) which consisted of friable limestone bedrock.

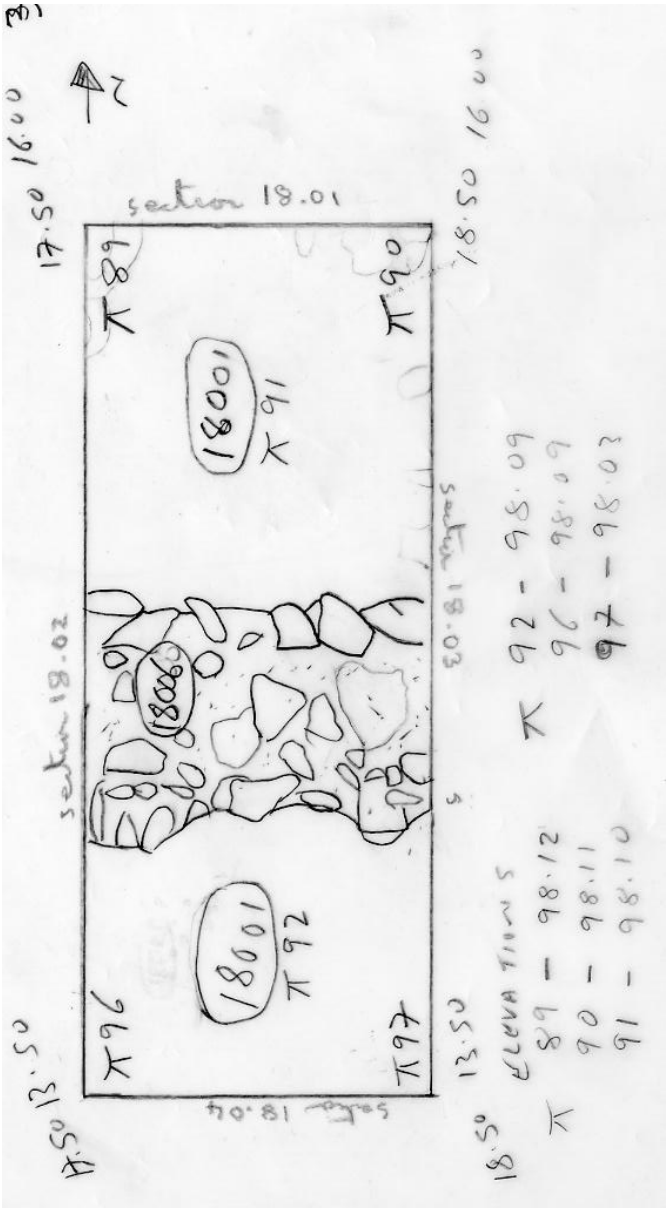


Figure 29: Plan 3 of 3 for Sector 22 (Plan 1810).

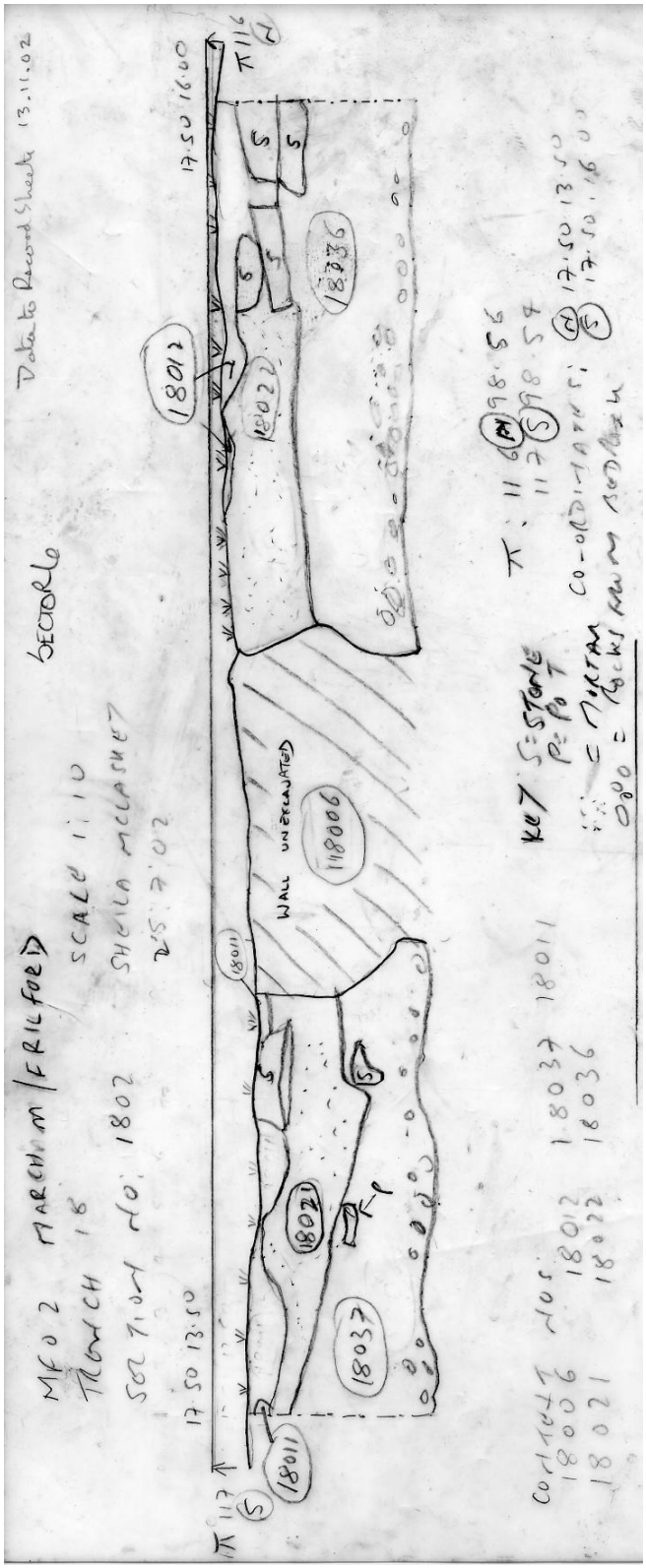


Figure 30: Section 18.02, west face of Sector 22.

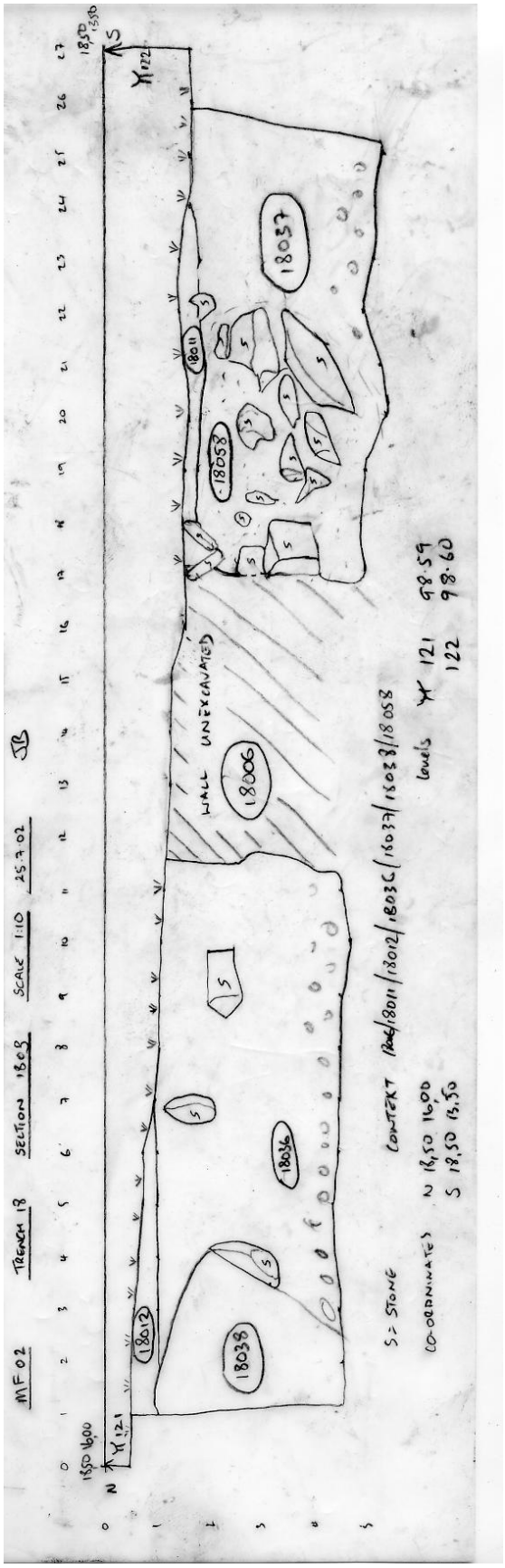


Figure 31: Section 18.03, east face of Sector 22.

Context Information for Sector 22

(18001) Layer
Natural limestone bedrock.

[18006] Structure
Description: Up to three courses of stacked mid-sized (c. 20cm) flat and angular limestone blocks mixed with traces of lime mortar. Double faced and free standing. Approximately 60cm across and 35cm deep. First course laid down over the limestone bedrock.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Abutted by 18058, 18021, 18022, 18036, & 18037. Overlies 18001. Possibly same as [18115].
Material Culture: A total of 8 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWR 2 RFWR 2RWW 1 OXFWS 2 D 1
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18006	1947	Metal	cu-alloy	lump		1	Unknown	MF03	16.64	14.01	98.44	Smelted fragment/nugget

Interpretation: The northern wall of the South Building. It is likely that interior walls [18004] and [18223] were built off this wall. At the eastern end, the wall has a 90-degree turn inwards, most likely part of the entrance to the building. The western half of the wall is identified as [18115], which contains the inner wall of the South Building and most likely butted up against (was built off) the temenos wall.

(18021) Layer
Description: Mid-brown silty loam with 30 – 50% mortar inclusions (c. 3 – 4cm in diameter). Mostly compacted. Contains fragments of ceramics and animal bone.
Relationships: Overlain by 18011. Overlies 18037. Butts 18006.
Material Culture: A total of 129 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 16 RCWR 21 RFWR 12 SM 7 RWW 43 BWW 1 OXFWS 21 GR 2 ROBSH 2 D 2 O 2
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18021	1580	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF02	18.35	24.80	98.37	
18021	2259	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	14.13	11.22	98.35	Unrecognisable

Interpretation: The layer seems to represent the spread of rubble and mortar from wall [18006] to the north. The consistency of the debris suggests that the material may have accumulated over a lengthy period. It is like (18022), a layer immediately to the south of wall [18006].

(18036) Layer
Description: Friable, mid-brown silty loam with inclusions of small angular limestone blocks and gravel. Contained numerous sherds of pottery and animal bone.
Relationships: Overlain by 18012 & 18022. Overlies 18001. Butts 18038 & 18006.
Material Culture: A total of 49 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 13 RCWR 20 RWW 7 RFWW 3 OXFWS 2 GR 1 D 3
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18036	1628	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF02	17.80	14.94	98.28	Unrecognisable
18036	1629	Glass	glass	MISSING		0		MF02				
18036	1649	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF02	18.17	15.14	98.15	

Interpretation: Abuts or butts wall [18006]. Lies above the bedrock. The lower levels contain fragments of underlying bedrock, with increasingly less inclusion of material culture. Seems to have been a soil surface that accumulated up behind the wall of the South Building.

(18037) Layer

Description: Friable mid-brown silty loam. Varies between 10cm – 40cm in thickness from the bedrock. Contains fragments of ceramics, oyster shells, and fragments of limestone.

Relationships: Overlain by 18011 & 18021. Overlies 18001. Butts 18006 & 18057. Similar to (18036).

Material Culture: A total of 85 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RFWOX 28 RCWR 4 RFWR 15 OXFWS 9 D 6 O 23

Interpretation: Accumulated soil butting two walls, including to the north of the main wall [18006]. Working surface outside of the building.

SECTOR 6

Sector 6 is a 3.5 x 3.5m area set over the northeast corner of the South Building. The sector includes part of the northern wall of the South Building, a smaller wall seemingly defining the entrance to the South Building, space on the interior of the front entrance, and spaces outside the South Building (to the north and east). This Sector was excavated by unit during MF03, with progress recorded in 8 plans.

Plan 1821

Removal of the topsoil by mechanical digger exposed seven distinct contexts (18022; 18038; 18072; 18058; 18073; 18021; and 18013), defined by mixtures of soil, limestone gravel, and debris from the underlying South Building.



Figure 32: Plan 1 of 8 for Sector 6 (Plan 1821).

Plan 1825
Context (18013) was removed, exposing contexts (18078 & 18079).

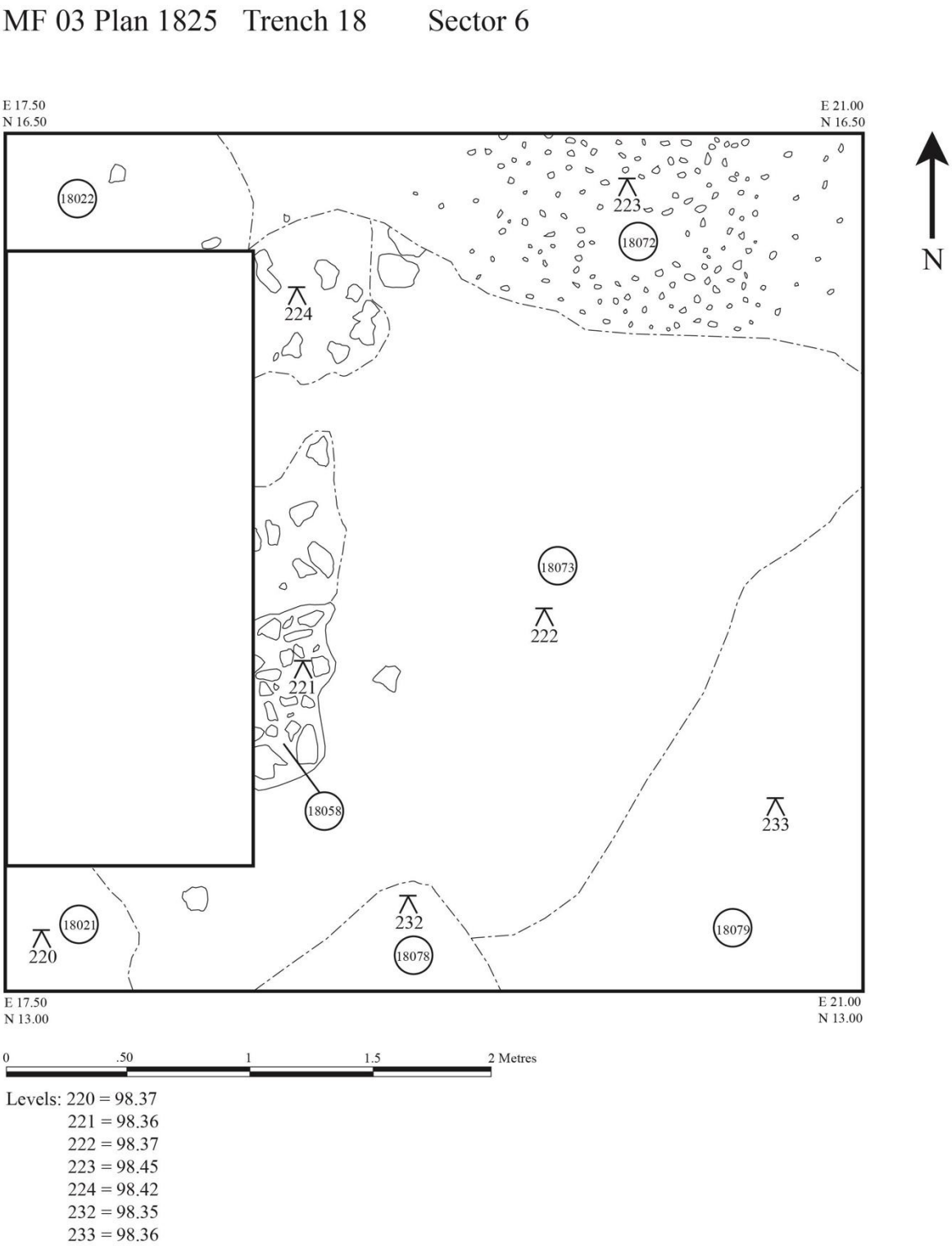
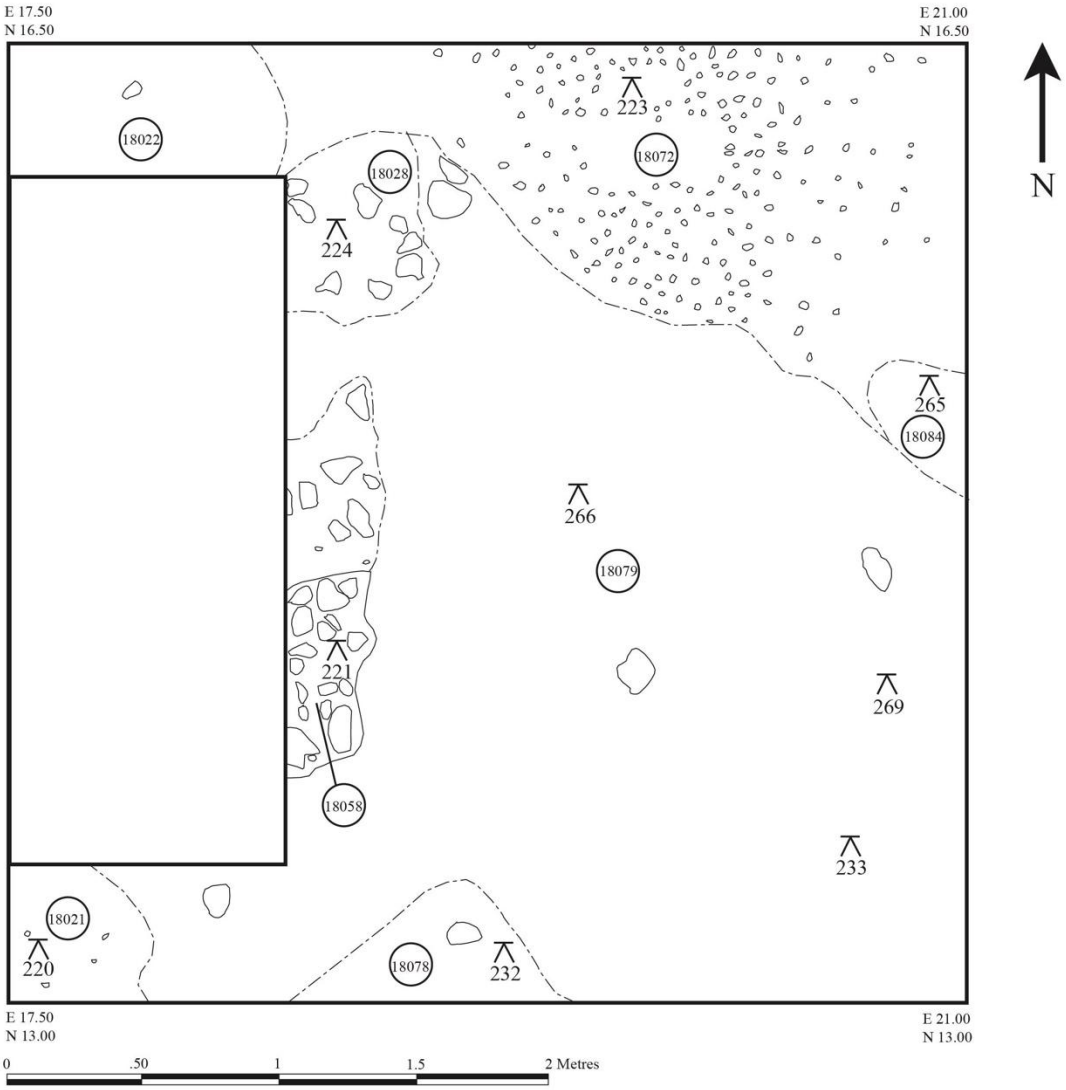


Figure 33 Plan 2 of 8 for Sector 6 (Plan 1825).

Plan 1826

Context (18073) was removed, revealing a substantial area of (18079) and exposing a new context (18084).

MF 03 Plan 1826 Trench 18 Sector 6



Levels: 220 =
221 =
223 =
224 =
232 = 98.35
233 = 98.36
265 = 98.31
266 = 98.36
269 = 98.33

Figure 34: Plan 3 of 8 for Sector 6 (Plan 1826).

Plan 1829
Context (18072) was removed, revealing more of (18079) and exposing more of the cluster of limestone blocks (18038).

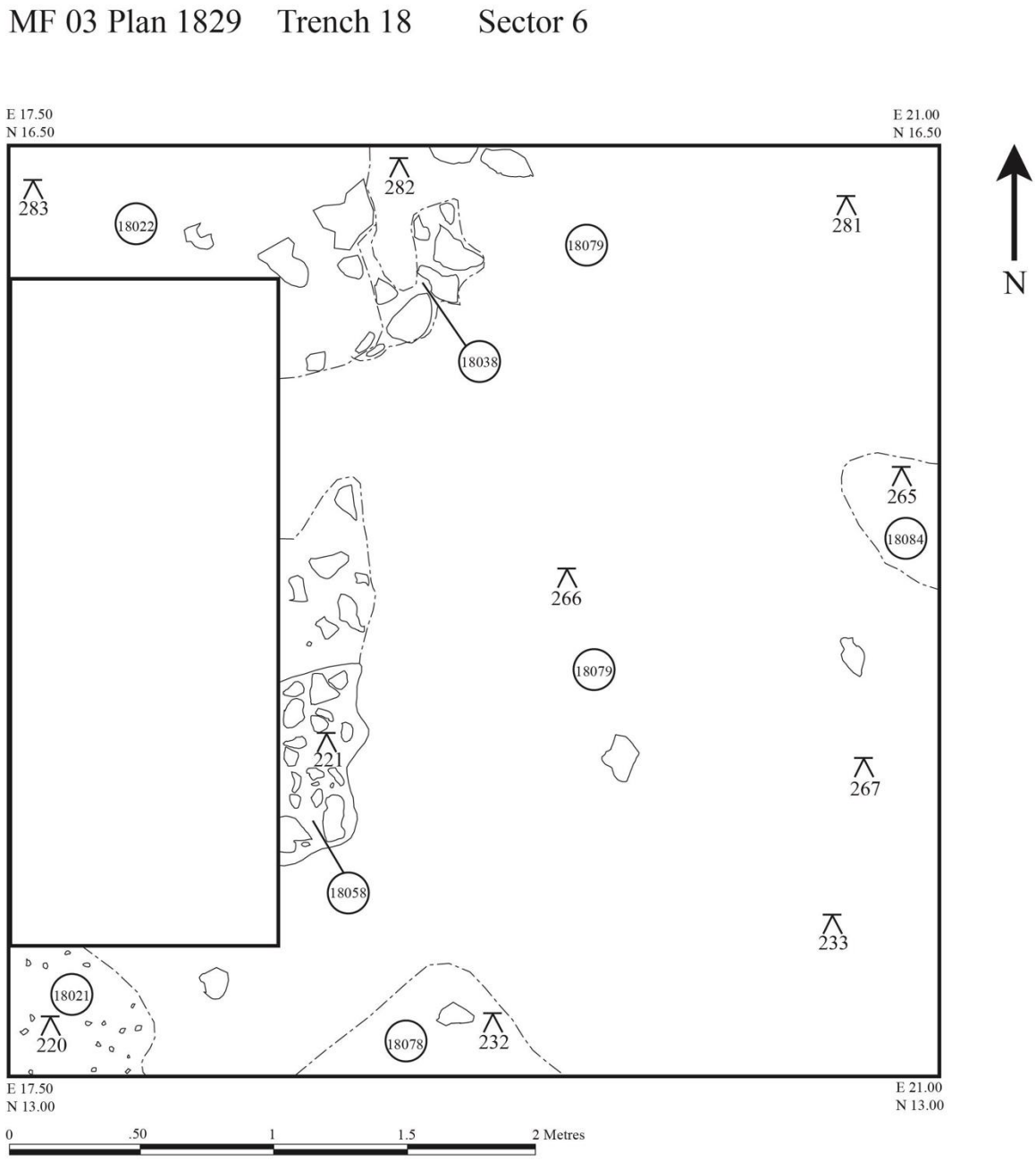


Figure 35: Plan 4 of 8 for Sector 6 (Plan 1829).

Plan 1832

Context (18079) was removed. In the south half of the sector, this revealed a large area of (18084), and exposed two new contexts (18107 & 18108). (18021) was removed, revealing (18084). In the northern half of the sector, removing (18079 & 19022) exposed (18109).

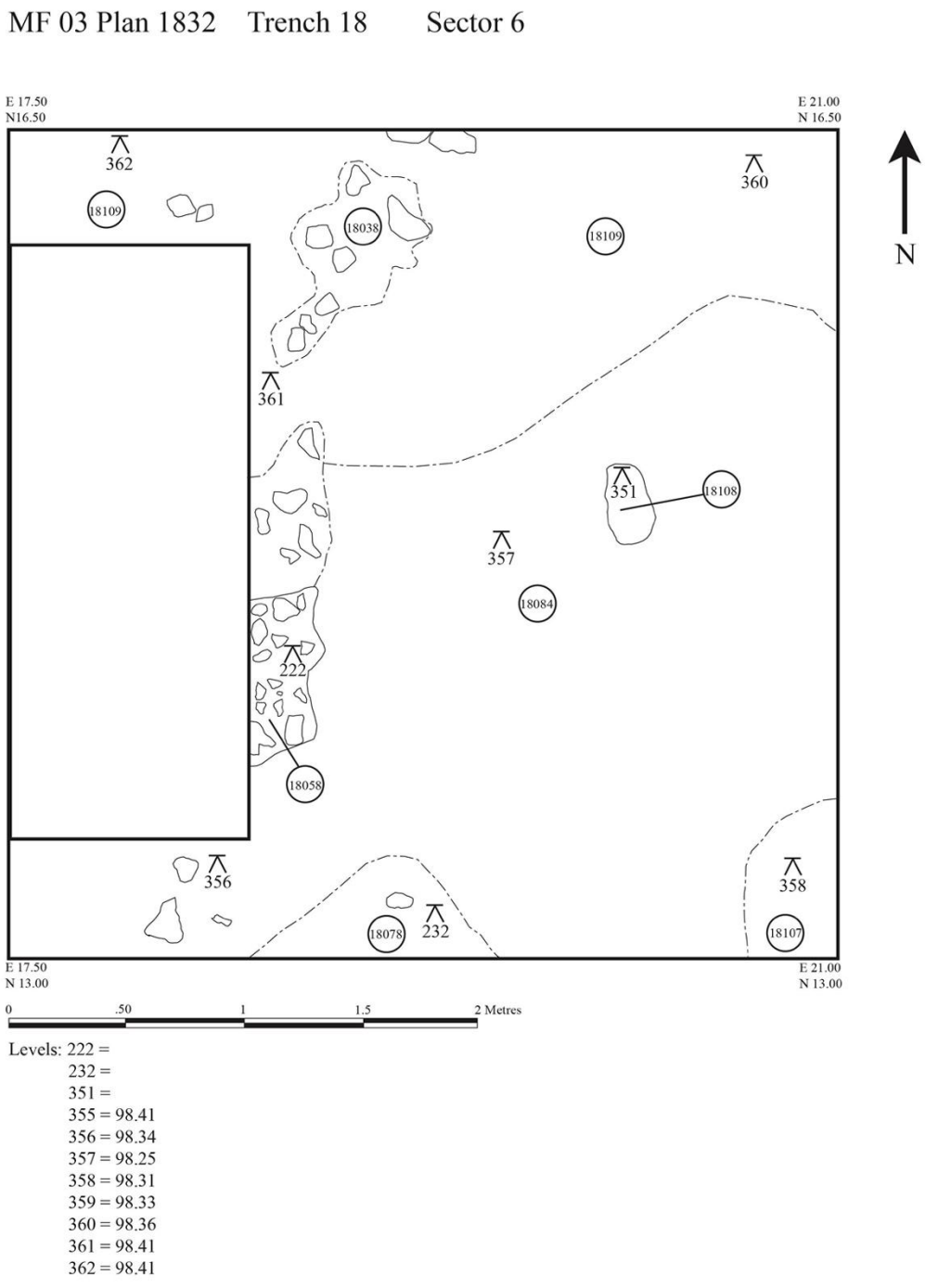


Figure 36: Plan 5 of 8 for Sector 6 (Plan 1832).

Plan 1838

Contexts (18107, 18078, 18084, & 18108) were removed entirely, revealing (18109) as the main underlying context.

MF 03 Plan 1838 Trench 18 Sector 6

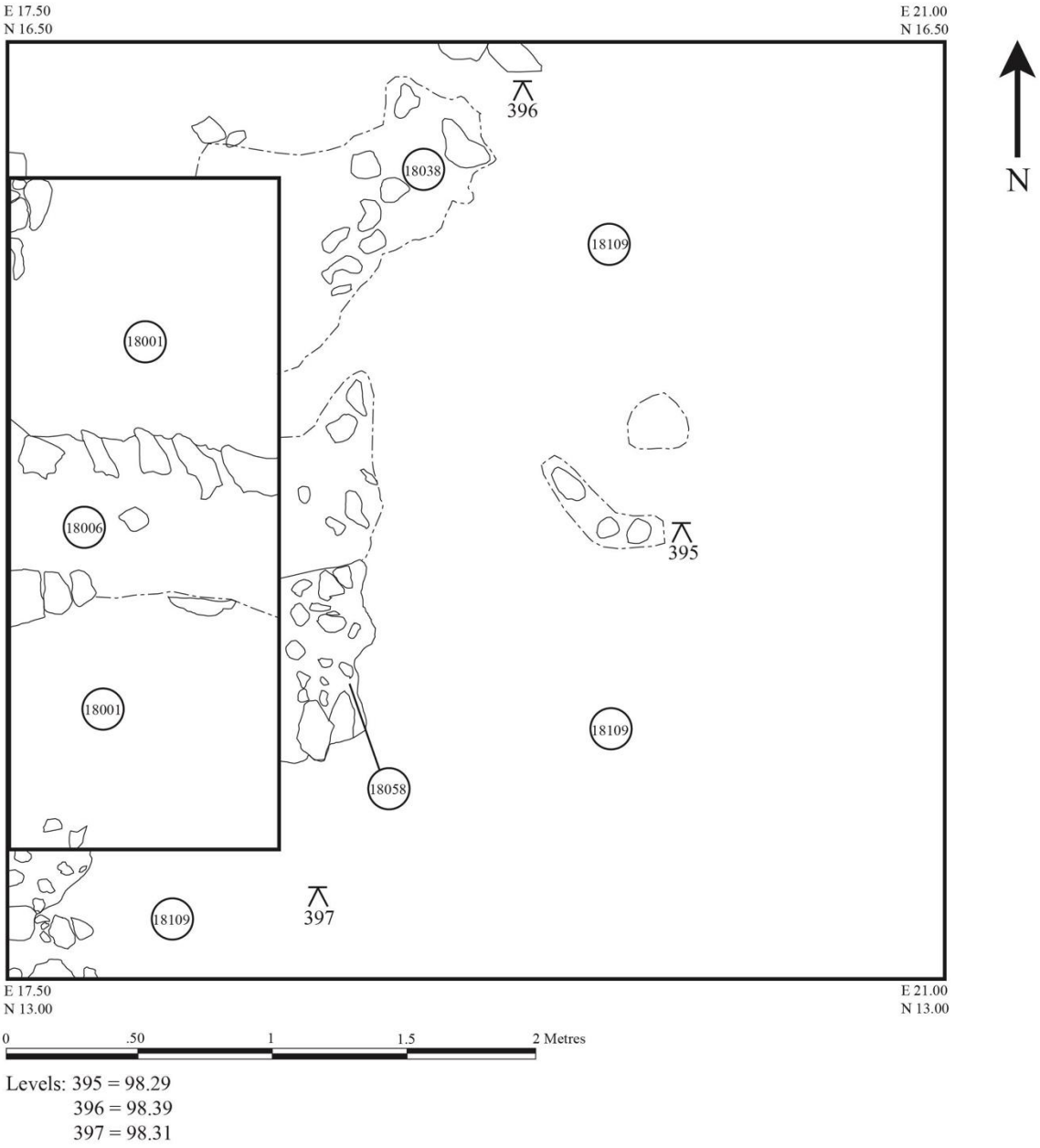


Figure 37: Plan 6 of 8 for Sector 6 (Plan 1838).

Plan 1841
Context (18038) was removed, showing it was overlying (18109).

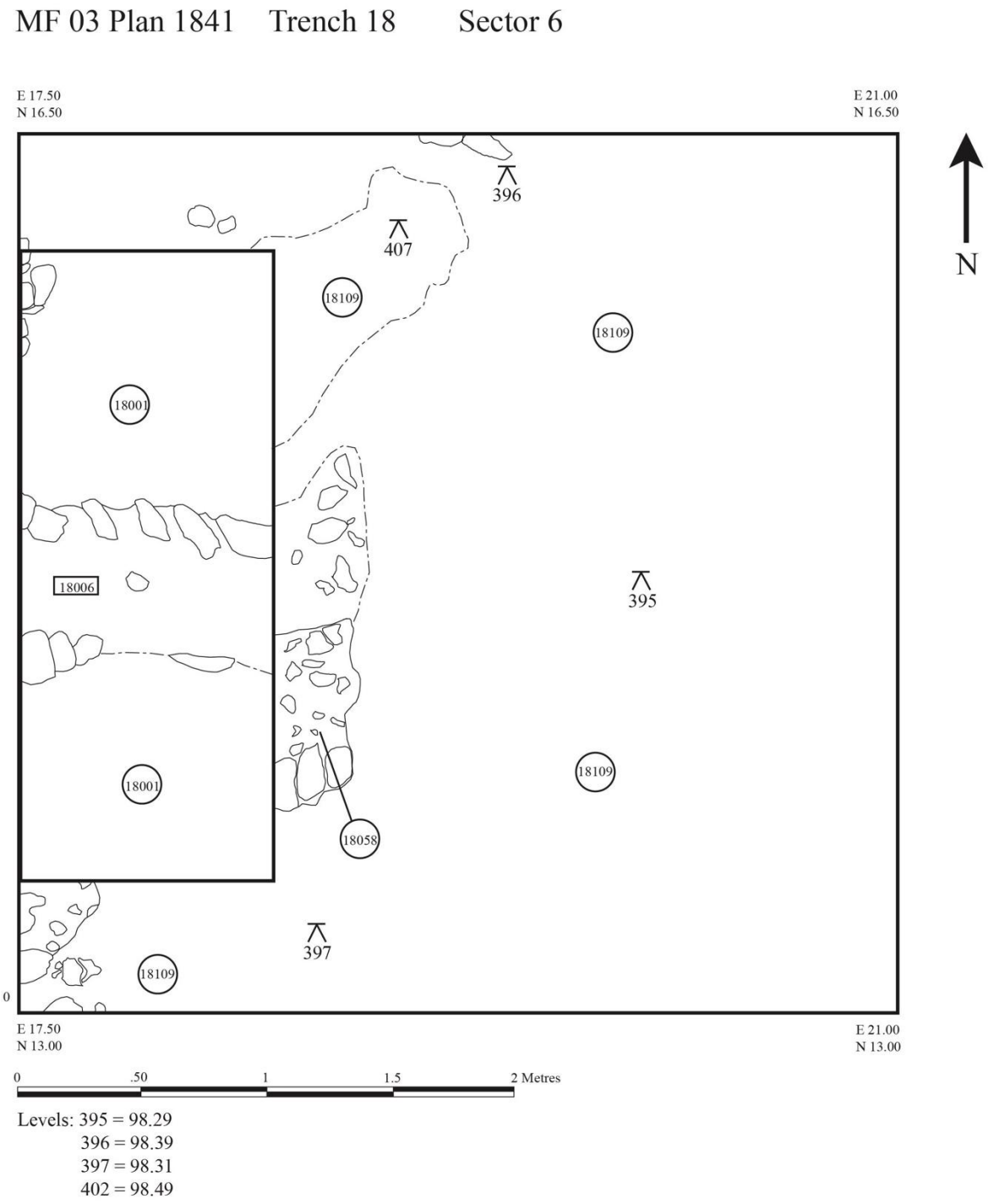


Figure 38: Plan 7 of 8 for Sector 6 (Plan 1841).

Plan 1847
Context (18109) was removed, exposing (18124), which covered the bottom of the entire sector.

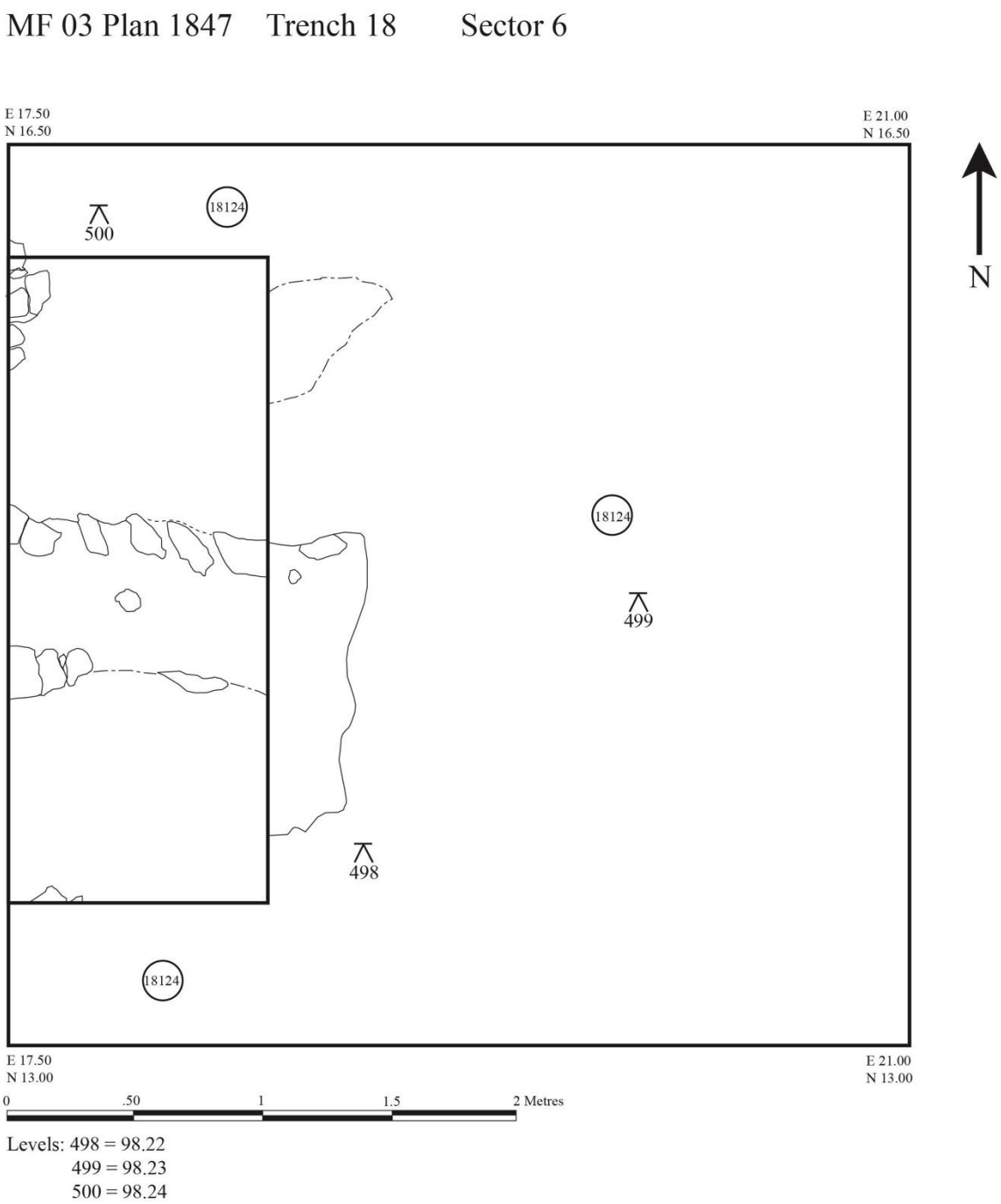


Figure 39: Plan 8 of 8 for Sector 6 (Plan 1847).

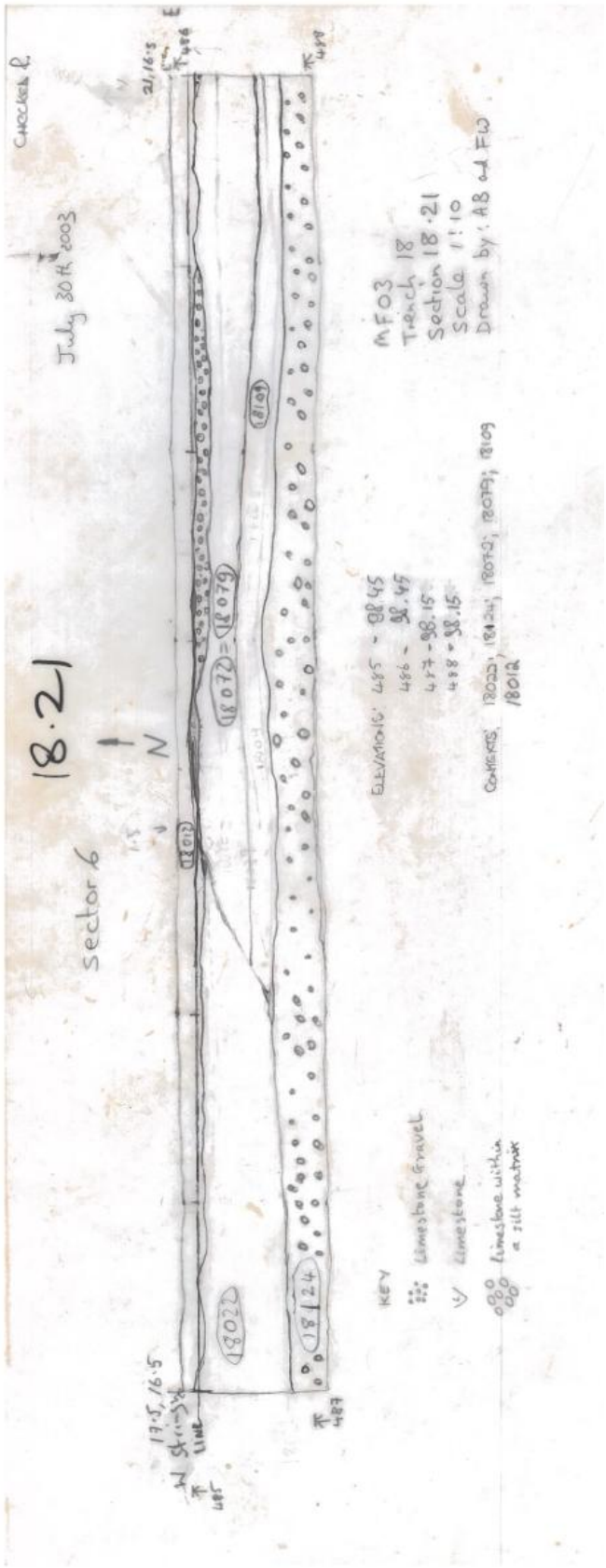


Figure 40: Section 18.21, north face of Sector 6.

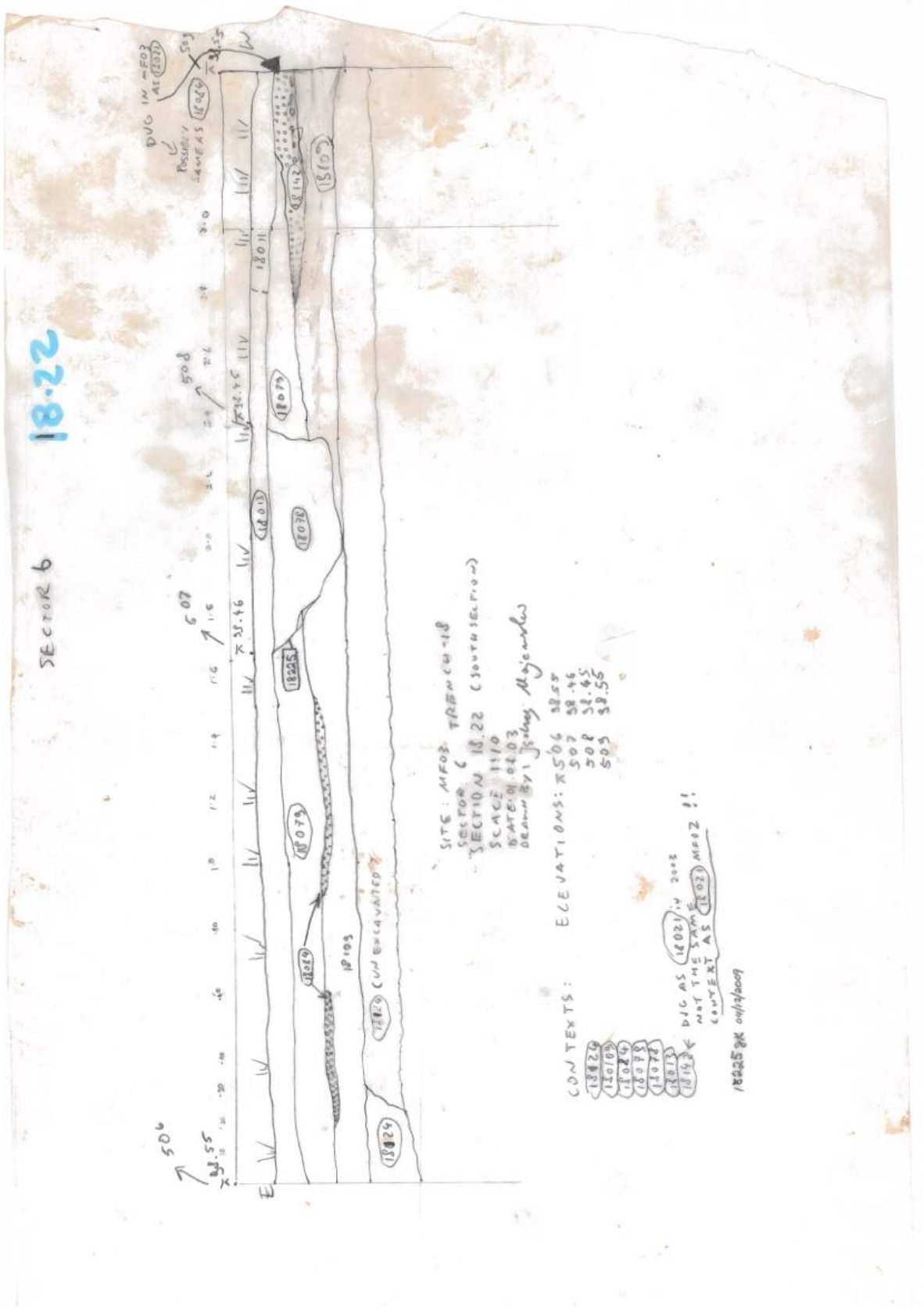


Figure 41: Section 18.22, south face of Sector 6.

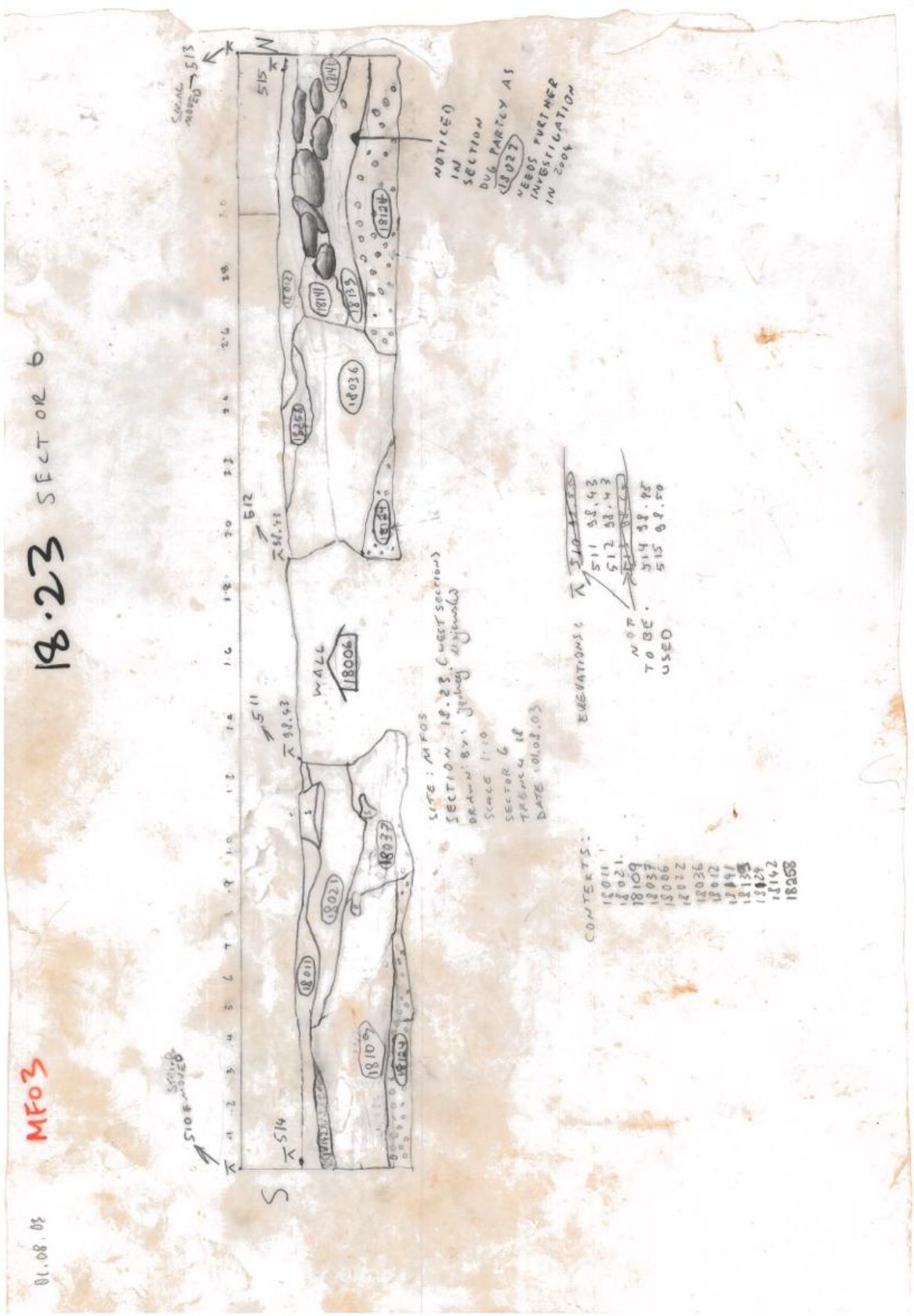


Figure 42: Section 18.23, west face of Sector 6.

Context Information for Sector 6

(18001) Layer
Natural limestone bedrock.

(18013) Layer
Description: Compact, mid-brown silty loam with small inclusions of limestone and building material. Not fully excavated.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18022, 18042, 18041, 18044, 18043, 18045, 18046, 18074, 18067, 18035, 18078, and 18079.
Material Culture: A total of 499 sherds of pottery recovery from this context (2 prehistoric and 497 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 2
Roman: RCWO 57 RFWOX 14 RCWR 117 RFWR 44 SM 16 IMPCC 8 RWW 104 BWW 4 DOR 2 OXFRS 21 OXFWS 62 GR 10 ROBSH 7 D 29 O 2
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18013	1586	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	13.10	11.96	98.38	
18013	1776	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02				
18013	1873	Glass	vessell	Handle		1	Unknown	MF03	19.04	14.23	98.35	Glass handle fragment
18013	1874	Metal	cu-alloy	lump		1	Unknown	MF03	19.01	13.30	98.34	Iron pellet
18013	2453	Metal	cu-alloy	Needle		1	Roman	MF03	12.17	11.20	98.33	Large needle
18013	2468	Metal	cu-alloy	Nail cleaner	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF03	12.10	12.20	98.61	no further info
18013	3613	Metal	iron	Coin		1	4th C?	MF05	11.46	17.50	98.53	- SECURITAS REIPUBLICAE

Interpretation: The interface between the topsoil and the underlying archaeological deposits. Very similar in composition to 18011, 18012, and 18014. In places 18013 lies over the top of wall rubble. This context contains lots of material culture. Possible that this has all been mixed up by ploughing.

(18021) Layer
Description: Mid-brown silty loam with 30 – 50% mortar inclusions (c. 3 – 4cm in diameter). Mostly compacted. Contains fragments of ceramics and animal bone.
Relationships: Overlain by 18011. Overlies 18037. Butts 18006.
Material Culture: A total of 129 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 16 RCWR 21 RFWR 12 SM 7 RWW 43 BWW 1 OXFWS 21 GR 2 ROBSH 2 D 2 O 2
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18021	1580	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF02	18.35	24.80	98.37	
18021	2259	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	14.13	11.22	98.35	Unrecognisable

Interpretation: The layer seems to represent the spread of rubble and mortar from wall [18006] to the north. The consistency of the debris suggests that the material may have accumulated over a fairly lengthy period of time. It is similar to (18022), a layer immediately to the south of wall [18006].

(18022) Layer

Description: Compact mid-dark brown silty loam with a mixture of limestone gravel, ceramic building material (tiles), and ceramics. Small areas of ferrous material in the southwest corner of the Sector.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000 and 18013. Overlies 18036. Butts 18006.
Material Culture: A total of 683 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 45 RFWOX 60 RCWR 123 RFWR 108 SM 10 IMPCC 16 RWW 89
BWW 2 DOR 15 OXFWS 124 GR 7 ROBSH 2 D 3 O 79
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18022	1576	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	St	1	330-346	MF02	18.20	15.60	98.40	CONSTANTINOPOLIS - VICTORY - TRS - clipped
18022	1585	Stone	flint	flake		1		MF02	17.73	15.40	98.35	
18022	1675	Metal	iron	pin		1		MF02	13.20	14.72	98.36	
18022	2260	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Roman	MF03	16.25	15.80	98.42	
18022	2971	Stone	flint	tool		1		MF04	no 3d			
18022	2985	Metal	iron	stud		1		MF04	16.25	15.64	98.34	
18022	3037	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF04	-	-	-	

Interpretation: Spread of soil mixed with debris from the building. An interface layer, most likely truncated by ploughing, lying over the remains of the South Building.

(18038) Layer

Description: Compact brown silty loam with inclusions of mid-sized limestone blocks and some fragments of metal.
Relationships: Overlain by 18012. Abutted by 18036. Overlies 18001. Butts 18036.
Material Culture: A total of 41 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 3 RCWR 6 RFWR 8SM 1 RWW 19 DOR 2 OXFWS 2
Interpretation: Possible debris field consisting of building material from near-by wall of South Building.

[18058] Structure

Description: Angular to co-angular blocks of unfaced limestone blocks 6cm – 15cm wide. No trace of mortar of plaster. 48cm wide, 33cm high from bedrock, upper part is truncated. Not fully explored in MF02.
Relationships: Overlain by 18011. Overlies 18001. Butts 18006.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: Possible addition to the south building. It runs off [18006] at a strange angle, therefore does not seem to be part of the logic of the construction of [18006]. Possibly an interior feature within the South Building or a later addition.

*(18072) Layer DO NOT HAVE CONTEXT SHEET.

Description: No Information available.
Relationships: No Information available.
Material Culture: A total of 85 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 11 RFWOX 4 RCWR 19 RFWR 11 SM 5 RFWW 22 OXFRS 2
OXFWS 9 D 1 O 1
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18072	1936	Metal	cu-alloy	wire/rod		1	Roman	MF03	no 3d		98.47	Pin frag

Interpretation: No Information available.

(18073) Layer

Description: Hard mid-greyish brown silty loam with limestone inclusions (poorly sorted of variable sides, ranging from small to medium). The layer contains large amount of material culture, mostly ceramics. Slag from metal working found in the southwest corner of the context.
Relationships: Overlain by 18012. Overlies 18072, 18079, & 18084.
Material Culture: A total of 80 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 3 RCWR 21 RFWR 19 SM 2 RFWW 17 BWW 2 OXFRS 1
OXFWS 13 D 2
Interpretation: Most likely a secondary deposition outside of the building – mixed with plough soil.

*(18078) Layer DO NOT HAVE CONTEXT SHEET

Description: No Information available.
Relationships: No Information available.
Material Culture: A total of 6 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWR 6
Interpretation: No Information available.

(18079) Layer DO NOT HAVE CONTEXT SHEET

Description: No Information available.
Relationships: No Information available.
Material Culture: A total of 285 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 24 RFWOX 5 RCWR 79 SM 5 RWW 78 BWW 8 OXFRS 2
OXFWS 73 GR 1 D 5 O 5.
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18079	1961	Metal	iron	Brooch	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	20.76	14.18	98.41	Fibula
18079	2000	Glass	vessel	handle		1	Unknown	MF03	19.92	13.38	98.31	Yellow glass fragment
18079	2003	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	19.63	13.79	98.29	Green/yellow vessel fragment
18079	2004	Metal	cu-alloy/enamel	finger ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	19.43	14.18	98.33	Small dress ring with possible enamel face (now degraded) incised diagonal lines around ring. Possible missing section of ring found 2006 in same context
18079	2006	Metal	cu-alloy	jewelry?	jewelry?	1	Roman	MF03	19.35	14.15	98.31	Ring fragment possibly from ring found in 2004 (above)
18079	2014	Metal	iron	Plate		1	Roman	MF03	18.74	13.27	98.34	No further info
18079	2023	Metal	iron	tool?		1	Roman	MF03	20.90	16.47	98.66	thought to be a iron tool large piece of iron broken at either end same thickness across with small spokes in middle and one at either end. Two spokes missing.

Interpretation: No Information available.

(18084) Layer

Description: Cream cobbled limestone, roughly broken uneven in depth and surface loosely mortared. The depth varies between c. 2 – 8cm thick. The layer was damaged and absent in several places within the trench.
Relationships: Overlain by 18079. Overlies 18109. Butts 18006.
Material Culture: A total of 195 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 4 prehistoric and 191 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 4
Roman: RCWO 10 RCWR 56 RFWR 9SM 8 RFWW 59 BWW 1
DOR 1 OXFWS 42 D 4 O 1
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18084	2236	Metal	iron	Brooch	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	20.70	14.49	98.29	Fibula
18084	2327	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	318-319	MF03	19.15	12.45	98.20	IMP CONSTANTINVS P F AVG - VICTORIAE LAETAE PRINC PERP / VOT/PR - TT

Interpretation: Probably floor surface. Dug into and removed in several places. Floor surface seems to have survived largely intact.

(18107) Layer DO NOT HAVE CONTEXT SHEET

Description: No Information available.
Relationships: No Information available.
Material Culture: A total of 38 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 5 RCWR 14 RFWR 2SM 2 RWW 4 OXFRS 3 OXFWS 8
Interpretation: No Information available.

(18108) Layer

Description: Darker patch of sediment within (18084).
Relationships: Overlain by 18079. Overlies 18109.
Material Culture: A total of 155 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 39 RFWR 22 RFWDS 3 SM 1 RWW 15 BWW 3 DOR 4
OXFWS 66 GR 2
Interpretation: Possible hole in the mortar floor for a posthole? Or area where mortar floor was worn through.

(18109) Layer

Description: Friable, light brown sandy soil with small limestone inclusions, with fragments of material culture.
Relationships: Overlain by 18084. Cut by 18006. Same as 18107 & 18078. Overlies 18124.
Material Culture: A total of 371 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 6 prehistoric and 365 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 6
Roman: RCWO 108 RCWR 33 RFWR 84 SM 5 RWW 69 BWW 6
DOR 3 OXFWS 53 GR 7 O 1
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18109	2192	Metal	cu-alloy	Stud		1	Roman	MF03	20.62	16.00	98.29	domed
18109	2276	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	2	Roman	MF03	20.47	13.99	98.31	no further info
18109	2287	Metal	cu-alloy	Ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	19.34	13.21	98.21	Ring or earring fragment
18109	2288	Bone	animal bone	Pin/needle		1	Roman	MF03	20.00	15.40	98.26	Pin/needle fragment
18109	2328	Metal	iron	Pin		1	Roman	MF03	23.05	13.20	98.31	no further info
18109	2332	Metal	cu-alloy	stud		1	Roman	MF03	15.70	19.60	98.28	Moulded circular fitting
18109	2336	Metal	iron	split spike loop		1	Unknown	MF03	no 3d			Split spiked loop
18109	2965	Metal	lead	decorative strips		2		MF04	20.90	15.00	98.30	

Interpretation: Topsoil from the Roman period, includes mixed artefacts from different periods, including Iron Age and Roman.

(18124) Layer

Description: Soft brown soil with small limestone inclusions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18109. Same as 18165, 18247, 18251 Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: Subsoil from the Roman period (look for more info on 18165).

SOUTHERN TEMENOS WALL

In MF04, we extended the southern part of Trench 18 c. 4 x 7.5m to the west to open an area over the remains of the temple temenos (boundary) wall. This was done to better understand the construction of the temenos wall and the relationship between the rear of the South Building and the temenos wall. This extension is identified in our records as three Sectors. The entire area is Sector 29. We removed the topsoil from the entirety of this area with a machine digger and then by trowel. This exposed the upper level of the underlying contexts. We excavated a 3.5 x 3.5m slot centered over the temenos wall, and extending into the rear of the South Building (Sector 19 – recorded in 4 plans: 1872, 1878, 1893, & 1895). We excavated a 1 x 3.5m slot centered over the temenos wall at the southern edge of the trench (Sector 21 – recorded in 2 plans: 1874 & 1889).

Sectors 19 & 21

Sector 19 is a 3.5 x 3.5m slot excavated down to underlying natural, through the foundation ditch of the temenos wall. Sector 21 is a 1 x 3.5m slot just south of Sector 19 that also bisects the ditch of the temenos wall.

Sector 19

Plan 1872: Removing the topsoil and cleaning by hand exposed the upper level of the sediment on the western side of the temenos wall immediately inside the temple boundary area (18186); the ditch cut [18210] and upper fills (18190 & 18145) of the temenos wall; and the area immediately outside of the temenos wall and inside the supposed rear room of the South Building. The area outside the temenos wall contained the upper reaches of the southern wall of the South Building [18123]; a poorly defined stone structure [18147]; and 4 contexts (18153, 18146, 18144, & 18148).

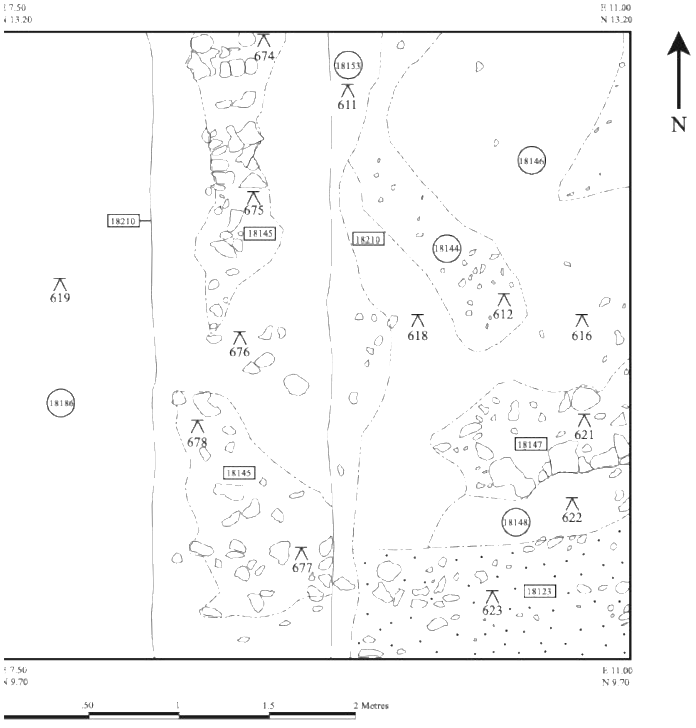


Figure 43: Plan 1 of 4 for Sector 19 (Plan 1872).

Plan 1878: Loose debris and remaining topsoil (18190) removed from within the temenos wall ditch [18210], exposing that [18145] was the main fill of the ditch.

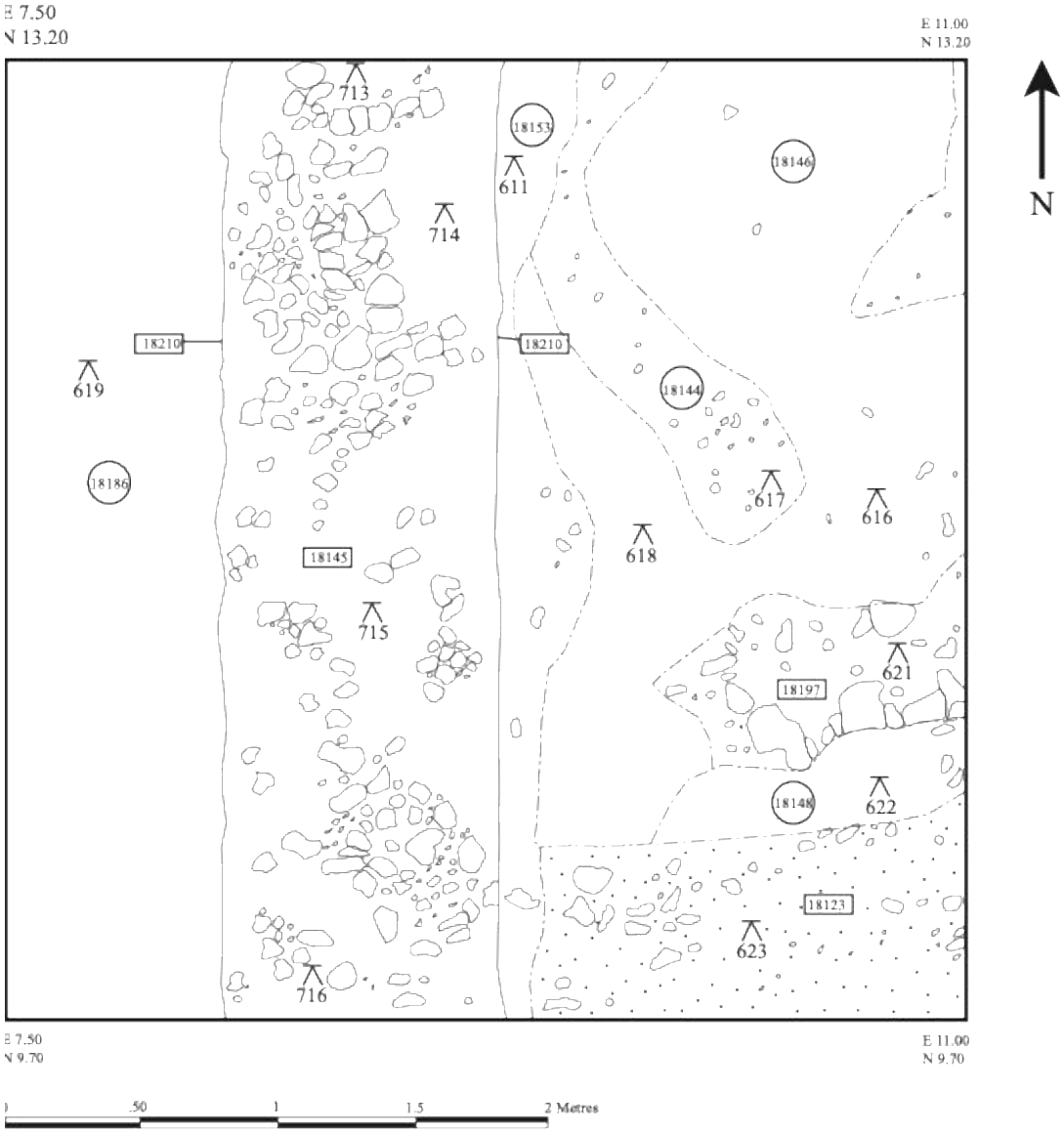


Figure 44: Plan 2 of 4 for Sector 19 (Plan 1878).

Plan 1893: Context (18186) was removed, exposing (18247). Discrete patches of sediment (18153, 18144, & 18148) were removed, showing that all three were lain on top of (18146). This further defined the shape of the temenos wall ditch [18210], the south wall of the South Building [18123], and a cohesive pile of limestone blocks [18147].

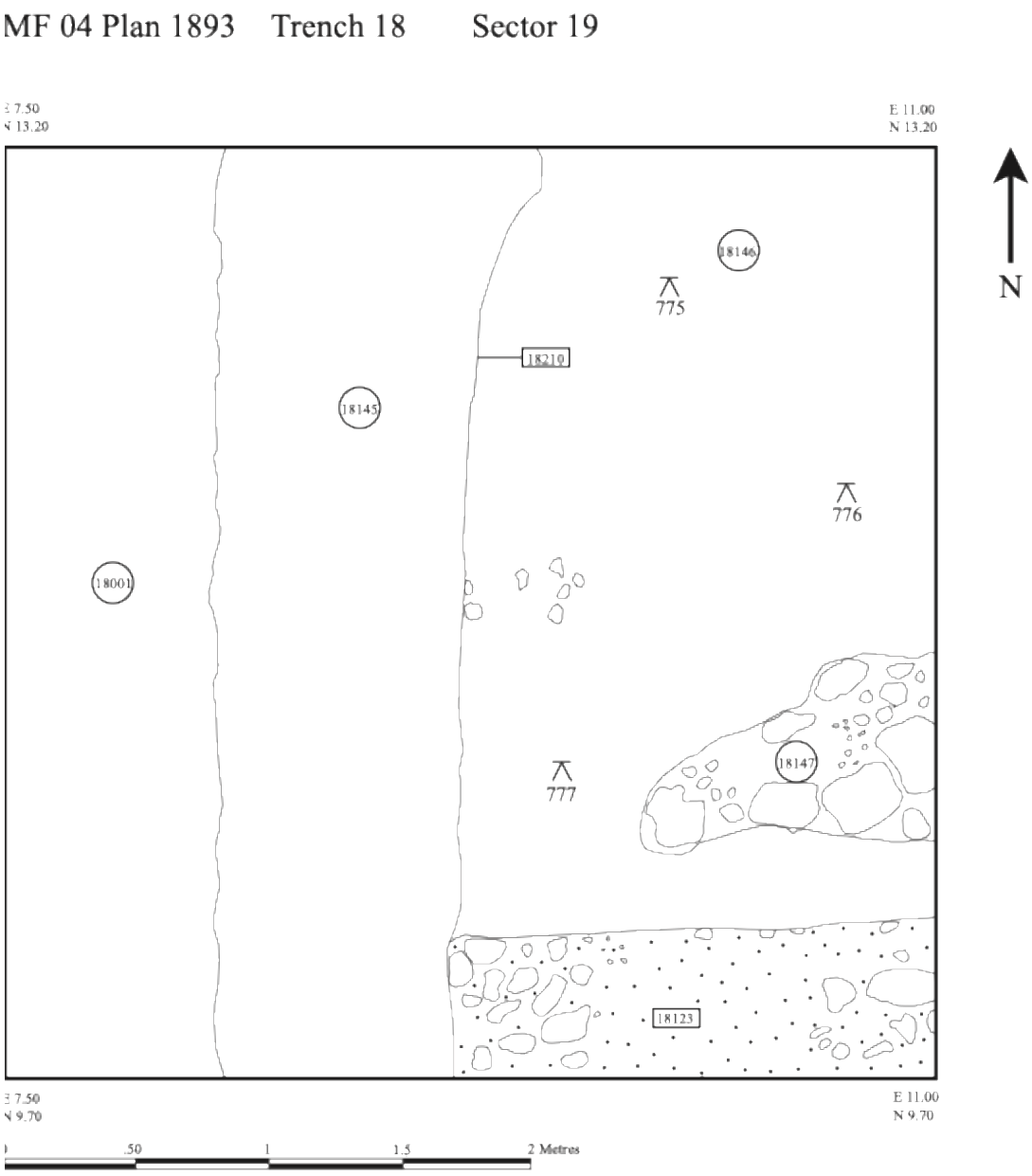


Figure 45: Plan 3 of 4 for Sector 19 (Plan 1893).

Plan 1895: Context (18247) on the west of the temenos wall was removed down to underlying natural (18001). Contexts (19146), [18147], and [18123] were removed – all of which were situated on top of (18247).

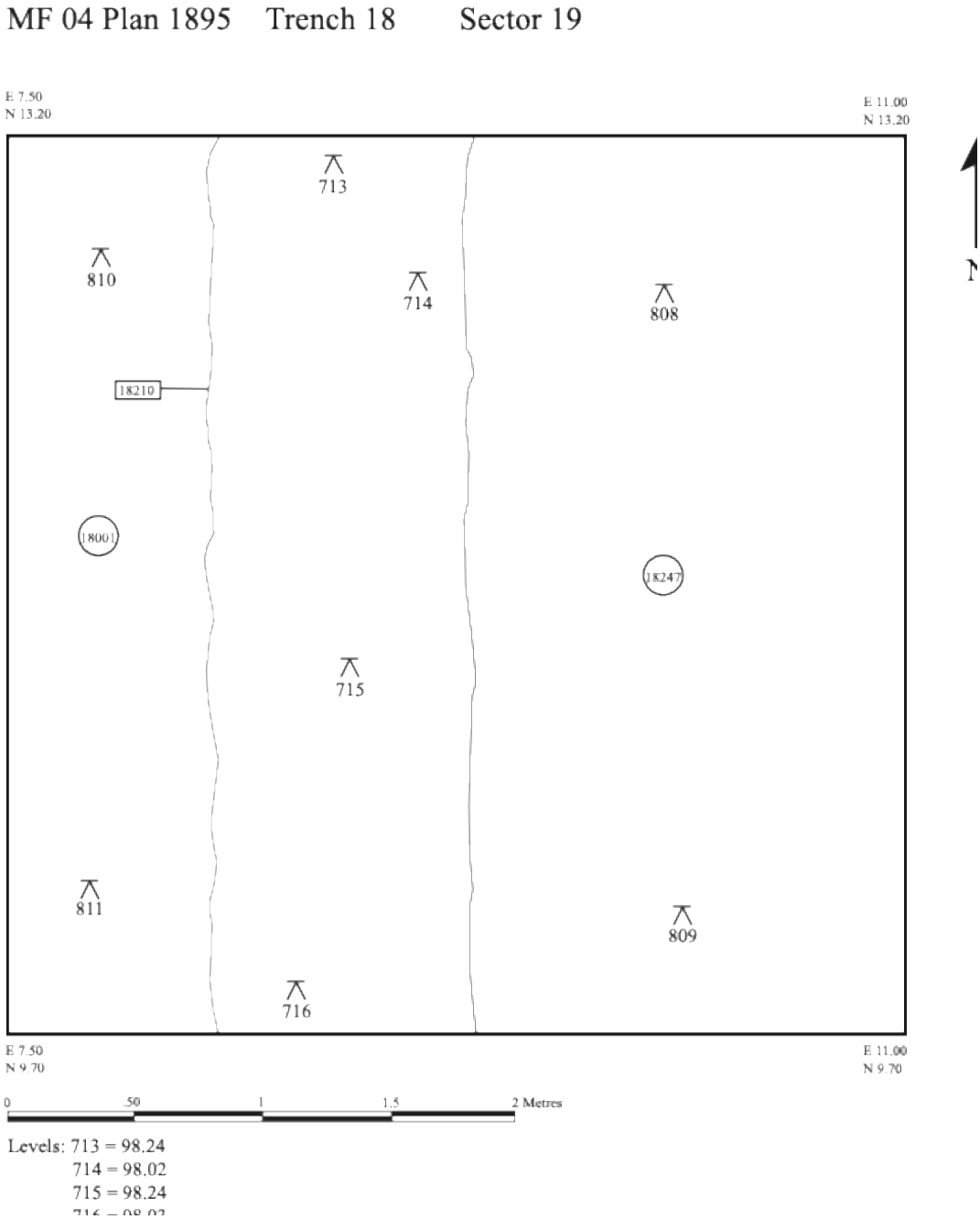


Figure 46: Plan 4 of 4 for Sector 19 (Plan 1895).

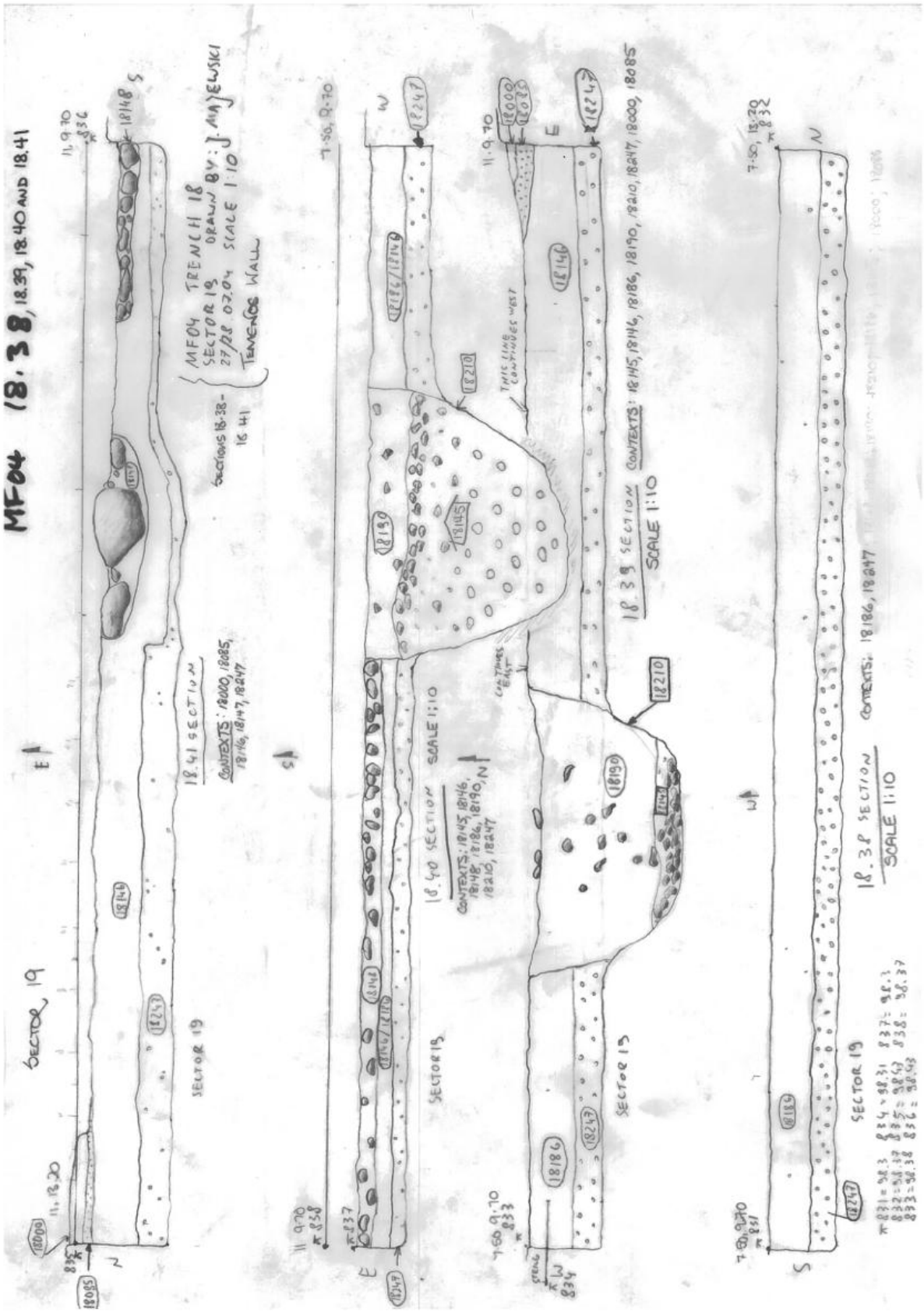


Figure 47a - d: A. Section 18.41, east face of Sector 19. **B**. Section 18.40, south face of Sector 19. **C**. 18.39 north face of Sector 19. **D**. 18.38, west face of Sector 19.

Context Information for Sector 19

[18123] Structure

Description: Wall comprises mix of angular limestone blocks ranging from 18cm – pebbles of 1 – 2 cm in a mortar matrix. Approximately 50cm wide. Final course of stones lies c. 12cm above natural on a soil base. Constructed from limestone. In places, larger (c. 30cm) tabular limestones lie about foundations.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18146 & 18247.
Material Culture: One sherd of Roman pottery recovered from this context: SM 1.
Interpretation: Wall running east – west forming external wall of the South Building.

(18144) Layer

Description: Layer of limestone cobbles and gravel up to 8cm in size. Lies on c. 15 – 18cm of soil above the natural.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Same as 18085. Overlies 18146.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: Now damaged, it appears to form part of an intentionally laid floor surface as seen in Sector 2 (18085). Lies to south of wall [18115], but appears to have survived less well in southwest of room.

(18145) Layer

Description: Mixed size limestone blocks up to c. 20cm. Some still held together with mortar. However, majority of context comprises loose, small, unconsolidated blocks of limestone and mortar, easily removed by trowel and hand, and gray/brown silty soil.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000 & 18190. Overlies 18001. Fill of 18210.
Material Culture: A total of 135 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 3 prehistoric and 132 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 3
Roman: RCWO 6RFWOX 5 RCWR 44 RFWR 6RFWDS 3 SM 5
RWW 10 RFWW 12 OXFRS 8 OXFWS 5 GR 4 ROBSH 2 D 20 O 2
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18145	2831	Bone	bone/antler	pin/needle		1		MF04	8.84	13.23	98.47	
18145	2832	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04	9.12	12.96	98.47	
18145	2834	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF04	9.01	13.08	98.44	
18145	2835	Bone	animal bone	burnt and used?		1		MF04	8.97	10.02	98.49	
18145	2957	Metal	iron	Pin?		1		MF04	8.80	12.70	98.19	pin bent at both ends
18145	2964	Ceramic	fired clay	bead?	jewelry	1		MF04	9.05	12.65	98.24	Fragment of small ceramic bead?
18145	3116	Stone	flint	flake		1		MF04				

Interpretation: Probably the remains of the temple temenos wall, not clearly robbed. What remains are pieces probably considered too small (to take) and backfill of waste material from wall. Some material culture and ceramic building material included in fill. What remains of foundation is constructed from local corallian limestone.

(18146) Layer

Description: Dark, fine-grained reddish-brown silt. Similar to 18186.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Cut by 18210. Same as 18186 & 18166. Overlies 18247.
Material Culture: A total of 76 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 6 RFWOX 6 RCWR 19 RFWR 3RFWDS 6 RWW 12
RFWW 12 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 7 GR 4
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18146	2959	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04				
18146	2960	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04				
18146	2961	Stone	stone	whetstone?		1		MF04				
18146	2981	Bone	animal bone	perforated object		1		MF04	10.32	12.60	98.38	
18146	2982	Stone	flint	tool		1		MF04	10.80	11.40	98.25	

Interpretation: Probably formed continuous context with 18186, prior to being cut by 18210. Probably natural – see 18166.

(18147) Layer

Description: (Context Sheet 1) Rubble spread of angular limestone blocks c. 5 – 30cm scattered amongst a mid-brown silty loam. Appears slightly different to 18008, with no gravel and larger blocks overlying 18146 and a more compact cobbled area. Approximately 10cm thick and covering c. 1 square meter in Sector 1 (Plan 1899). Also included burnt limestone and charcoal.
(Context Sheet 2) Area of large, tabular sub-angular limestone blocks, each approximately 30 – 35cm across. Some stones-stained pink, indicating exposure to high temperature but no evidence for burning around the stones. Therefore, heating must have occurred prior to current event.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18146. Overlies 18247.
***Material Culture*:** None.
Interpretation: (Context Sheet 1) Destruction or collapse rubble from structure to the south and/or each overlying possible floor surface. This context is in the western ('rear') room of the South Building.
(Context Sheet 2) Stones lie approximately 20cm above natural on soil base with no mortar and therefore unlikely to have formed part of a structure. Most likely the result of the destruction of the temenos wall [18145].

(18148) Layer

Description: Thin spread of yellow powdery mortar and limestone gravel c. 8cm deep, easily removed by trowel.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18146, 18247, & 18001. Butts 18123.
Material Culture: None
Interpretation: Spread lies between wall [18123] and [18147] (destruction layer) and is most likely debris from demolition of 18123.

(18153) Layer

Description: Very loose mix of mortar, soil, and small limestone inclusions c. 10cm deep that butts against the robbed-out temple temenos wall [18145]. Easily removed by trowel.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18146. Butts 18145.
Material Culture: A total of 46 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 4 RFWOX 1 RCWR 11 RFWR 9RFWDS 1 RFWW 5
OXFWS 1 GR 1 D 12 O 1
Interpretation: Probably spread of rubble created during removal of temenos wall.

(18186) Layer

Description: Fine grained red brown silt like
(18146). Relatively poor in material culture.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Cut by [18210]. Same as 18146 & 18166. Overlies 18247.
Material Culture: A total of 106 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 7 Prehistoric and 99 Roman:
Prehistoric: PCW 7
Roman: RCWO 4RCWR 40 RFWR 9IMPCC 2 RWW 12 RFWW 6
OXFRS 6 OXFWS 2 GR 2 ROBSH 3 D 13

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18186	2752	Metal	cu-alloy	Pin		1	Unknown	MF04	7.77	8.55	98.42	long slender pin with a hook at one end
18186	2972	Bone	animal bone	perforated object		1		MF04	7.90	10.75	98.45	
18186	2973	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04	15.80	12.22	98.48	
18186	2978	Stone	flint	scraper		1		MF04	7.70	10.21	98.36	
18186	2980	Metal	iron	chain link		1		MF04	7.80	10.70	98.11	

Interpretation: This probably formed a continuous context with 18146 prior to being cut by the ditch for the temenos wall [18210]. Most likely a natural layer.

(18190) Layer

Description: Dark brown/grey silt comprising small angular limestone inclusions up to 5cm across with randomly scattered larger pieces.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18145. Fill of 18210.
Material Culture: A total of 15 sherds of Roman pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWR 2RWW 2 DOR 3 OXFWS 1 GR 3 D 4
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18190	2853	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04	8.59	7.98	98.20	

Interpretation: Can be seen clearly in north section as forming top layer of a fill of 18210. And overlying robbed out remains of the temenos wall. Probably used to fill the robber trench after removal of stones. Does not appear to spread beyond the cut.

*[18210] Structure NO CONTEXT SHEET FOUND.

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: None
Interpretation: No information available.

(18247) Layer

Description: (Context Sheet 1) Riverine deposits with eroded limestone inclusions.
(Context Sheet 2) Red-brown silty soil with small angular limestones c. 5cm distributed evenly throughout. Layer c. 15cm deep.
Relationships: (Context Sheet 1) Overlain by 18146 & 18186. Same as 18165. Overlies 18001.
(Context Sheet 2) Overlain by 18146. Same as 18165 & 18124. Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: A total of 9 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 3 prehistoric and 6 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 3
Roman: RCWO 1RCWR 1 RFWR 1OXFWS 1 D 2
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18247	3046	Stone	flint	scraper		1		MF04	10.00	13.00	98.19	
18247	3047	Stone	flint	scraper		1		MF04	10.00	13.00	98.19	
18247	3054	Bone	animal bone	MISSING		0		MF04				

Interpretation: (Context Sheet 1) See (18165).
(Context Sheet 2) This layer is seen throughout Trench 18 and appears to be a very early soil overlying the bedrock. See (18165) for explanation.

Sector 21

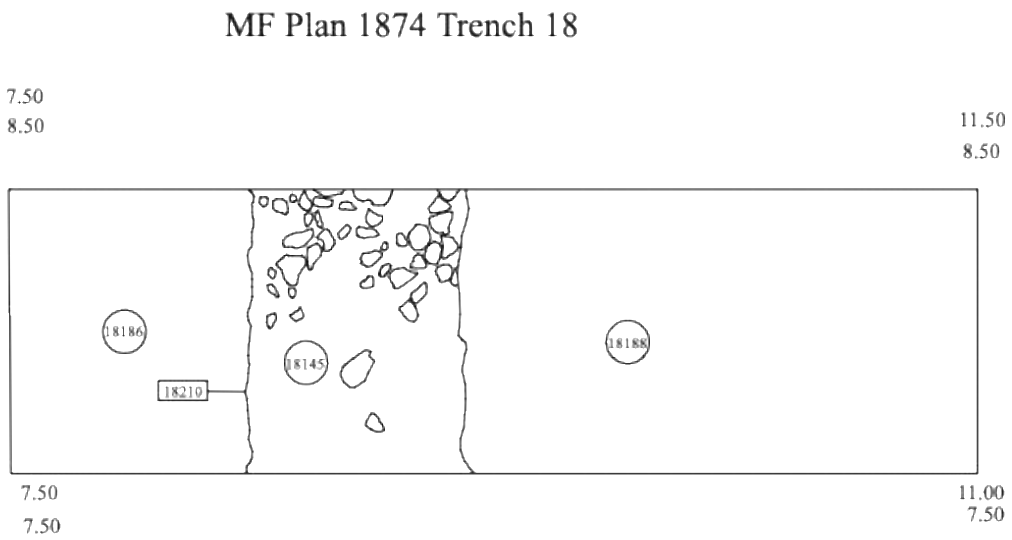


Figure 48. Plan 1 of 2 for Sector 21 (Plan 1874).

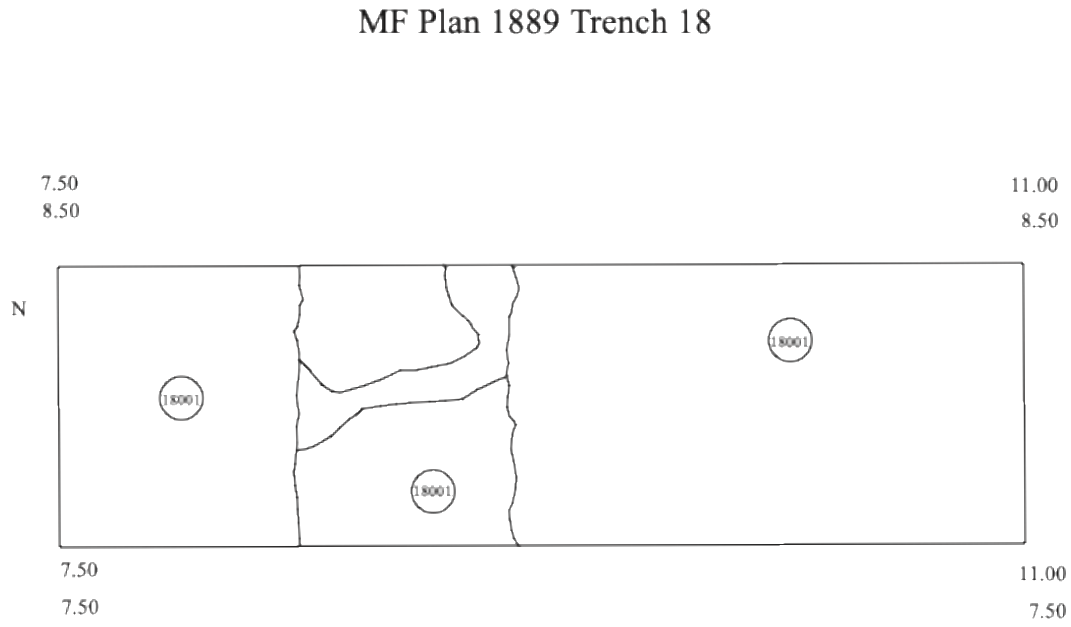


Figure 49. Plan 2 of 2 for Sector 21 (Plan 1889).

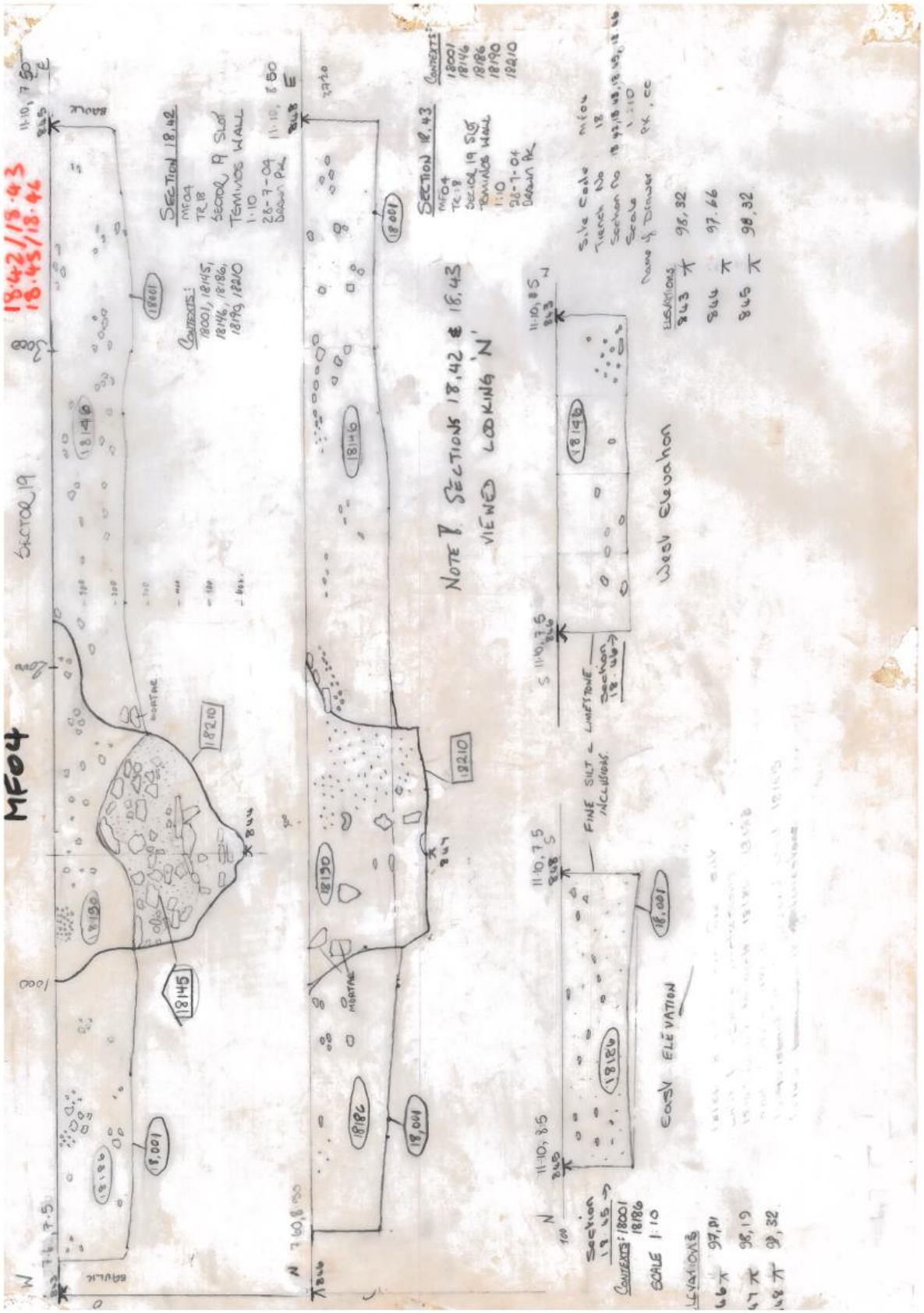


Figure 50a - d: A. Section 18.42, south face of Sector 21. **B**. Section 18.43, north face of Sector 21. **C**. 18.45 west face of Sector 21. **D**. 18.46, east face of Sector 21.

SECTOR 8

Sector 8 is a 3.5 x 3.5m located just north of the South Building, in the 'Courtyard' space between the South and North buildings. Sectors 6, 8, and 12 were dug to create a continuous cross section through the stratigraphy from the South to the North buildings. Sector 8 was excavated by unit during MF03 and finished in MF04, with progress recorded in 9 plans and 5 accompanying sections.

Plan 1822

Removal of the topsoil by mechanical digger exposed 9 distinct contexts (18003; 18014; 18015; 18016; 18070; 18071; 18076; 18080; & 19081).

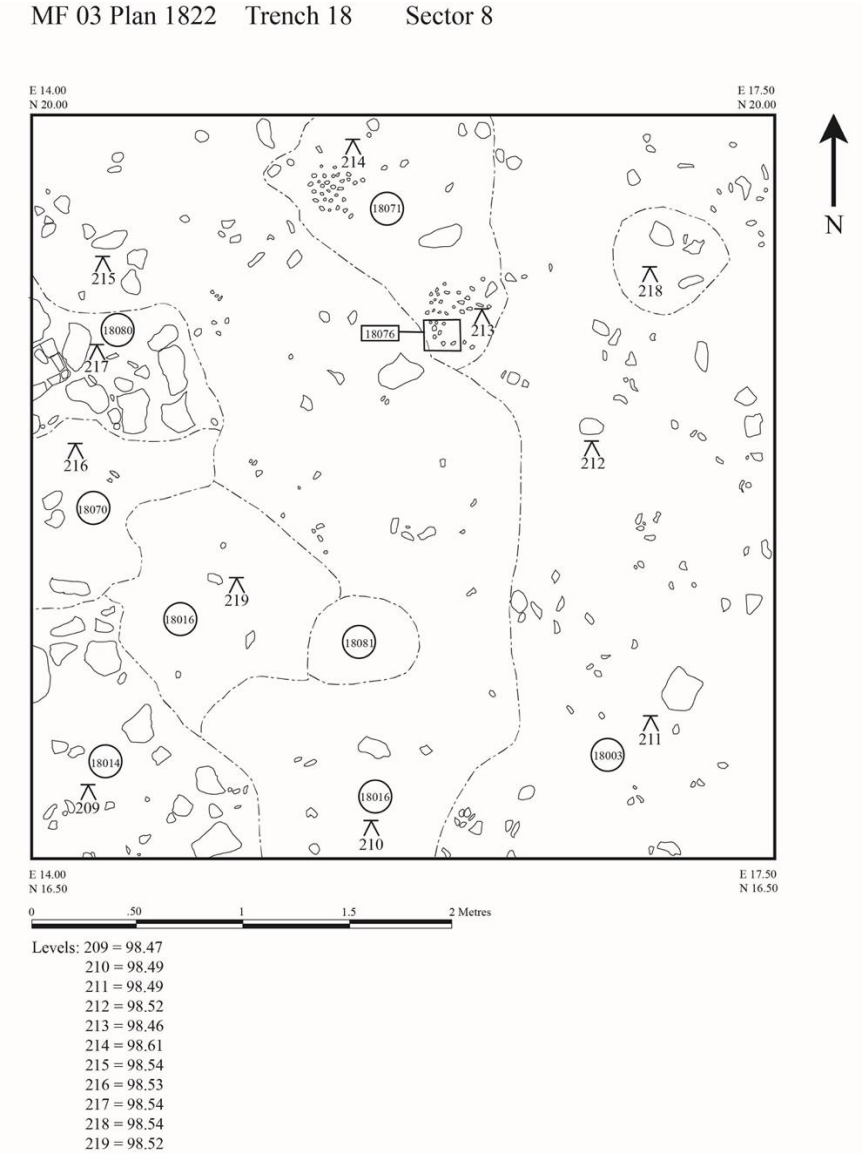


Figure 51: Plan 1 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1822).

Plan 1850

Several contexts, which served as the interface between the plough soil and the underlying deposits, were removed. 18003 was removed, revealing (18092, 18096, & 18098). Context (18016) was removed, revealing (18092, 18095; & 18097) and further exposing (18070). Context (18014) was removed, revealing (18092 & 18094). 18081 was removed, exposing more of (18070). 18015 was removed revealing (18070) and pit [18016] with fill (18093). 18071 was removed, revealing (18095 & 18096). 18076 was removed, revealing 18095 and 18100)

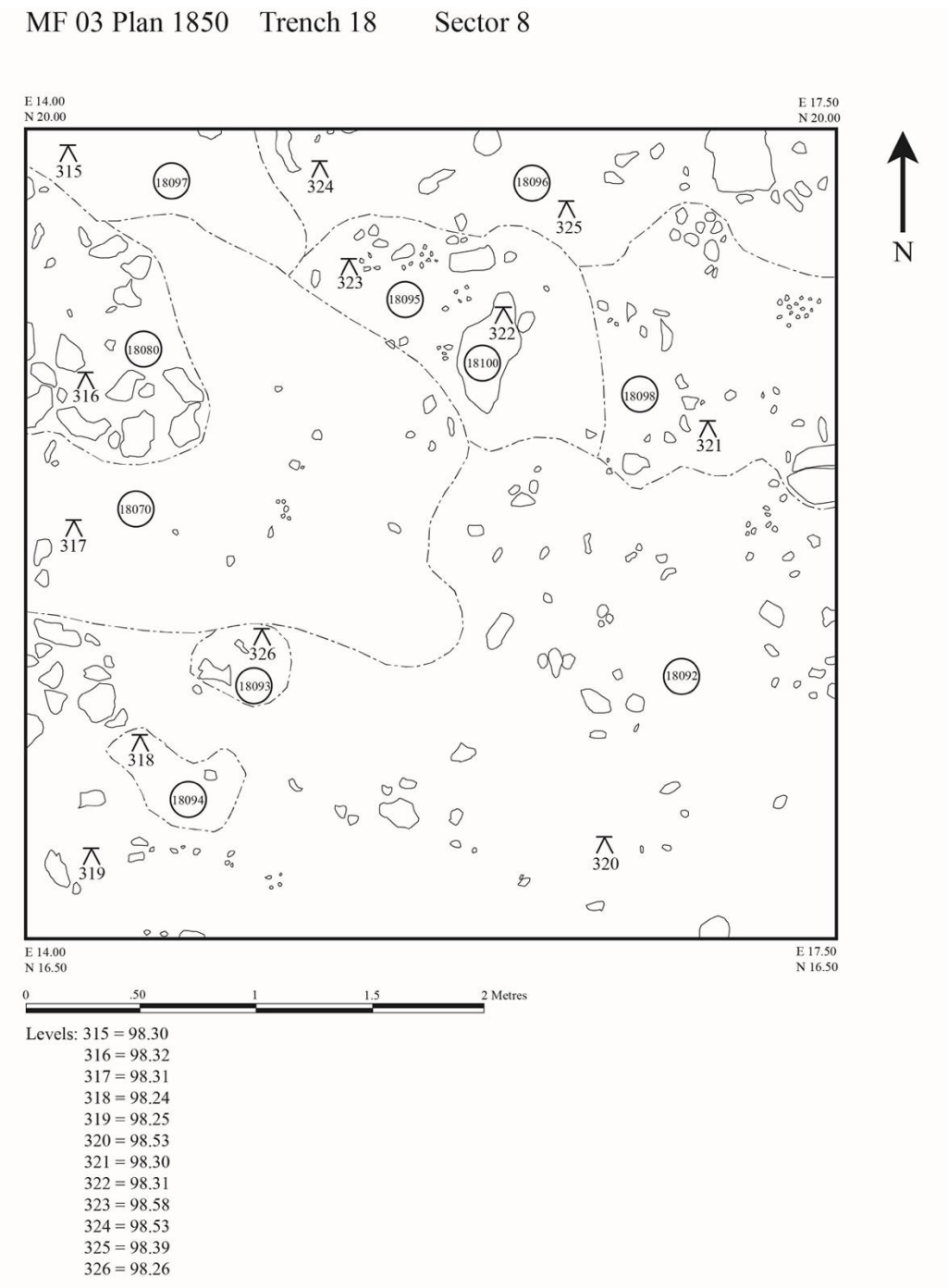


Figure 52: Plan 2 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1850).

Plan 1836

18094 was removed, revealing more of underlying (18092). (18095 & 18098) were removed, revealing more of underlying (18096). (18080) was removed, revealing more of underlying (18070).

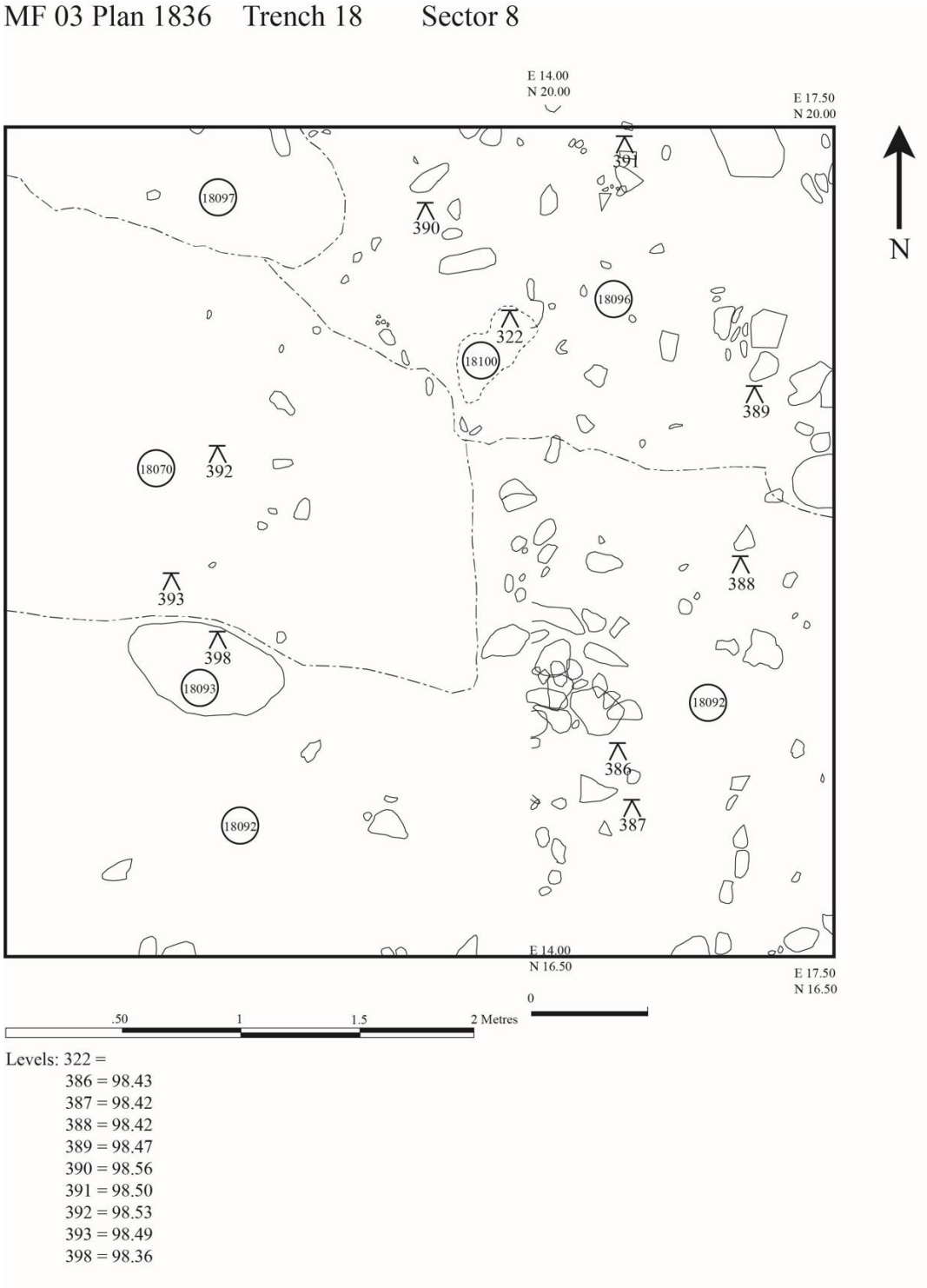


Figure 53: Plan 3 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1836).

Plan 1842

18096 & 18100 were removed, revealing more of underlying 18070. 18092 was partially cleaned, revealing 18121.

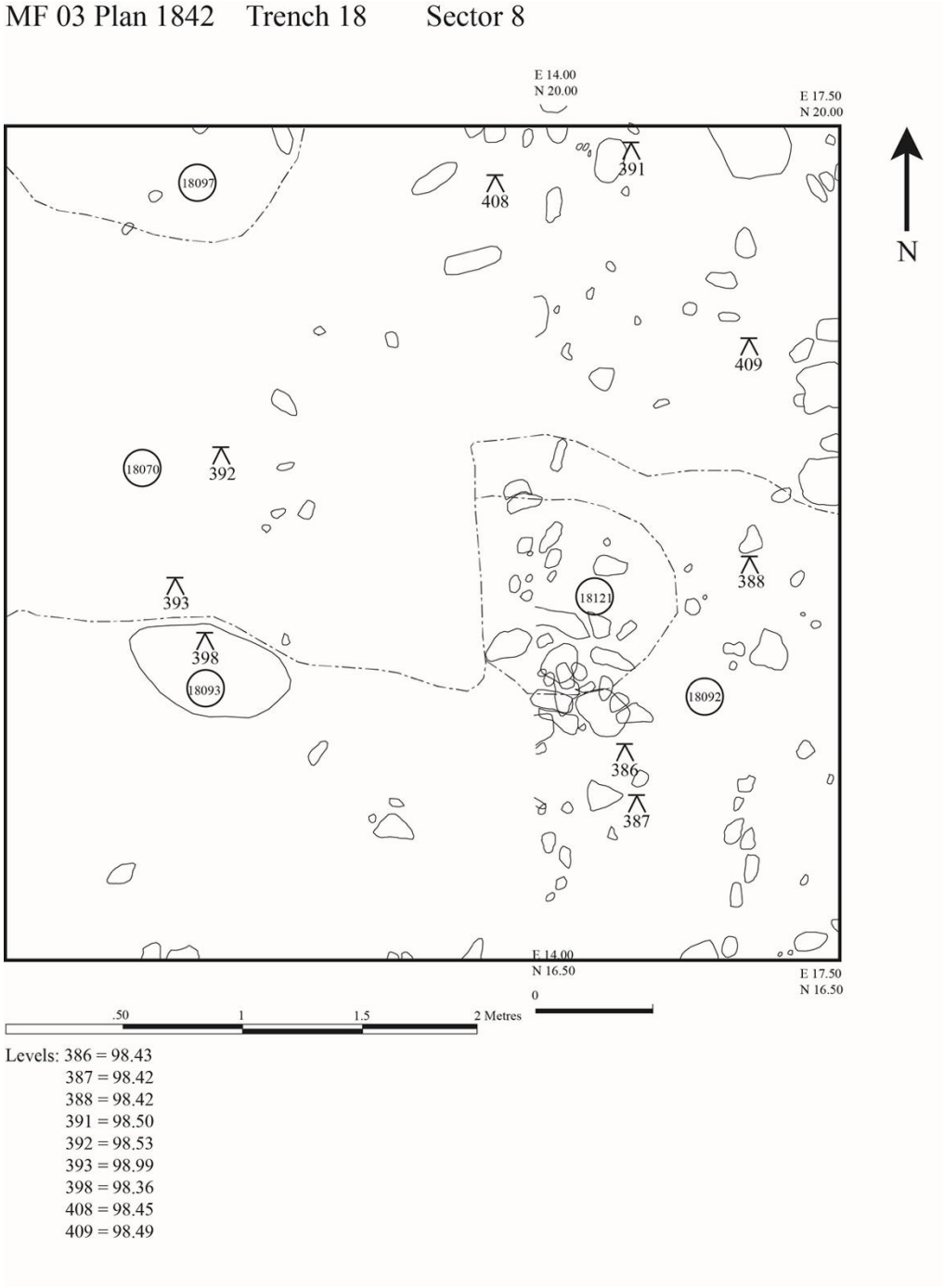


Figure 54: Plan 4 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1842).

Plan 1845

18079 was removed, revealing 18129. 18070 was removed, revealing 18126, 18127 & 18128. 18092 was removed, revealing 18130 & 18131.

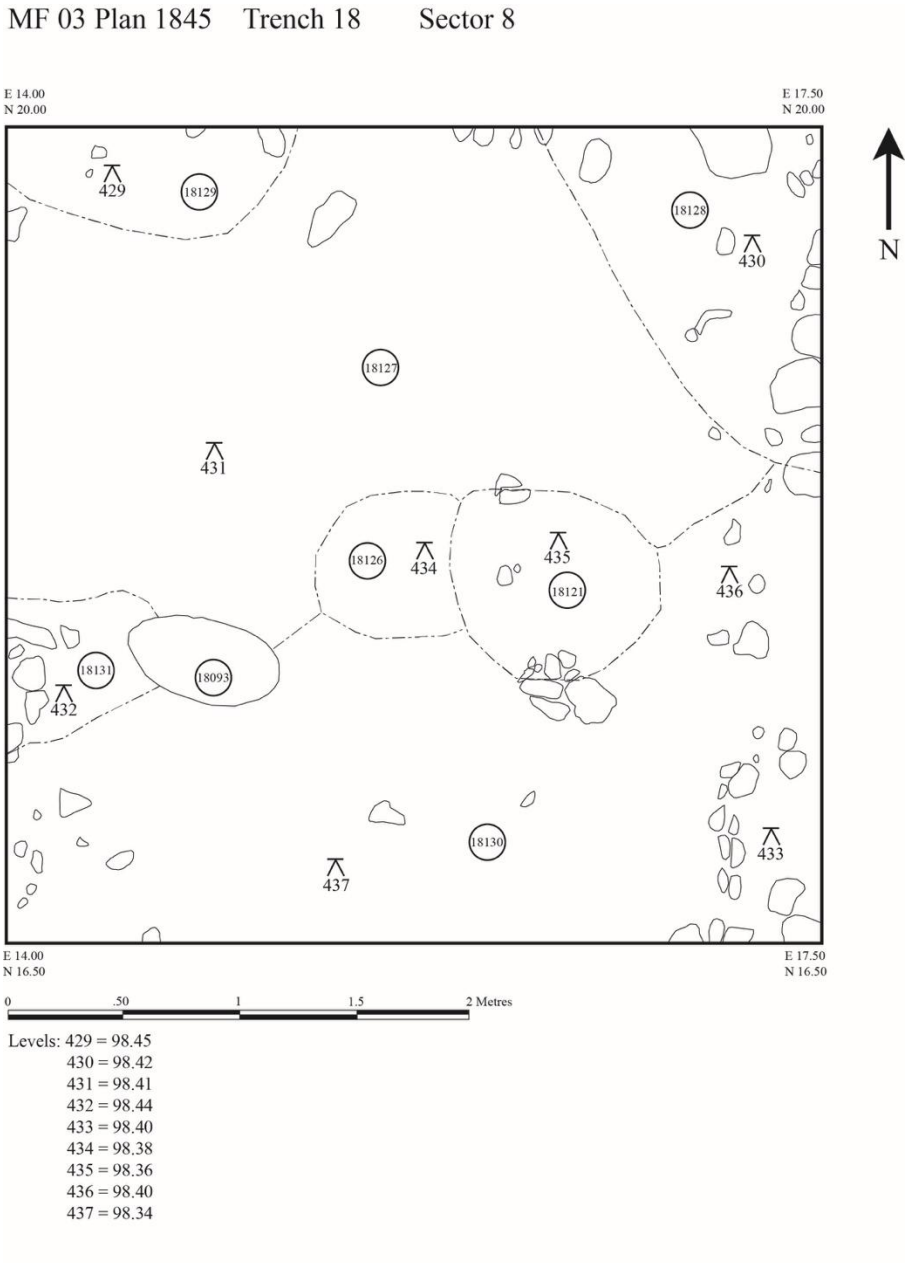


Figure 55: Plan 5 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1845).

Plan 1846

Contexts 18121, 18126, 18127, & 18129 were removed, exposing 18132. Context 18128 was removed, exposing 18133.

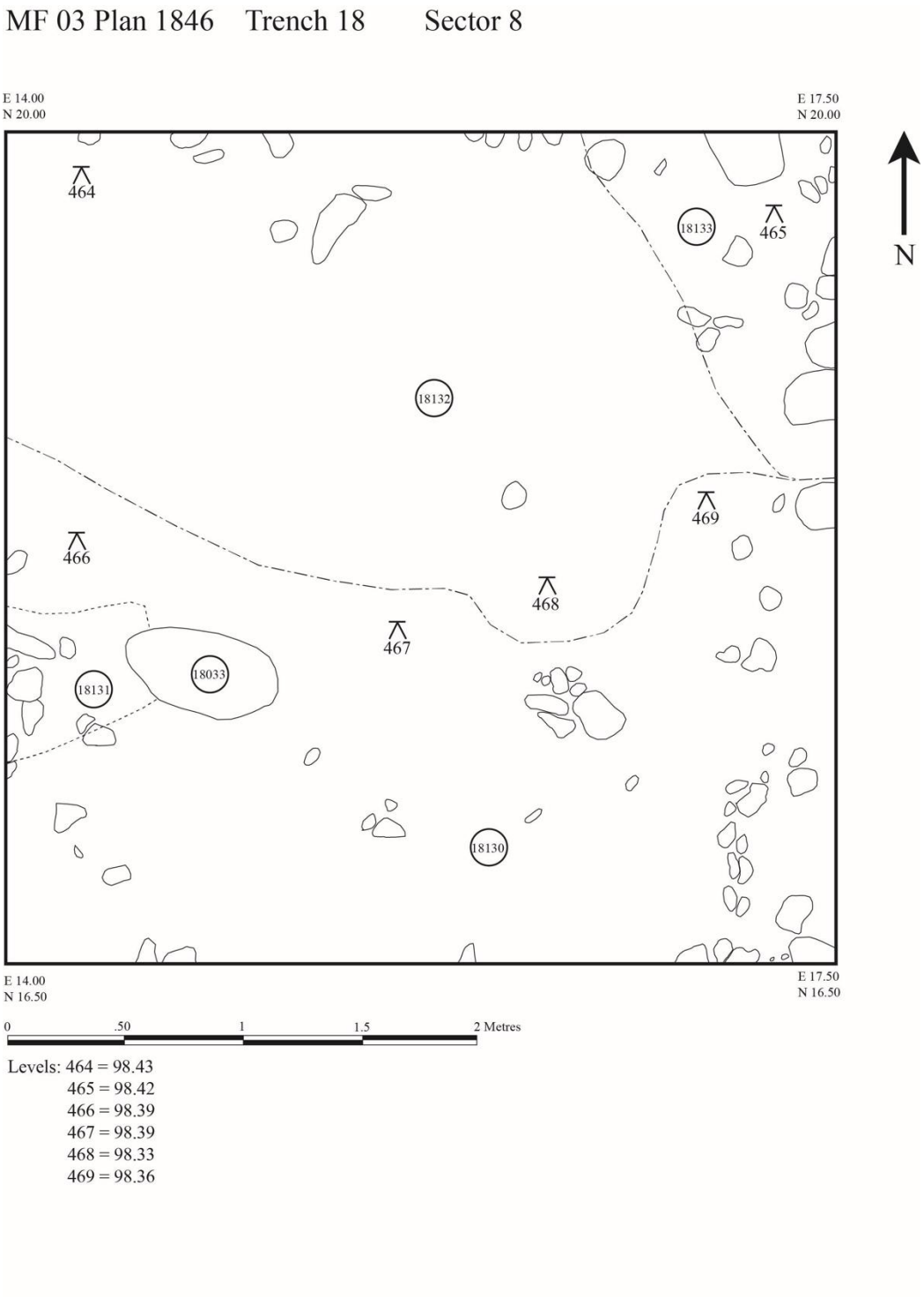


Figure 56: Plan 6 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1846).

Plan 1848

Context 18132 was removed, revealing 18147 and part of 18138. Context 18133 was removed, exposing part of 18136. Context 18130 was removed, revealing 18166 and part of 18136. Context 18131 was removed revealing part of 18138.

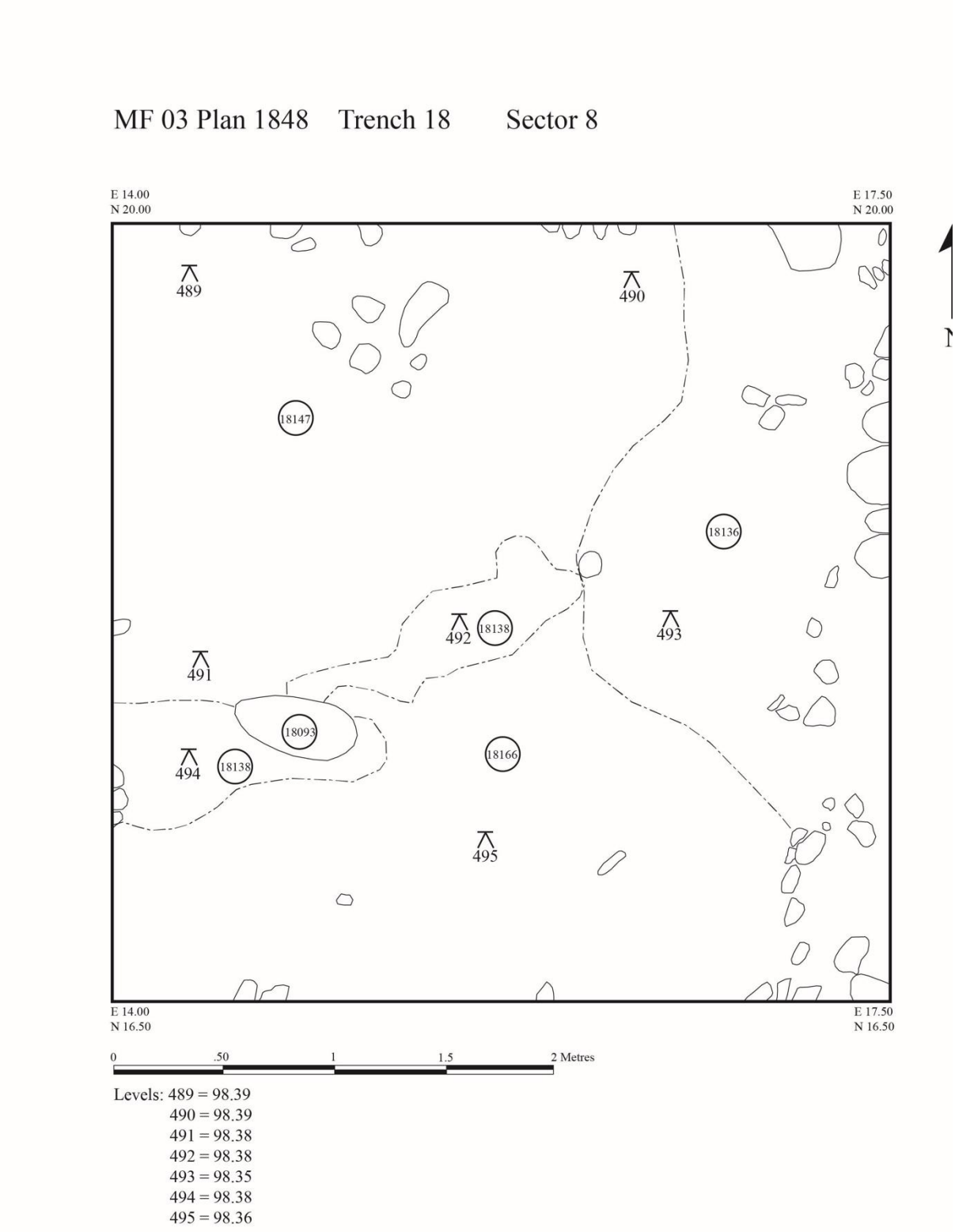


Figure 57: Plan 7 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1848).

Plan 1854

Context 19136 was removed, exposing more of 18166. Context 18147 was removed, revealing 18165 and exposing more of 18166. Context 18093 was removed, exposing more of 18138.

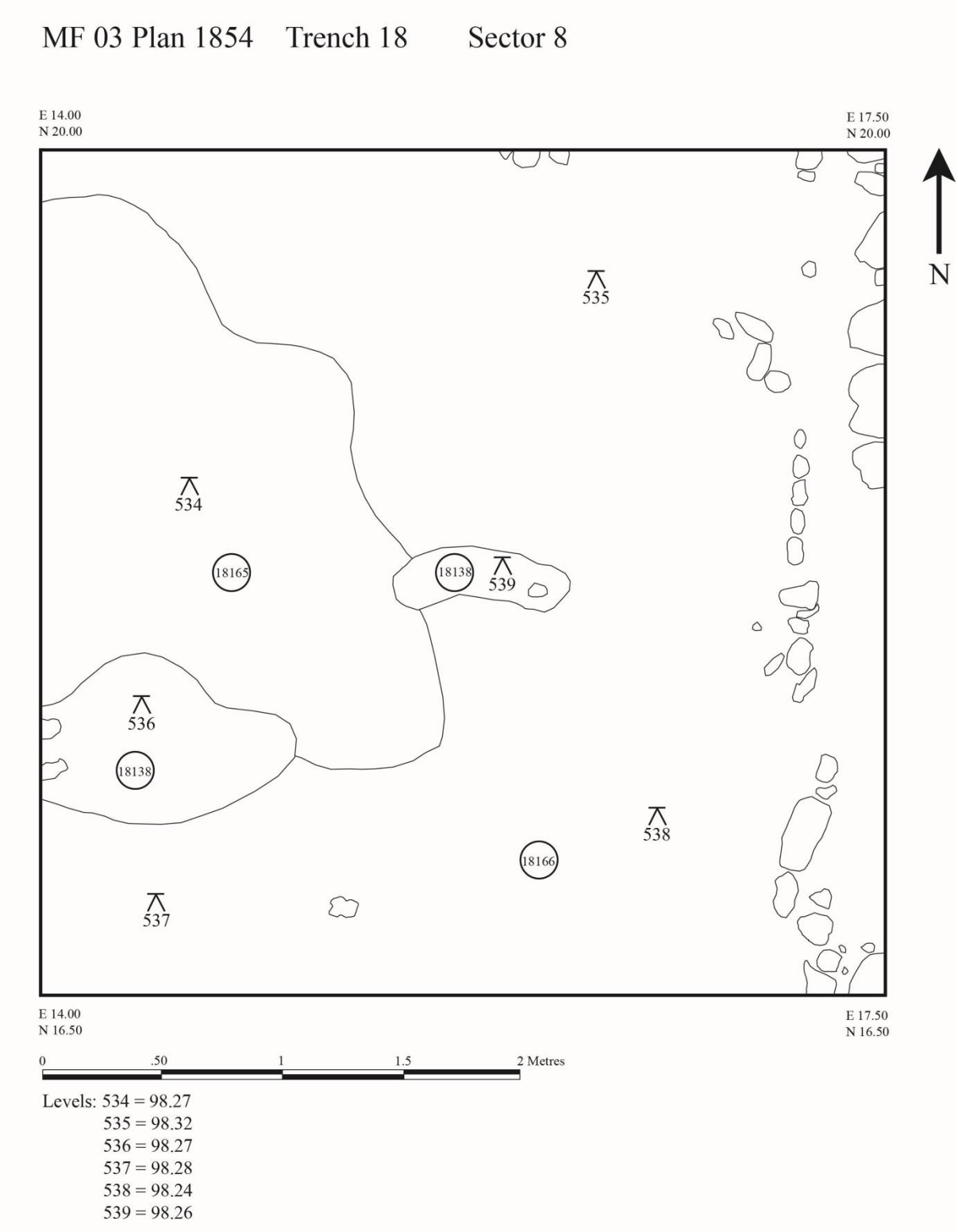


Figure 58: Plan 8 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1854).

Plan 1858

Contexts 18138 and 18166 were removed, further exposing 18165. This plan represents the lowest level that we excavated to.

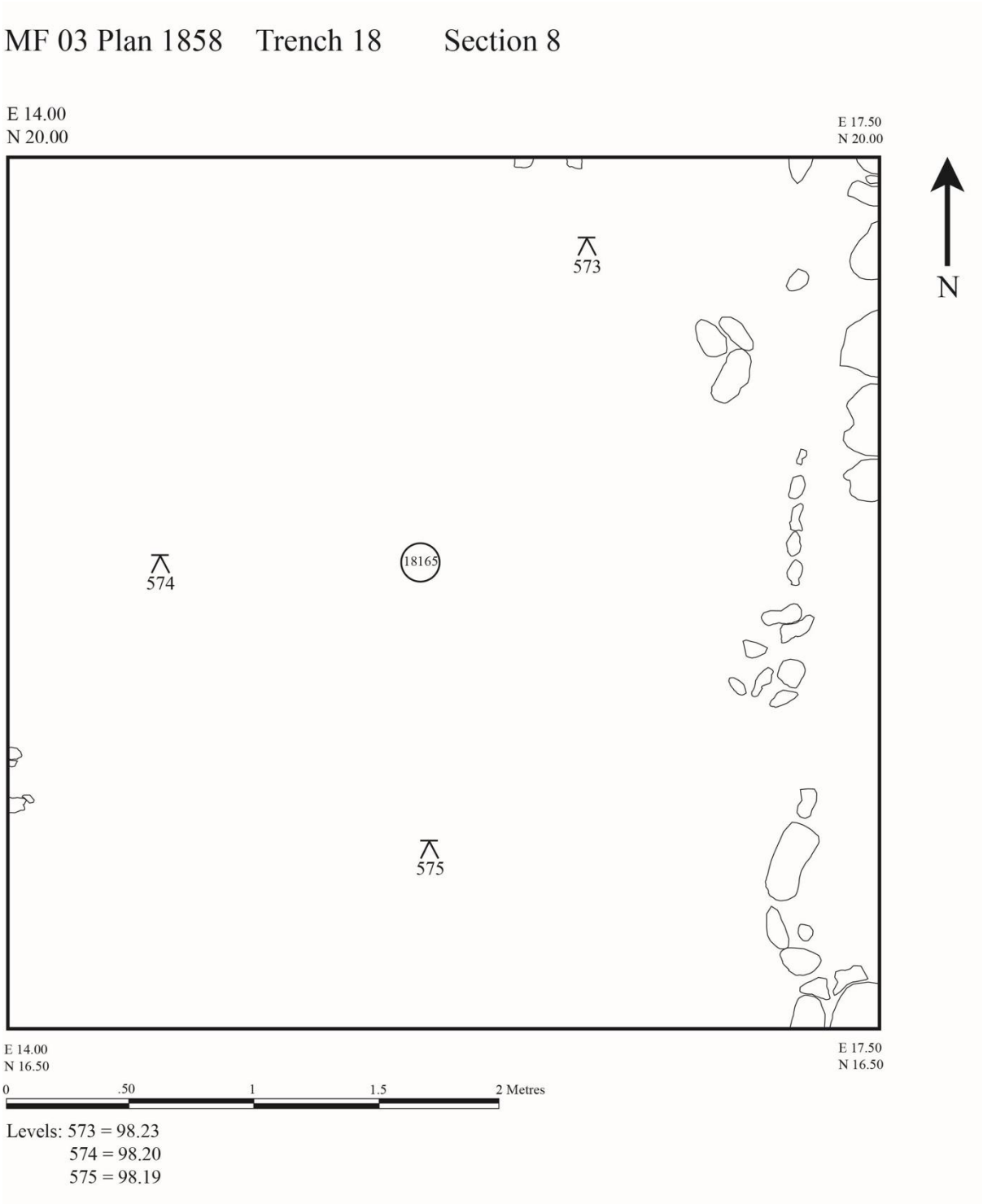


Figure 59: Plan 9 of 9 for Sector 8 (Plan 1858).

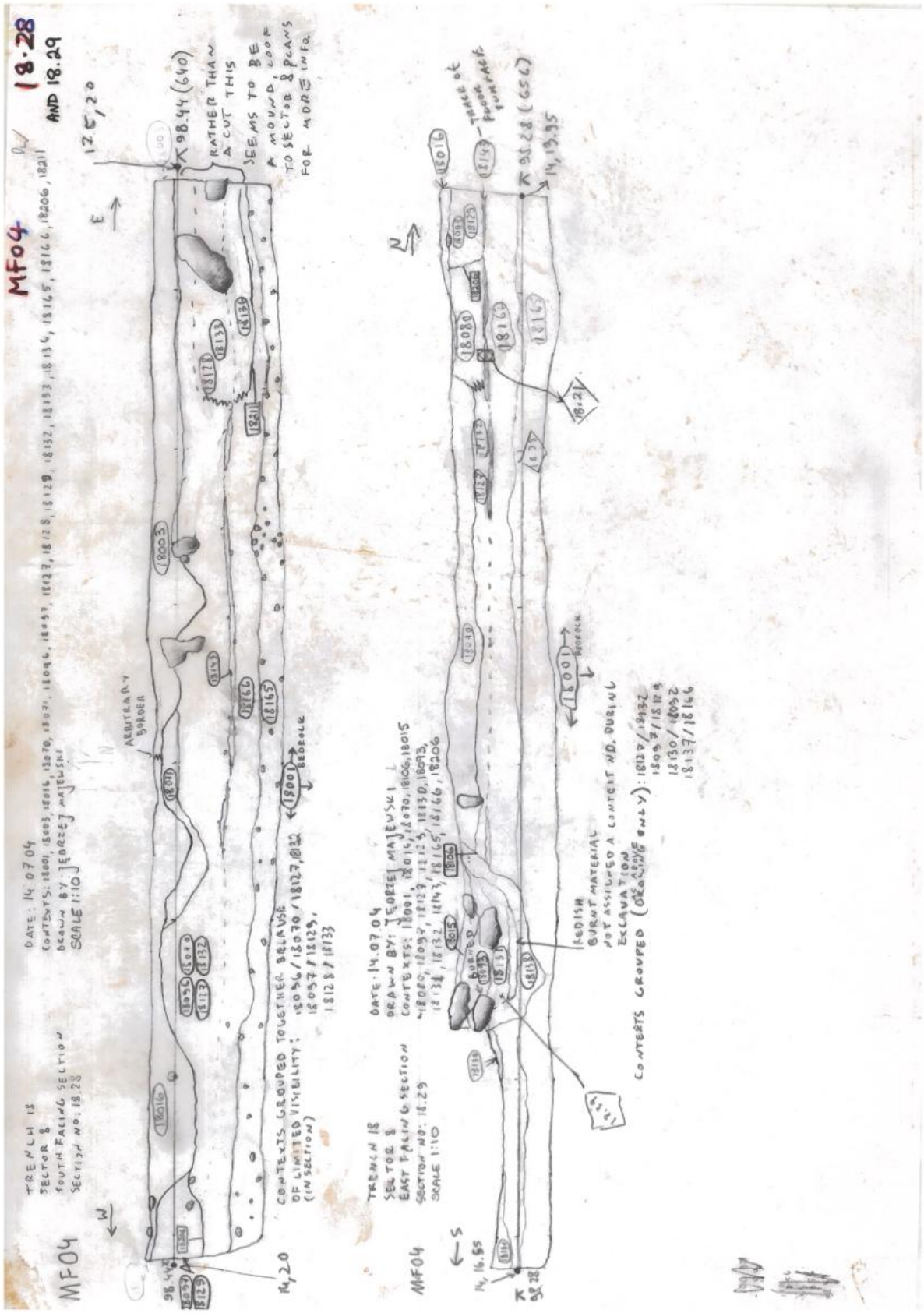


Figure 60a & b: A. Section 18.28, north face of Sector 8. **B**. Section 18.29, west face of Sector 8.

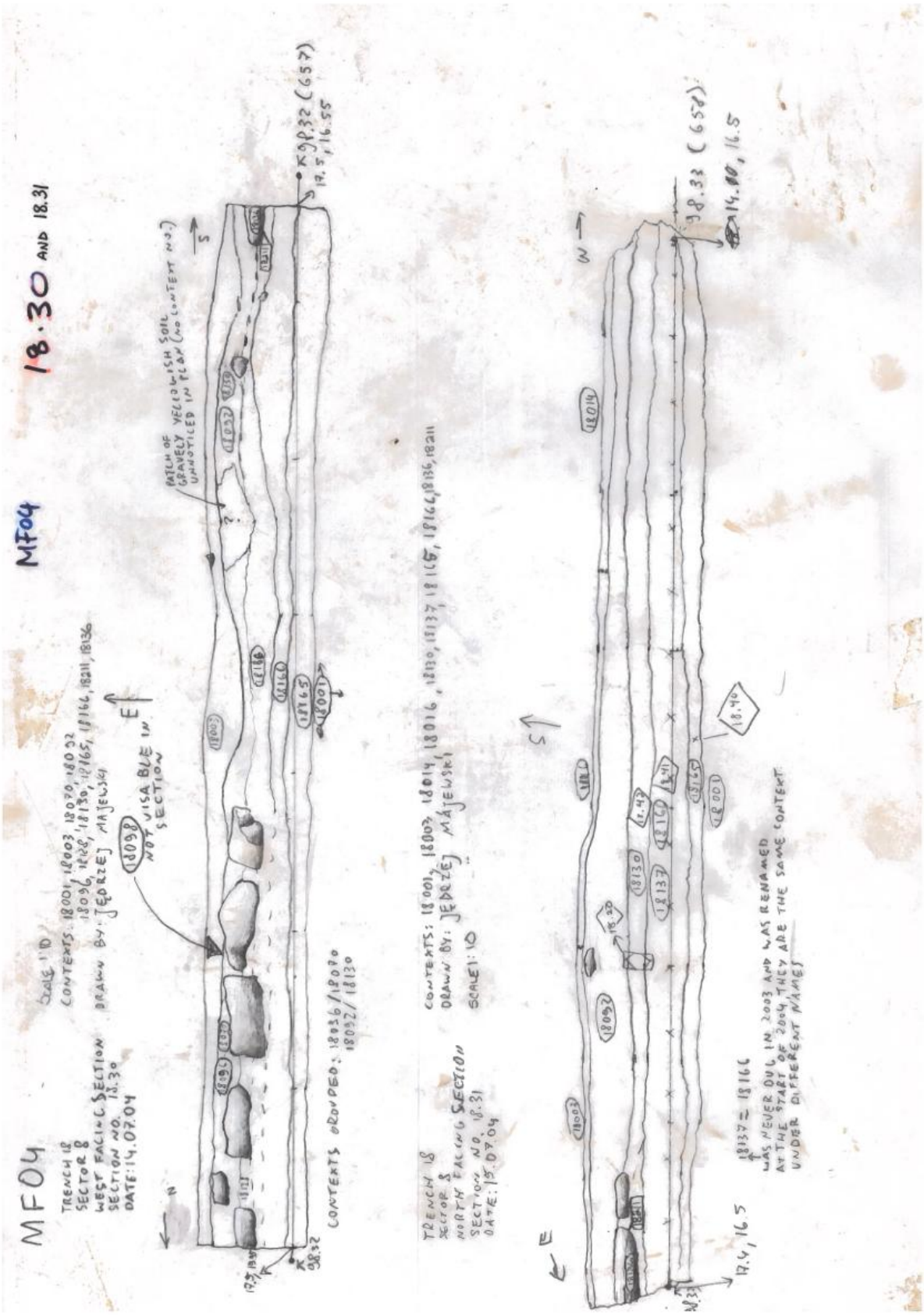


Figure 61a & b: A. Section 18.30, east face of Sector 8. **B**. Section 18.31, south face of Sector 8.

Context Information for Sector 8

*(18003) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18003	1298	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF02	13.90	14.10	95.58	
18003	1564	Metal	silver	Coin	DENARIUS	1	222-235	MF02	16.36	20.81	98.60	IMP C M AUR SEV ALEXAND AUG - PM TR P VI COS II PP - 227 ad Severus Alexander RSC 312
18003	1645	Metal	iron	tweezers		1		MF02	12.85	21.07	98.55	
18003	1671	Metal	cu-alloy	bracelet?	jewelry?	1	Unknown	MF02	18.20	20.59	98.65	
18003	1672	Metal	iron	Pin		2		MF02	18.10	20.85	98.57	
18003	1676	Metal	iron	spike/stake		1		MF02				
18003	1779	Metal	lead	sheet		1		MF02				
18003	1810	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	9.70	26.28	98.41	- FEL TEMP
18003	1811	Metal	iron	Hobnails MISSING		cluster	Roman	MF03	9.82	26.97	98.60	Cluster of Hobnails
18003	1812	Metal	cu-alloy	Pin		1	Roman	MF03	16.56	19.12	98.57	Decorative pin
18003	1813	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.59	18.75	98.56	Unrecognisable
18003	1814	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	330-336	MF03	15.72	18.83	98.55	CONSTANTINOPOLIS - VICTORY
18003	1823	Glass	jewelry	Bead	jewelry	1	Unknown	MF03	16.01	18.35	98.53	Bead fragment
18003	1825	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.80	18.05	98.54	Unrecognisable
18003	1826	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	16.35	17.90	98.51	Glass vessel fragment
18003	1827	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.00	18.31	98.53	Unrecognisable
18003	1833	Bone	animal bone	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Pin Fragment (no ob rec - no further info)
18003	1838	Metal	iron	Tool/miniature axe?		1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Small iron possible axe. Thick and heavy throughout
18003	1839	Metal	iron	Object		1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Small lump of iron tapers out towards one end.
18003	1872	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	375-392	MF03	17.40	16.62	98.46	DN VALENTINIANUS PF AUG - GLORIA ROMANORUM
18003	1878	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	16.60	16.81	98.48	Small pin fragment long point with two engraved lines around middle broken at one end.
18003	1879	Glass	vessel	vessel		2	Unknown	MF03	16.50	17.13	98.47	2 pieces of glass fragment
18003	1885	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	15.60	19.75	98.57	Glass fragment
18003	1890	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM?	1	4th C	MF03	16.75	17.74	98.47	Unrecognisable
18003	1897	Glass	vessel?	vessel?		1	Unknown	MF03	16.43	16.46	98.46	Glass fragment

18003	1935	Metal	iron	Bar		1	Roman	MF03	19.70	20.28	98.52	Large piece of flat iron same thickness throughout broken at both ends.
18003	2100	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	Roman	MF03	13.75	20.70	97.36	Unrecognisable - Contemporary Imitation?
18003	2484	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	12.90	19.35	98.53	Unrecognisable
18003	2953	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	2		MF04				broken
18003	6781	Bone	animal bone	pin/needle frag.		1		MF04				

Interpretation: No information available.

***(18014) LAYER no context sheet found.**
Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18014	1524	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	13.15	16.55	98.50	
18014	1565	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1	Roman	MF02	no 3d			
18014	1809	Metal	cu-alloy	Brooch	jewelry	1	2nd ad	MF03	11.40	18.05	98.48	Composite disc brooch with repousse moulding. Two parts with pin segmented. Relief design is of Adlocitio type with 3 soldiers/standard bearers and 2 mounted horsemen with shields and spears and possible eagle at bottom.
18014	2001	Metal	iron	bolt shaft		1	Unknown	MF03	no 3d	-	-	

Interpretation: No information available.

*18015 (LAYER) no context sheet found.

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18015	1954	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	RADIATE?	1	3rd C	MF03	15.26	18.01	98.50	RADIATE??
18015	1956	Glass	jewelry	Bead - Faience?	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	15.13	18.10	98.60	No further info
18015	1957	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	RADIATE	1	3rd C	MF03	14.94	17.88	98.58	Probably identifiable coin

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18016) LAYER no context sheet found.

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18016	1933	Metal	iron	Object		1	Roman	MF03	15.83	18.25	98.50	Unknown
18016	1944	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	15.64	19.00	98.54	Glass fragment
18016	1945	Metal	iron	Object		1	Roman	MF03	11.28	20.78	98.58	No further info
18016	1946	Metal	iron	plate		1	Roman	MF03	14.50	19.46	98.62	Small piece of iron almost round in shape crumbling around thick in some places.
18016	1948	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	324-337	MF03	14.73	19.44	98.63	CONSTANTIUS NOB C -

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18070) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18070	2089	Metal	cu-alloy	link		1	Unknown	MF03	15.25	18.94	98.59	No further info
18070	2090	Metal	cu-alloy	links	jewelry?	3	Roman	MF03	15.20	18.95	98.53	No further info
18070	2091	BM	plaster	wall plaster		?	Unknown	MF03	15.05	18.96	98.53	Painted plaster
18070	2357	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	17.10	19.03	98.42	no further info
18070	2358	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C?	MF03	14.30	18.38	98.45	Unrecognisable
18070	2396	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1XX	317-326	MF03	14.30	18.33	98.43	CRISPUS NON CAES - 'SOLI INVICTO COMITI'

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18071) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18076) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18080) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds: No information available.

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18080	2098	Metal	iron	Object		1	Unknown	MF03	14.70	18.75	97.35	Small hook shaped object broken at both ends. Small fragment which broken off top part of object
18080	3688	Ceramic	pottery	samian sherd		1		MF05	14.22	17.87	98.51	
18080	3710	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05	11.55	17.85	98.40	
18080	4194	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF05	no 3d			

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18081) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds: No information available.

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18081	1958	Metal	iron	Object		1	Roman	MF03	15.60	17.51	98.53	Small lump of iron same thickness throughout part missing on one edge, slight hole at pointer edge.

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18092) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: Grey soil layer.
Relationships: Overlain by 18003, 18016, and 18014. Overlies
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds: No information available.

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18092	2008	Plaster		Plaster		1	Roman	MF03	17.45	17.60	98.70	Painted plaster
18092	2010	Metal	cu-alloy	Rivet		1	Roman	MF03	17.0	19.67	98.69	Rivet
18092	2011	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring?	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	17.30	17.83	98.68	Ring fragment
18092	2018	Metal	iron	fitting		1	Unknown	MF03	17.45	16.73	98.68	Object, hook/fitting?
18092	2028	Glass	vessel?	vessel?		1	Unknown	MF03	16.50	17.77	98.73	Glass fragments
18092	2064	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	112-117	MF03	17.25	18.17	98.70	Sestertius - Trajan 112-117 IMP CAES NER TRAIANO OPTIMO AUG GER DAC PARTHICO P M TR P COS VI PP - PROVIDENTIA AUGUSTI SPQR
18092	2066	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	16.5	19.67	98.45	Glass Vessel fragments
18092	2067	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	15.86	16.87	98.61	Glass vessel fragments
18092	2071	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	330-337	MF03	14.20	16.30	98.44	CONSTANTINUS MAX AUG -

												'GLORIA EXERCITUS'
18092	2289	Glass	vessel	Vessel		2	Unknown	MF03	17.27	17.08	98.38	Glass vessel fragments
18092	6793	Metal	iron	curved fragment		1		MF03				

Interpretation: No information available.

*[18106] CUT no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: Filled by 18138,
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

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Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18093	2022	Metal	iron	Object		2	Unknown	MF03	14.95	17.55	98.42	No further info

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18094) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

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Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

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Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18096	2275	Metal	iron	plate		1	Unknown	MF03	16.62	19.58	98.50	Perforated rectangle
18096	2331	Metal	iron	Chisel/Wedge	tool	1	Roman	MF03	16.26	19.63	98.50	Chisel/wedge

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18097) LAYER no context sheet found]

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

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Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
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Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18121) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18121	2417	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	16.20	17.90	98.33	glass vessel fragment
18121	2418	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	16.45	17.90	98.33	glass vessel fragment
18121	2424	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	no 3d			glass vessel fragment

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18126) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18127) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18127	2428	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	RADIATE	1	253-268	MF03	16.00	18.60	98.45	GALLIENUS AUG - 'DINA CONS AUG'
18127	2429	Metal	silver	Coin	DENARIUS	1	222-235	MF03	16.30	19.60	97.66	IMP ANTONINUS PIUS AUG - 'ELAGABALUS' - silver

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18128) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18129) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18130) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18130	2463	Metal	cu-alloy	Nail cleaner	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF03	16.60	17.60	98.35	no further info
18130	2464	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	16.50	17.50	98.35	no further info

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18131) Fill no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: Second fill of [18106]
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18132) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18133) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18136) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18138) Fill no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: Bottom fill of Cut [18106]
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Trench No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18138	2483	18	Stone	stone	Whetstone		1	Roman	MF03	16.00	18.20	98.32	no further info
18138	2603	18	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin head	jewelry	1		MF04	16.25	18.20	98.28	Stopper?

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18147) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18165) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*(18166) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: Overlies 18165. Same as 18137 (need to get info for 18137, as that was the unit where Yen found the nice blue, white, and brown Intaglio with Achilles (AD 2nd century).
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

SECTOR 10 & SECTOR 26

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 10 Plan 18.43 & 18.122) was cleared of topsoil over the southwestern part of the "North Building" to reveal the top of underlying wall segments and the uppermost sediment layers. Data from Sector 10 was also captured in a 1.7 x 2m rectangular slot (Sector 26, Plans 18.07 & 18.18) initially cleared back during the MF 2002 field season to ground proof results from the GRP survey showing possible walls just outside the temple temenos wall. Initial cleaning revealed scatters of building rubble (18061 & 18031) and a large sediment deposit (18060). Sector 10 was cleared of topsoil during the 2003 season (Plan 18.43), exposing part of the south wall of the North building [18118] and a mixture of deposits consisting of building debris and rubble. Sector 10 was mapped again in the MF 2005 field season (Plan 18.122; 18.145; 18.146) to clarify the relationship between the wall and what was uncovered in adjacent Sector 13, directly to the north. Note: all contexts north of the wall [18118] are discussed in the section on Sector 13.

Sector 26

Plan 1813

The topsoil was removed by mechanical digger and then by trowel. This revealed 4 contexts. Two contexts (18031 & 18061) consisted of large amounts of stone blocks and fragments of building material. Two contexts (18032 & 18060) consisted of a mix of sediment with smaller fragments of materials culture.

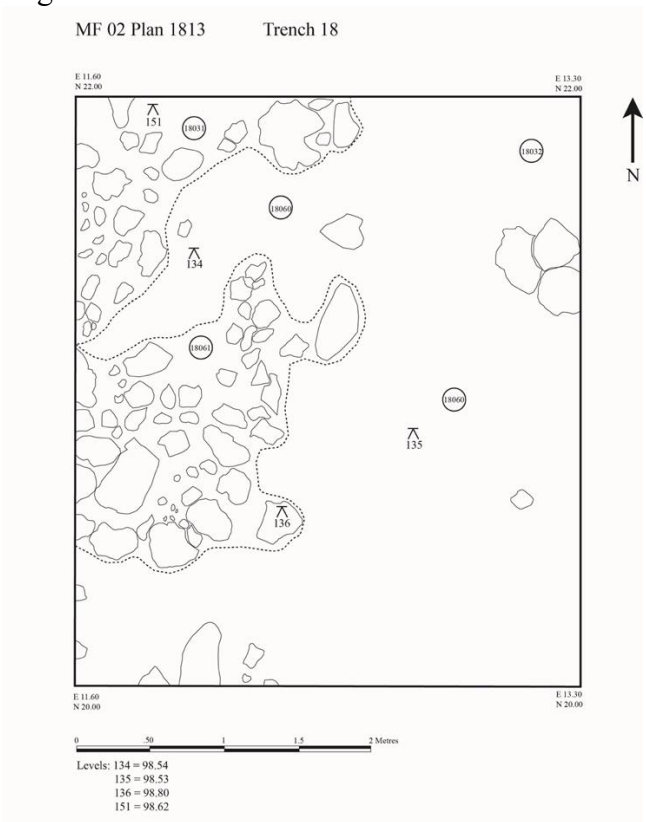


Figure 62: Plan 1 of 1 for Sector 26 (Plan 18.13).

Context Information for Sector 26

(18031) LAYER

Description: random scatter of angular limestone blocks Size range c. 5 – 15cm. Seems to extend westward beyond the excavated area.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000f. Overlies 18060.
Material Culture: A total of 85 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 44 RCWR 19 RWW 19 OXFWS 3
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18031	1665	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF02				

Interpretation: Limestone rubble may butt or be the same as 18061.

(18032) LAYER

Description: Linear area of limestone blocks, ranging in size between 14 – 20cm, standing c. 13cm high. No mortar seen between blocks. Line extends east – west.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000f. Same as 18219. Overlies 18060.
Material Culture: A total of 23 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 7 RFWR 4RWW 5 OXFWS 4 D 2 O 1
Interpretation: Possible end of wall, only 4 stones seen in this excavation – extending beyond the excavated area.

(18060) LAYER

Description: No description on context sheet.
Relationships: Overlain by 18003; 18031; 18032; and 18061.
Material Culture: A total of 77 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 1 prehistoric and 76 Roman.
PCW 1 RCWO 2 RFWOX 6 RCWR 21 IMPCC 2 RWW 28
OXFRS 3 OXFWS 4 D 9 O 1
Interpretation: No interpretation on context sheet.

(18061) LAYER

Description: Possible tumble of angular limestone blocks, sizes range from 8 – 22cm. No mortar between blocks.
Relationships: Overlain by 18002. Overlies 18060.
Material Culture: A total of 11 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 2 RCWR 1 RFWR 5RWW 2 D 1
Interpretation: Possible wall building material. Appears to extend beyond excavated areas.

Sector 10

Plan 18.43

The topsoil was removed by mechanical digger and then by trowel. This revealed 9 contexts: The southern wall of the North Building [18118], a pit [18047]; a deposit within the North building (18026); and 6 contexts outside of the building (18116; 18119; 18031; 18032; 18060; and 18061).

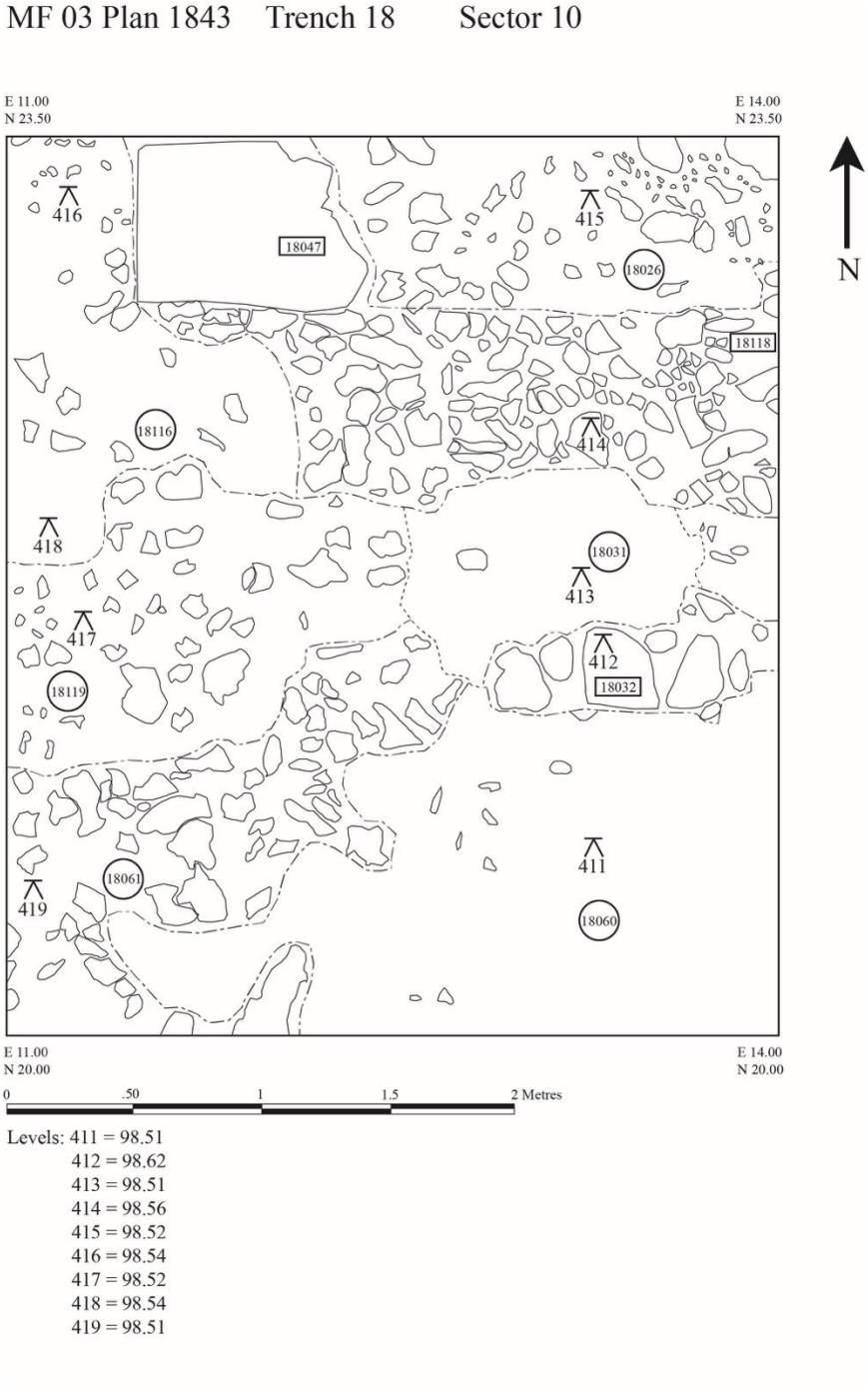


Figure 63: Plan 1 of 4 for Sector 10 (Plan 18.43).

Plan 18.122

Almost the exact same plan as 18.43. On this plan, part of (18026) was cleaned down, exposing [18163].

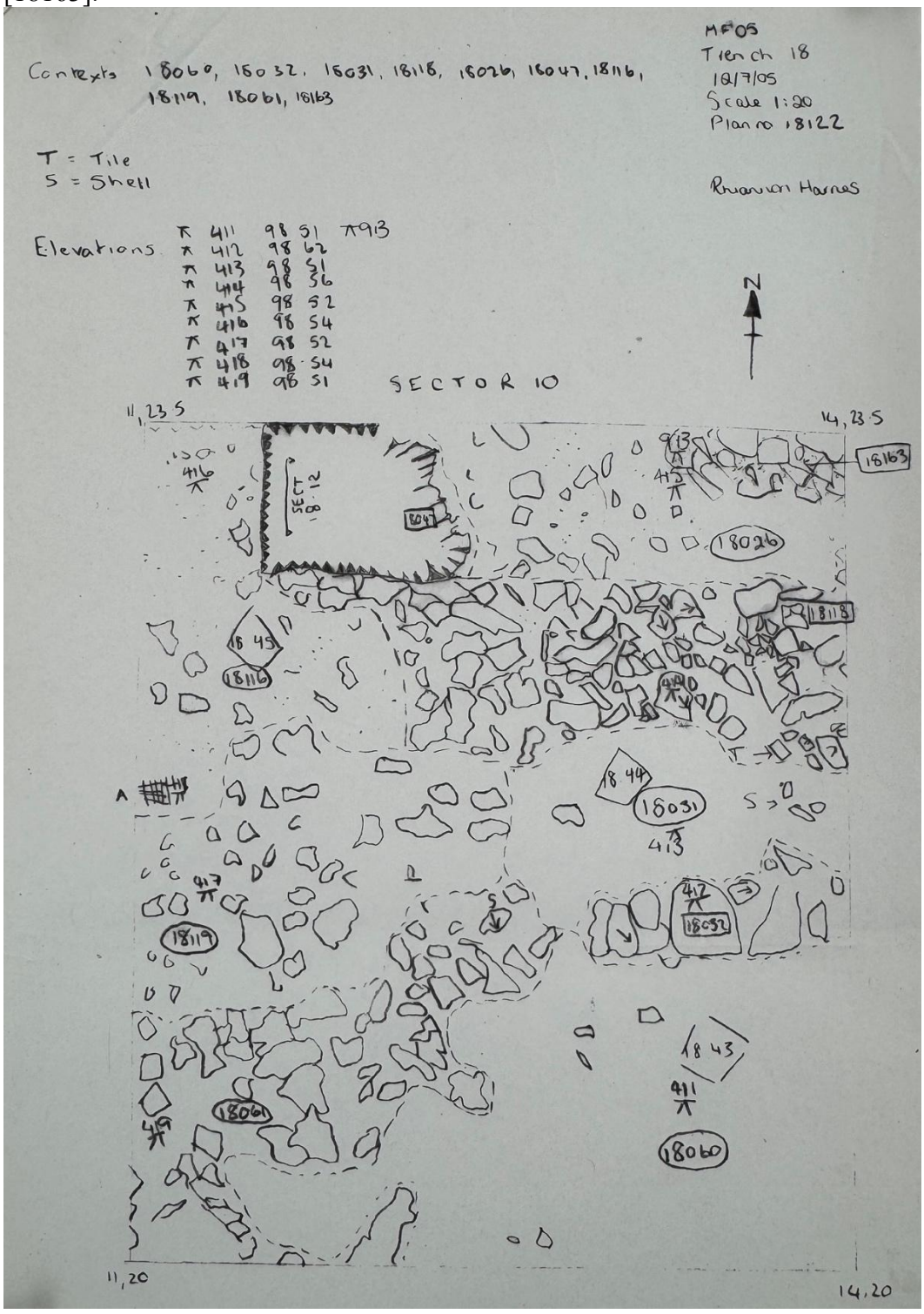


Figure 64: Plan 2 of 4 for Sector 10 (Plan 18.122).

Plan 18.145
[18032] removed, exposing more of 18060. (18061) partially excavated, revealing (18363).

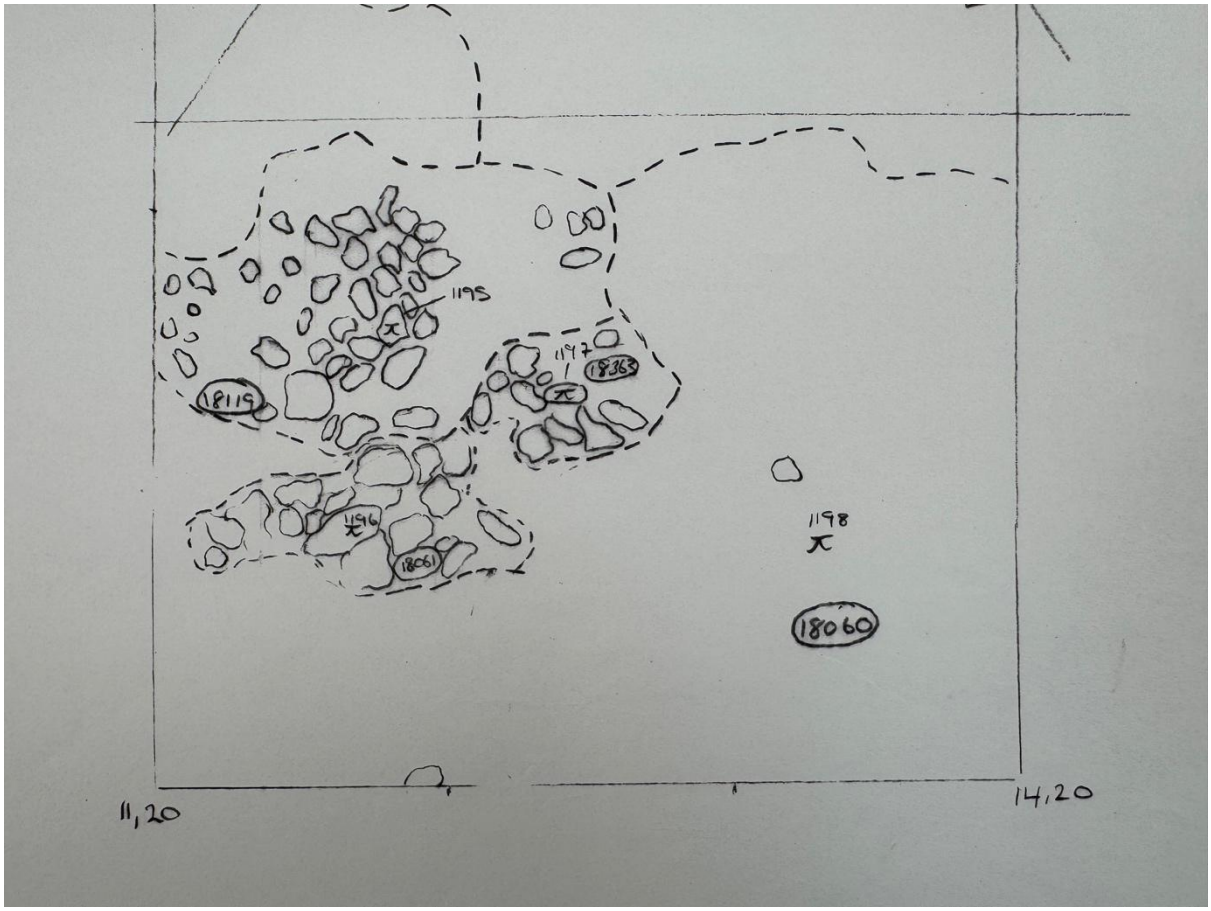


Figure 65: Plan 3 of 4 for Sector 10 (Plan 18.145).

Plan 18.146
Three packed limestone clusters (18119, 18061, and 18363) removed, revealing (18364).

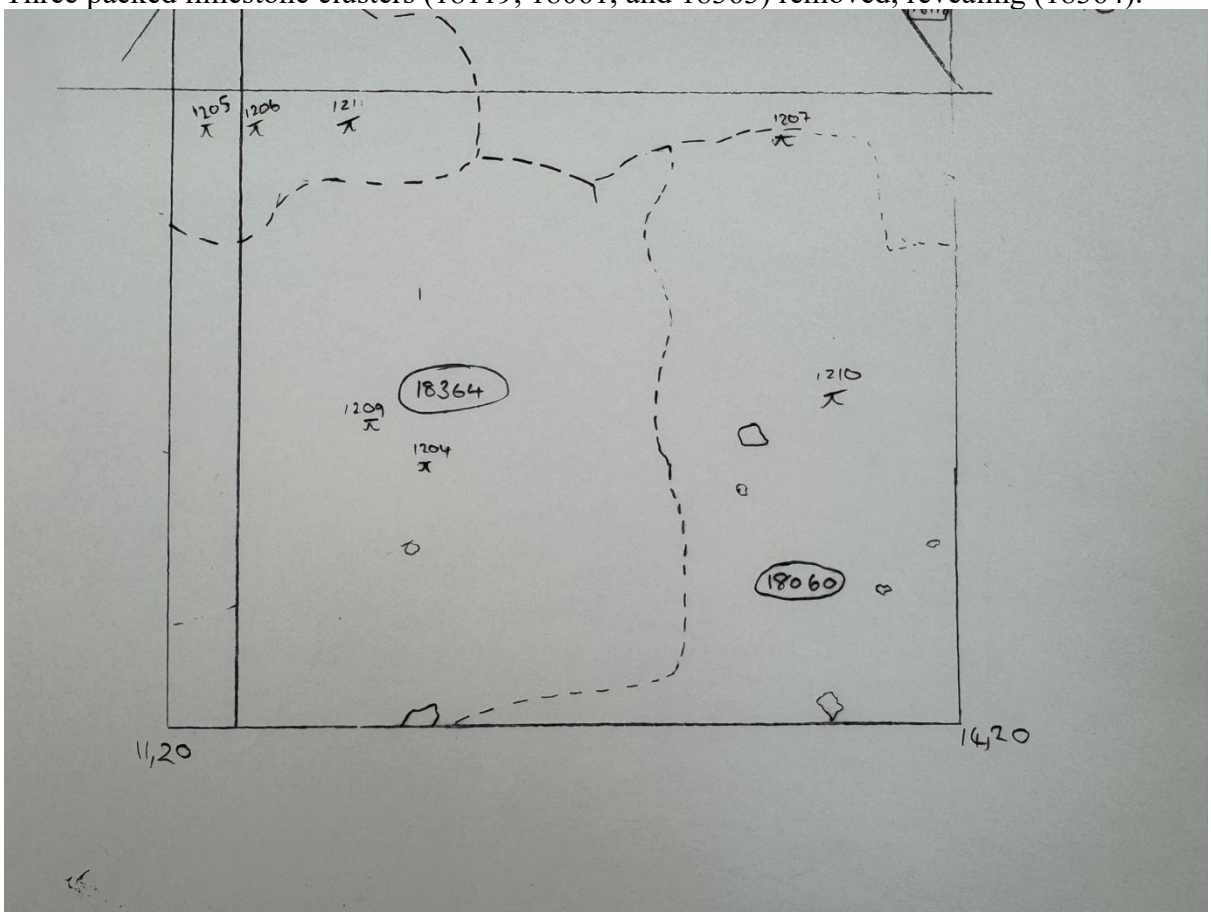


Figure 66: Plan 4 of 4 for Sector 10 (Plan 18.146).

Context Information for Sector 10

(18026) LAYER

Description: A layer of loose, light mid-yellowish brown sandy gravel with small limestone inclusions. Averages c. 10 – 15 cm in depth. Produced moderate amount of material culture. Only partially excavated as of 26-7-02. Finished in 2004.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18051; 18050; 18054; 18056; 18027; and 18185.

Material Culture: A total of 155 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 20 RFWOX 2 RCWR 74 RFWR 2RFWDS 2 SM 10 RWW 9 RFWW 4 DOR 9 OXFRS 3 OXFWS 3 GR 3 ROBSH 1 D 13

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18026	1656	Metal	iron	object		1		MF02	12.45	24.70	98.60	
18026	1657	Stone	flint	flake		1		MF02	12.58	25.11	98.62	
18026	1661	Stone	jet?	Ring		1		MF02	12.72	25.23	98.58	
18026	2729	Metal	cu-alloy	Brooch	jewelry	1	Roman	MF04	12.40	26.54	98.51	

Interpretation: The layer seems to be a spread of gravel and mortar mixed material – most probably related to tumble from a structure. It overlies a burnt bit of material (18050). MF04: large area of gravel spread forming part of destruction layer in North Building, lying directly on top of 18050.

(18031) LAYER

Description: random scatter of angular limestone blocks Size range c. 5 – 15cm. Seems to extend westward beyond the excavated area.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000f. Overlies 18060.
Material Culture: A total of 85 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 44 RCWR 19 RWW 19 OXFWS 3
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18031	1665	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF02				

Interpretation: Limestone rubble may butt or be the same as 18061.

(18032) LAYER

Description: Linear area of limestone blocks, ranging in size between 14 – 20cm, standing c. 13cm high. No mortar seen between blocks. Line extends east – west.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000f. Same as 18219. Overlies 18060.
Material Culture: A total of 23 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 7 RFWR 4RWW 5 OXFWS 4 D 2 O 1
Interpretation: Possible end of wall, only 4 stones seen in this excavation – extending beyond.

[18047] CUT

Description: Cut of a sub-circular pit.
Relationships: Filled by 18029; 18039; 18048; 18063; 18066
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation:
PD NOTE: Cut and fills described in more detail in Sector 13.

(18060) LAYER

Description: No description on context sheet.
Relationships: Overlain by 18003; 18031; 18032; and 18061.
Material Culture: A total of 77 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 1 prehistoric and 76 Roman.
PCW 1 RCWO 2 RFWOX 6 RCWR 21 IMPCC 2 RWW 28
OXFRS 3 OXFWS 4 D 9 O 1
Interpretation: No interpretation on context sheet.

(18061) LAYER

Description: Possible tumble of angular limestone blocks, sizes range from 8 – 22cm. No mortar between blocks.
Relationships: Overlain by 18002. Overlies 18060.
Material Culture: A total of 11 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 2 RCWR 1 RFWR 5RWW 2 D 1
Interpretation: Possible wall building material. Appears to extend beyond excavated areas.

(18116) LAYER

Description: No information on context sheet.
Relationships: No information on context sheet.
Material Culture: A total of 72 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 7 RFWOX 3 RCWR 35 RFWR 9RFWDS 3 SM 1
RWW 5 RFWW 2 OXFWS 6 GR 1
Interpretation: No information on context sheet.

[18118] STRUCTURE

Description: 10 – 20cm limestone blocks cemented with mortar. Bottom course impacted into mortar. Upper course finished with layer of flat angular stones. Partially excavated.
Relationships: Overlain by 18019; 18116; and 18026. Same as 18024 and 18217.
Material Culture: A total of 54 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 10 RFWOX 2 RCWR 24 RFWW 11 OXFWS 4 ROBSH 3

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18118	4149	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05	11.44	22.54	1205?	

Interpretation: Southern wall of North Building. Comprising 3 courses forming foundation on which mortared blocks are laid, as seen in Sector 11. Same as 18024, which has further course of well-laid mortared limestone blocks.

(18119) LAYER

Description: No information on context sheet.
Relationships: Overlain by 18002.
Material Culture: A total of 43 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 2 RFWOX 3 RFWR 18 RWW 1 OXFWS 19
Interpretation: No information on context sheet.

(18163) STRUCTURE

Description: No information on context sheet.
Relationships: No information on context sheet.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: No information on context sheet.

(18363) LAYER

Description: Possible tumble of limestone blocks, size ranges from 10 – 20cm in tightly packed cluster, surrounded by friable soil similar to 18060. Layer removed to reveal smaller, easily fragmented limestone with gravel as seen under 18061.
Relationships: Overlain by 18061. Overlies 18364.
Material Culture: A total of 6 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWR 1 OXFWS 5
Interpretation: Possible tumble of wall to north of context. One of several tightly packed scatters of small limestone to south-west of the North Building. Similar to 18119 and 18061.

(18364) LAYER

Description: Friable mid-reddish brown sandy loam with small easily fragmented limestones and gravel inclusions. Roughly rectangular in shape in south-west corner of plan for Sector 10. Dimensions 1.9 x 2.2m.
Relationships: Overlain by 18119, 18061, 18363. Overlies 18339.
Material Culture: A total of 75 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 7 prehistoric and 68 Roman.
PCW 7 RCWO 18 RFWOX 1 RCWR 14 RFWR 6RWW 21
RFWW 4 OXFWS 3 O 1
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18364	4153	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05			98.53	

Interpretation: Layer of gravel and stone, possible rubble from fallen wall to north or the context [18118].

SECTOR 11

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench was opened and partially excavated during the MF04 field season over the middle of the southern main wall of the North Building (plans 18.75, 18.79, 18.83, 18.87). This Sector exposes the wall of the structure, part of the interior (which continues in Sector 14), and a large section of the 'Courtyard' space to the south of the North Building (which continues from Sector 8). A smaller trial trench Sector 23 was opened during MF02 just to the east of Sector 11, which areas of partial overlap (Sector 23 is described below with Sector 12).

Plan 1875 (1 of 4)

The topsoil was removed by mechanical digger and further cleaned by hand troweling, which revealed four contexts which contained mixtures of sediment, building rubble, and material cultural (18003, 18007, 18019, and 18023).

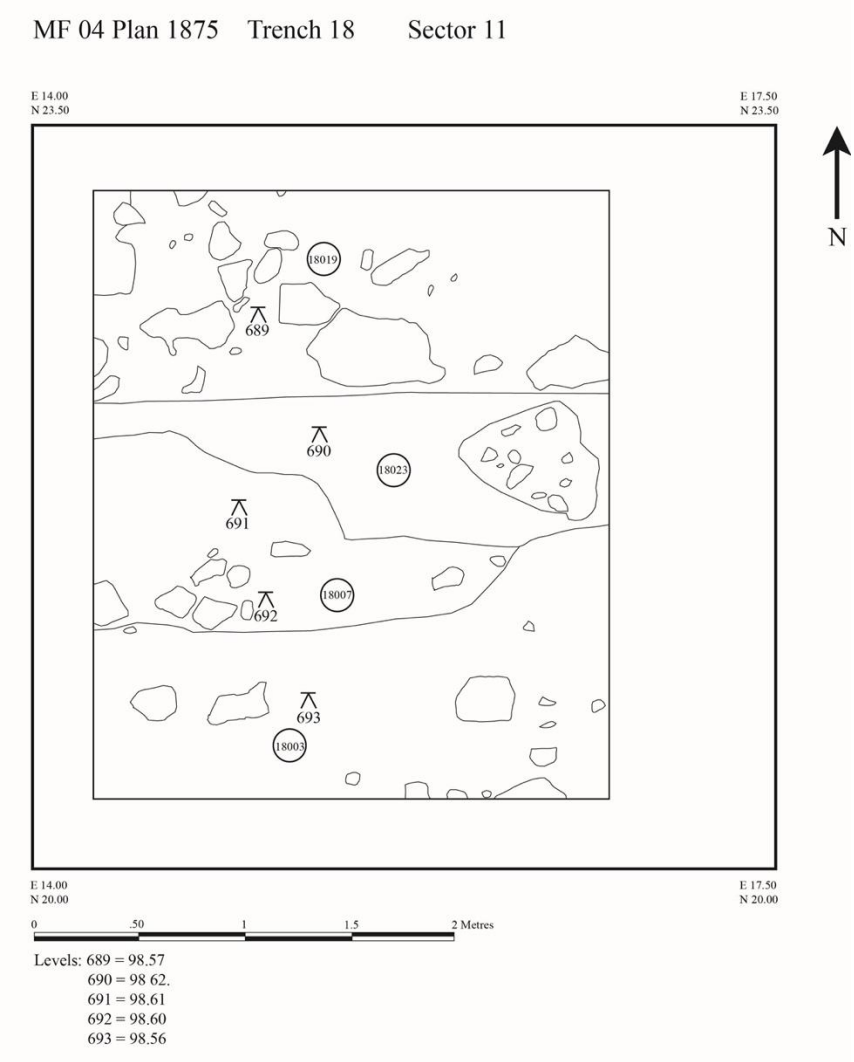


Figure 67: Plan 1 of 4 for Sector 11 (Plan 18.75).

Plan 1879 (2 of 4)

Context (18003) removed, revealing (18218). Context (18007) partially removed, revealing [18219]. Context (18019) removed, revealing (18216) & [18217].

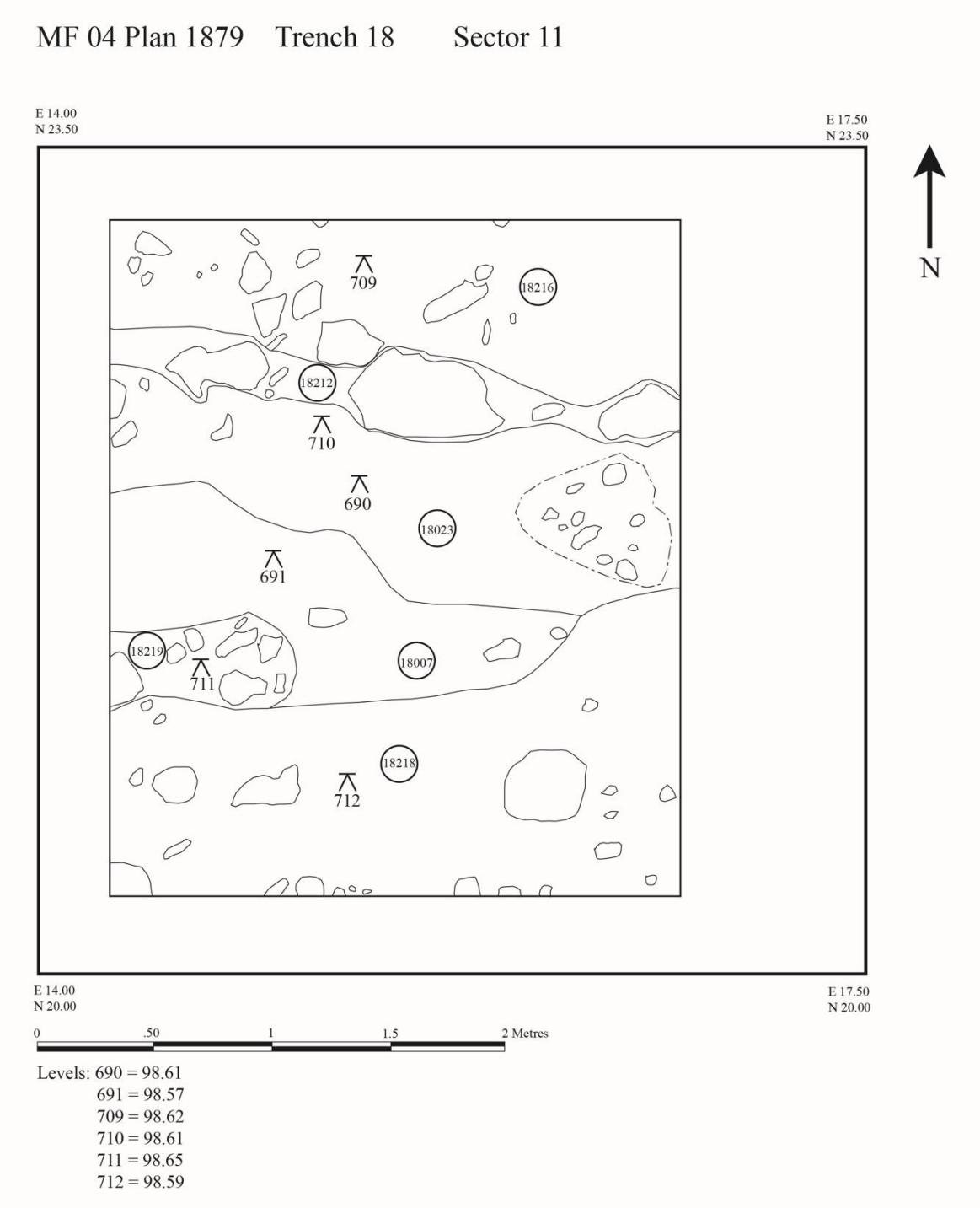


Figure 68: Plan 2 of 4 for Sector 11 (Plan 18.79).

Plan 18.83 (3 of 4)

Context (18216) removed, further exposing the wall [18217] and revealing (18224). Context (18007) removed, further exposing (18023) and [18219].

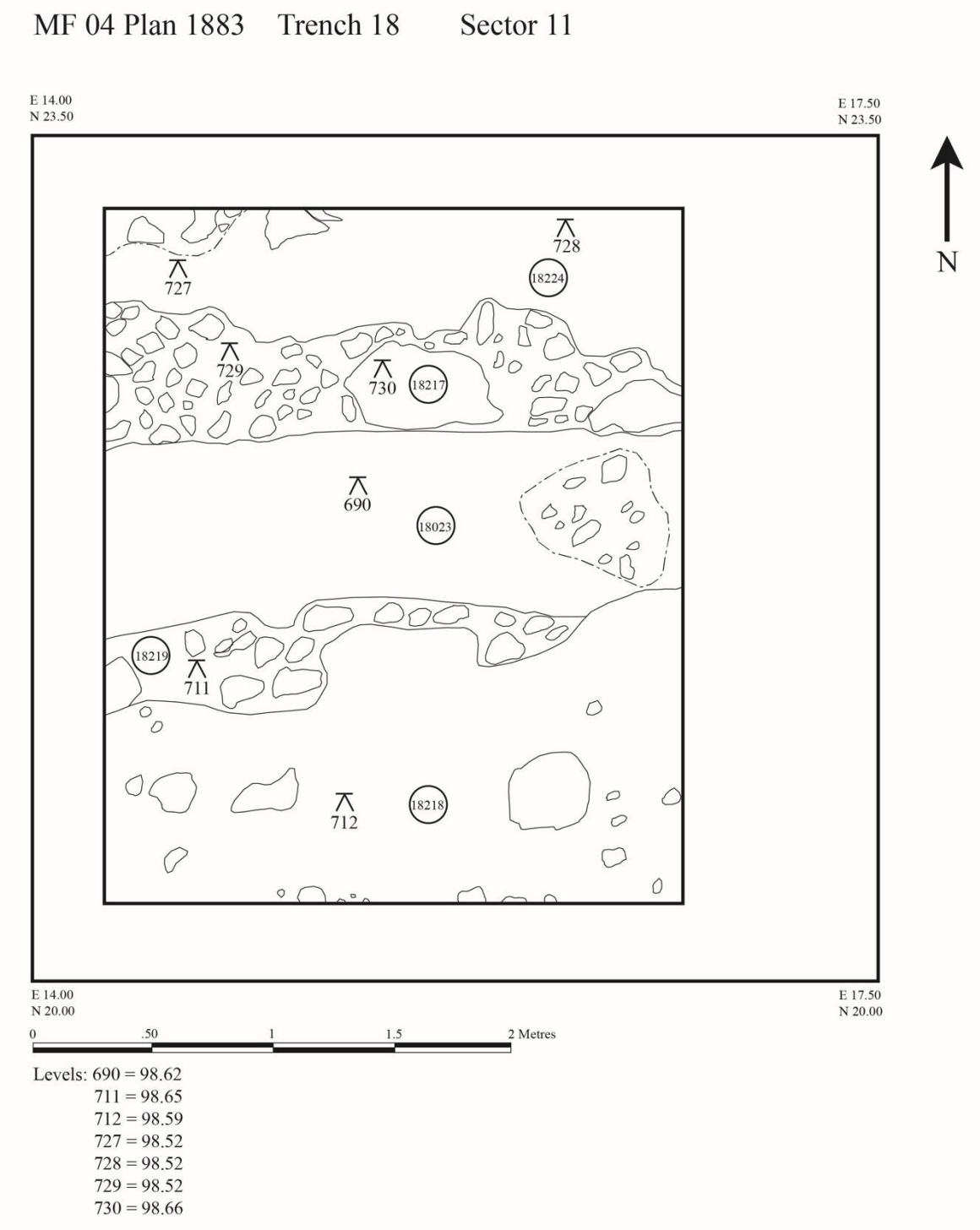


Figure 69: Plan 3 of 4 for Sector 11 (Plan 18.83).

Plan 18.87 (4 of 4)

Context (18023) was reduced, revealing two tightly packed stone clusters, which might have been post-pads [18230 & 18231]. Context (18218) was partially excavated, revealing a spread of limestone blocks [18232].

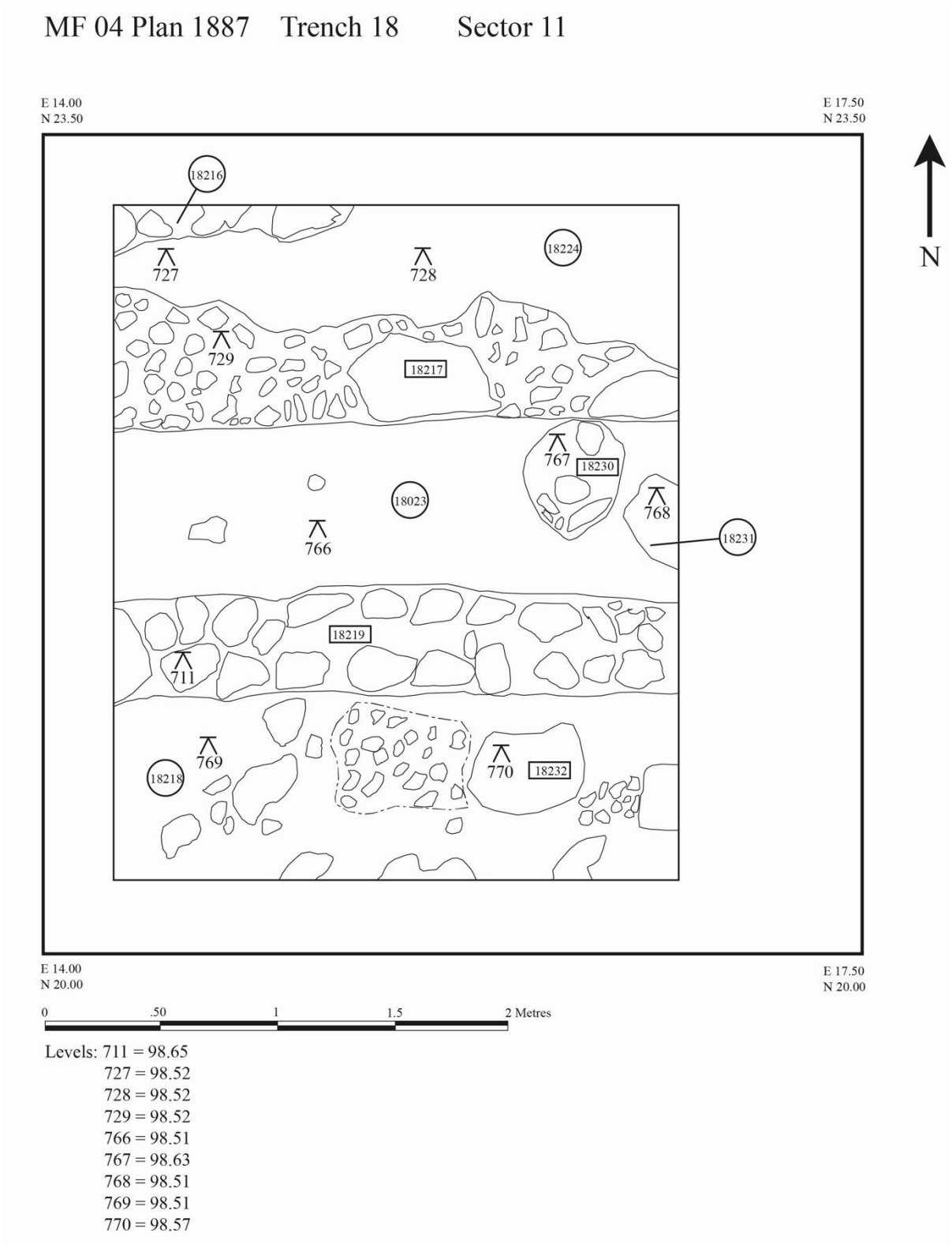


Figure 70: Plan 4 of 4 for Sector 11 (Plan 18.87).

Context Information for Sector 11

*(18003) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18003	1298	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF02	13.90	14.10	95.58	
18003	1564	Metal	silver	Coin	DENARIUS	1	222-235	MF02	16.36	20.81	98.60	IMP C M AUR SEV ALEXAND AUG - PM TR P VI COS II PP - 227 ad Severus Alexander RSC 312
18003	1645	Metal	iron	tweezers		1		MF02	12.85	21.07	98.55	
18003	1671	Metal	cu-alloy	bracelet?	jewelry?	1	Unknown	MF02	18.20	20.59	98.65	
18003	1672	Metal	iron	Pin		2		MF02	18.10	20.85	98.57	
18003	1676	Metal	iron	spike/stake		1		MF02				
18003	1779	Metal	lead	sheet		1		MF02				
18003	1810	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	9.70	26.28	98.41	- FEL TEMP
18003	1811	Metal	iron	Hobnails MISSING		cluster	Roman	MF03	9.82	26.97	98.60	Cluster of Hobnails
18003	1812	Metal	cu-alloy	Pin		1	Roman	MF03	16.56	19.12	98.57	Decorative pin
18003	1813	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.59	18.75	98.56	Unrecognisable
18003	1814	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	330-336	MF03	15.72	18.83	98.55	CONSTANTINOPOLIS - VICTORY
18003	1823	Glass	jewelry	Bead	jewelry	1	Unknown	MF03	16.01	18.35	98.53	Bead fragment
18003	1825	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.80	18.05	98.54	Unrecognisable
18003	1826	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	16.35	17.90	98.51	Glass vessel fragment
18003	1827	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.00	18.31	98.53	Unrecognisable
18003	1833	Bone	animal bone	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Pin Fragment (no ob rec - no further info)
18003	1838	Metal	iron	Tool/miniature axe?		1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Small iron possible axe. Thick and heavy throughout
18003	1839	Metal	iron	Object		1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Small lump of iron tapers out towards one end.
18003	1872	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	375-392	MF03	17.40	16.62	98.46	DN VALENTINIANUS PF AUG - GLORIA ROMANORUM
18003	1878	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	16.60	16.81	98.48	Small pin fragment long point with two engraved lines around middle broken at one end.
18003	1879	Glass	vessel	vessel		2	Unknown	MF03	16.50	17.13	98.47	2 pieces of glass fragment
18003	1885	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	15.60	19.75	98.57	Glass fragment
18003	1890	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM?	1	4th C	MF03	16.75	17.74	98.47	Unrecognisable
18003	1897	Glass	vessel?	vessel?		1	Unknown	MF03	16.43	16.46	98.46	Glass fragment
18003	1935	Metal	iron	Bar		1	Roman	MF03	19.70	20.28	98.52	Large piece of flat iron same thickness throughout broken at both ends.
18003	2100	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	Roman	MF03	13.75	20.70	97.36	Unrecognisable - Contemporary Imitation?

18003	2484	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	12.90	19.35	98.53	Unrecognisable
18003	2953	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	2		MF04				broken
18003	6781	Bone	animal bone	pin/needle frag.		1		MF04				

Interpretation: No information available.

(18007) LAYER

Description: MF02: Small patch pf compact greyish brown clay with silt to the south of (18019). A number of mid-sized c. 10 – 20cm limestone blocks protrude from the layer.
MF04: Compact dark grey clay loam, mixed with small charcoal inclusions, 50cm deep running diagonally across the center of the section.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18023 & 18219.
Material Culture: A total of 26 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 2 RCWR 2 RFWR 4RWW 2 RFWW 16
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18007	4679	Bone	animal bone	rodent skull, drilled?		1		MF06	20.70	23.65	97.99	

Interpretation: Impacted very thin layer of clay deposited over 18023. Unable to identify at this stage between 18217 and 18219. The deposit was in part lain down over a loose stone wall [18219]. The clay capped 18023 and 18219. Does not seem to have been a part of the wall structure. Possibly part of a floor surface that covers [18219]. Later phase associated with post pads [18230] and [18231].

*(18019) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Trench No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18019	1569	18	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1	Roman	MF02	17.98	22.74	98.60	
18019	1579	18	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	SESTERTIUS	1	117-138 ?	MF02	17.55	13.86	98.68	clipped - Hadrian?
18019	1591	18	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	18.40	22.84	98.60	
18019	1592	18	Metal	iron	spike?		1		MF02	8.40	22.89	98.60	
18019	1633	18	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	3rd/4th C	MF02	18.40	24.11	98.60	Radiate, clipped?
18019	1634	18	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF02	18.60	24.45	98.63	Unrecognisable
18019	1635	18	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	RADIATE	1	3rd C	MF02	18.35	24.28	98.63	Badly corroded
18019	1757	18	Metal	iron	sicule?		1		MF02				
18019	2330	18	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	17.39	26.15	98.70	DN - GLORIA ROMANORUM - CON
18019	6795	18	metal	iron	Two large fragments		1		MF02				

Interpretation: No information available.

(18023) LAYER

Description: With substantial amounts of painted plaster (sample 2477). Loose, mid-brown soil, sandy loam with some flecks of charcoal and yellowish deposits. Inclusions of different sorts of pottery, bone, small black ceramics with crumbled easily, nail easily trowelled. Well sorted grains.

Relationships: Overlies 18230 and 18231. Butts 18217 and 18219.

Material Culture: A total of 153 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 1 Prehistoric and 153 Roman.

PCW 1 RCWO 19 RCWR 45 RFWR 6SM 9 IMPCC 3 RWW 35 BWW 5 DOR 8 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 11 GR 1 ROBSH 3 D 7

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Trench No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18023	1854	18	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	Roman	MF03	18.54	21.67	98.57	Unrecognisable poor condition coin - no relief
18023	2477	18	Plaster	plaster	Painted plaster		1	Roman	MF03	15.90	17.80	98.36	Painted plaster

Interpretation: Accumulation of sediment between south wall of North Building and small wall [18219]. Possibly an alley between structures 1 meter wide running across sector west to east, possibly of two post pads 18230 and 18231. This passage seems to have been laid out intentionally. 18023 is the build-up of soil in this space. No indications that it is a dump of material of constructed surface.

(18216) LAYER

Description: Compact and hard in places. Mid-greyish sandy loam with plaster and mortar inclusions of mixed size in a deep layer. Approximately 1m x 2.4 m. Removal of mid-large limestone blocks. Small area of mortar and limestone blocks.

Relationships: Overlain by 18019. Same as 18167. Overlies 18224.

Material Culture: A total of 25 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWR 8 RFWR 3RWW 5 RFWW 2 BWW 3 OXFWS 3 D 1

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Trench No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18216	2968	18	Stone	limestone	pillar base? LOST?		1		MF04	14.50	22.90	98.53	may be stored on site at Marcham?
18216	3002	18	Metal	iron	Pin		1		MF04				

Interpretation: Collapse from wall – limestone blocks same as those still mortared into wall [18217]. Destruction material from north building, mortar, plaster, and large limestone blocks on floor of building and wall. Destruction layer. Material fallen directly from the destruction layer of the south wall of the North Building onto the floor surface (18224 = 18050). Indicates that the wall fell down directly onto the floor with little to no lapse or hiatus.

[18217] Structure

Description: Tightly packed limestone blocks of various sizes, running across sector west to east, consisting of 3 courses. Lowest level diagonally laying stones covered by layer of flat mounted stones and capped by large limestone blocks which are well cemented with gravel and mortar. The structure overall is well truncated and damaged. Blocks c. 15 – 25cm, some bigger.

Relationships: Overlain by 18019. Abutted by 18224 & 18023. Same as 18118 & 18024.

Material Culture: N/A

Interpretation: This structure is the south wall of the North Building. Some of the blocks from this structure were embedded within in the fill of 18224 = stones from wall fallen to the north into the center of the North Building. Built in one phase with 3 courses, the bottom 2 which provide the foundation upon which large, squared limestone blocks were mortared. Traces of painted wall plaster found in close association.

(18218) LAYER

Description: Loose, mid-brown soil, sandy loam. Some stones of various sizes. Lots of inclusions, many oyster shells, bones, nails, pottery, glass. Easily troweled. Large amount of fine ware ceramics. Covers a spread of large limestone that lie just to the south of 18219.

Relationships: Overlain by 18003. Overlies 18232 & 18219.

Material Culture: A total of 288 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RFWOX 18 RCWR 64 RFWR 32 SM 1 IMPCC 1 RWW 23 RFWW 51
BWW 14 DOR 4 OXFRS 4 OXFWS 52 GR 4 D 19 O 1

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Trench No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18218	2977	18	Glass	vessel	vessel fragments		3		MF04	15.52	20.78	98.53	

Interpretation: Large amount of fine ware artefacts uncovered. Also large amounts of stones uncovered could be possible structure [18232]. Further excavation needed. Area is high up in the stratigraphy and finds are in good conditions, indicating deposited as same time as the soil and no post deposition or movement has occurred. Possible a second phase of activity post-dating [18219] & [18232]. Possibly associated with post pads [18230] & [18231].

[18219] Structure

Description: Limestone blocks of various sizes, which lies across sector. Same line as (18217) about 1 meter apart. Consists of two rows of stones, with one larger once at west end. No evidence of mortar but had clay layer surrounding stones (18007) and lying over the top of stones. Single course.

Relationships: Overlain by 18007 & 18218. Same as 18032.

Material Culture: N/A

Interpretation: This structure is on the south side of the southern wall of the North Building, separated by (18023) – possibly an alley. Wall is associated with north building, but does not seem to be a supporting wall, but may have been used for delineated space for a passageway. Could be part of an annex build onto the North Building, or part of enclosure or structure between the two buildings. Possibly related to activity occurring in the space between the North and South Buildings.

(18224) LAYER

Description: Loose gravel mortar mix with dark burnt areas stone material fallen from 18217 found in this area and removed. Fine sediment accumulated inside North Building has a mixed matrix of soul and charcoal with very few inclusions, which was covered by the rubble from 18217.

Relationships: Overlain by 18216. Same as 18050. Butts 18217.

Material Culture: A total of 53 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 9 RCWR 17 RFWR 6IMPCC 1 RWW 2 RWW 7
OXFRS 1 OXFWS 1 D 5 O 4

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18224	3614	Metal	iron	Coin		1	364-375	MF05	15.60	23.50	98.55	DN VALENTINIANUS P F AUG - GLORIA ROMANORUM - dragging captive

Interpretation: Dark burnt area revealed inside south wall of North Building, floor surface of North Building which covers most of the interior of the North Building. A sample of this material from Sector 10 studies with micromorphology. Mainly fine soil with charcoal sitting on a fine layer of ash.

[18230] Structure

Description: Small limestone blocks arranged in small circle. Some flat stones lit upright, while there is also a flat stone lying horizontally at the same level as top of upright stones, one larger round stone near the center. Inclusions of an animal jawbone in the center of stones. No bonding or mortar to be seen.
Relationships: Overlain by 18023.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Arrangement and size suggest possible post pad. Situated in alley 18023, between walls 18217 and 18219 of north building. Similar structure about 2 meters to west of North Building. This seems to be a later phase than anything associated with 18217, as it is built higher up and would interrupt corridor 18023. Does not fit in with corridor theory between walls 18217 and 18219. The suggestion of layer post pads occurs elsewhere on the site – north and south of the South Building.

[18231] Structure

Description: Small stones arranged in semi-circle against east side of baulk, various shapes on same level. No bonding or mortar to be seen.
Relationships: Overlain by 18023.
Material Culture: A total of 16 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWR 4 RFWR 2DOR 4 O 6
Interpretation: Arrangement and size suggest possible post pad. Situated in alley 18023 as possible post pad 18230 nearby but is slightly smaller. As 18230, could be later phase than anything associated with 18217 as built up higher. Would also interrupt corridor 18023. Does not fit in with this idea. The suggestion of later post-pads occurs elsewhere on the site – north and south of the South Building. Possibly part of a 2nd phase of structure/activity south of North Building.

[18232] Structure

Description: many stones of various sizes, including one large block on east side of context. Stones are all lying flat in a line across two thirds of the Sector from the east side. On the same line as well structures 18219 & 18217. No evidence of mortar, very close to wall structure 18219.
Relationships: Overlain by 18218.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Large area of small stones, with large blocks in between them. Further excavation needed to discover if this is an intentional structure. Possibly part of the second phase of structured activity to the south of the North Building.

SECTOR 23 & SECTOR 12

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 12 Plan) was cleared of topsoil over the southeastern part of the "North Building" to reveal the top of underlying wall segments and the uppermost sediment layers. Data from Sector 12 was also captured in Sector 23, two 1 x 2m partially overlapping rectangular slots (Plans 18.04, 18.08, 18.09, 18.12 and sections 18.05, 18.08, 18.09, & 18.10) initially cleared back during the MF 2002 field season. The western edge of Sector 23 extends into what would later become Sector 11, however, full description of all contexts is presented here.

Sector 23

Plan 18.04 (1 or 4)

The topsoil was removed by mechanical digger and then by trowel. This revealed 6 contexts, including the upper traces of the south wall of the North Building [18024], and surrounding deposits that contained assorted limestone blocks and material culture.

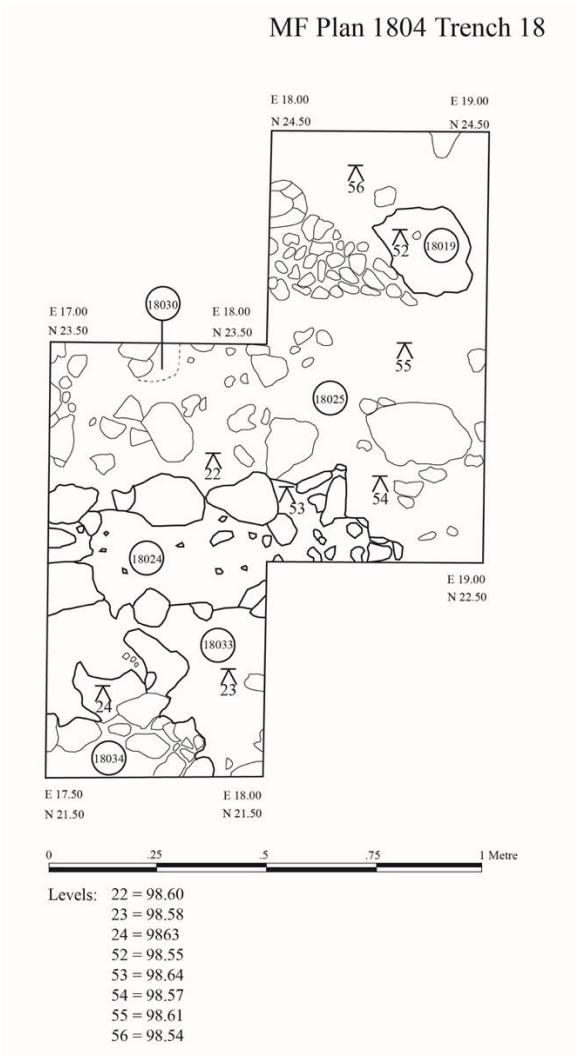


Figure 71: Plan 1 of 4 for Sector 23 (Plan 18.04).

Plan 18.08 (2 or 4)

Contexts 18019 and 18025 were removed, revealing 18040. Context 18034 was removed, exposing more of 18033.

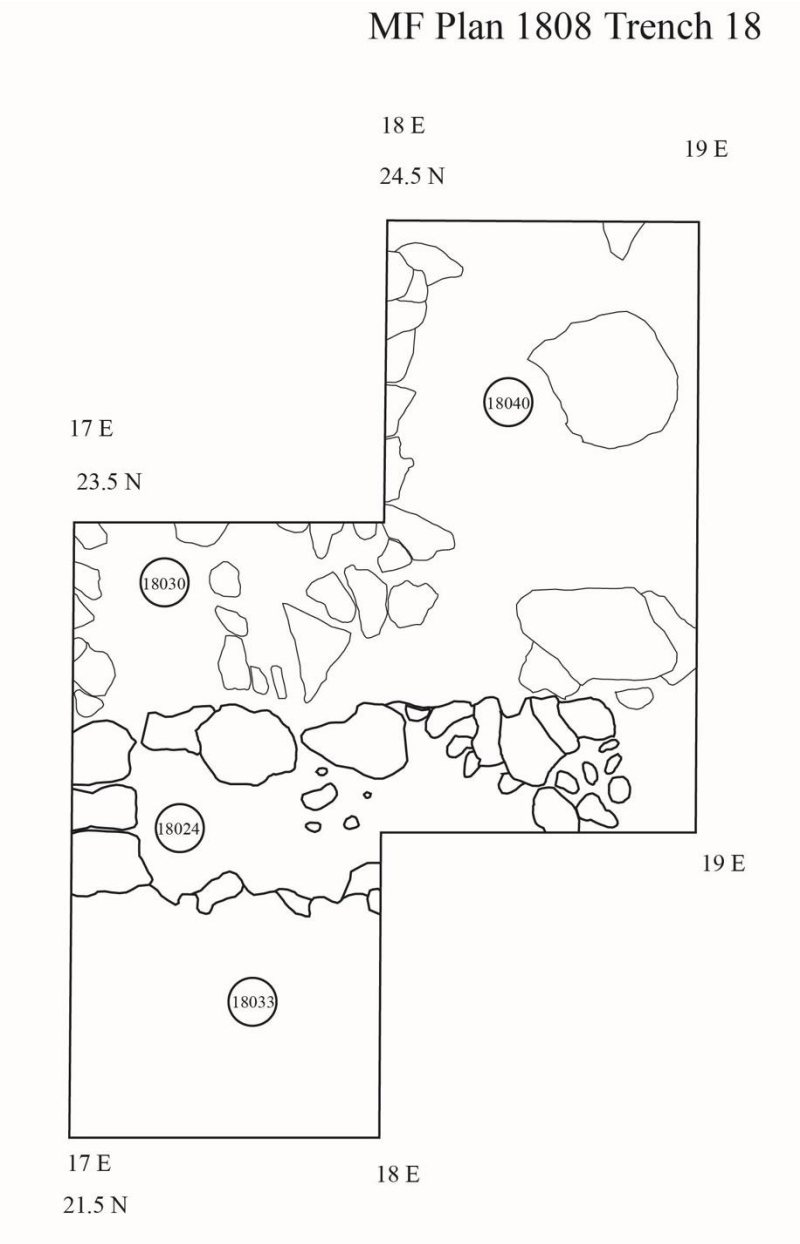


Figure 72: Plan 2 of 4 for Sector 23 (Plan 18.08).

Plan 18.09 (3 or 4)

Context 18030 was removed, revealing a possible hearth (18049).

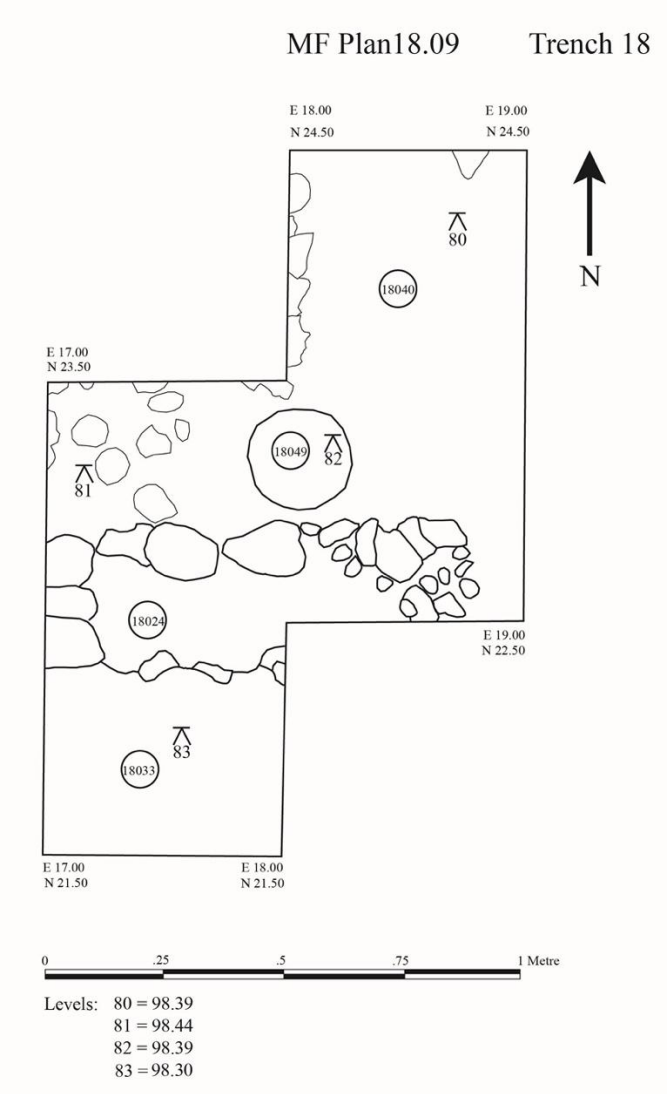


Figure 73: Plan 3 of 4 for Sector 23 (Plan 18.09).

Plan 18.12 (4 or 4)

Context (18049) was removed, exposing more of underlying (18040). Most of context (18033) was removed, revealing (18001).

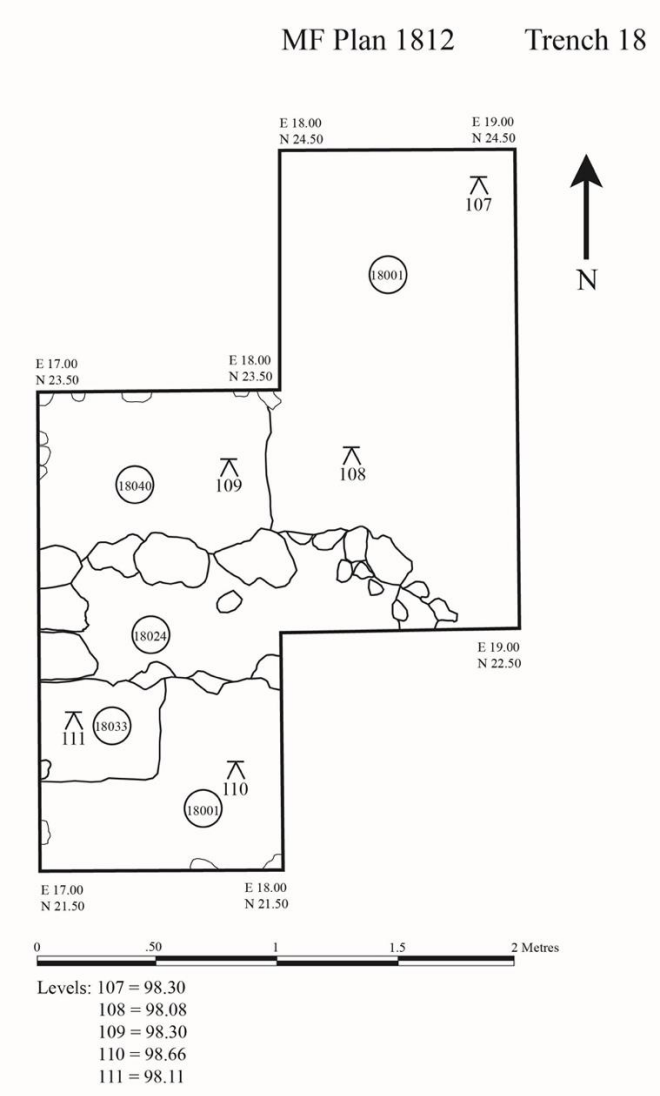


Figure 74: Plan 4 of 4 for Sector 23 (Plan 18.12).

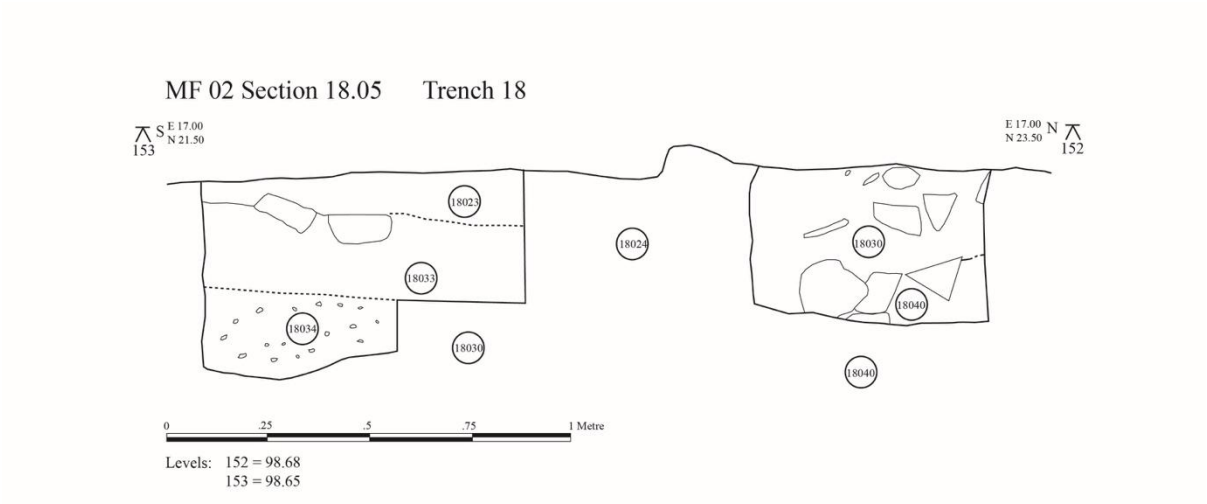


Figure 75: Section 18.05, west face of Sector 23.

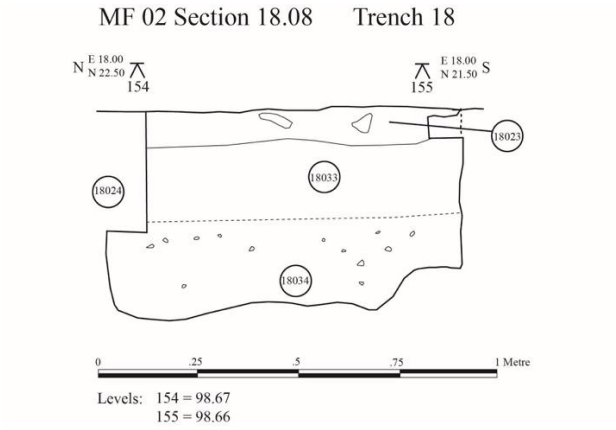


Figure 76: Section 18.08, east face of southern segment of Sector 23.

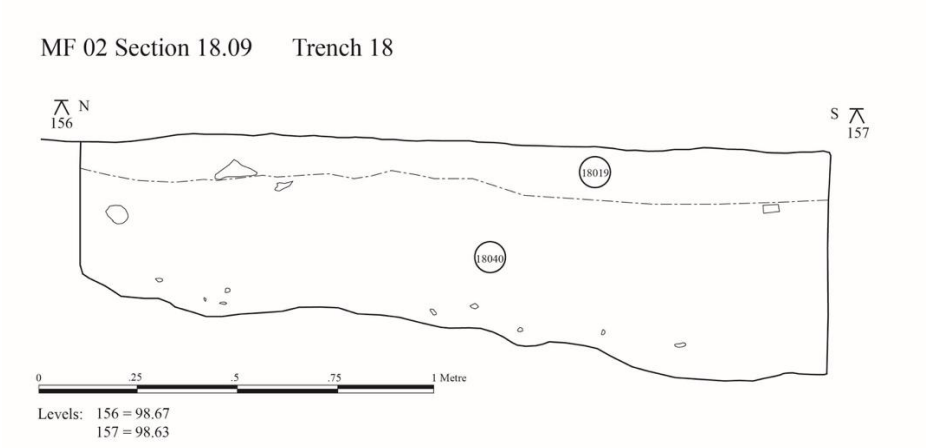


Figure 77: Section 18.09, east face of northern segment of Sector 23.

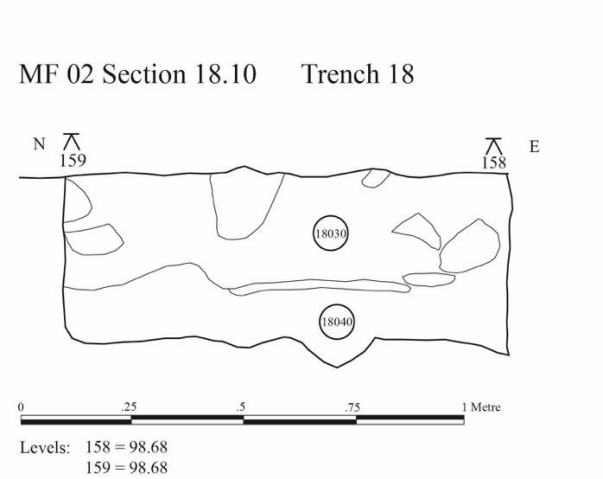


Figure 78: Section 18.10, north face of western segment of Sector 23.

Context Information for Sector 23

(18001) Layer

Natural limestone bedrock.

*(18019) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18019	1569	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1	Roman	MF02	17.98	22.74	98.60	
18019	1579	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	SESTERTIUS	1	117-138 ?	MF02	17.55	13.86	98.68	clipped - Hadrian?
18019	1591	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	18.40	22.84	98.60	
18019	1592	Metal	iron	spike?		1		MF02	8.40	22.89	98.60	
18019	1633	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	3rd/4th C	MF02	18.40	24.11	98.60	Radiate, clipped?
18019	1634	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF02	18.60	24.45	98.63	Unrecognisable
18019	1635	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	RADIATE	1	3rd C	MF02	18.35	24.28	98.63	Badly corroded
18019	1757	Metal	iron	sicule?		1		MF02				
18019	2330	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	17.39	26.15	98.70	DN - GLORIA ROMANORUM - CON
18019	6795	metal	iron	Two large fragments		1		MF02				

Interpretation: No information available.

[18024] STRUCTURE

Description: Layer of substantial limestone blocks laid as a wall. Approximately 65cm wide and 30cm deep where excavated. Mortar infill seen between blocks.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Abutted by 18013, 18023, 18033, 18030, and 18020. Same as 18118 & 18217. Overlies 18040.
Material Culture: A total of 4 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWR 2 RWW 1 GR 1
Interpretation: Trends east west and laid on subsoil. Possibly wall of North Building. Possible source of rubble located north in (18019).

(18025) LAYER

Description: Tightly packed small to mid-sized stones. Regular course, clearly defined and cohesive. No indication of bonding material. Impacted with rich deposit of material culture (Roman).
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Abutted by 18062.
Material Culture: A total of 38 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 3 RCWR 18 SM 6 RWW 2 RFWW 7 OXFWS 2
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18025	1593	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	St	1	330-346	MF02	20.80	25.06	98.59	URBS ROMA - CONSTANTINE COMMEMORATIVE - Romulus and Remus
18025	1855	Metal	cu-alloy	smelt	m/working?	1	Unknown	MF03	20.60	22.76	98.62	
18025	1886	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	Roman	MF03	20.50	21.80	98.60	Unrecognisable coin
18025	1887	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	20.20	21.38	98.51	Large pin fragment tapered towards one end, two engraved lines near pin head.
18025	2511	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	no 3d	-	-	
18025	2533	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF04	18.89	18.50	98.60	
18025	2540	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	Roman	MF04	19.43	16.10	98.62	
18025	2570	Metal	cu-alloy	alphabet shape?	votive?	3	Roman (1st/2nd c)	MF04	20.66	25.22	98.56	
18025	2571	Metal	silver	Coin		1		MF04	21.01	14.99	98.55	

Interpretation: laid floor surface of Roman date. Possibly related to 18062 and 18018. Related to 18083 which is probably an under layer of gravel deposited during the construction of 18025 to serve as a base / foundation for the floor of which 18025 is a part.

(18030) LAYER

Description: Very compact dark gray / brown, very fine silty particles, small stones (1 – 2cm) and limestone inclusions. Limestone angular, other stones rounded (river pebbles). Includes big blocks of limestone (10 – 25cm). 20cm thick.
Relationships: Overlain by 18019. Overlies 18040.
Material Culture: A total of 60 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 3 RCWR 35 SM 1 OXFRS 9 GR 8 D 4
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18030	1637	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	St	1	375-392	MF02	17.10	23.23	98.53	DN VALENTINIANUS PF AUG - GLORIA ROMANORUM - LUGS
18030	1651	Metal	iron	Ring		1		MF02	18.70	20.48	98.73	

Interpretation: Fill layer post-dating the destruction of the wall in 18024.

(18033) LAYER

Description: Light brown silty clay, very compact when dry. Very few inclusions (coarse sand/pebbles 1 -2 mm). 15 – 20 cm thick. Horizontal deposition in layers, looks almost fluvial.

Relationships: Overlain by 18023. Abutted by 18110. Same as 18111. Overlies 18034. Butts 18024.

Material Culture: A total of 59 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 13 RCWR 23 RFWR 6SM 3 RWW 10 RFWW 4

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18033	1636	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	17.55	21.72	98.46	

Interpretation: Fill/layer on the outside (inside?) of a building (to the north). Very few finds and looks like it formed with almost no human interference.

(18034) LAYER

Description: Medium compaction, dark brown color, lots of angular inclusions (limestone 2 – 4cm). 30cm deep. Inclusions form c. 10 – 30% of the layer towards the bottom the percentage increases.

Relationships: Overlain by 18033. Overlies 18001 (bedrock).

Material Culture: A total of 21 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 4 prehistoric and 17 Roman.

PCW 1 D 4 RCWO 2 RCWR 13 OXFWS 1 D 1

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18034	3855	Metal	cu-alloy	smelt?		1		MF05	8.00	22.90	98.67	

Interpretation: Outside of a wall [18024], it contained almost no finds and is probably below topsoil level from the times when the building to the north was built. MF03 further excavations, presence of flint and neolithic pottery suggest that the deposition of this layer is pre-Roman. Roman pottery in this layer probably comes from (18033), as the two layers are very difficult to separate accurately.

(18040) LAYER

Description: Very compact, dark brown soil and white limestone inclusions (size 5cm), 20 – 40 cm deep, extent impossible to judge (this year c. 3 square meter) apart from pebble size inclusions also large blocks of limestone, probably from [18024]. Hard to trowel (especially in the sun).

Relationships: Overlain by 18019, 18030, & 18024. Relationships uncertain 18033 & 18049.

Material Culture: A total of 62 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 7 RFWOX 3 RCWR 23 RFWR 2SM 3 RWW 11 RFWW 3 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 7 D 2

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18040	1643	Metal	cu-alloy	binding strip	fitting	1	Unknown	MF02	18.53	22.92	98.59	
18040	1646	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1		MF02	18.92	22.79	98.70	
18040	1647	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF02	18.15	22.91	98.45	
18040	1648	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02	18.23	23.44	98.47	
18040	1659	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02	18.02	23.14	98.39	

Interpretation: Cultural layer inside a building, large blocks included in it are probably fall from [18024] which is a wall of the building. Last few centimeters very poor in finds. Probably the ground level in occupation times.

(18049) LAYER

Description: Very dark brown (almost black) soil, lots of carbon. Included several bronze fragments, bones (from it were also tainted green). 20cm thick. Circular in shape. Deepest in the center. 50cm in diameter.
Relationships: Overlain by 18040. Part of 18040. Overlies 18040.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18049	1663	Metal	cu-alloy	fragment		1	Unknown	MF02	18.00	23.30	98.39	
18049	1664	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		2	Unknown	MF02	18.00	23.30	98.39	
18049	1673	Metal	iron	Fragment		1		MF02	18.00	23.30	98.39	
18049	1674	Metal	cu-alloy	ring+lump	jewelry	2	Unknown	MF02	18.00	23.30	98.39	+some stained small animal bone

Interpretation: Small hearth. Used probably for food preparation. Large bird bones (chicken sized), included several bronze and iron fragments (difficult to identify).

Sector 12

Plan 18.24 (1 of 8)

Topsoil removed by mechanical digger and cleaned by trowel. The north-western corner of this sector was excavated in Sector 23 during MF02, exposing contexts 18001, 18003, 18024, & 18040. Opening the 3.5 x 3.5 sector 12 revealed contexts 18018, 18055, 18062, & 18077.

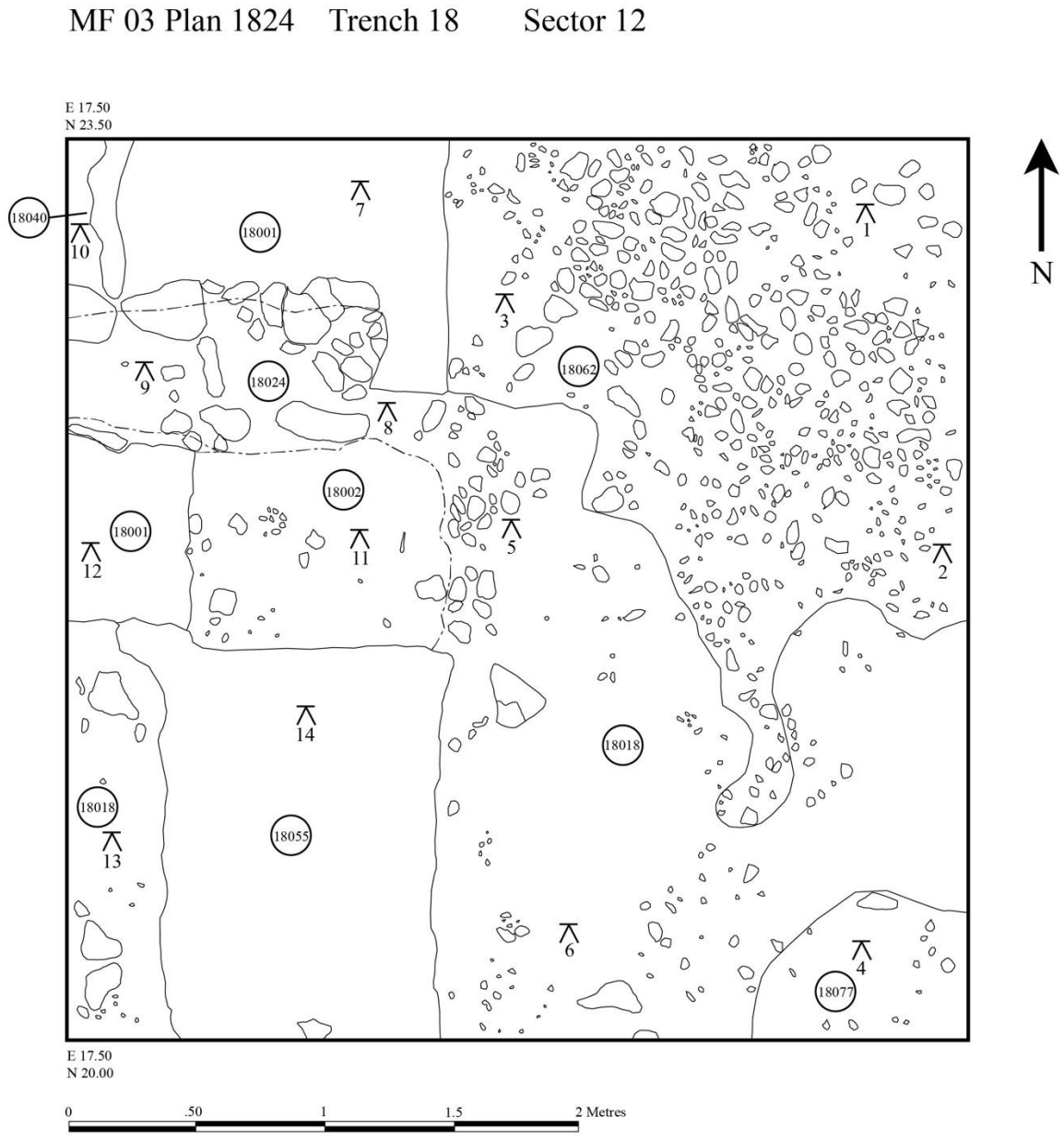


Figure 79: Plan 1 of 8 for Sector 12 (Plan 18.24).

Plan 18.27 (2 of 8)

Context (18062) was removed, revealing contexts (18082 & 18083) and further exposing (18018).

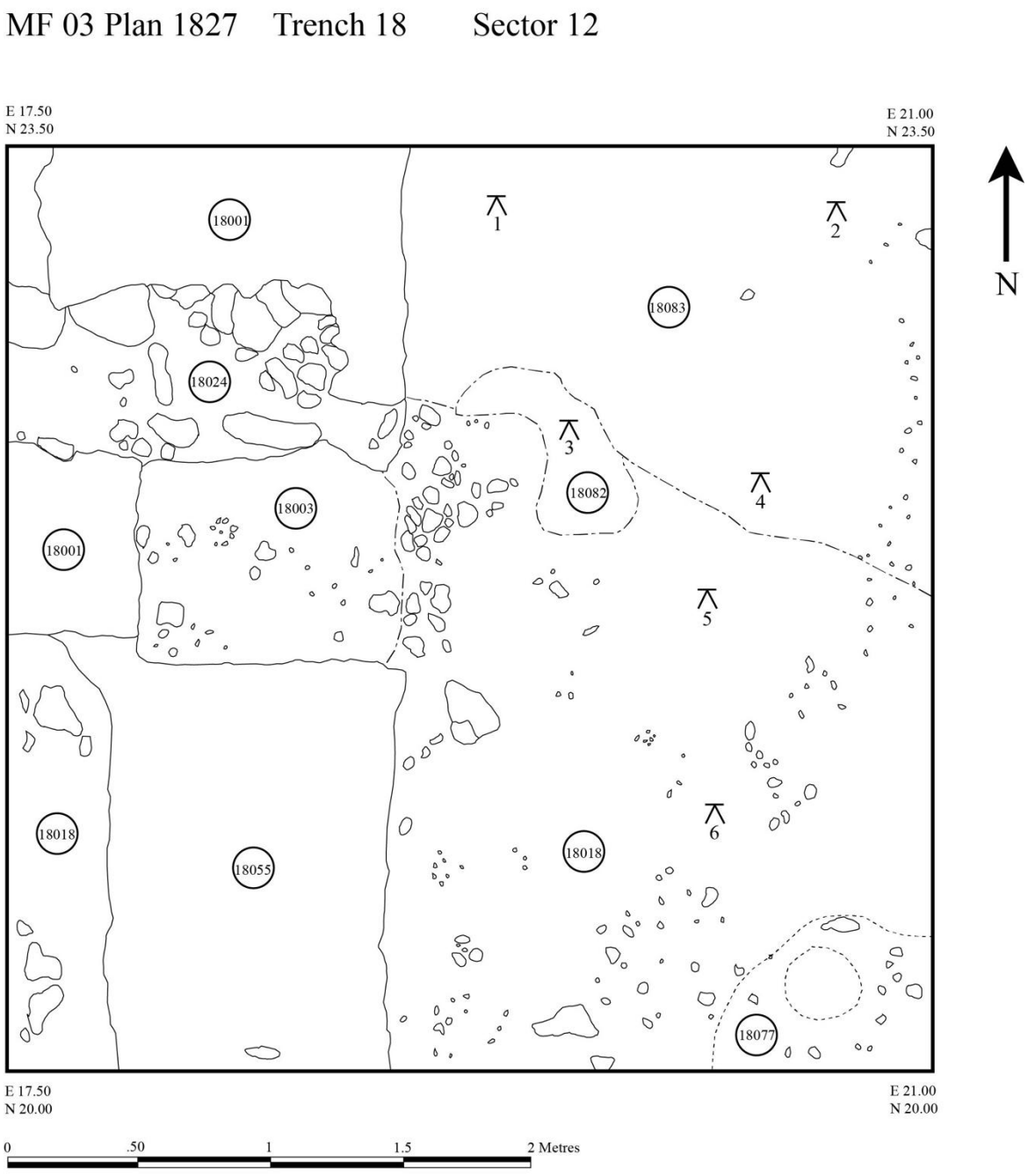


Figure 80: Plan 2 of 8 for Sector 12 (Plan 18.27).

Plan 18.31 (3 of 8)

Contexts 18003, 18018, and 18083 were removed, further exposing 18055 as a major deposit spread across most of the sector, further exposing 18082, and revealing 18099.

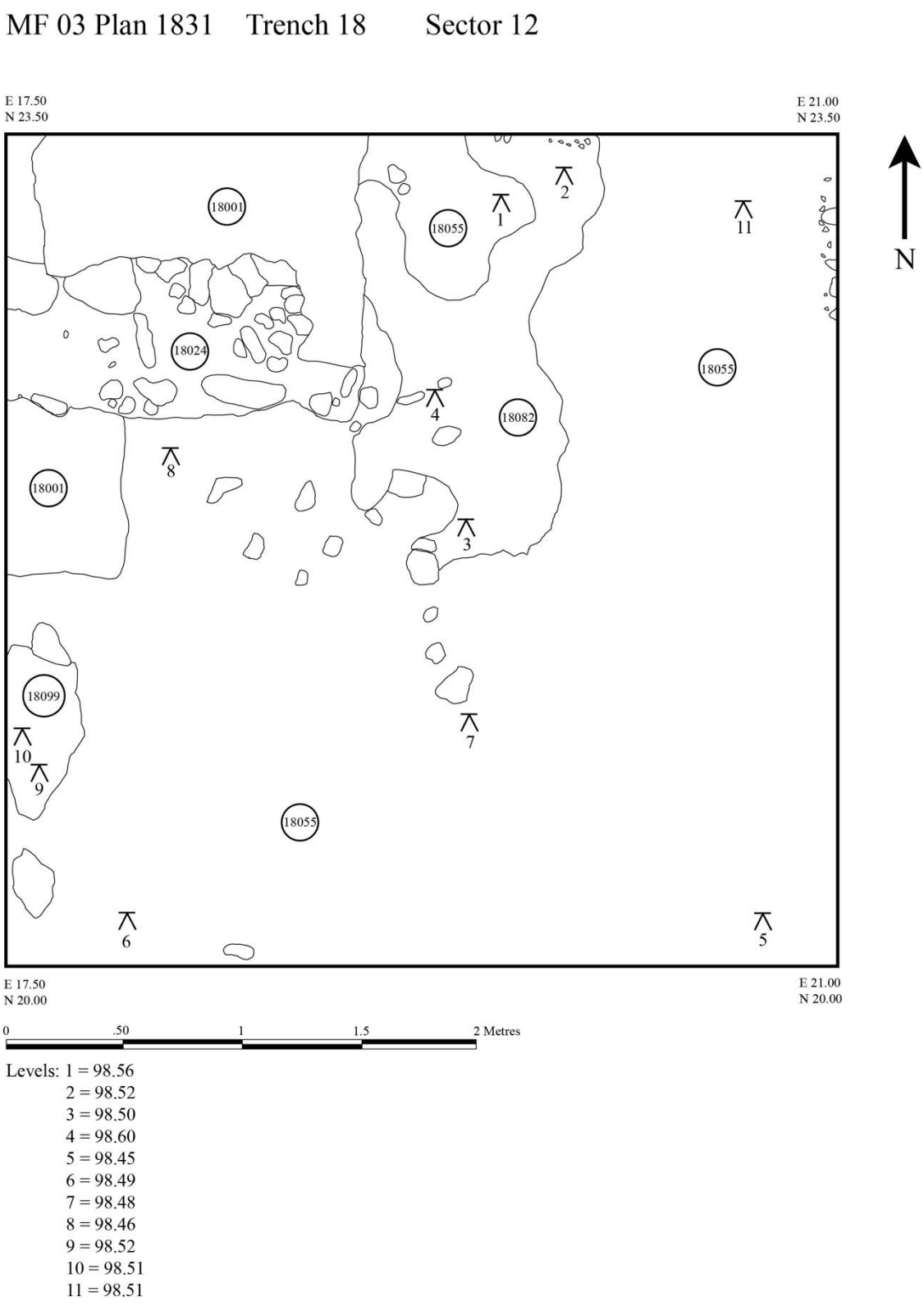


Figure 81: Plan 3 of 8 for Sector 12 (Plan 18.31).

Plan 18.33 (4 of 8)

Context 18099 removed, further exposing 18055. Context 18055 partially removed on the eastern side of the sector, further exposing 18082.

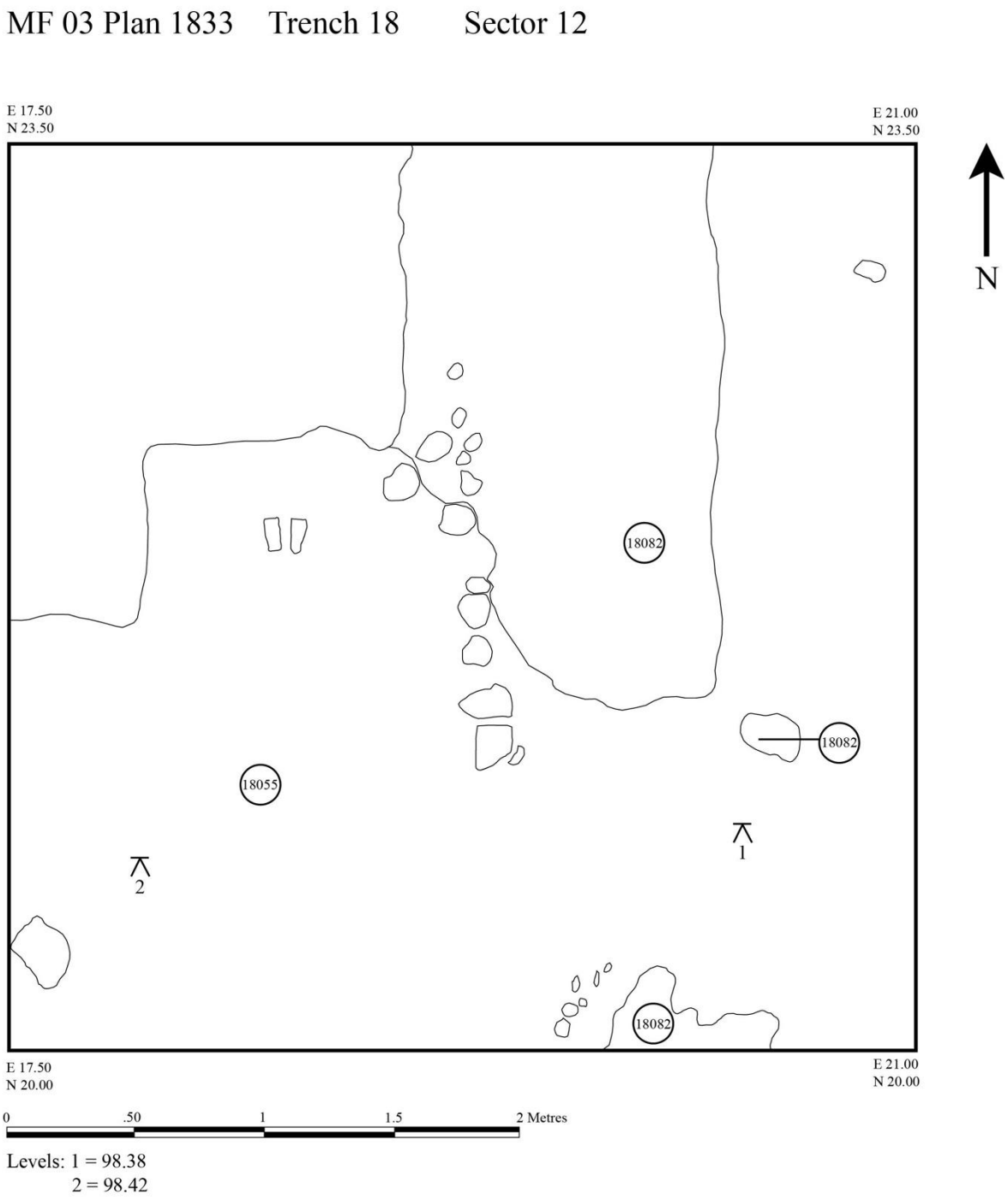


Figure 82: Plan 4 of 8 for Sector 12 (Plan 18.33).

Plan 18.34 (5 of 8)

Context 18082 removed, revealing 18112. Context 18055 removed, revealing contexts 18110 & 18111 (which is same as 18033 from MF02 Sector 23).

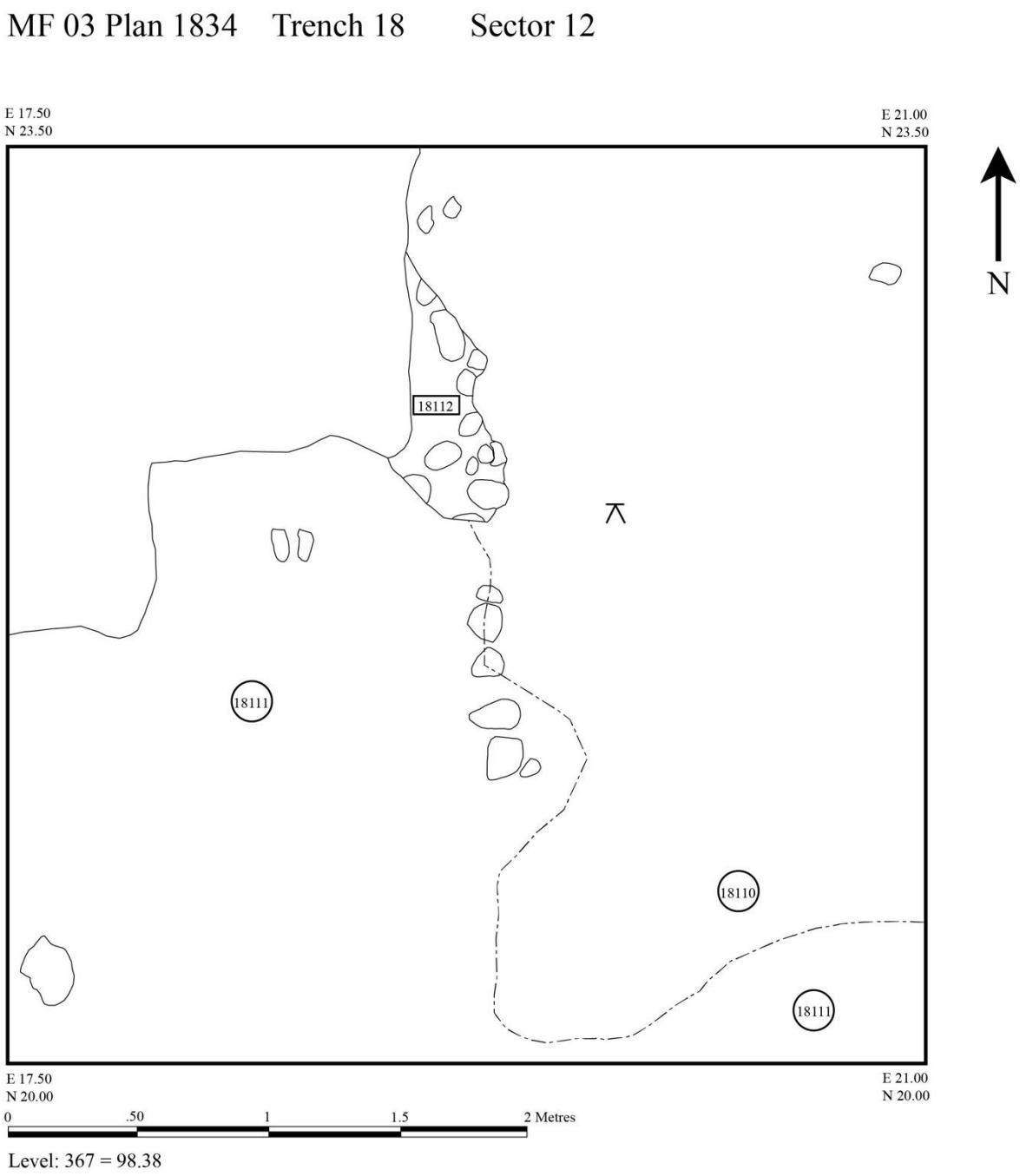


Figure 83: Plan 5 of 8 for Sector 12 (Plan 18.34).

Plan 18.35 (6 of 8)

Context [18112] removed, further exposing (18110). Context (18111) removed, revealing (18034) and (18114).

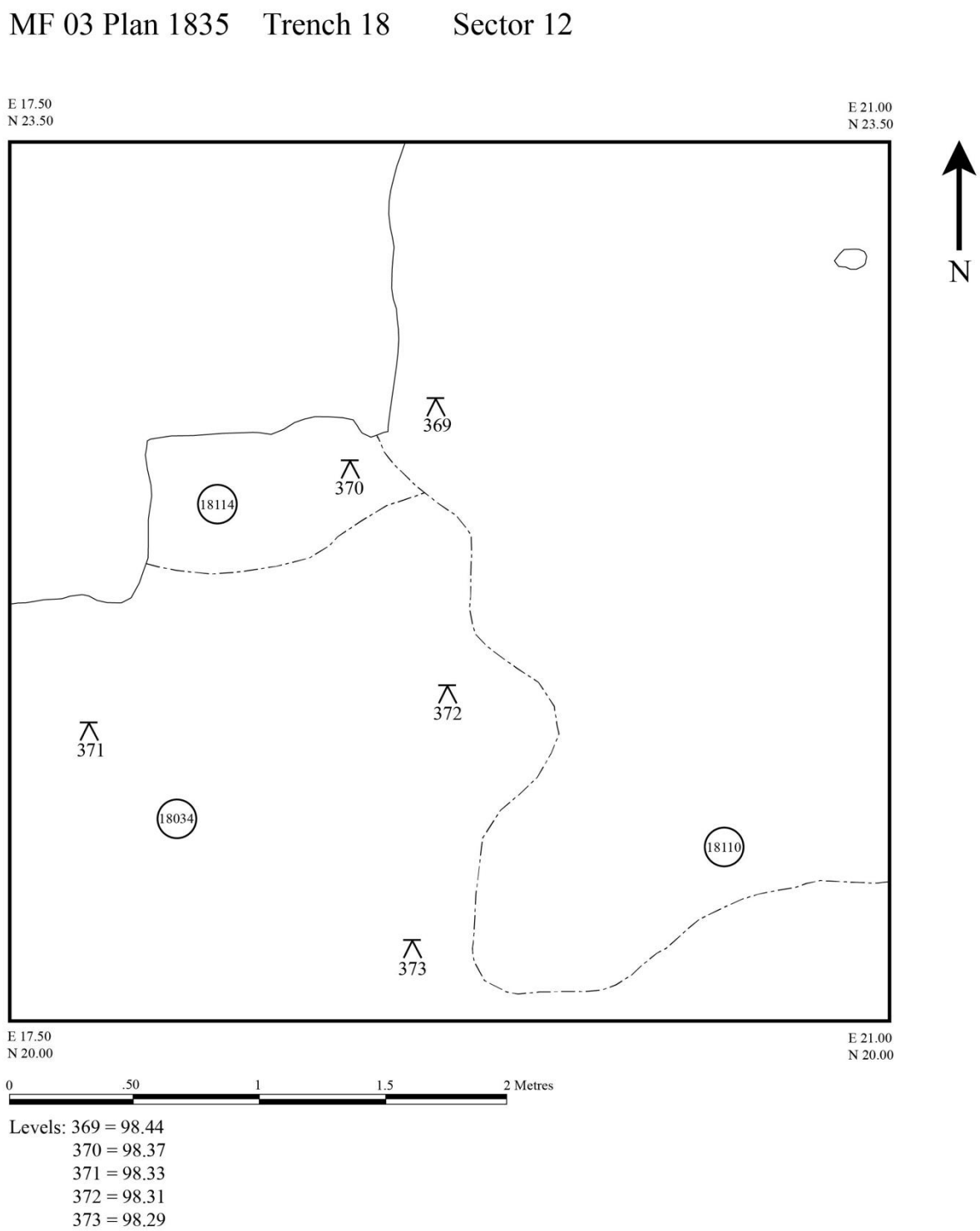


Figure 84: Plan 6 of 8 for Sector 12 (Plan 18.35).

Plan 18.37 (7 of 8)

Contexts (18110 and 18114) removed, further exposing (18034).

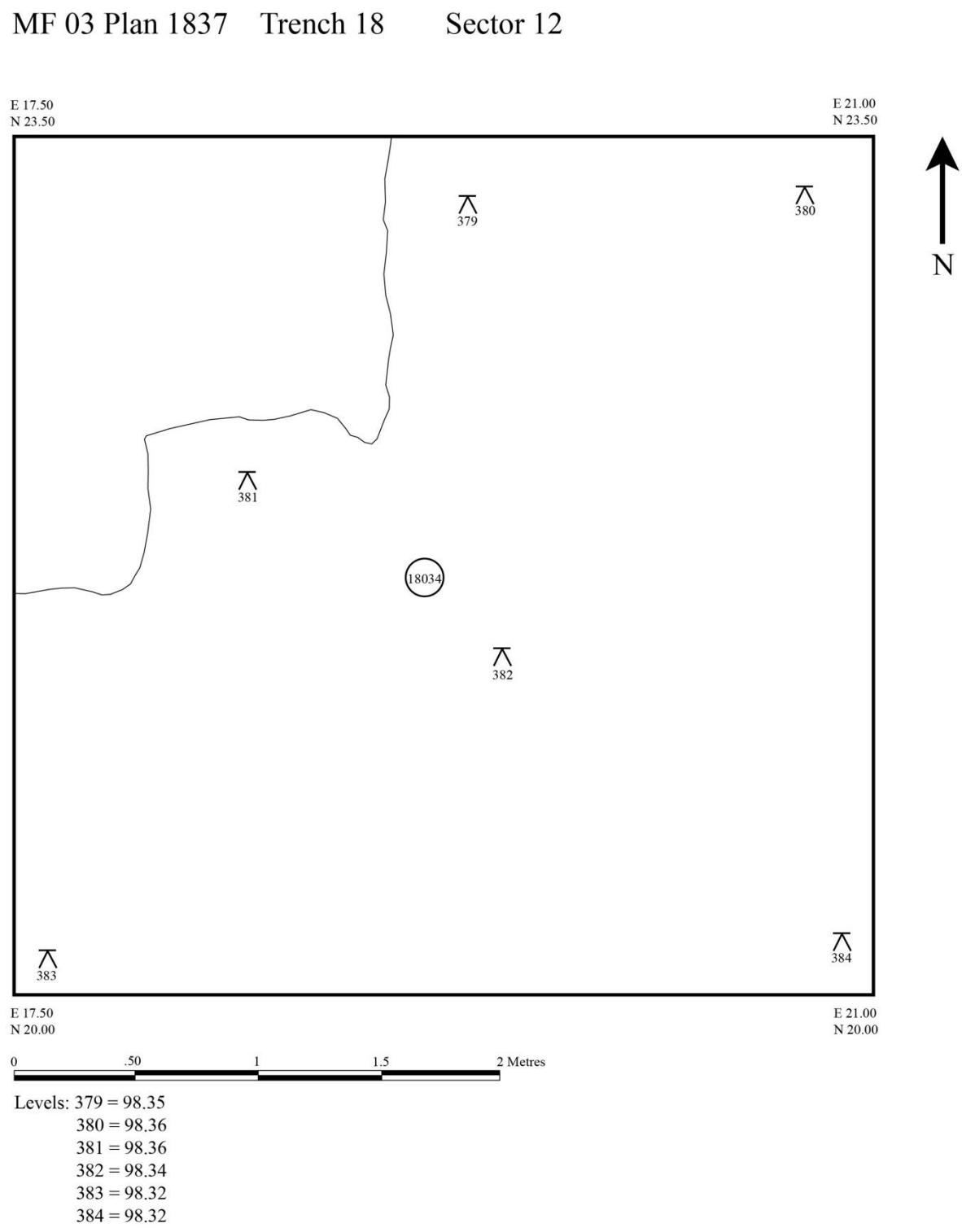


Figure 85: Plan 7 of 8 for Sector 12 (Plan 18.37).

Plan 18.39 (8 of 8)

Contexts (18034) removed all the way down to underlying natural bedroom (18001).

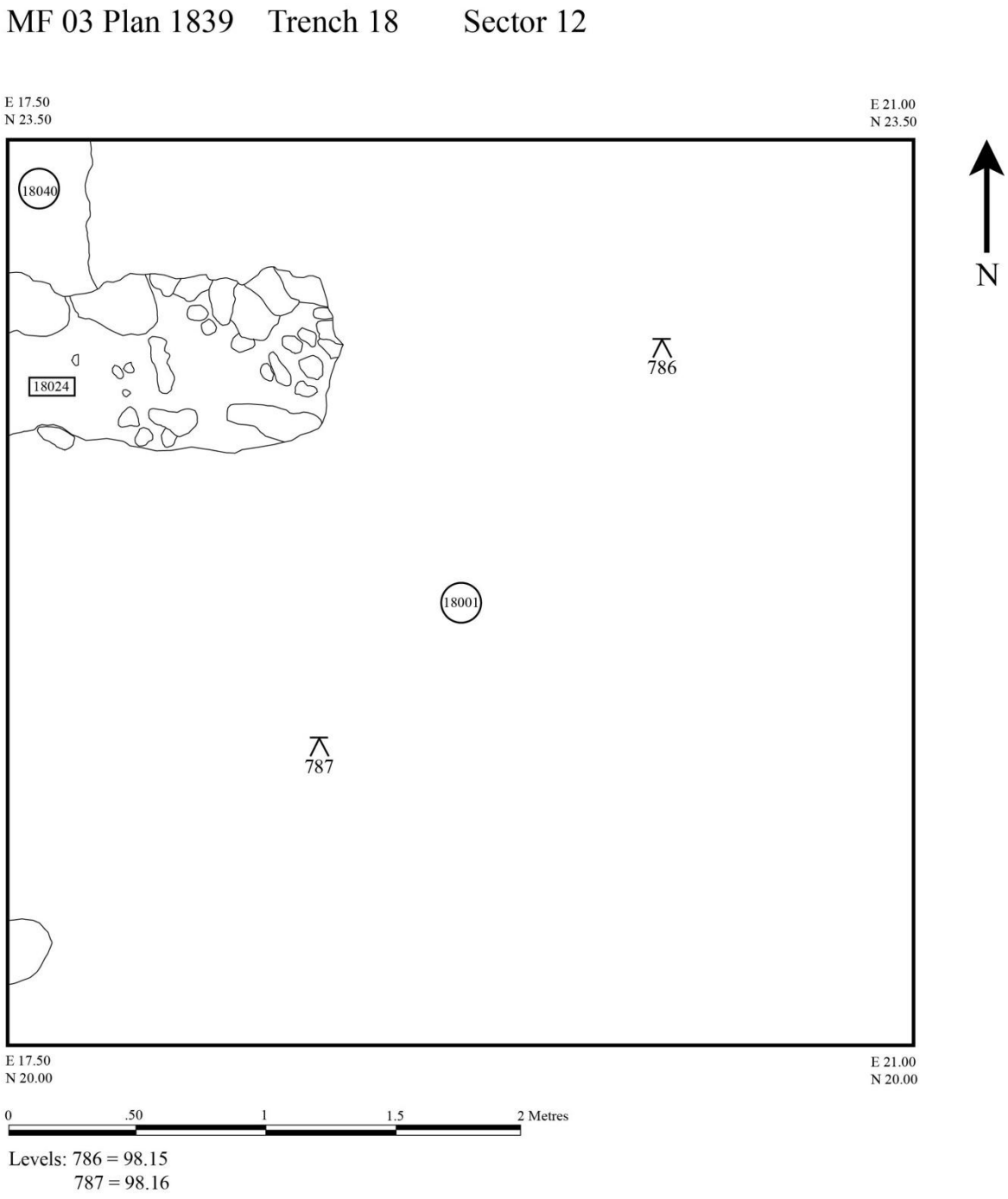


Figure 86: Plan 8 of 8 for Sector 12 (Plan 18.39).

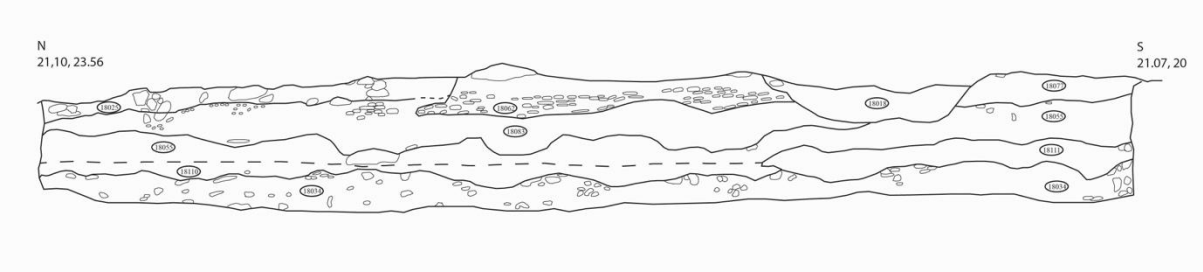


Figure 87: Section 18.26, east face of Sector 12.

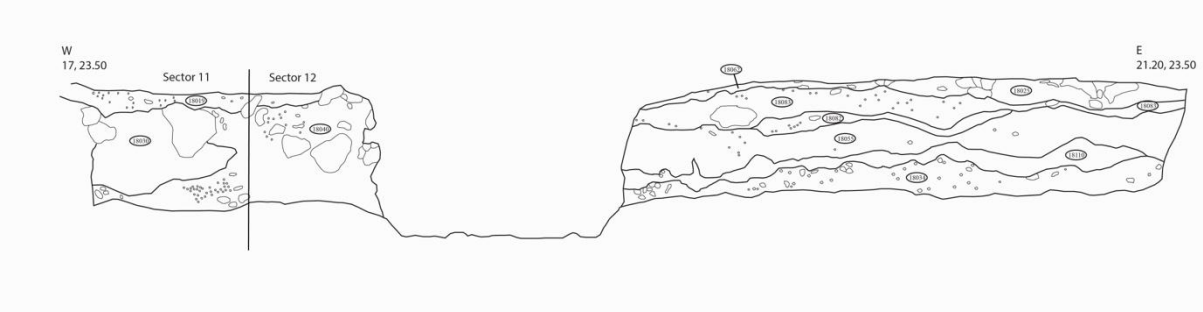


Figure 88: Section 18.27, north face of Sector 12.

Context Information for Sector 12

(18001) Layer
Natural limestone bedrock.

*(18003) LAYER no context sheet found
Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18003	1298	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF02	13.90	14.10	95.58	
18003	1564	Metal	silver	Coin	DENARIUS	1	222-235	MF02	16.36	20.81	98.60	IMP C M AUR SEV ALEXAND AUG - PM TR P VI COS II PP - 227 ad Severus Alexander RSC 312
18003	1645	Metal	iron	tweezers		1		MF02	12.85	21.07	98.55	
18003	1671	Metal	cu-alloy	bracelet?	jewelry?	1	Unknown	MF02	18.20	20.59	98.65	
18003	1672	Metal	iron	Pin		2		MF02	18.10	20.85	98.57	
18003	1676	Metal	iron	spike/stake		1		MF02				
18003	1779	Metal	lead	sheet		1		MF02				
18003	1810	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	9.70	26.28	98.41	- FEL TEMP
18003	1811	Metal	iron	Hobnails MISSING		cluster	Roman	MF03	9.82	26.97	98.60	Cluster of Hobnails
18003	1812	Metal	cu-alloy	Pin		1	Roman	MF03	16.56	19.12	98.57	Decorative pin
18003	1813	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.59	18.75	98.56	Unrecognisable
18003	1814	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	330-336	MF03	15.72	18.83	98.55	CONSTANTINOPOLIS - VICTORY
18003	1823	Glass	jewelry	Bead	jewelry	1	Unknown	MF03	16.01	18.35	98.53	Bead fragment
18003	1825	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.80	18.05	98.54	Unrecognisable

18003	1826	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	16.35	17.90	98.51	Glass vessel fragment
18003	1827	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	15.00	18.31	98.53	Unrecognisable
18003	1833	Bone	animal bone	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Pin Fragment (no ob rec - no further info)
18003	1838	Metal	iron	Tool/miniature axe?		1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Small iron possible axe. Thick and heavy throughout
18003	1839	Metal	iron	Object		1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Small lump of iron tapers out towards one end.
18003	1872	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	375-392	MF03	17.40	16.62	98.46	DN VALENTINIANUS PF AUG - GLORIA ROMANORUM
18003	1878	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	16.60	16.81	98.48	Small pin fragment long point with two engraved lines around middle broken at one end.
18003	1879	Glass	vessel	vessel		2	Unknown	MF03	16.50	17.13	98.47	2 pieces of glass fragment
18003	1885	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	15.60	19.75	98.57	Glass fragment
18003	1890	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM?	1	4th C	MF03	16.75	17.74	98.47	Unrecognisable
18003	1897	Glass	vessel?	vessel?		1	Unknown	MF03	16.43	16.46	98.46	Glass fragment
18003	1935	Metal	iron	Bar		1	Roman	MF03	19.70	20.28	98.52	Large piece of flat iron same thickness throughout broken at both ends.
18003	2100	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	Roman	MF03	13.75	20.70	97.36	Unrecognisable - Contemporary Imitation?
18003	2484	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	12.90	19.35	98.53	Unrecognisable
18003	2953	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	2		MF04				broken
18003	6781	Bone	animal bone	pin/needle frag.		1		MF04				

Interpretation: No information available.

*(18018) LAYER No Context Sheet

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18018	1650	Metal	cu-alloy	Fragment		1	Unknown	MF02	17.55	23.20	98.73	
18018	1938	Metal	iron	Pin		1	Roman	MF03	no 3d			Iron pin
18018	1959	Metal	iron	hook	tool	1	Roman	MF03	19.21	22.29	98.50	Thought to have been a ox-goad made of iron, object is hook shaped in appearance with one end tapering into a slight point.
18018	2465	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF03	19.80	19.00	98.54	Unrecognisable

Interpretation: No information available.

[18024] STRUCTURE

Description: Layer of substantial limestone blocks laid as a wall. Approximately 65cm wide and 30cm deep where excavated. Mortar infill seen between blocks.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Abutted by 18013, 18023, 18033, 18030, and 18020. Same as 18118 & 18217. Overlies 18040.
Material Culture: A total of 4 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWR 2 RWW 1 GR 1

Interpretation: Trends east west and laid on subsoil. Possibly wall of North Building. Possible source of rubble located north in (18019).

(18034) LAYER

Description: Medium compaction, dark brown colour, lots of angular inclusions (limestone 2 – 4cm). 30cm deep. Inclusions form c. 10 – 30% of the layer towards the bottom the percentage increases.
Relationships: Overlain by 18033. Overlies 18001 (bedrock).
Material Culture: A total of 21 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 4 prehistoric and 17 Roman.
PCW 1 D 4 RCWO 2 RCWR 13 OXFWS 1 D 1
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18034	3855	Metal	cu-alloy	smelt?		1		MF05	8.00	22.90	98.67	

Interpretation: Outside of a wall [18024], it contained almost no finds and is probably below topsoil level from the times when the building to the north was built. MF03 further excavations, presence of flint and neolithic pottery suggest that the deposition of this layer is pre-Roman. Roman pottery in this layer probably comes from (18033), as the two layers are very difficult to separate accurately.

(18040) LAYER

Description: Very compact, dark brown soil and white limestone inclusions (size 5cm), 20 – 40 cm deep, extent impossible to judge (this year c. 3 square meter) apart from pebble size inclusions also large blocks of limestone, probably from [18024]. Hard to trowel (especially in the sun).
Relationships: Overlain by 18019, 18030, & 18024. Relationships uncertain 18033 & 18049.
Material Culture: A total of 62 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 7 RFWOX 3 RCWR 23 RFWR 2SM 3 RWW 11 RFWW 3 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 7 D 2
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18040	1643	Metal	cu-alloy	binding strip	fitting	1	Unknown	MF02	18.53	22.92	98.59	
18040	1646	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1		MF02	18.92	22.79	98.70	
18040	1647	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF02	18.15	22.91	98.45	
18040	1648	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02	18.23	23.44	98.47	
18040	1659	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02	18.02	23.14	98.39	

Interpretation: Cultural layer inside a building, large blocks included in it are probably fall from [18024] which is a wall of the building. Last few centimeters very poor in finds. Probably the ground level in occupation times.

*(18055) LAYER No Context Sheet

Description: No information available.
Relationships: Overlain by (18082). Overlies (18111) and (18110).
Material Culture: A total of 423 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 61 RFWOX 19 RCWR 185 RFWR 41 SM 12 IMPCC 2 RWW 11 RFWW 3 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 7 D 2
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18055	1688	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	18.70	20.40	98.45	
18055	1689	Metal	iron	Fragment		1		MF02	18.20	20.80	98.49	
18055	1690	Metal	iron	Fragment		1		MF02	18.00	20.50	98.52	
18055	1691	Metal	iron	Fragment		1		MF02	18.15	20.00	98.48	

18055	1693	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	18.00	19.70	98.51	
18055	1731	Glass	glass	MISSING		0		MF02				
18055	1950	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	20-43	MF03	19.57	21.52	98.58	IRON AGE COIN Cvnobelinvs Rex TASC - Hobbs 1972-83; Arsdell 2097; SCBC 342 Bust and Bull
18055	2009	Shell	oyster	Shell, drilled		1	Roman	MF03	20.00	20.86	98.66	Pierced shell
18055	2012	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	19.25	20.51	98.67	Large pin fragment with two thin engraved lines near pin head, broken at one end
18055	2013	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	19.45	20.09	98.70	Small broken pin head fragment, engraved with one line ear pin head
18055	2015	Bone	tooth	pendant (pig tooth)		1	Unknown	MF03	20.07	20.83	98.68	Small pierced tooth, possibly hung on a pendant has one eyelet on either side.
18055	2024	Metal	iron	Stylus	tool	1	Roman	MF03	20.76	22.62	98.70	Large thin long instrument with one pointed end. The bottom slightly tapers out into a square.
18055	2025	Metal	cu-alloy	strip		1	Roman	MF03	19.96	20.63	98.66	
18055	2026	Metal	Lead	Sheet		1	Roman	MF03	19.99	20.57	98.65	Lead sheet
18055	2073	Bone	bone/antler	Pin/needle		1	Roman	MF03	18.49	20.34	98.41	Large broken pin/needle fragment slightly tapered towards one end made of bone or antler.

Interpretation: No information available.

(18062) LAYER

Description: Mid – large stone blocks of different rock types. No mortar seen in surface deposits. Material culture of Roman date. Underlined with stone slab rubble. Surface lined with big, flat stones.

Relationships: Abutted by 18018. Butts 18025.

Material Culture: A total of 287 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.

RCWO 9 RFWOX 18 RCWR 62 RFWR 163 RFWDS 4 SM 58 RWW 16
RFWW 2 OXFRS 9 OXFWS 4 GR 7 ROBSH 1 D 31 O 3

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18062	1815	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	367-383	MF03	19.99	21.62	98.53	DN GRATIANUS PF AUG - 'Securitas Reipublicae'
18062	1816	Bone	bone/antler	Pin/Needle		1	Roman	MF03	20.12	21.53	98.54	Worked Bone Pin/Needle broken one end
18062	1822	Metal	cu-alloy	Bead/pellet	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	19.25	21.04	98.56	Bead or pellet
18062	1824	Metal	iron	Cleat		1	Roman	MF03	20.01	21.09	98.56	Iron Cleat
18062	1856	Metal	iron	Cleat		1	Roman	MF03	19.50	22.30	98.62	Small intact cleat with slightly damaged end of small hook part
18062	6788	Metal	iron	cleat		1		MF03				

Interpretation: Floor surface, underlined with stone, ceramic, and shells for a more even surface. An extension of the floor level (18025). A large amount of stone roof tile and nails suggests that a roof (possibly from another nearby building?) was used in its construction. Cultural material probably comes from an old midden in the nearby area.

(18077) LAYER

Description: Mortar and rocks
Relationships: Overlies (18055).
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18077	1960	Metal	iron	Ox-goad	tool	1	Roman	MF03	20.7	20.3	98.55	Round piece of iron with hole in with slight jutting bit off the top. Same thickness all around, jutting bit has been broken.
18077	1999	Metal	cu-alloy	smelt	m/working?	1	Unknown	MF03	20.9	20.4	98.46	

Interpretation: Part of destruction – or interface between the destruction layer and the overlying plow soil?

(18082) LAYER

Description: Thin chalky clay layer.
Relationships: Overlies (18055). Overlain by (18083).
Material Culture: A total of 27 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 4 RCWR 9 SM 2 OXFWS 3
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18082	1951	Glass	jewelry	Bead	jewelry	1	Unknown	MF03	19.44	21.94	98.59	Half glass bead

Interpretation: A thin layer – possibly part of a surface, possibly related to (18083), and if so it is the first stage of the construction of the tightly cobbled surface [18025] that extends from the front entrance of the North Building.

(18083) LAYER

Description: Brown silt with reddish – yellow limestone clay. Very friable. Very few finds.
Relationships: Overlain by 18025. Abutted by 18018. Overlies 18082.
Material Culture: A total of 11 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 1 RCWR 9 DOR 2 OXFRS 1 D 2
Interpretation: Small amounts of finds suggest that this layer sedimentation period was fairly short. The fact that it underlies most of 18025 could suggest that it was a clay/silt lining used to prepare the ground surface for laying cobble stones and gravel in the overlying context 18025.

*(18099) LAYER NO CONTEXT SHEET

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

(18110) LAYER

Description: Similar to 18111. Soft, light brown loam, easy to trowel. Lots of mortar and gravel present. Also, patches of yellow sand.
Relationships: Overlain by 18055. Abutted by 18111. Overlies 18034.
Material Culture: A total of 112 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 20 RFWOX 3 RCWR 48 SM 2 RWW 26 BWW 1 OXFWS 12
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18110	2240	Glass	vessel	vessel		1	Unknown	MF03	20.40	22.35	99.33	Residue? Glass fragment

Interpretation: Second soil layer – most likely ground surface at the time that Roman construction was ramping up.

(18111) LAYER

Description: Warm light brown, no inclusions. Very soft and loamy (dug after rain). 5 – 10 cm. thick.
Relationships: Overlain by 18055. Same as 18033. Overlies 18034.
Material Culture: A total of 47 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 10 RFWOX 1 RCWR 8 RFWDS 1 SM 1 IMPCC 1 RWW 1
DOR 2 OXFWS 10
Interpretation: Present on both sides of [18024], it has formed later than 18024 and 18114. Probably an old soil level. Pottery and bone present but not plentiful. Possibly this suggests proximity to living and working areas but not being right upon against structures (buildings) in use at the time.

[18112] STRUCTURE

Description: Group of rocks in yellow clay / sand matrix. Matrix fairly close and easy to trowel even when dry. Extends north to south.
Relationships: Overlain by 18082.
Material Culture: A total of 5 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 1 RCWR 2 RFWR 1RWW 1
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18112	2097	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MISSING?	1	Roman	MF03	19.35	21.65	98.42	Large corroded coin - no relief - Dupondius?

Interpretation: Part of a line of stones which were covered with a layer of clay (18082), possibly part of an open aera / courtyards to the east of the building (18024). In this aspect related to 18062 and 18025. Very few finds.

(18114) LAYER

Description: (1 – 2cm) Layer of mortar and gravel. Very loose. Easy to damage. Probably extended further than on the plan. However, it is only well visible in section. Small patches were visible under most of 18111.
Relationships: Overlain by 18111. Overlies 18034.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Originated during construction of 18024?

SECTOR 33 & SECTOR 13

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 13) was cleared of topsoil over the western part of the "North Building" to reveal the top of underlying wall segments and the uppermost sediment layers. Data from Sector 13 was also captured in Sector 33, a 1 x 1.5m rectangular slot (Plans 18.14 and sections 18.11 & 18.13) initially cleared back during the MF 2002 field season.

Sector 33

Plan 18.14

The topsoil was removed by mechanical digger and then by trowel. This revealed 6 contexts, including the upper traces of the rear wall of the North Building [18065], and surrounding deposits that contained assorted limestone blocks and material culture (18051, 18052, 18053, 18054, & 18057).

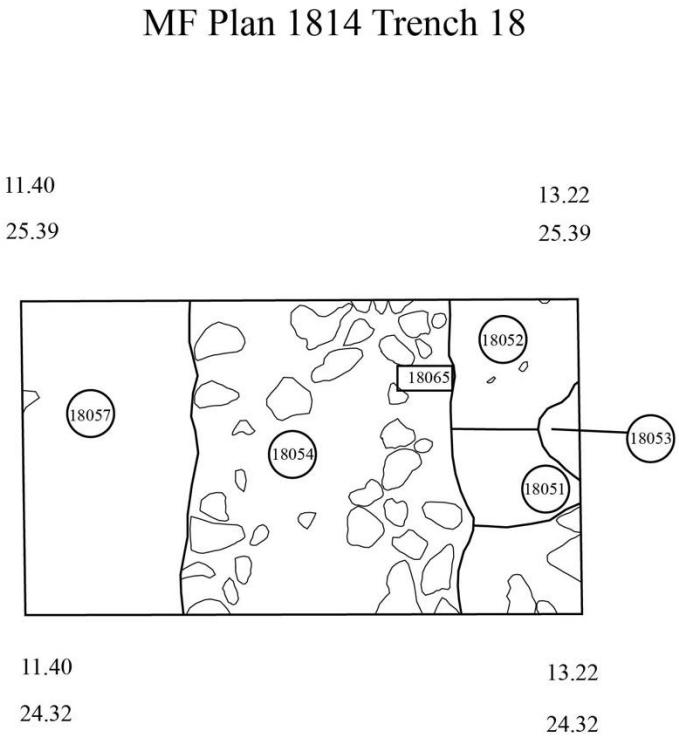


Figure 89: Plan of Sector 33 (Plan 18.14).

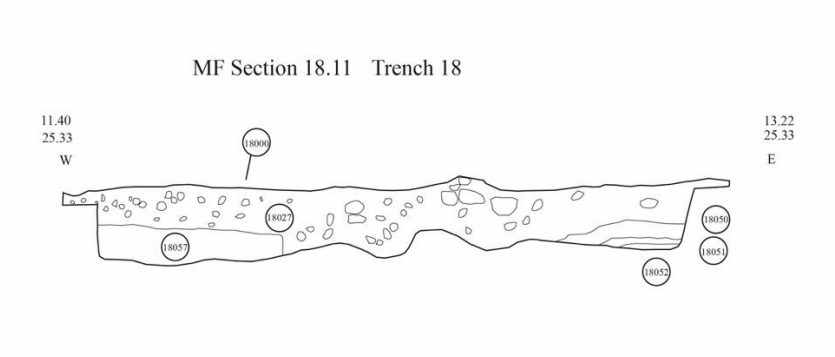


Figure 90: Section 18.11, north face of Sector 33.

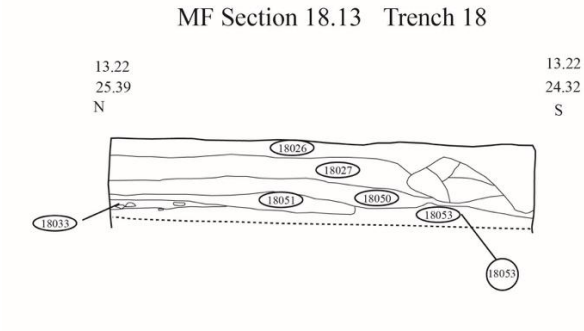


Figure 91: Section 18.13, east face of Sector 33.

Context Information for Sector 33

(18051) LAYER

Description: Compact, mid-pinkish loam. Very thin band of material (c. 2cm thick). Not excavated as of 27.7.02.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050 & 18026. Overlies 18052 & 18053. Butts 18065.
Material Culture: A total of 34 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 3 RFWOX 1 RCWR 14 SM 3 RWW 6 ROBSH 5 D 2
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18051	3441	Stone		whetstone		1		MF05	13.85	25.85	98.56	
18051	3442	Metal	cu-alloy	pellet		1	Unknown	MF05	14.58	24.82	98.54	

Interpretation: Not excavated as of 27.7.02.

(18052) LAYER

Description: Dark brown burnt material. Only the very top is visible. Not excavated as of 27.7.02.
Relationships: Overlain by 18051.
Material Culture: A total of 7 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 1 RFWR 3SM 1 DOR 1 D1
Interpretation: Burnt material. Not excavated as of 27.7.02.

(18053) LAYER

Description: Not enough exposed as of 27.7.02 to describe.
Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Abutted by 18052. Cut by 18065.
Material Culture: A total of 3 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 1 DOR 1 OXFWS 1
Interpretation: Unexcavated as of 27.7.02.

(18054) LAYER

Description: Friable, light yellowish gray sandy loam, filled with limestone rubble.
Relationships: Overlain by 18026. Overlies 18065.
Material Culture: A total of 3 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 1 RFWR 2
Interpretation: The material seems to be either part of the inner construction of the wall [18065] or a thin layer of mortar/gravel resting at the interface between 18026 and 18065.

(18057) LAYER

Description: Friable, dark brown, homogenous sandy loam with slight limestone inclusions. Only partially excavated as of 27.7.02.
Relationships: Overlain by 18027. Abutted by 18059 & 18037. Butts 18065.
Material Culture: A total of 50 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 6 RCWR 6 RFWF 6 RWW 6 DOR 1 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 7 GR 1 D 7
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18057	3775	Metal	iron	ferrule		1		MF05	11.82	25.01	98.44	

Interpretation: A pocket of soil directly underneath the mortar spread 18027 and running up against the west side of wall [18065].

[18065] STRUCTURE

Description: Only very surface exposed as of 27.702. Consists of mid-sized c. 10 – 15cm limestone blocks, irregular finish and shape. Two faces exposed. Runs north – south. About 70 – 80cm wide. Possible rubble infill. Blocks are positioned nearly vertically.
Relationships: Overlain by 18054, 18026, 18027. Same as 18056. Cuts 18053 (possibly).
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The suggestion of a possibly substantial wall covered in a spread of mortar and gravel. Too early as of 27.7.02 to comment further. Same as 18056. As of MF04: entire wall revealed. It is the west wall of the North Building. Bottom course of stones that is the base/foundation of the wall, which has been heavily truncated.

Sector 13

Plan 18.55

During MF04, the topsoil was removed for Sector 13 by mechanical digger and then by trowel. This revealed 3 contexts (18026, 18027, & 18028), in addition to what was previously exposed in Sector 33 during MF02.

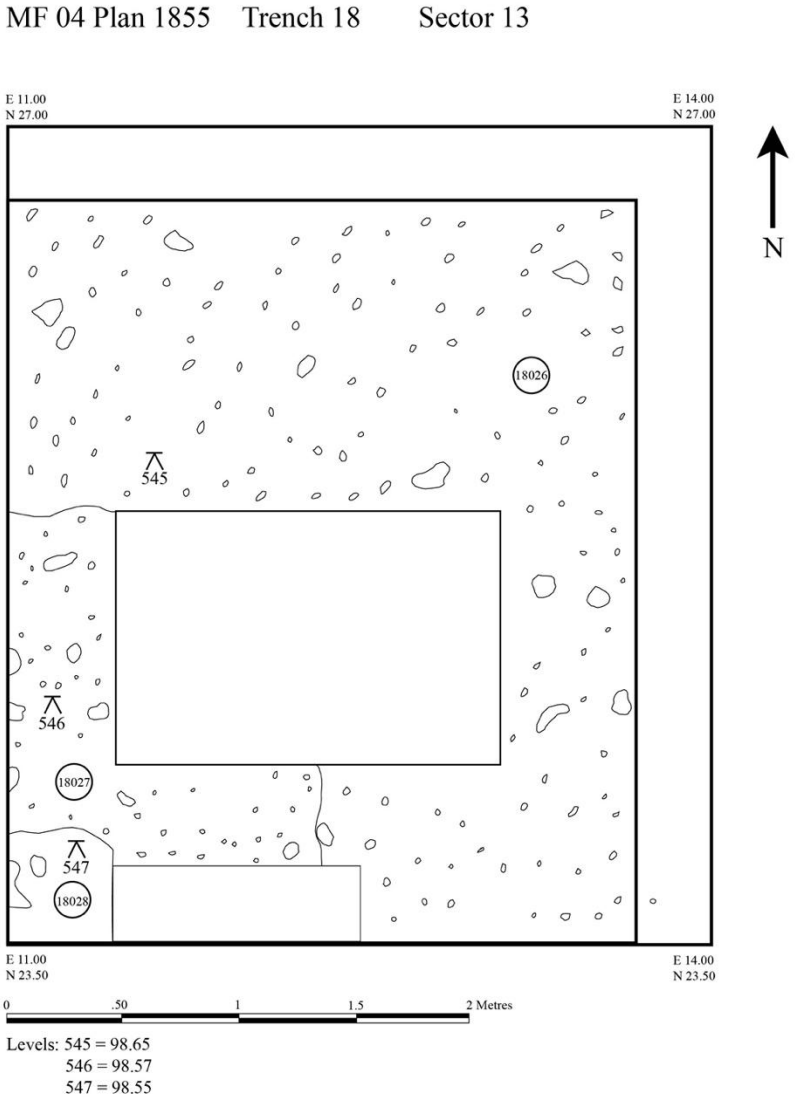


Figure 92: Plan 1 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.55).

Plan 18.64

Context 18026 was removed, further exposing 18027 and revealing 18050, 18184, 18185, and 18199.

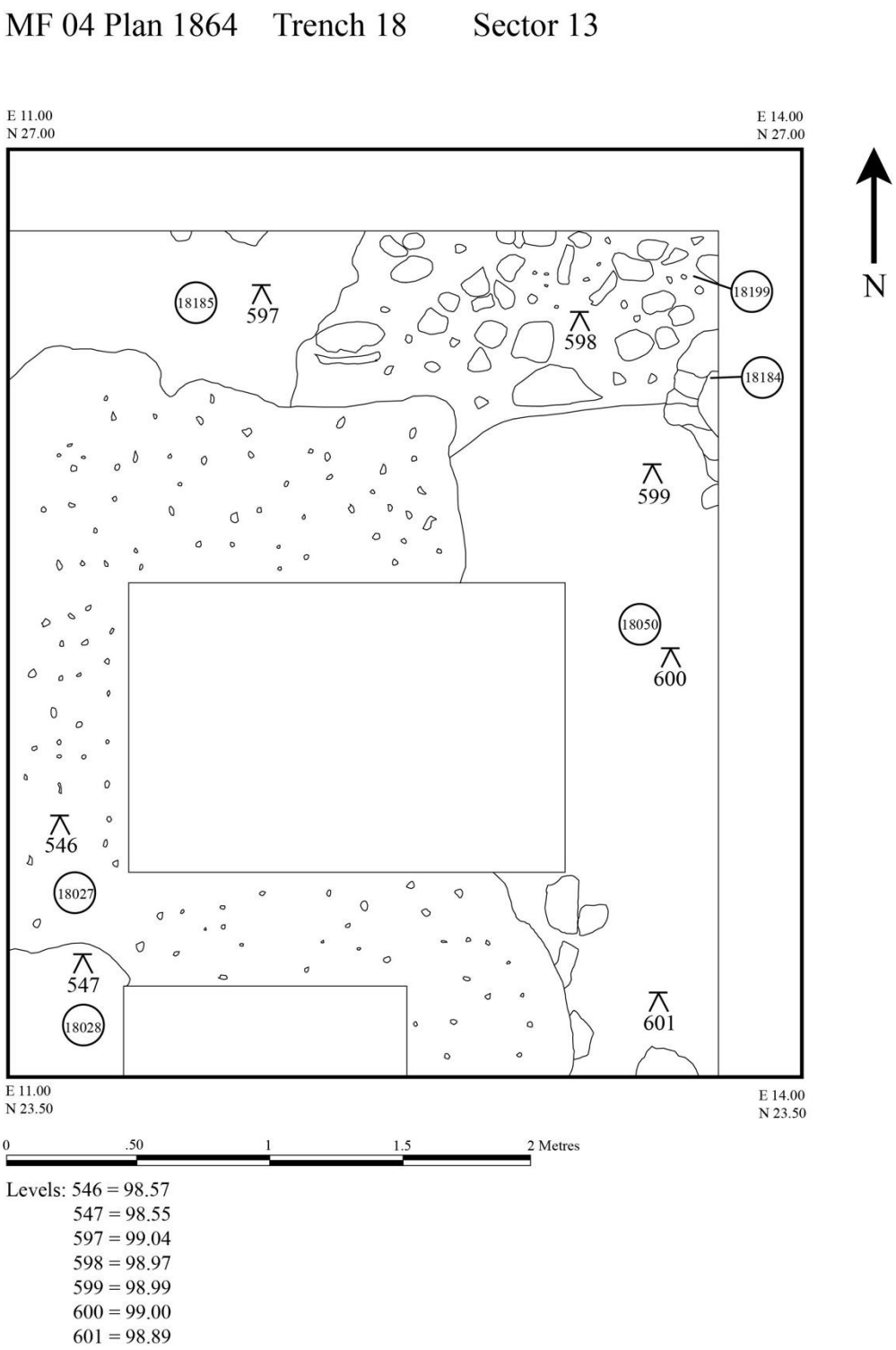


Figure 93: Plan 2 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.64).

Plan 18.69

Context 18027 was removed, further exposing 18028 and revealing 18057, 18065, and 18202.

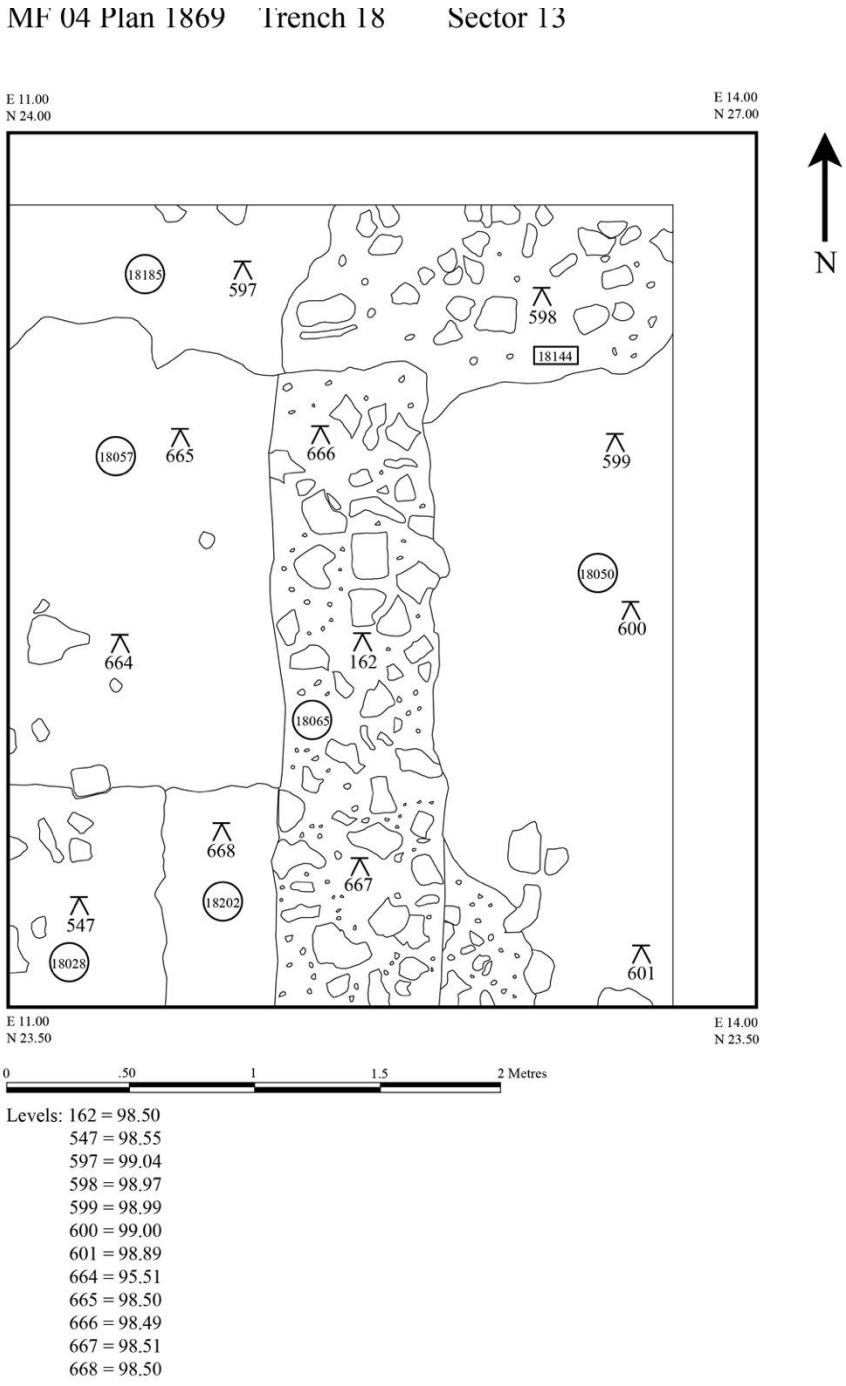


Figure 94: Plan 3 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.69).

Plan 18.104 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
Context 18050 was removed, revealing 5 underlying contexts, most of which were initially visible as small, discrete patches (18051, 18266, 18267, 18273, & 18274).

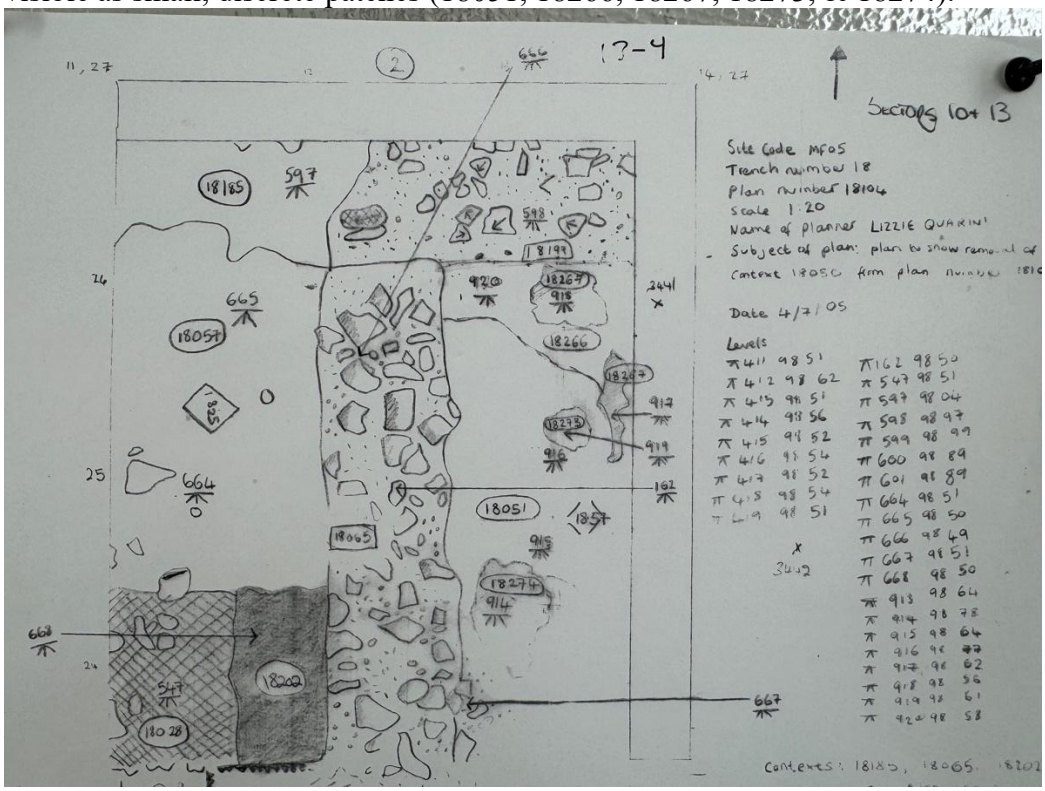


Figure 95: Plan 4 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.104).

Plan 18.108 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
Contexts 18051, 18266, 18267, & 18273 were removed, revealing a large surface 18339, and five smaller contexts (18276, 18281, 18288, 18298 & 18345).

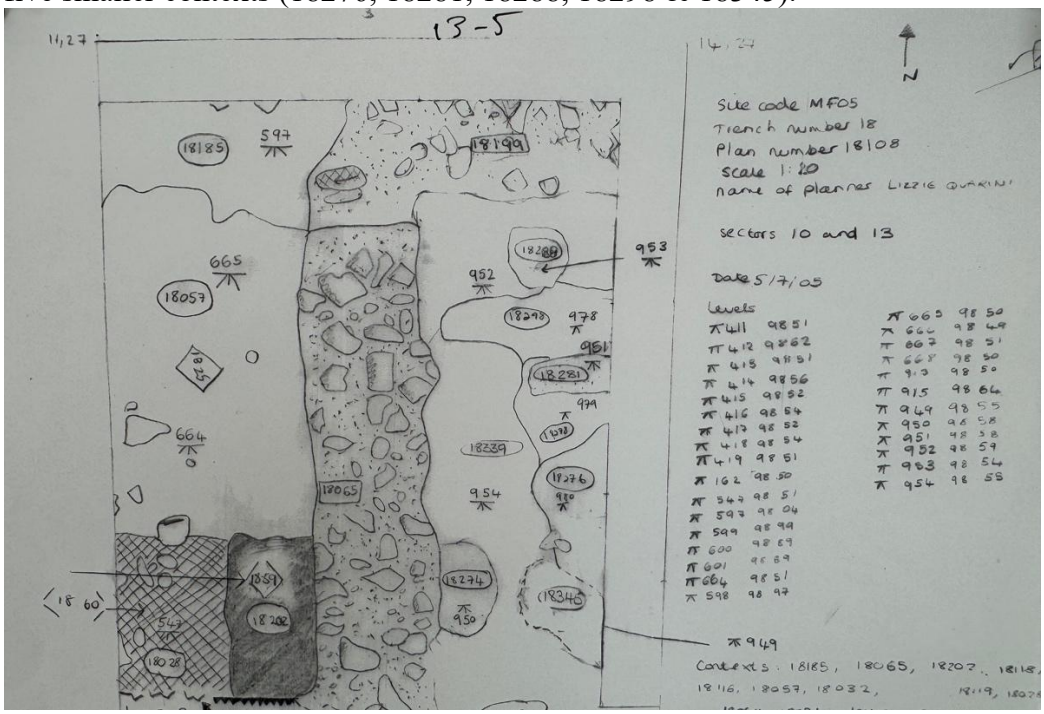


Figure 96: Plan 5 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.108).

Plan 18.110 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
Context 18345 removed to reveal [18282].

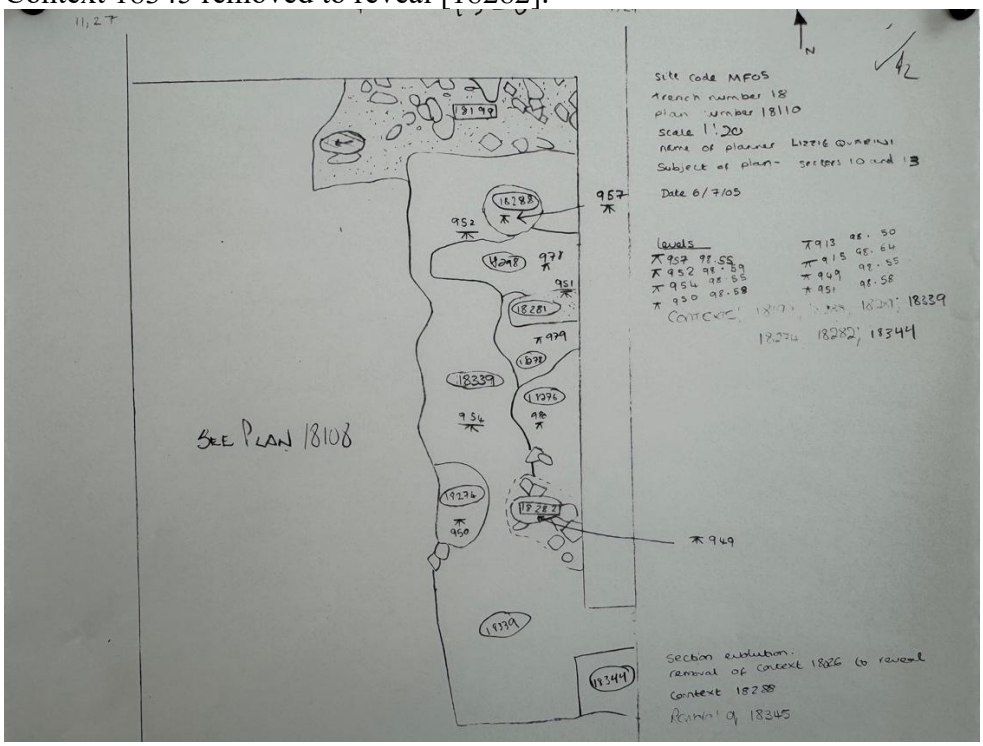


Figure 97: Plan 6 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.110).

Plan 18.113 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
East of interior wall [18065]: Context 18281 removed to further expose 18278. West of interior wall [18065]: Context 18202 removed, further exposing 18057. Context 18028 removed, revealing hearth [18293], filled by deposit (18295).

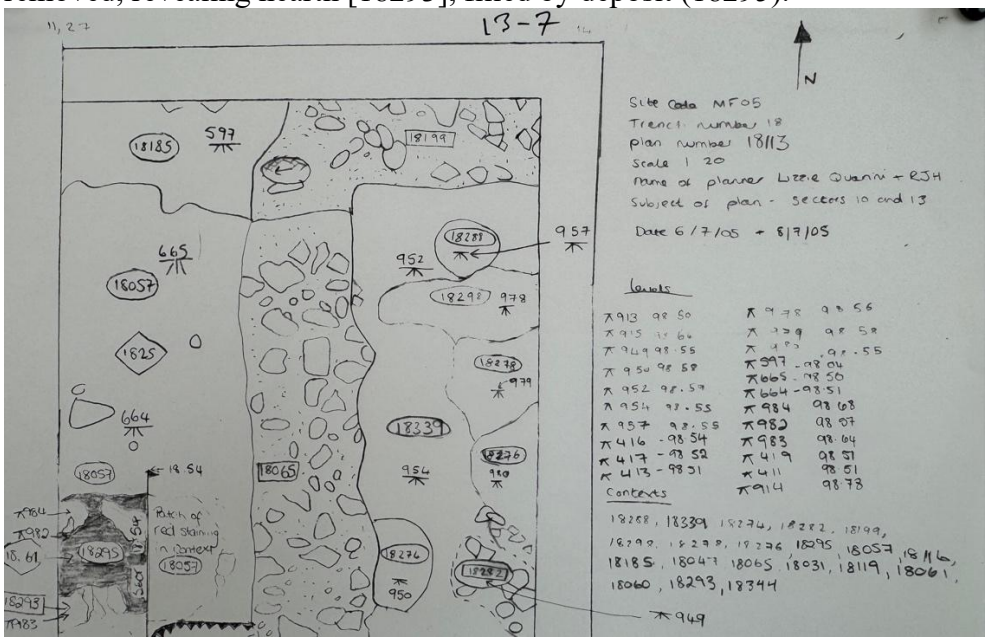


Figure 98: Plan 7 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.113).

Plan 18.121 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
West of interior wall [18065]: Context 18295 removed, revealing 18294.

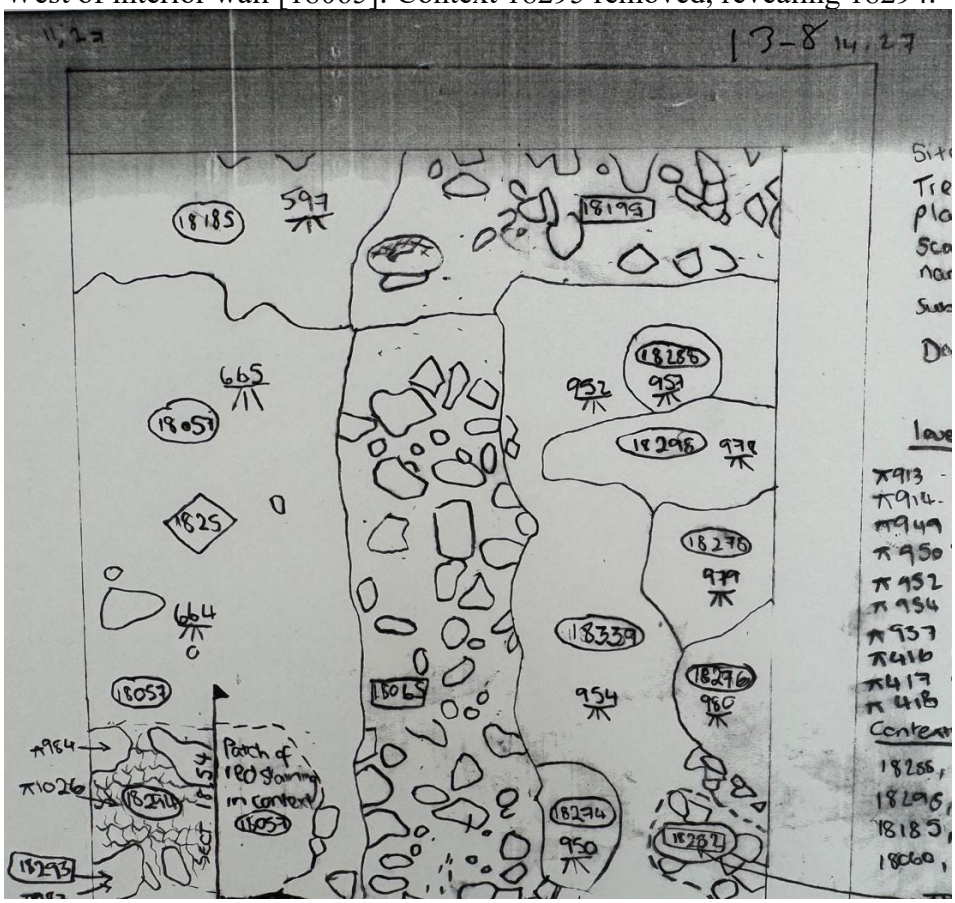


Figure 99: Plan 8 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.121).

Plan 18.132 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
West of interior wall [18065]: Context 18288 removed, revealing 18323, and further exposing 18339.

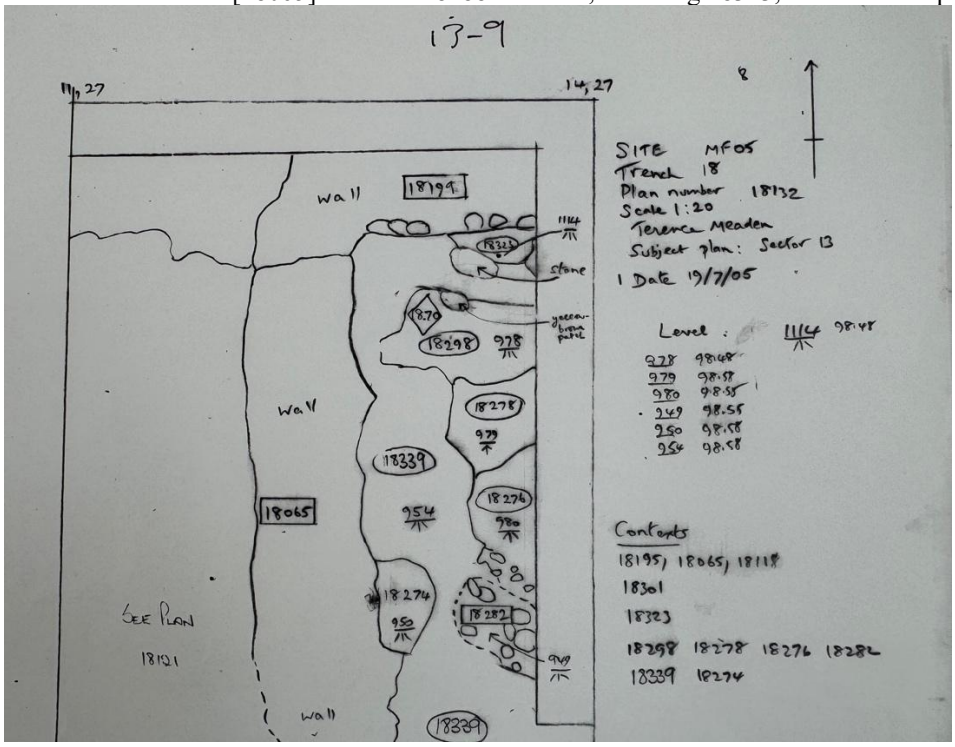


Figure 100: Plan 9 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.132).

Plan 18.133 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
West of interior wall [18065]: Context 18344 removed, further exposing 18339. Context 18298 removed, revealing 18341.

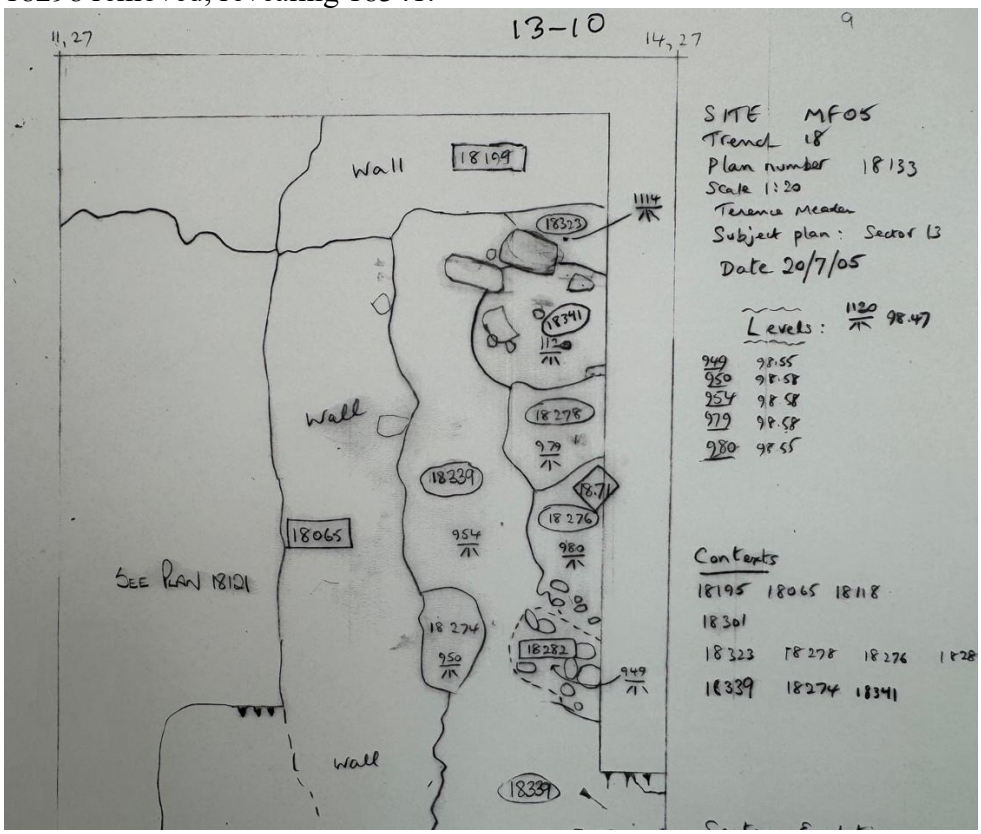


Figure 101: Plan 10 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.133).

Plan 18.136 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
West of interior wall [18065]: Context 18276 removed, revealing (18343). (18276) Turned out to be fill of cut [18332].

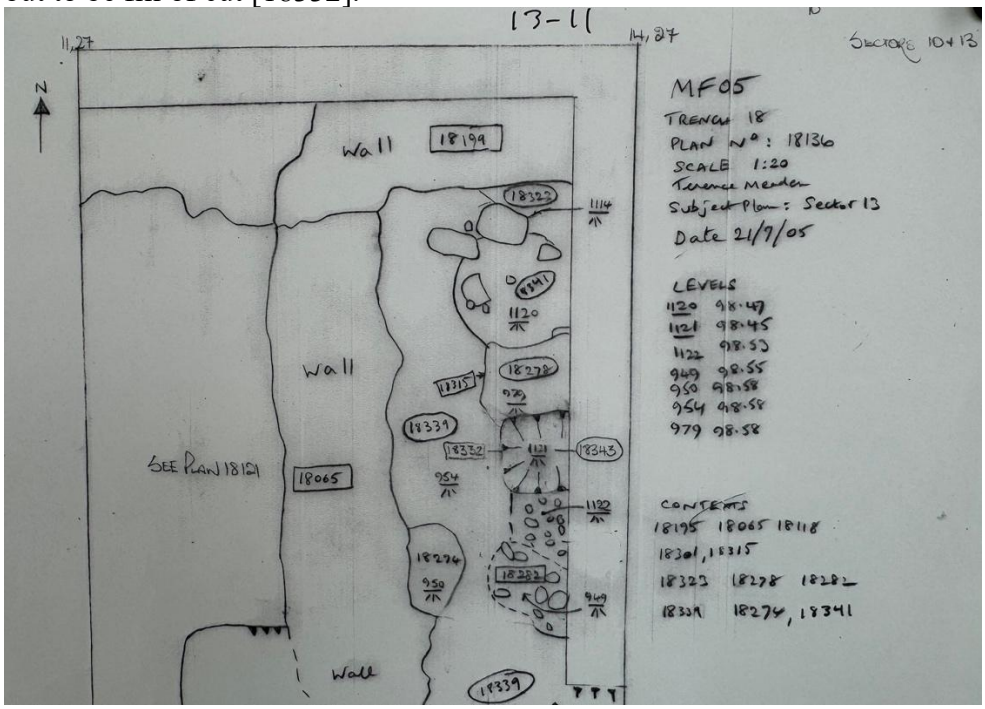


Figure 102: Plan 11 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.136).

Plan 18.141 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
West of interior wall [18065]: Context 18341 removed, exposing (18001).

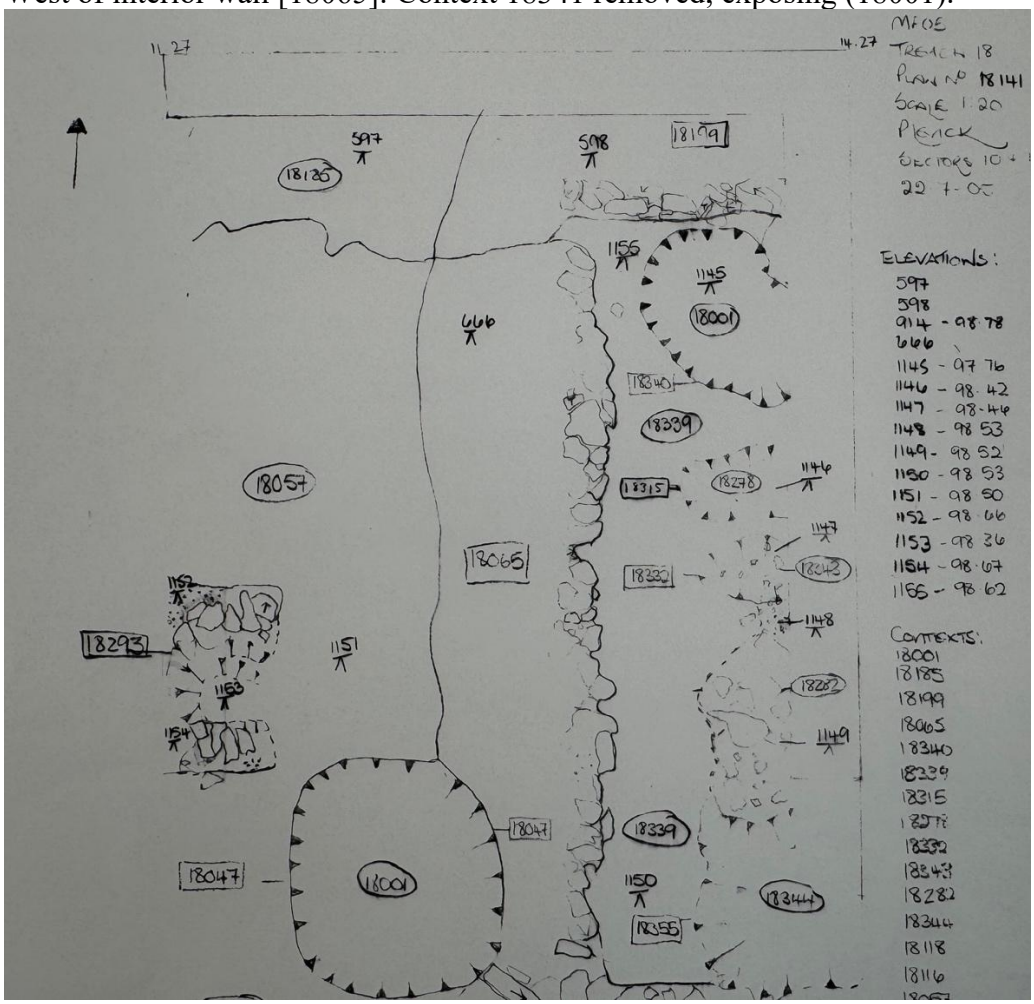


Figure 103: Plan 12 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.141).

Plan 18.142 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
West of interior wall [18065]: Context 18282 removed, revealing Cut [18374] and context (18352).

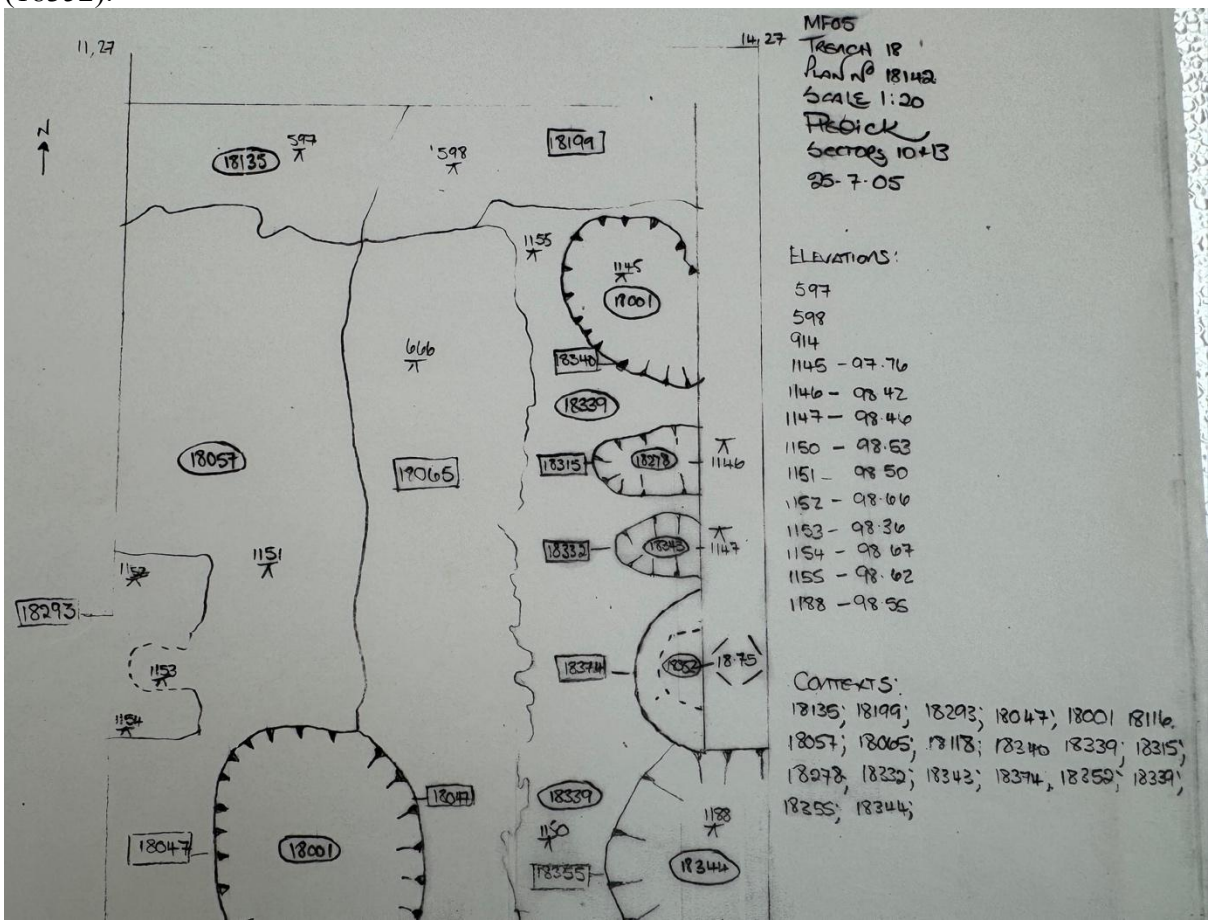


Figure 104: Plan 13 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.142).

Plan 18.143 (combined Sectors 10 & 13)
West of interior wall [18065]: Context 18352 removed, exposing (18001).

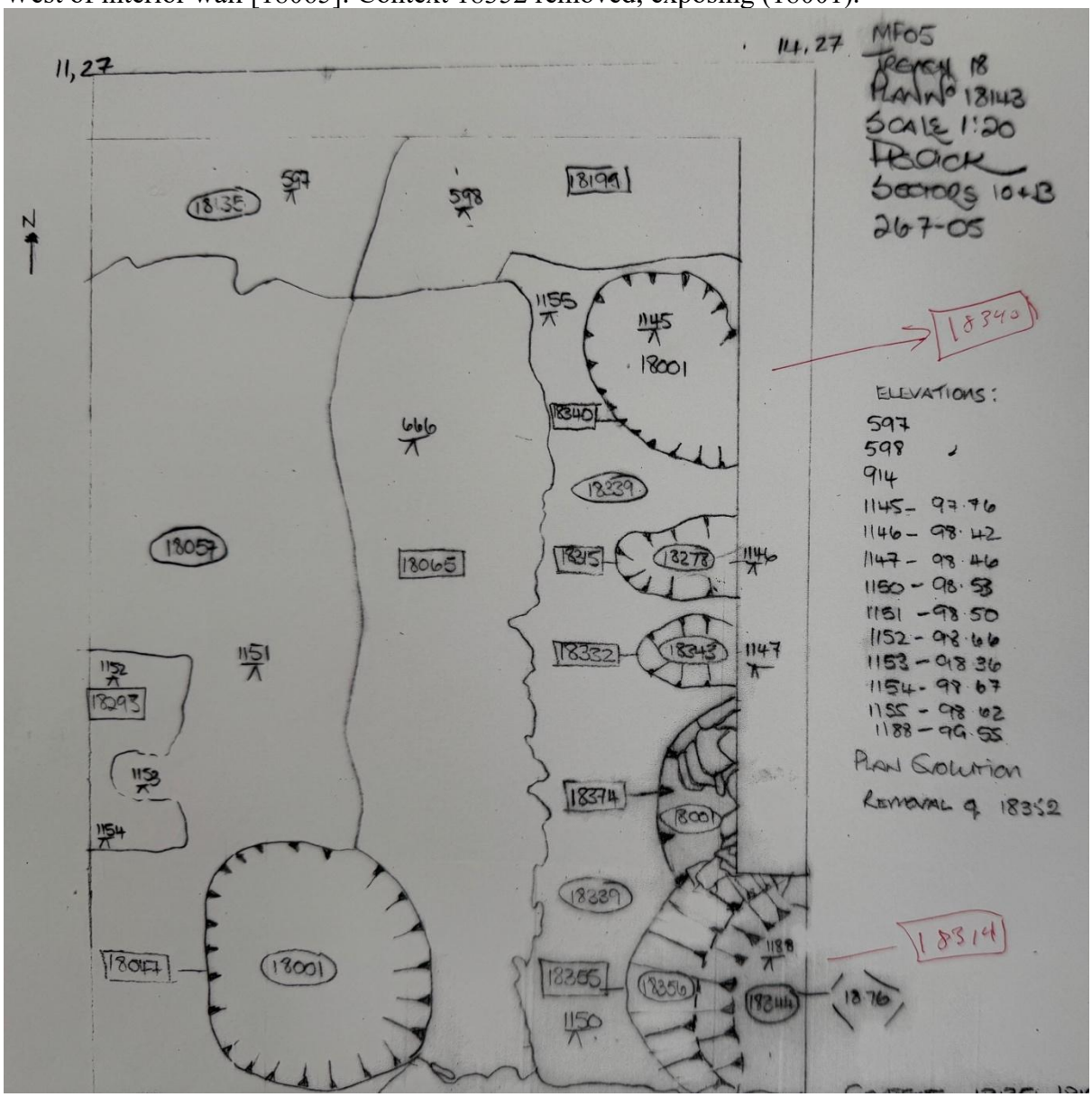


Figure 105: Plan 14 of 14 for Sector 13 (Plan 18.143).

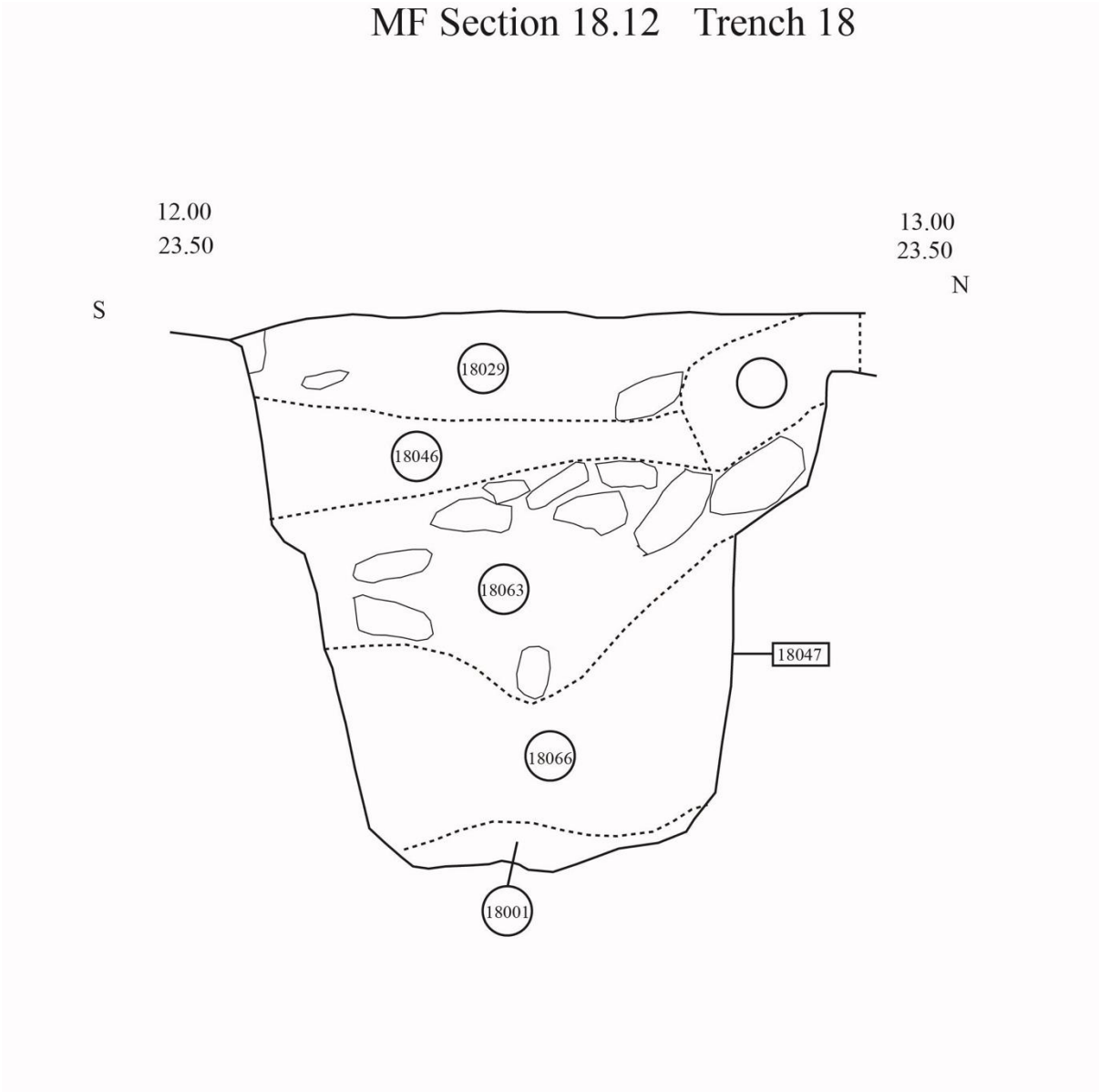


Figure 106: Section 18.12 is the cross section of a roughly circular pit situated between Sectors 10 & 13, just to the west of the inner wall [18065] of the North Building. The section drawing contains five deposits, with the bottom two most likely the primary fills of the pit (18063 & 18066), and the top three most likely layers that covered the filled in pit (18029, 18039, & 18048).

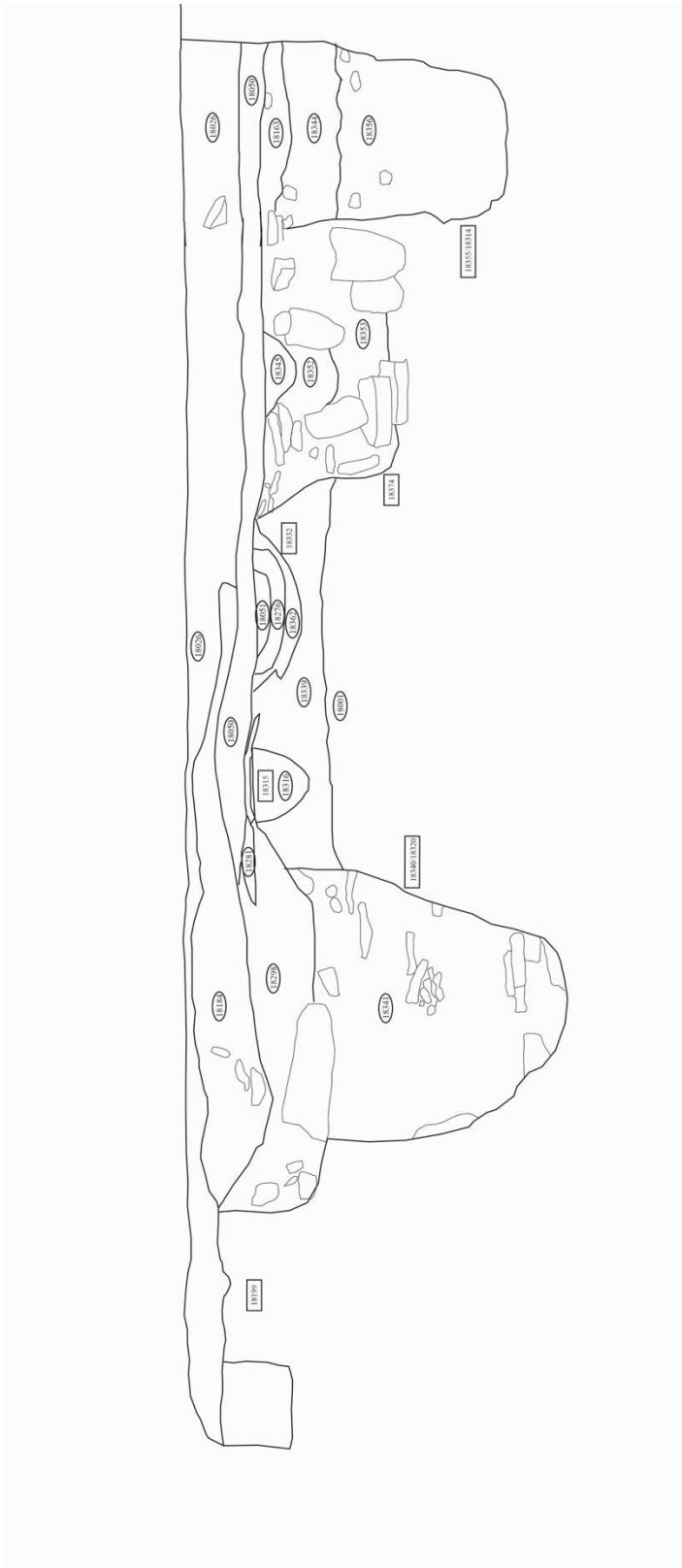


Figure 107: Section 18.60, east face of Sector 13, showing the remains of three large late Roman pits.

Context Information for Sector 13

(18026) LAYER

Description: A layer of loose, light mid-yellowish brown sandy gravel with small limestone inclusions. Averages c. 10 – 15 cm in depth. Produced moderate amount of material culture. Only partially excavated as of 26-7-02. Finished in 2004.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18051; 18050; 18054; 18056; 18027; and 18185.

Material Culture: A total of 155 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 20 RFWOX 2 RCWR 74 RFWR 2RFWDS 2 SM 10 RWW 9 RFWW 4 DOR 9 OXFRS 3 OXFWS 3 GR 3 ROBSH 1 D 13

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18026	1656	Metal	iron	object		1		MF02	12.45	24.70	98.60	
18026	1657	Stone	flint	flake		1		MF02	12.58	25.11	98.62	
18026	1661	Stone	jet?	Ring		1		MF02	12.72	25.23	98.58	
18026	2729	Metal	cu-alloy	Brooch	jewelry	1	Roman	MF04	12.40	26.54	98.51	

Interpretation: The layer seems to be a spread of gravel and mortar mixed material – most probably related to tumble from a structure. It overlies a burnt bit of material (18050).

MF04: large area of gravel spread forming part of destruction layer in North Building, lying directly on top of 18050.

(18027) LAYER

Description: Hard and compact light yellowish gray sandy gravel with limestone inclusions. Ranges in thickness from 2 – 6cm. Not fully excavated as of 27.7.02. Further excavated in MF04.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000, 18026, 18065, 18028, and 18057. Overlies 18057 & 18059.

Material Culture: A total of 4 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWR 2 RWW 2

Interpretation: Originally suspected to be part of the temple temenos wall, proved to be more of a spread of gravel and mortar. Very dense, with little re-working evident. Most likely the spread from a structure. MF04: Fairly extensive, homogenous spread of mortar covering western end of the North Building.

(18028) LAYER

Description: In context checklist "north: mortar limestone work." No further information in context sheet.

Relationships:

Material Culture: A total of 9 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 1 RCWR 5 SM 1 RWW 1 OXFWS 1

Interpretation:

(18029) FILL

Description: 50 – 50 limestone angular fragments ranging from 2 – 15cm approx. in a mid-brown sandy loam charcoal and mortar. Some (c. 15%) limestone showed evidence of burning (pink). Max thickness deposit 13cm.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000f. Overlies 18048 & 18039. Fill of 18047.

Material Culture: A total of 52 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 5 RCWR 28 RFWR 5RFWDS 2 SM 4 RFWW 7 GR 1

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18029	1582	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	11.80	23.10	98.57	

Interpretation: Possible dump of burnt building material and non-burnt.

(18039) FILL

Description: Mid-brown sandy loam with angular limestone pieces approx 20%. Some pink (effect burning) and pale yellow. Charcoal deposit in north corner approx. 20 x 20cm with pale pink putty-like deposit with charcoal, and orange and brown inclusions (1cm) ad .5cm deep covering (this area excavated to 6cm deep).

Relationships: Overlain by 18029. Abutted by 18048. Same as 18109. Overlies [18048]. Fill of 18047.

Material Culture: A total of 6 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 1 RCWR 5
Interpretation: Very burnt area with less masonry. May be site of a fire.

(18048) FILL

Description: Mid-brown sandy loam with angular limestone fragments (20%) of size 1 – 8cm. Some pink and some pale yellow (signs of burning). Very little charcoal. Proportion of non-burnt fragments approx. 60% (pale grey). Deposit thickness 10cm.
Relationships: Overlain by 18029. Overlies 18063. Butts 18039. Fill of 18047.
Material Culture: A total of 17 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 1 RCWR 5 RFWR 9RFWW 1 GR 1
Interpretation: Dumped burnt building material and non-burnt. Possibly associated with [18056].

(18050) LAYER

Description: A thin (c. 3 cm) thick, very dense layer of heavily burnt material. Friable and black with few if any inclusions. Only partially excavated as of 26.7.02. Surface exposed in Sections 10, 11, 13, and 14. Micromorphology indicates that material consists of fine sediment mixed with charcoal.
Relationships: Overlain by 18026 & 18167. Overlies 18051. Butts 18199, 18184, 18065, & 18118.
Material Culture: A total of 217 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 2 RCWR 32 RFWR 66 SM 8 IMPCC 6 RFWW 37 BWW 12 DOR 12 DOR 2 OXFWS 42 ROBSH 6 O 4
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18050	3302	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05				
18050	6789	Metal	iron	bar/lump		1		MF05				

Interpretation: The material seems to be a large surface of heavy burning. It is very regular and is contained by the wall [18065]. Covers the entire floor surface of North Building. The uppermost floor surface in the North Building. The surface seems to be an accumulation of material inside the structure. It overlies a series of other possible floor levels.

(18051) LAYER

Description: Compact, mid-pinkish loam. Very thin band of material (c. 2cm thick). Not excavated as of 27.7.02.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050 & 18026. Overlies 18052 & 18053. Butts 18065.
Material Culture: A total of 34 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 3 RFWOX 1 RCWR 14 SM 3 RWW 6 ROBSH 5 D 2
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18051	3441	Stone		whetstone		1		MF05	13.85	25.85	98.56	
18051	3442	Metal	cu-alloy	pellet		1	Unknown	MF05	14.58	24.82	98.54	

Interpretation: Not excavated as of 27.7.02.

(18057) LAYER

Description: Friable, dark brown, fairly homogenous sandy loam with slight limestone inclusions. Only partially excavated as of 27.7.02.
Relationships: Overlain by 18027. Abutted by 18059 & 18037. Butts 18065.
Material Culture: A total of 50 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 6 RCWR 6 RFWF 6 RWW 6 DOR 1 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 7 GR 1 D 7
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18057	3775	Metal	iron	ferrule		1		MF05	11.82	25.01	98.44	

Interpretation: A pocket of soil directly underneath the mortar spread 18027 and running up against the west side of wall [18065].

(18063) FILL

Description: Mid-brown sandy loam with angular limestone fragments 60% of size 3 – 15cm, colored pink and pale yellow (signs of burning) with flecks and area (2 – 3cm diameter) of charcoal. Fragments approx. 60% show no signs of burning (pale grey). Max thickness 33cm.
Relationships: Overlain by 18048. Overlies 18064 & 18066. Fill of 18047.
Material Culture: A total of 12 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 2 RFWR 7RFWW 1 D 2
Interpretation: Dumped burnt and non-burnt building material. Consisting of large blocks of material and roof tile. Possibly associated with [18056].

[18065] STRUCTURE

Description: Only very surface exposed as of 27.702. Consists of mid-sized c. 10 – 15cm limestone blocks, irregular finish and shape. Two faces exposed. Runs north – south. About 70 – 80cm wide. Possible rubble infill. Blocks are positioned nearly vertically.
Relationships: Overlain by 18054, 18026, 18027. Same as 18056. Cuts 18053 (possibly).
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The suggestion of a possibly substantial wall covered in a spread of mortar and gravel. Too early as of 27.7.02 to comment further. Same as 18056. As of MF04: entire wall revealed. It is the west wall of the North Building. Bottom course of stones that is the base/foundation of the wall, which has been heavily truncated.

(18066) FILL

Description: Friable layer of brown sandy loam at bottom of the pit. Interface between the upper fills and underlying natural sand.
Relationships: Overlain by 18064 & 18063. Overlies 18001. Fill of 18047.
Material Culture: A total of 1 sherd of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RWW 1
Interpretation: The basal deposit – very thin layer of sandy material at the bottom of the pit. Not very substantial. No material culture found.

*(18184) LAYER NO INFORMATION ON CONTEXT SHEET.

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: No information available.

(18185) LAYER

Description: Mid-brown friable sandy loam with small amount of limestone inclusions (6 – 10cm) and yellow pebbles. About 2 – 5 cm thick. Covers areas above underlying wall [18305].
Relationships: Overlain by 18026. Same as 18152. Overlies 18305.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18185	2856	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04	8.85	12.8-	97.94	

Interpretation: A thin layer of material directly covering over one of the walls of the North Building. The material was loose than derived from the wall – limestone blocks, gravel, & mortar.

[18199] STRUCTURE

Description: Consists of 10 – 15cm angular limestone blocks, with mortar in matrix. The stones are no more than 3cm thick on average and are sticking diagonally up with a few flat stones leveling of surface in places. Lots of gravel and mortar, but it is not faced and not well bonded.
Relationships: Overlain by 18183, 18000, 18198, and 18167. Abutted by 18050 & 18227. Same as 18305. Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: East west running wall in the northern part of the North Building. The bottom of 3 courses of stone work that characterize the walls in the North Building. Served as the foundation upon which structure was built – covered in mortar, gravel and rubble from destruction layers.

(18202) LAYER

Description: Compact dark soil – almost black. Homogenous, with small charcoal inclusions 2 – 3cm thick. Fairly small, discrete area.
Relationships: Overlain by 18026. Overlies 18057 & 18029.
Material Culture: A total of 11 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 1 RCWR 6 RFWR 1RFWW 1 D 2
Interpretation: A small patch of charcoal rich sediments that are most likely directly associated with the furnace 18294.

(18266) LAYER

Description: Very thin lens of mid-brownish grey silty clay with heavy ash and charcoal in the matrix.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050 & 18267. Overlies 18288 & 18339. Butts 18199.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Small discrete patch of ash and soil butting the north wall of the North Building. Part of the 1st phase of use – possibly industrial – inside the North Building.

(18267) LAYER

Description: Loose yellow sandy silt with no inclusions. Thin layer with max depth of 15mm.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Overlies 18266.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Small, discrete context with no finds underlying 18050 floor surface of the North Building. The context was very different to the surrounding contexts. It was much softer and came aways very easily when trowelled.

(18273) LAYER

Description: Soft – very slight patch of brownish black soil with no inclusions. Roughly circular – 25cm in diameter and 1 – 2cm thick. Trowelled away very easily.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Overlies 18298.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Small patch of material – high charcoal context. Related to first phase of North Building industrial use.

(18274) LAYER

Description: Friable mid-blackish brown sandy clay with slight (< 10%) limestone pebble inclusions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Overlies 18339.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A thin deposit of soil near [19065] in North Building. Part of the 1st phase? No evidence for function.

(18276) LAYER

Description: Removal of layer 18276. 1. Firm powdery residues, with much reddish-brown earth initially visible. 2. Black, grey, and white (ash) reddish-colored earth. 4. Some burnt. Bone. No inclusions. 5. 1mm at edges, deepens to over 50mm in center. Approximately 500 by 400mm when measured east – west, but with more beneath the baulk.
Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Overlies 18268.
Material Culture: A total of 3 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWR 1 SM 2
Interpretation: The layer comprises much wood ash and heat affected earth at points to north, south, and west. Some burnt bone found in black ash. Reside of burning possibly associated with hearth [18282]. From first phase of industrial activity in the north building.

(18281) LAYER

Description: Medium brown compact fine grain silt with white stone inclusions, all of similar sizes (c. 50mm). The context was fairly thin (c. 15 – 50mm thick).
Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Overlies 18278.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The context underlies 18051, the floor level of the North Building. It contained no finds and although extending little into Sector 13, appears to extend further into Sector 14. The context was hard to trowel,

much harder than the surrounding contexts. The context was between the two major phases of charcoal accumulation in the building.

[18282] STRUCTURE

Description: Large limestone blocks 15cm in length. Feature 50 x 20cm. Coarsely cut stone, with some evidence for clay bonding.
Relationships: Overlain by 18345. Same as 18352. Overlies 18268.
Material Culture: A total of 4 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWR 4
Interpretation: Hearth feature in southeast corner of the North Building, probably the source of a number of assorted burnt deposits and ash lens – part of the '1st phase' of activity.

(18288) LAYER

Description: Soft, very fine sandy silt. Mix of whitish-grey and black. No inclusions. C. 2cm thick and concentrated in roughly small circular patch c. 20cm in diameter. Troweled by hand.
Relationships: Overlain by 18266. Overlies 18298.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A small pocket of fine ashy material. Part of a collection of ash dumps and lens situated towards the north wall of the North Building. Under 18050 and most likely part of the first phase of activity.

[18293] CUT

Description: Shallow scoop cut of circular plan shape into context 18057. Cut after pit [18047]. Temporally, cut is filled by 18294, 18295, and 18028. The cut shape is shallow 'U' shaped in section and circular in plan. The cut is c. 1 meter in diameter.
Relationships: Overlain by 18294. Filled by 18294, 18295, and 18028. Cuts 18047 and 18057.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The red discoloration of 18057 where the cut has been made suggests high temperatures. The ashy deposits above the clay lining (18294) containing bone and pottery finds appears to be the remains of burning, possibly for industry. There are similar burnt patches in sectors 13 and 14. The cut was made as part of a structure like a small hearth or furnace. The cut was made as part of the construction of furnace [18294].

[18294] STRUCTURE

Description: A compact and medium hard clay. It is a creamy yellow color with some white and orange patches. The layer has an average thickness of about 4cm and it lines the whole of cut [18293]. The clay forms the setting for a layer of large angular limestone blocks forming a hearth.
Relationships: Overlain by 18295. Overlies 18097. Fill of [18293].
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The clay lining appears to form part of the structure of cut [18293] in which burning seems to have taken place. The clay is a lining forming part of the hearth/furnace structure. The context number given to the structure of the furnace situated between the temenos walls and interior wall [18065] associated with the North Building. Similar to furnace in the North Building.

(18295) LAYERS

Description: A compact and soft ashy layer with charcoal inclusions. Black in color. An average thickness of 5cm throughout the cut.
Relationships: Overlain by 18028. Overlies 18294. Fill of [18293].
Material Culture: A total of 10 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWR 3 RFWR 2GR 1 ROBSH 3
Interpretation: This ashy deposit seems to be the result of burning within the cut [18293]. It is very similar to the other black, ashy deposits in areas of burning in Sectors 13 and 14. A deposit of ash and charcoal accumulated inside the hearth/furnace [18294].

(18298) LAYER

Description: 1. Powder, firm. 2. Grey, greyish white, pure white ash with one piece of charcoal. 3. Ash. 4. No inclusions. 5. From 1 to 30mm deep at center. 6. C. 450mm (north to south) x 750mm (east – west). 7. The baulk at east overlies part of 18298. 8. Dry conditions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18051 & 18288. Overlies 18341 & 18340.
Material Culture: A total of 6 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWR 4 SM 2
Interpretation: Could be wood ash forming a minor heap, dumped adjacent to other small heaps towards the north and west walls of the workshop in which there are hearths and a furnace. Substantial dump of ash. Over top of pit fill. Stratigraphically lower than 18050 – from 1st phase of activity.

(18323) LAYER

Description: Firm brownish grey ashy material with no inclusions. Excavation revealed to be part of 18298 – refer to 18298 context sheet for detailed info.
Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Same as 18298. Overlies 18341 & 18340. Butts 18199.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation:

(18332) CUT

Description: To the west of baulk, shape in plan is 400 x 500mm. Cut [18332] reveals a multi-layer fill of ash (colored grey, white, and black) as compacted fire power and occasional charcoal.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Filled by 18276, 18362, and 18051. Cuts 18339.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Cut of a small clay-lined hearth in the North Building. Contains several fills and is clearly situated beneath 18050. Part of "Phase 1" of the North Building. Does not seem substantial enough to have been used for industrial purposes – at least not to the same extent as the hearths found elsewhere in Trench 18.

(18339) LAYER

Description: Compact dark brown sandy clay with small flecks of limestone inclusion about 10 – 15cm deep.
Relationships: Overlain by 18318, 18316, 18362, 18050, 18051, 18274, and 18276. Cut by 18340, 18315, 18332, & 18355. Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The underlying pre-Roman soil that all Roman contexts are either cut into or built over. Found throughout Trench 18 and identified as a number of different contexts.

(18341) FILL

Description: Big stones on top surface. Beneath, fine brown loam mixed with potsherds, oyster shells, bone, more stones, several burnt stones and at 300mm beneath 18298 iron nail. Deeper than 400mm sandy loam, still with pot, oyster, bone, big stones, burnt stones, until base reached at 760mm below ash of 18298. Base is all sand. Approx 660 x 700mm at base, 800 x 700mm at top.
Relationships*:* Overlain by 18298. Overlies 18001. Fill of 18340.
Material Culture: A total of 42 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RFWOX 3 RFWR 5SM 9 IMPCC 2 RWW 3 RFWW 3 BWW 2 DOR 4
OXFWS 4 GR 1 D 5 O 1
Interpretation: Broad deep pit dug in early Roman period, and subsequently filled with loam and numerous big stones. Pit probably continues under the baulk. The infill with courses of placed large limestone blocks strongly indicates a deliberate fill. Possibly in preparation for the subsequent construction of North Building.

(18343) LAYER

Description: Refer to 18362 sheet for detailed info. Bottom deposit of hearth [18332].
Relationships: Same as 18362.
Material Culture:
Interpretation:

(18345) LAYER

Description: Mid reddish-brown sandy loam with small flecks of limestone inclusions < 2cm think & only over underlying structure [18282].
Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Overlies 18282, 18268, & 18352.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A small lens of heat stained sediment lying over a small hearth [18282]. 1st phase of activity in the North Building.

[18352] STRUCTURE

Description: Filled in detail on context sheet for (18282). Please refer to that sheet for description and interpretation.
Relationships: Overlain by 18345. Same as 18282. Overlies 18353.
Material Culture:
Interpretation:

*(18362) LAYER CAN'T FIND CONTEXT SHEET

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

*[18374] CUT CAN'T FIND CONTEXT SHEET

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Interpretation: No information available.

SECTOR 14

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 14) over the center of the "North Building", including the north wall and extending almost to the south wall of the building. The topsoil in the Sector was removed by mechanical digger in MF03, revealing one mixed context (18019), shown in Plan 18.40. The Sector was further excavated in MF04 (Plans 18.56, ####, 18.68, and 18.85). The Sector was further excavated in MF05 (Plans 18.108, 18.107, 18.116, 18.120, 18.123, 18.126, 18.129, 18.134, & 18.135.

Plan 18.40 (1 of 14)

The topsoil was removed, revealing (18019).

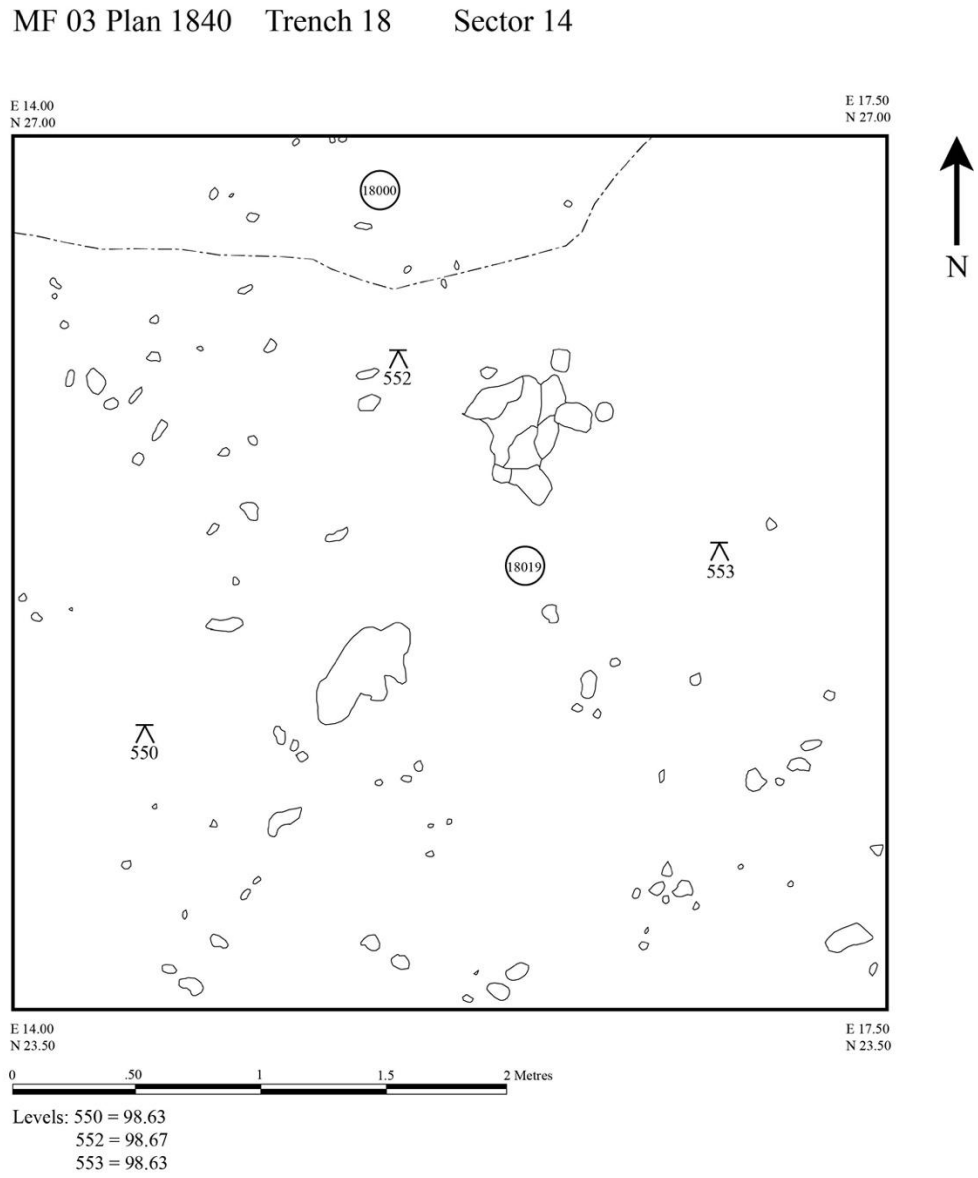


Figure 108: Plan 1 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.40).

Plan 18.56 (2 of 14)

Context 18019 was removed, revealing contexts (18167, 18168, 18169, 18170, 18171, 18172, & 18173).

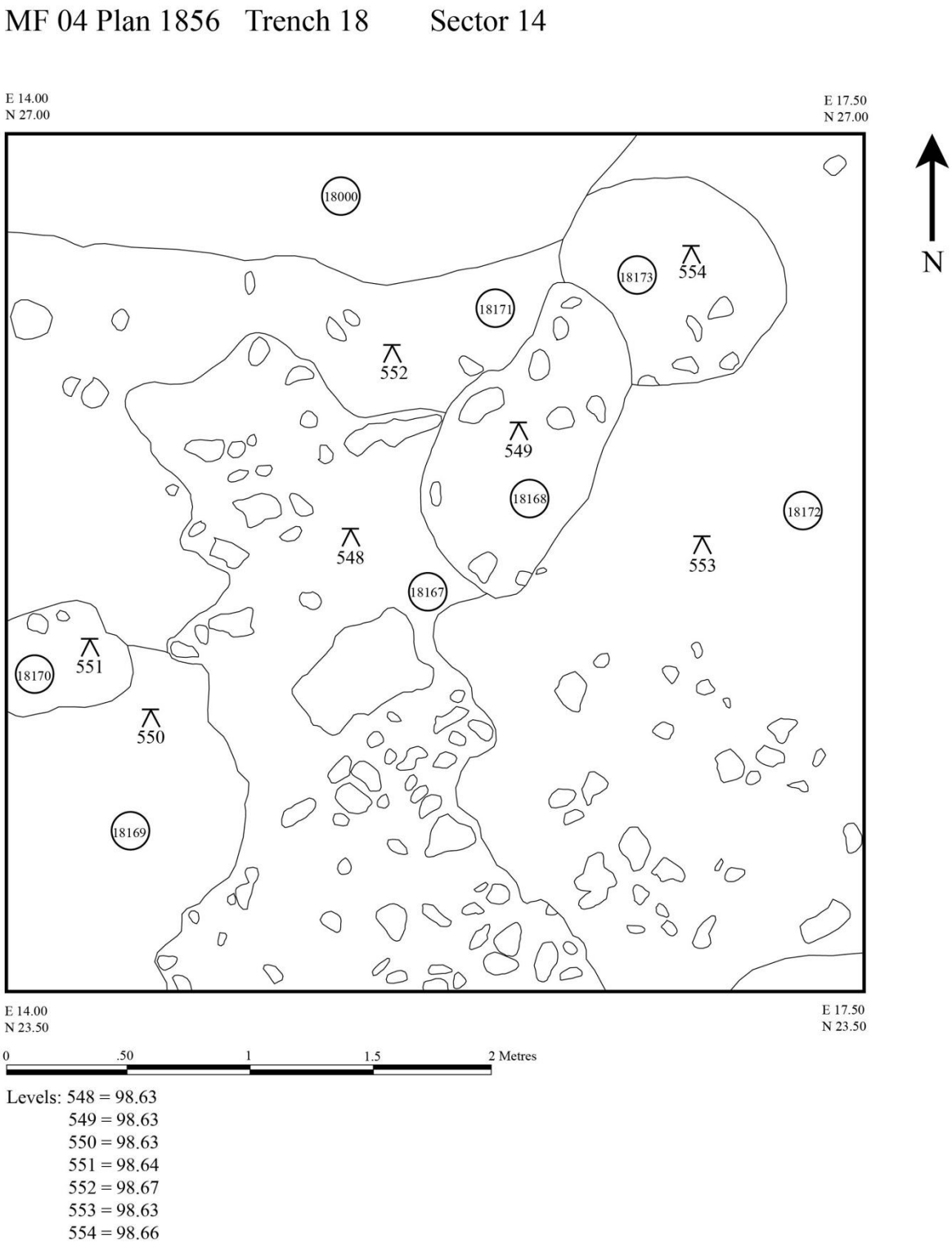


Figure 109: Plan 2 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.56).

Plan 18.60 (3 of 14)

The rest of topsoil 18000 was removed, revealing context 18183.

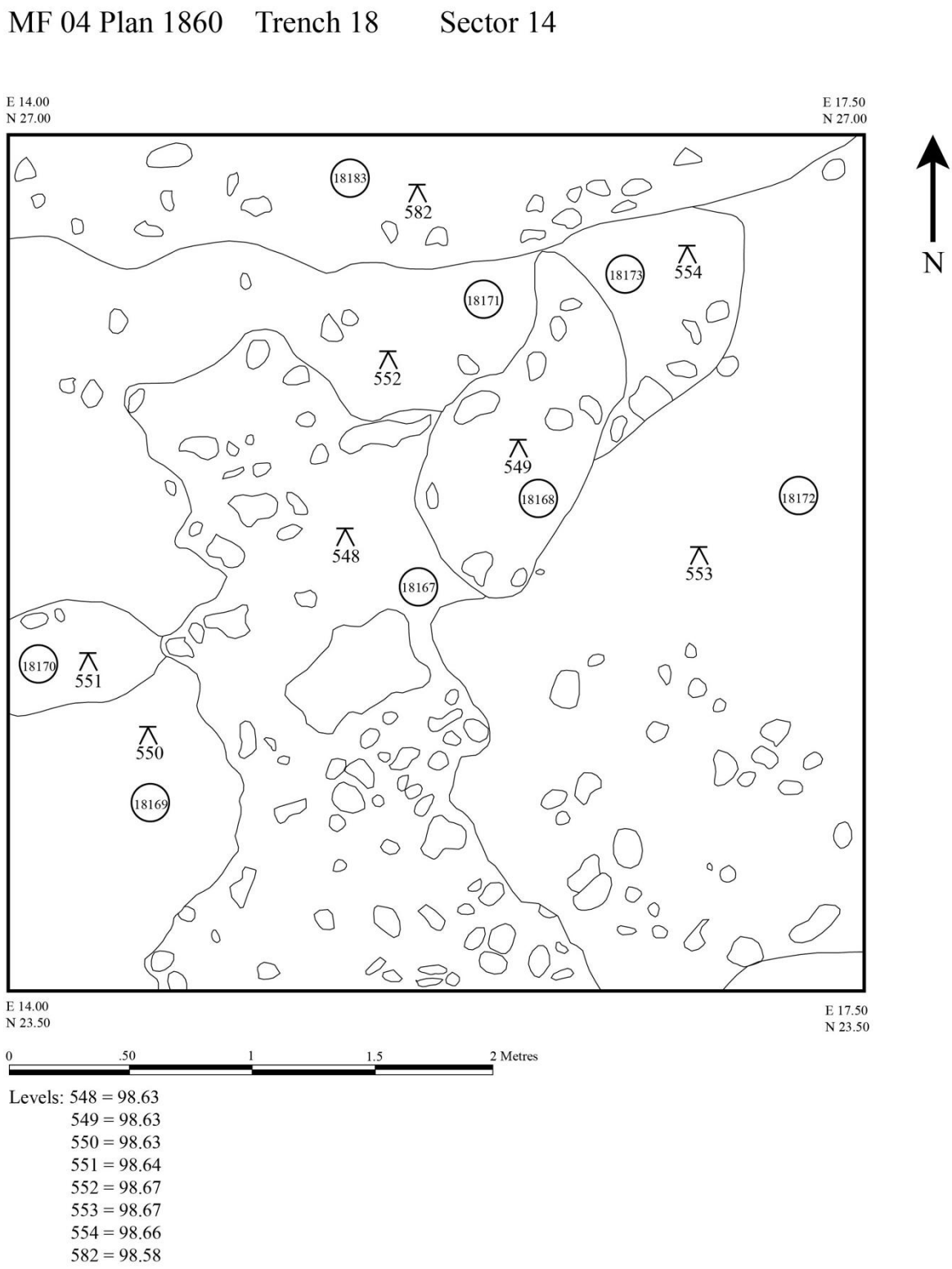


Figure 110: Plan 3 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.60).

Plan 18.68 (4 of 14)

Context 18183 removed to reveal 18198 & 18199. Contexts 18172 & 18173 removed, revealing 18196 & 18197 and further exposing 18167. Contexts 18170 & 18171 removed, further exposing 18167. Context 18169 removed, revealing 18050.

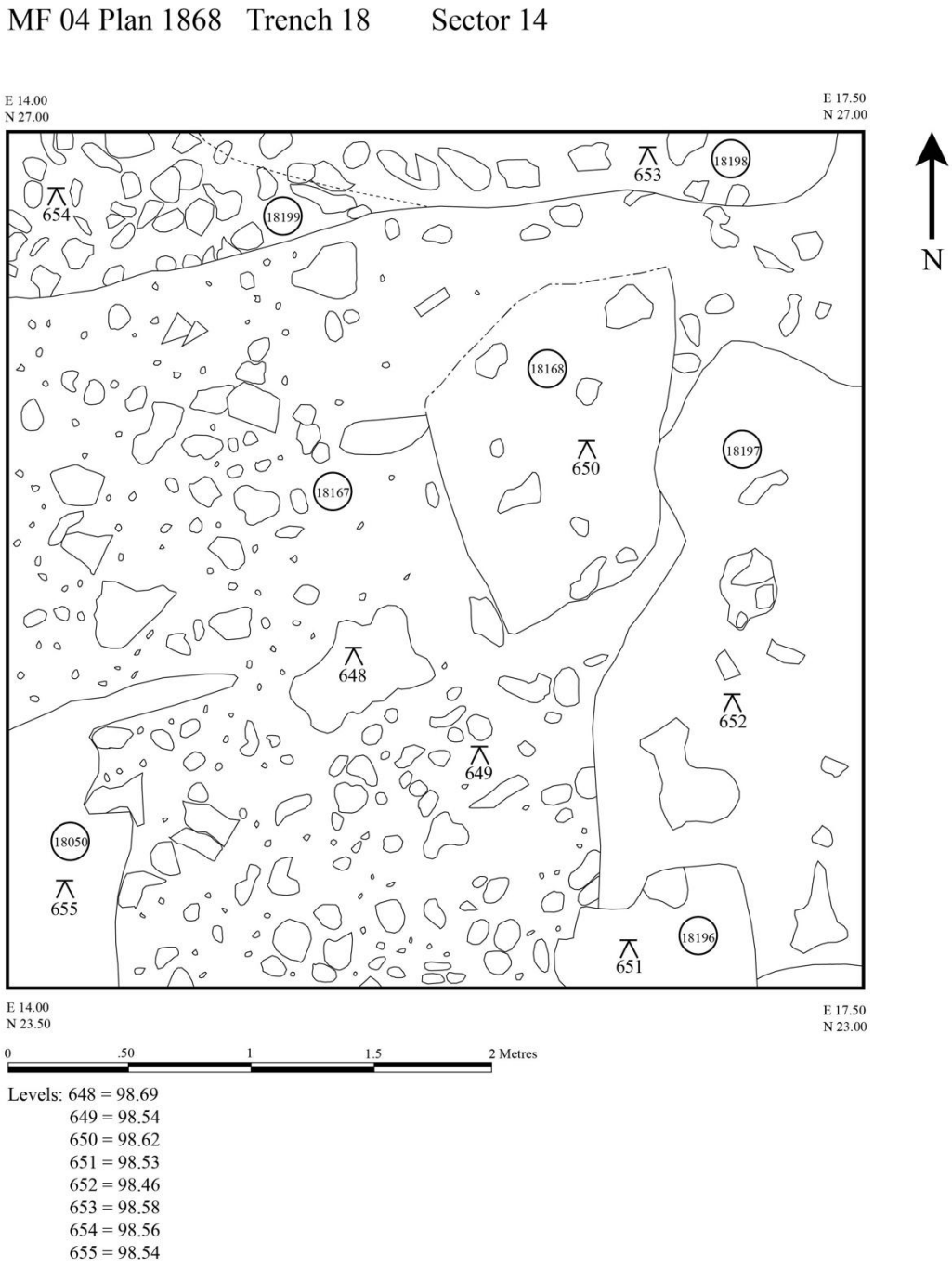


Figure 111: Plan 4 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.68).

Plan 18.85 (5 of 14)

Most of Context 18167 removed, further exposing 18050, better defining wall [18199], and revealing 18213. Context 18189 removed, further exposing [18199] and revealing 18227. Most of Context 18168 removed, further exposing 18050 and revealing 18200. Context 18196 removed, further exposing 18050.

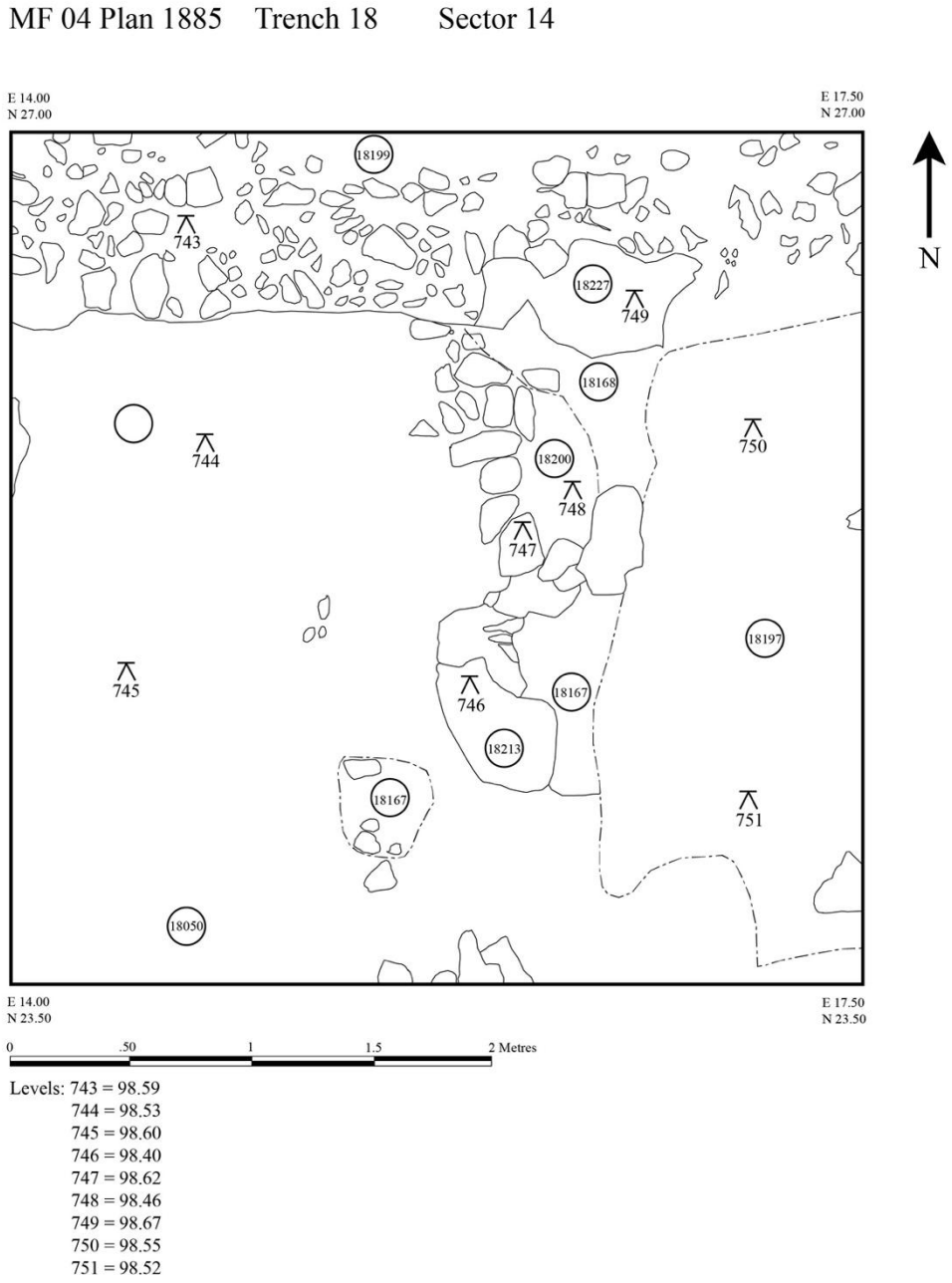


Figure 112: Plan 5 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.85).

Plan 18.106 (6 of 14)
Sector evolution: Context 18050 was removed, revealing two large underlying deposits (18051, 18270, & 18275); cut [18320] and its upper fill (18319); several small patches of material (18268 & 18269); and part of a stone structure [18371]. Debris was cleared off wall [18199] and the area just north of the wall, further defining the wall and revealing context (18272) just outside the wall to the north. Contexts 18272 & 18168 were removed, further exposing underlying hearth/furnace [18200]. Context 18167 was removed, revealing 18271.

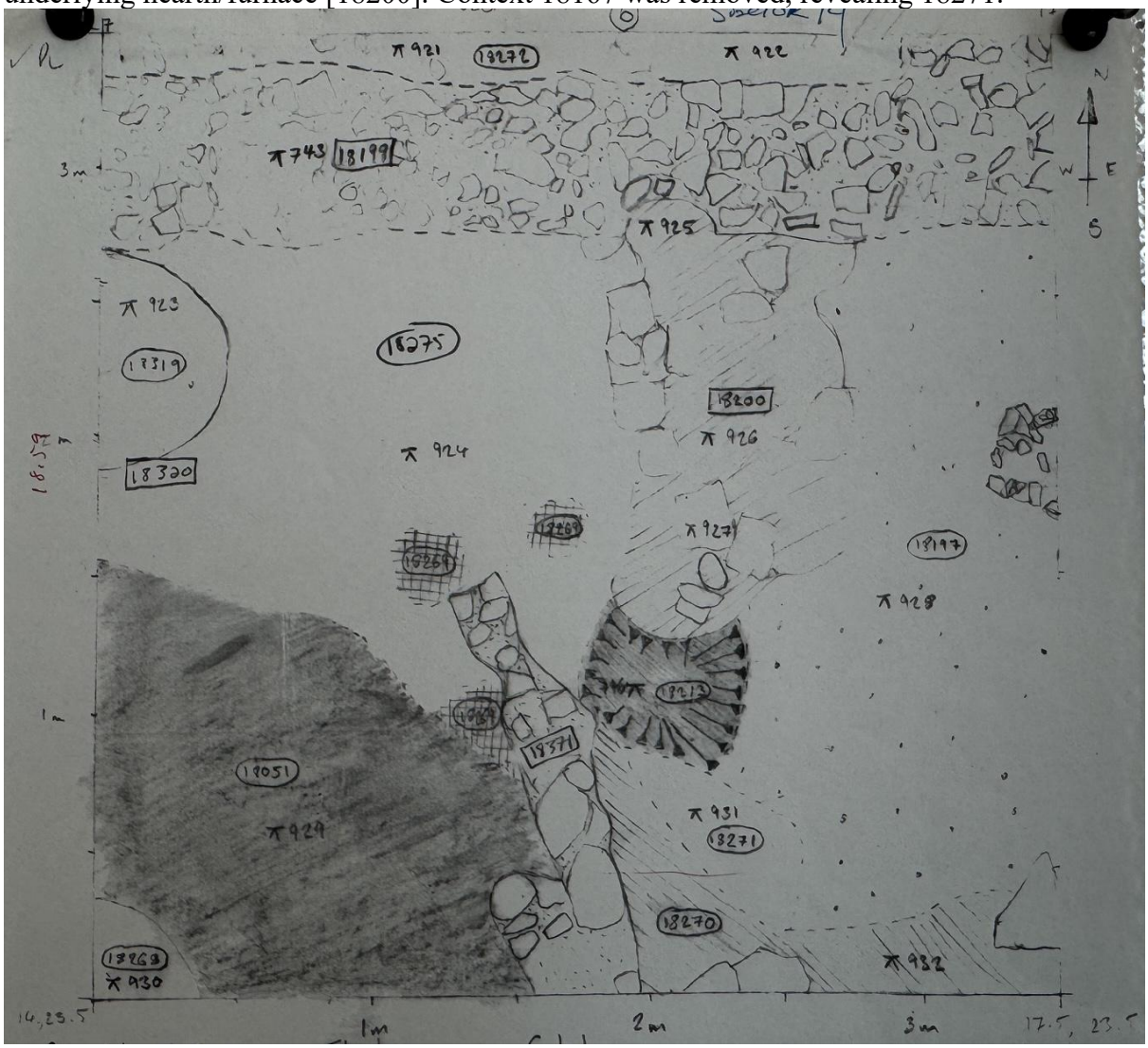


Figure 113: Plan 6 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.106).

Plan 18.107 (7 of 14)

Sector evolution: Context 18051 was removed, further exposing 18275, and revealing three small deposits of sediment (18276, 18277, & 18278). Further clearing of 18275 and removal of 18051 revealed cut [18315] and its upper fill 18316.

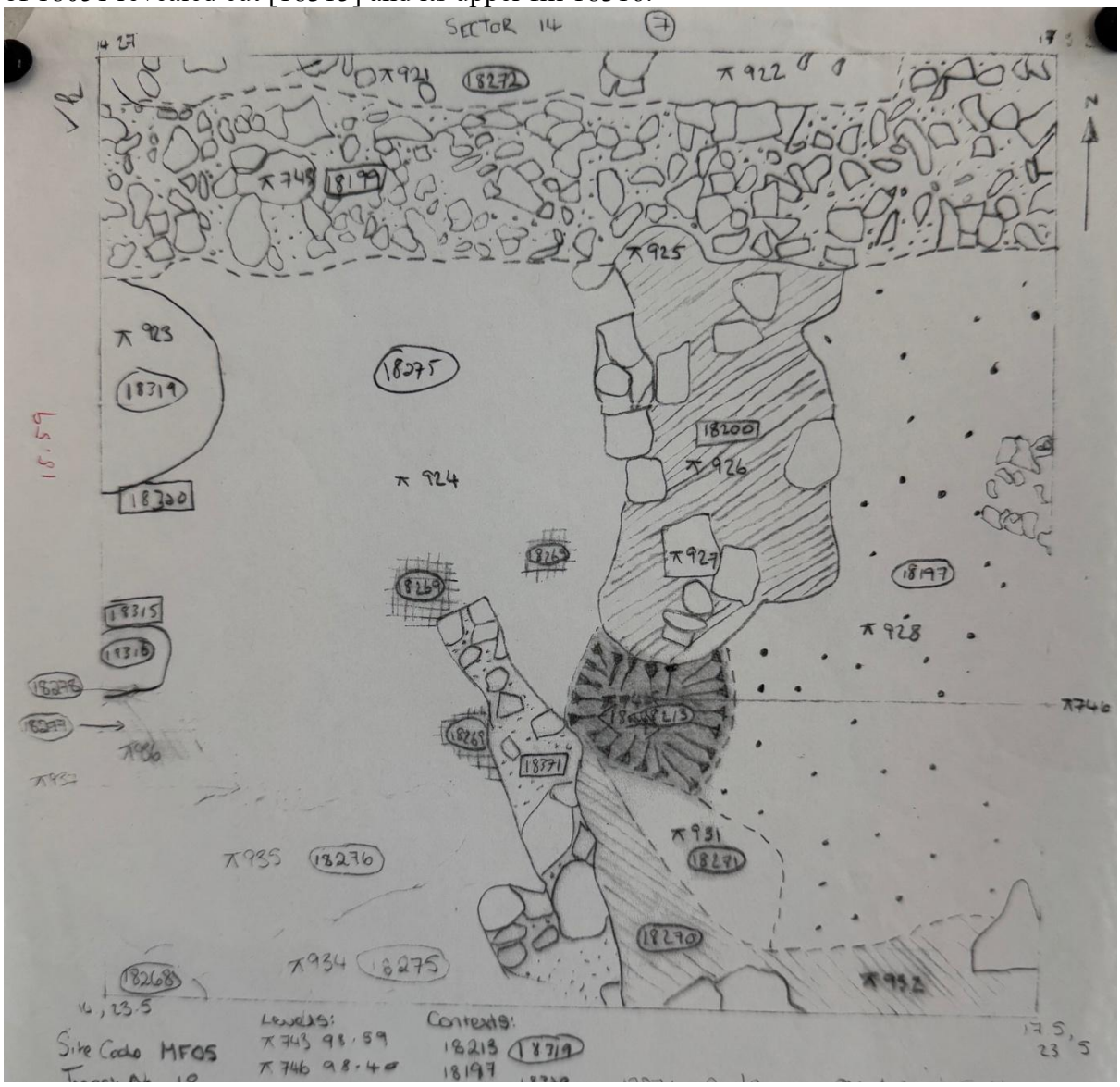


Figure 114: Plan 7 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.107).

Plan 18.116 (8 of 14)
Sector evolution: Context 18213 removed, revealing 18299. Contexts at the north-east part of the Sector clarified, adding 18296 and 18297. Contexts at the south-west corner of the Sector clarified, adding 18313.

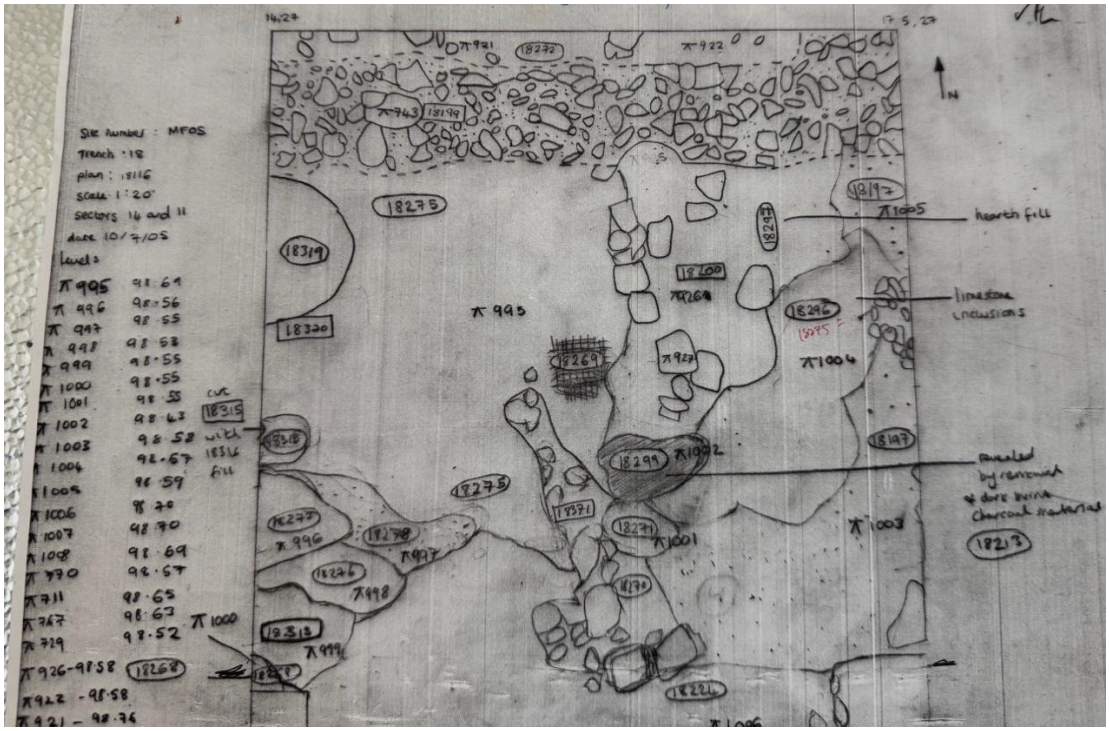


Figure 115: Plan 8 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.116).

Plan 18.120 (9 of 14)
Sector evolution: Context 18224 removed, further exposing 18197. This change in plan mainly is relevant to Sector 11.

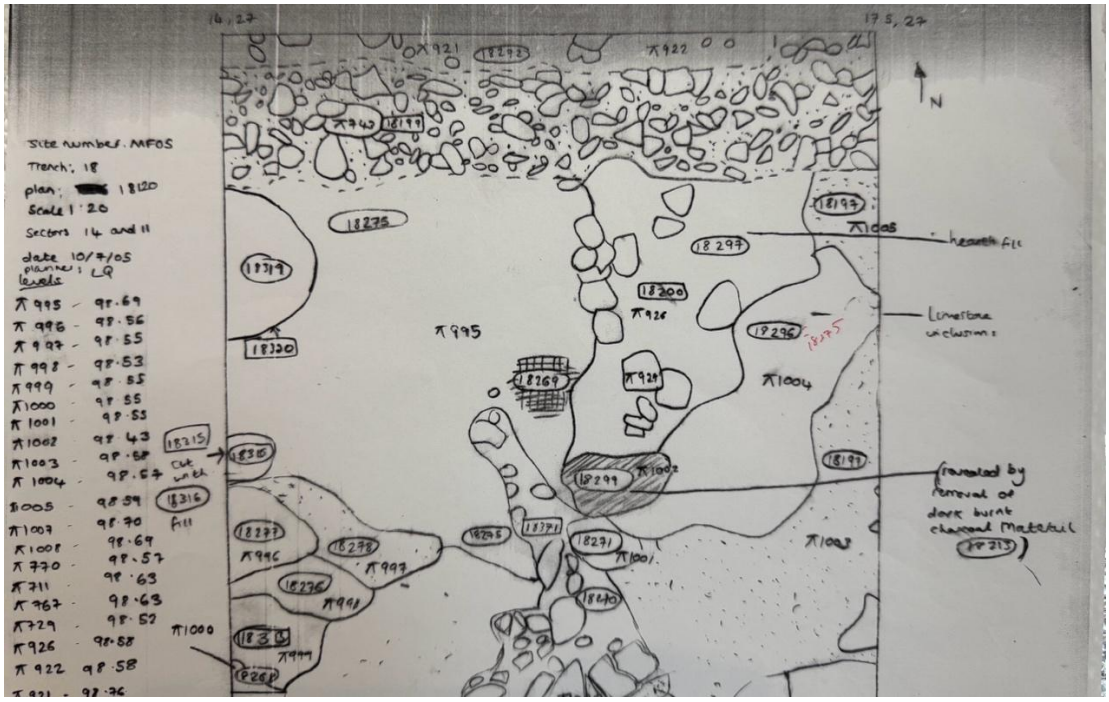


Figure 116: Plan 9 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.120).

Plan 18.123 (10 of 14)

Sector evolution: Context 18371 removed, further exposing 18275 & 18270.

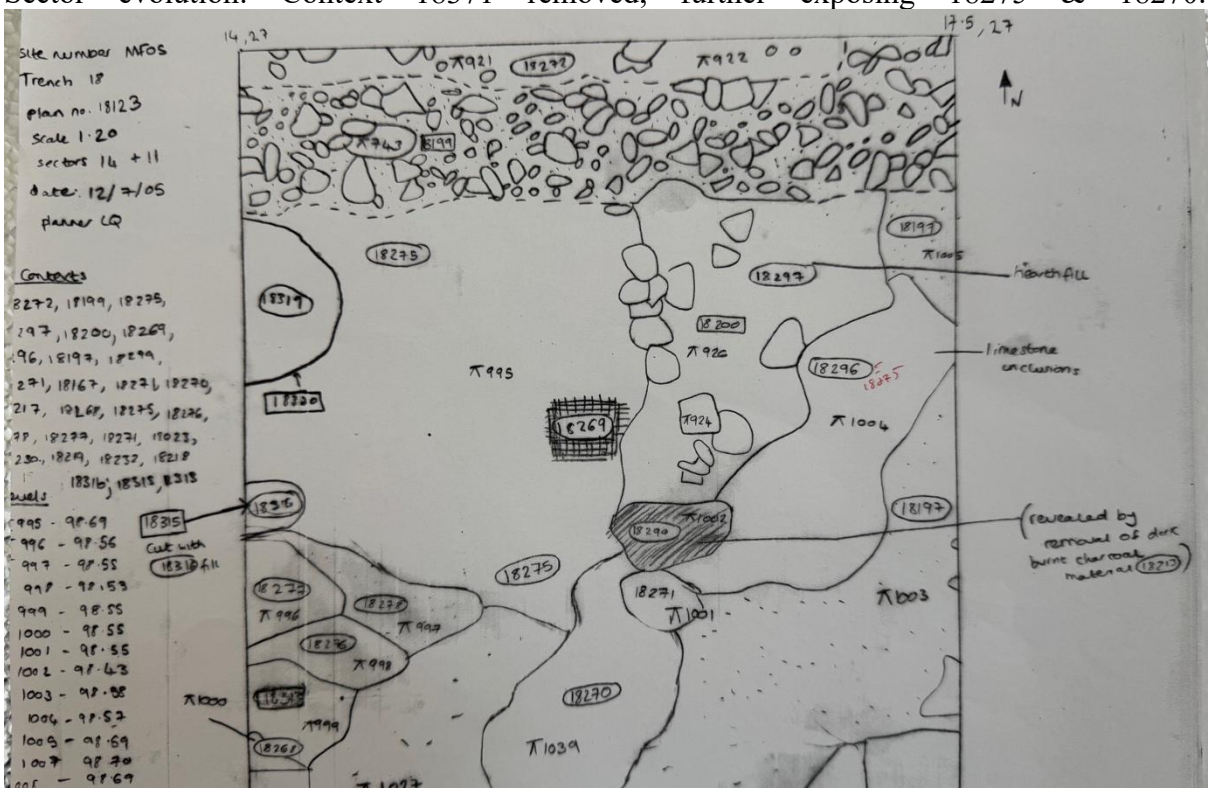


Figure 117: Plan 10 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.123).

Plan 18.126 (11 of 14)

Sector evolution: Context 18269 removed, further exposing 18275. Context 18278 removed, further exposing 18276.

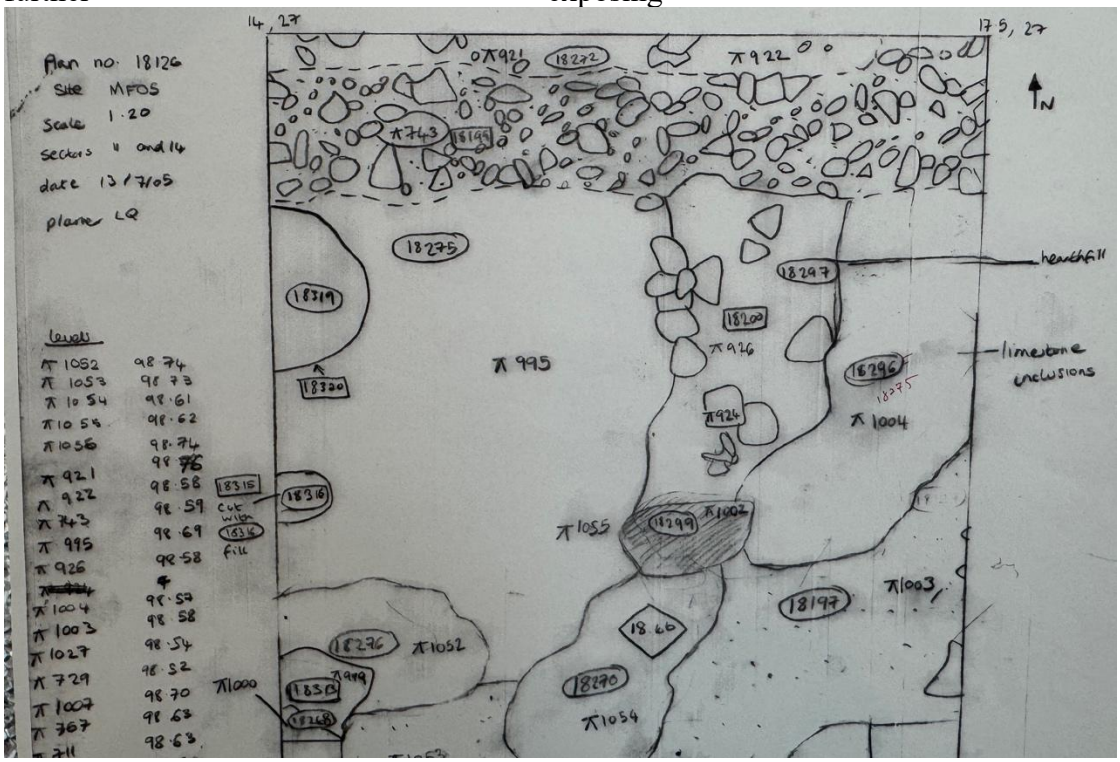


Figure 118: Plan 11 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.126).

Plan 18.129 (12 of 14)
Sector evolution: Contexts 18270 & 18311 removed, further exposing 18197.

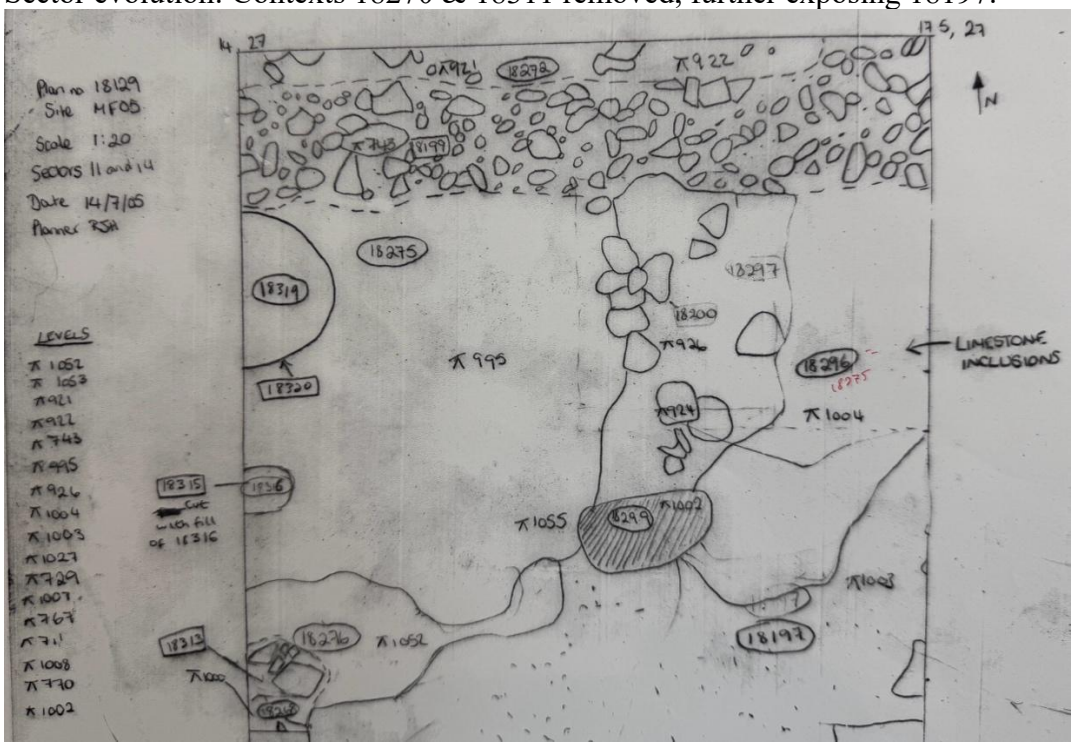


Figure 119: Plan 12 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.129).

Plan 18.134 (13 of 14)
Sector evolution: Context 18275 cleaned down, revealing cut 18342 and its fill 18348.

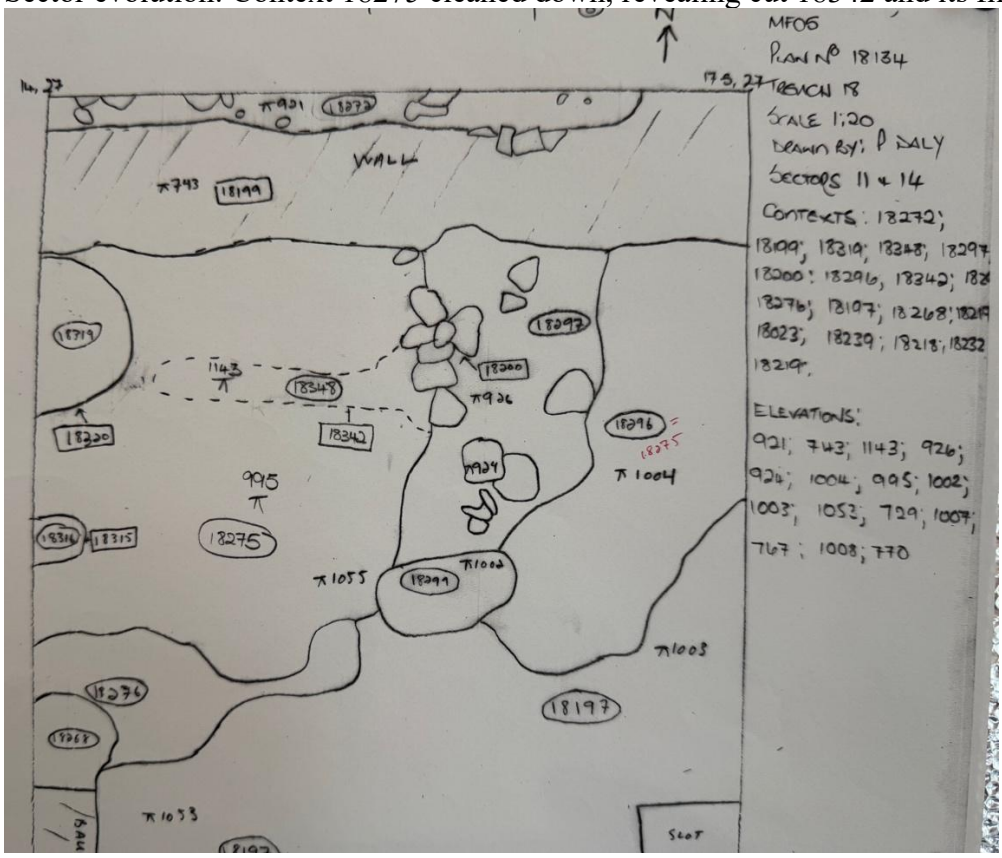


Figure 120: Plan 13 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.134).

Plan 18.135 (14 of 14)
Sector evolution: This final plan comes after the fill of the hearth (18297) was cleared out, fully exposing the structure of the feature [18200], and after all of the cuts along the west edge of the sector were excavate in full (see Section 18.59). Clearing down 18296, to the east of hearth 18200, revealed 18330.

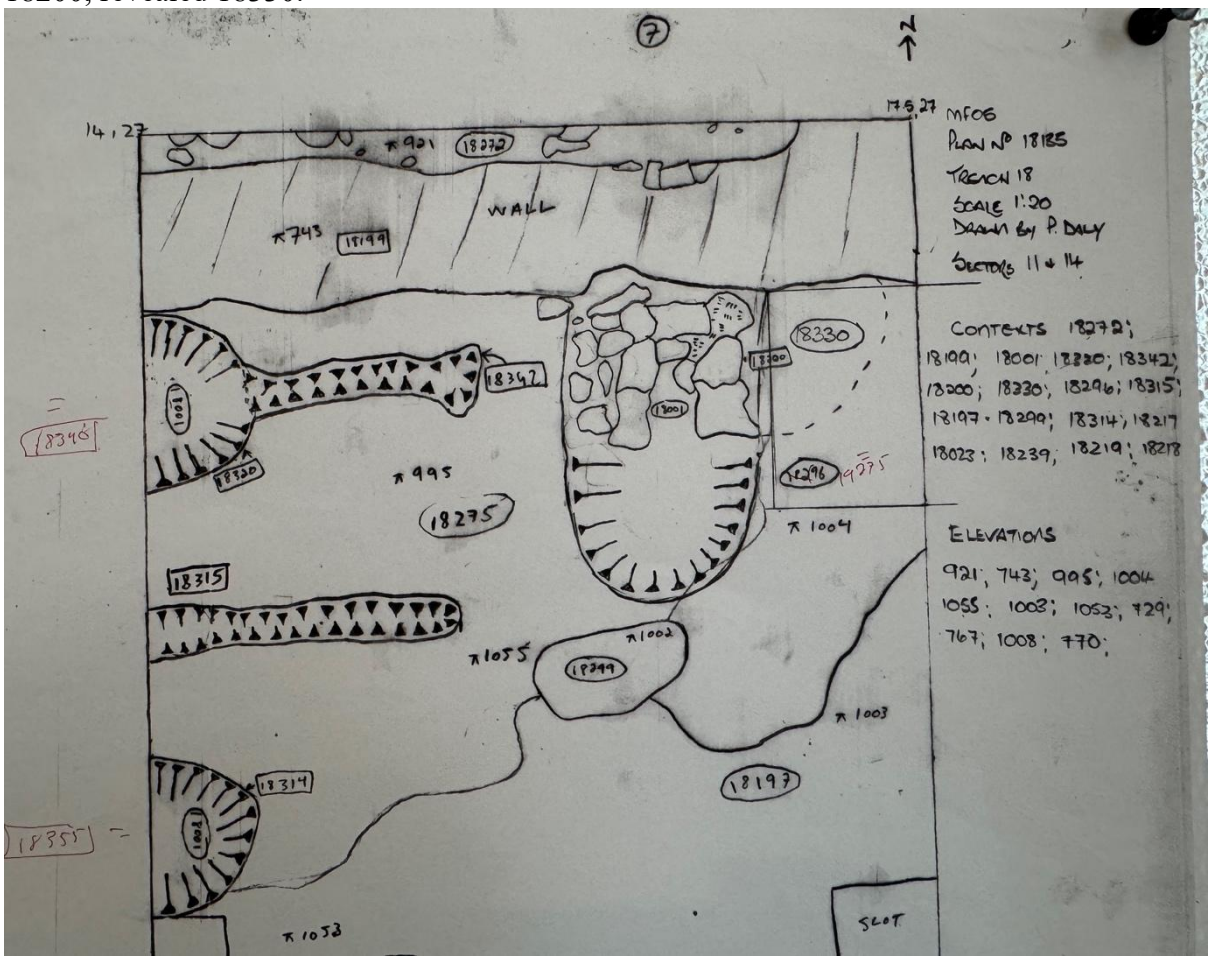


Figure 121: Plan 14 of 14 for Sector 14 (Plan 18.135).

Section 18.59

This section runs along the west-edge of Sector 14, running north – south. We interpret FOUR potential phases evident within this section:

Phase 1 (Pre-construction): Context 18275 is a thick layer of sediment that seemed to be the pre-structure ground surface. This layer contains some Roman ceramics, suggesting Roman activity in the area before digging puts and building the North Building. This context is found throughout Trench 18.

Phase 2 (post-holes): There are three cuts through 18275 captured in the section drawing: 18314, 18315, and 18320. 18314 is a pit/possible post-hole that contains three fills (18268, 18317, & 18318 from top to bottom). Both of the large postholes seem to have been deliberately filled and packed down. We interpret this to be an intentional act to fill and stabilize the two postholes in preparation for the construction of the North Building. A small gully [18315], filled by (18316) is also cut through (18275) in between the two postholes, but its function is not clear.

Phase 3 (North Building): The active phase of the North Building, as evident in this Section, consists of two main elements. The foundation of the north wall of the building [18199], running east – west, seems to have been cut through (18275) down to just above the underlying natural bedrock. Context 18050 is the main floor surface of within the North Building.

Phase 4 (destruction layers): There are three deposits that seem to represent the destruction and post-destruction period of the North Building. As depicted in the Section drawing, (18167) is a spill of rubble just inside wall [18199]. This is followed stratigraphically by (18171) and then (18169).

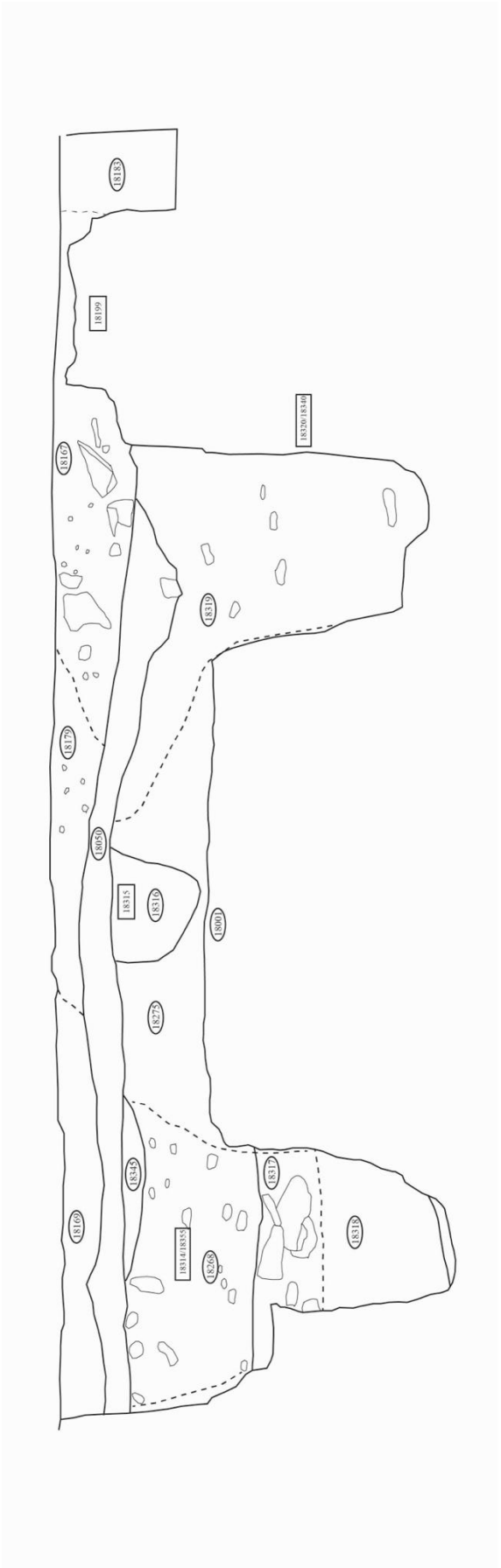


Figure 122: Section 18.59, west face of Sector 14, showing large late Roman pits under the main floor surface (18050) in the front room of the North Building.

Context Information for Sector 14

*(18019) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture: No information available.
Small Finds: No information available.

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18019	1569	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1	Roman	MF02	17.98	22.74	98.60	
18019	1579	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	SESTERTIUS	1	117-138 ?	MF02	17.55	13.86	98.68	clipped - Hadrian?
18019	1591	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	18.40	22.84	98.60	
18019	1592	Metal	iron	spike?		1		MF02	8.40	22.89	98.60	
18019	1633	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	3rd/4th C	MF02	18.40	24.11	98.60	Radiate, clipped?
18019	1634	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF02	18.60	24.45	98.63	Unrecognisable
18019	1635	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	RADIATE	1	3rd C	MF02	18.35	24.28	98.63	Badly corroded
18019	1757	Metal	iron	sicule?		1		MF02				
18019	2330	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	17.39	26.15	98.70	DN - GLORIA ROMANORUM - CON
18019	6795	metal	iron	Two large fragments		1		MF02				

Interpretation: No information available.

(18050) LAYER

Description: A thin (c. 3 cm) thick, very dense layer of heavily burnt material. Friable and black with few if any inclusions. Only partially excavated as of 26.7.02. Surface exposed in Sections 10, 11, 13, and 14. Micromorphology indicates that material consists of fine sediment mixed with charcoal.
Relationships: Overlain by 18026 & 18167. Overlies 18051. Butts 18199, 18184, 18065, & 18118.
Material Culture: A total of 217 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 2 RCWR 32 RFWR 66 SM 8 IMPCC 6 RFWW 37 BWW 12 DOR 12 DOR 2 OXFWS 42 ROBSH 6 O 4
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18050	3302	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05				
18050	6789	Metal	iron	bar/lump		1		MF05				

Interpretation: The material seems to be a large surface of heavy burning. It is very regular and is contained by the wall [18065]. Covers the entire floor surface of North Building. The uppermost floor surface in the North Building. The surface seems to be an accumulation of material inside the structure. It overlies a series of other possible floor levels.

(18051) LAYER

Description: Compact, mid-pinkish loam. Very thin band of material (c. 2cm thick). Not excavated as of 27.7.02.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050 & 18026. Overlies 18052 & 18053. Butts 18065.
Material Culture: A total of 34 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 3 RFWOX 1 RCWR 14 SM 3 RWW 6 ROBSH 5 D 2
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18051	3441	Stone		whetstone		1		MF05	13.85	25.85	98.56	
18051	3442	Metal	cu-alloy	pellet		1	Unknown	MF05	14.58	24.82	98.54	

Interpretation: Not excavated as of 27.7.02.

(18167) LAYER

Description: Mid-brown matrix of gravel, mortar and said, with a very dense concentration of large (c. 15 – 25cm) limestone blocks. It lies directly on top of (18050), which is a possible earthen floor surface.
Relationships: Overlain by 18019, 18172, 18213, and 18200. Overlies 18050 & 18199.
Material Culture: A total of 260 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RFWOX 23	RCWR 45	RFWR 107	SM 7	RWW 33	RFWW 22	BWW	2
OXFRS 8	OXFWS 3	GR 2	ROBSH 2	D 4	O 2		

Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18167	2969	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1		MF04	15.80	25.90	98.51	

Interpretation: The main 'tumble' deposit of the North Building. The limestone blocks are clearly similar to those still mortared firmly into the south wall of the North Building. A significant amount of building material was recovered, including a large stone with a hole drilled into it. Material lies right one top of the latest floor surface in the building (18050). Seems clear that the wall fell onto an active of just abandoned surface as no layer indicating hiatus is visible.

(18168) LAYER

Description: Friable silty sand. Bright red and orange, with small inclusions of limestone and clay. Thicker layer of sand in the center of feature [18200], and it thins out and disappears within 50cm of the center of the feature.
Relationships: Overlain by 18019. Overlies 18200.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A deposit of sandy material filling the center of a hearth or another form of industrial feature [18200]. The material is almost bright red in places – similar to the limestone blocks that made up [18200]. Clear evidence of exposure to intensive heat. The sand is not a later fill, but must have been present when the feature was in use. Most likely it is a component of the structure. Soil samples taken for both environmental and trace element analysis.

(18169) LAYER

Description: Mid-brown silty sand with significant c. > 30% gravel and mortar inclusions, about 10 – 15cm deep (max depth) in southwest corner of the North Building. Sitting directly upon 18050 – filling in a depression in 18050. Rises towards the center of the structure. Some larger limestone inclusions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18019. Overlies 18050.
Material Culture: A total of 4 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWR 3	D 1

Interpretation: A patch of mortar and gravel covering a depression in the underlying floor surface (18050). Most likely part of the mixture of debris that resulted from the destruction of the North Building (which includes 18170 & 18171. All three deposits are similar to the mortar and gravel matric within which most of the large blocks from the walls were embedded in (18167). Extends into Sectors 10, 11, & 13.

(18170) LAYER

Description: Friable, dark brown silty sand with some small inclusions (1 – 2 cm) of gravel and mortar. In the south-west part of the North Building. Only a small pocket of material c. 40cm in diameter. A few larger inclusions of limestone. C. 10cm deep.
Relationships: Overlain by 18019. Overlies 18167.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A pocket of material that is part of the mixture of deposits/debris resulting from the destruction of the North Building. It is only slightly different from 18169 and 18171, and seems to be part of the same general episode of destruction. It is situated on the main body of destruction debris 18167.

(18171) LAYER

Description: Friable yellow brown silty sand with a significant % of mortar and gravel (c. 50%). Poorly sorted. In the north-western part of Sector 14. Some larger limestone inclusions. Partially butts north wall of structure (18199).

Relationships: Overlain by 18019. Overlies 18167. Butts 18199.

Material Culture: A total of 47 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 1 RFWOX 14 RCWR 2 RFWR 15 BWW 13 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 1

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18171	2826	Metal	iron	strip (handle?)		1		MF04	18.14	28.85	98.60	long pin with head
18171	2827	Metal	iron	Collar	fitting	1		MF04	14.95	26.36	98.72	large incomplete ring shaped object

Interpretation: A deposit of material that is part of the mixture of debris related to the destruction of the North Building. Seems to have occurred as part of the same episode that led to the creation of 18169, 18170, and 18167 i.e. the building collapse. As with 18169 & 18170, it is similar to the mortar and gravel that makes up much of the main destruction layer 18167. Only without larger blocks of stone.

(18172) LAYER

Description: Deposit of friable mid-brown sandy silt with significant mortar, gravel, limestone, and CMB inclusions. Covers most of the eastern half of Sector 14. Varies in depth as surfaces of contexts underlying it undulate.

Relationships: Overlain by 18019. Overlies 18197, 18167, 18168.

Material Culture: A total of 152 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 3 RFWOX 25 RCWR 14 RFWR 86 RFWDS 1 SM 4 RWW 6 RFWW 8 DOR 1 OXFRS 2 O 2

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18172	2828	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04	17.15	24.11	98.53	
18172	3953	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1		MF05	17.61	25.63	98.37	
18172	3959	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF05	18.84	25.60	98.56	
18172	3960	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF05	19.02	25.32	98.61	
18172	3961	Stone	flint	scraper		1		MF05	19.30	25.32	98.60	

Interpretation: N/A

[18173] CUT

Description: Depth: approx. 8cm. Length approx. 80cm. Width approx. 17cm.

Relationships: Filled by 18000. Cuts 18151.

Material Culture:

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18173	2824	Bone	bone/antler	needle		1		MF04	17.27	26.90	98.63	
18173	2825	Metal	cu-alloy	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF04	16.80	26.99	98.66	

Interpretation: Likely to represent a plough mark.

(18183) LAYER

Description: Compact mid-dark brown sandy loam with sparce, large (7 – 10cm) limestone block inclusions. Mixed with mortar and gravel.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18199 & 18198.

Material Culture: A total of 50 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 1 Prehistoric and 49 Roman.

Prehistoric: PCW 1

Roman: RCWO 2RFWOX 2 RCWR 15 RFWR 8RFWDS 2 SM 2
RWW 6 RFWW 1 BWW 3 OXFWS 2 ROBSH 1 D 5

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18183	2670	Metal	iron	Hook?		1		MF04	no 3d			small u shaped hook, wider at one end

Interpretation: A deposit overlying the destruction associated with the North Building. It is mixed with destruction debris – but mainly seems to be a pocket of material that accumulated over the main destruction level.

(18196) LAYER

Description: Mid-brown with limestone blocks and burnt patch.

Relationships: Overlain by 172. Overlies 18050.

Material Culture: N/A

Interpretation: Small pocket of material between the dark charcoal rich floor surface (18050) and the destruction rubble. Not clear. Possibly related to the final phase of use of the structure. Does not seem to have been destruction debris.

(18197) LAYER

Description: Mid to dark brown sandy loam with limestone block inclusions. Mainly homogenous and well sorted by contains some cultural material.

Relationships: Overlain by 18172, 18166, 18050, 18271, 18296, 18270, 18311, and 18276. Cut by 18200 & 18314. Same as 18275. Overlies 18001.

Material Culture: A total of 87 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 2 Prehistoric and 85 Roman.

Prehistoric: PCW 2

Roman: RCWO 4RFWOX 5 RCWR 19 RFWR 17 RFWDS 2 SM 1
RWW 14 RFWW 5 DOR 1 OXFRS 5 OXFWS 7 GR 1 ROBSH 3 O 1

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18197	3537	Bone	antler/bone	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF05	14.25	8.53	98.54	
18197	3542	Metal	iron	tool?		1		MF05	17.47	25.61	98.61	
18197	3751	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05	17.62	26.20	98.48	
18197	3753	Glass	jewelry	bead	jewelry	1	iron age?	MF05	16.90	25.25	98.45	

Interpretation: re-worked natural deposit. Layer upon which all Roman activity either occurred or was cut through. Pre-activity surface in the North Building and from the artefacts found seems clear that some activity occurred on it and material cultural was incorporated into it.

(18198) LAYER

Description: Friable mid-brown silty sand with significant (more than 50%) inclusions of small stones, CBM, mortar, and gravel. To the north of and partially overlying the north wall of the North Building.

Relationships: Overlain by 18183. Overlies 18199.

Material Culture: A total of 15 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RFWOX 1 RCWR 6 RFWR 2SM 1 RWW 1 RFWW 1 BWW 1 OXFWS 2

Interpretation: A patch of mortar rich material that most likely derives from the wall [18199]. Seems to be mortar from the wall – part of the destruction rubble of the building. It was a thin layer and when removed, revealed wall. Bits and pieces of gravel and mortar impacted into and covering the top of truncated wall.

[18199] STRUCTURE

Description: Consists of 10 – 15cm angular limestone blocks, with mortar in matrix. The stones are no more than 3cm thick and are sticking diagonally up – with a few flat stones leveling of surface in places. Lots of gravel and mortar, but it is not faced and not well bonded.
Relationships: Overlain by 18183, 18000, 18198, 18167, 18050, and 18227. Same as 18305. Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: East – west wall in the northern part of the North Building. The bottom 3 courses of stonework that characterize the walls in the North Building. Served as the foundation upon which the structure was built. Covered in mortar, gravel, and rubble from destruction layer.

[18200] STRUCTURE

Description: An oval arrangement of squared limestone blocks (large > 15cm), hard yellow clay and bright red sand. Very solid, well put together. All the components are reddish pink – a clear indication that the feature was exposed to very high temp. Higher than a casual fire would produce. Built over the remains of wall 18199.
Relationships: Overlain by 18167. Overlies (butts?) 18199.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A small hearth or industrial feature located inside the north wall of the North Building. The deep red soil and stones (the large limestone blocks are red straight through) suggest an oven or a small furnace. Post-dates the destruction of the North Building. Seems like the actual rubble of the fallen walls had been used to make the feature. Soil samples taken. No artefacts evident suggesting function. A small, final phase of building use. Possible copper production? Note – review of the plans suggests that this feature was constructed before the destruction of the building.

(18213) LAYER

Description: Dark spread of burnt material with large charcoal content extending approx. 57cm by 40cm next to the hearth area [18200].
Relationships: Overlain by 18167. Overlies 18299.
Material Culture: A total of 12 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWDS 1 RWW 7 DOR 1 OXFRS 2 D 1
Interpretation: Small dense dump of ash and charcoal right next to the industrial feature [18200]. Most likely directly associated with this feature.

[18227] STRUCTURE

Description: Hard and compact yellow clay with mortar. Inclusions of small flecks of gravel mixed with mortar. Was built into wall [18199].
Relationships: Overlain by 18167. Overlies 18200. Butts 18199.
Material Culture: A total of 11 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWR 5 RWW 2 DOR 1 OXFWS 3
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18227	3878	Bone	animal bone	gaming counter		1		MF05				

Interpretation: One of the components of the structure of the hearth [18200]. Half of which consists of laid blocks of limestone and a compact clay bank to the north and east. The surface of the material has been stained red from exposure to extreme heat.

(18268) FILL

Description: Light brown friable sandy clay with a large % of pebbles and larger limestone inclusions. All material not sorted and mixed together. Included material culture.
Relationships: Overlain by 18276, 18050, & 18345. Overlies 18317. Fill of 18314.
Material Culture: A total of 17 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWR 6 OXFWS 1 GR 3 D 1 O 6
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18268	3776	Ceramic	pottery	counter		1		MF05				
18268	4148	Glass	object	melt?		1		MF05	16.00	23.80	98.13	

Interpretation: Upper fill of possible post-hole/pit [18314]. It is clearly Roman and pre-dates the stone structure and all associated evidence for activity. The nature and sequence suggest that it was the result of deliberate infill – possibly to fill in and stabilize the post-hole in preparation for building the North Building.

(18269) LAYER

Description: Three discrete ephemeral patches of light brown clay. Very hard and compact. No inclusions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Overlies 18275.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Small patches of hardened clay beneath the main floor surface (18050) of the North Building. No indication of purpose, but presumably from the first phase of activity in the North Building.

(18270) LAYER

Description: Mid brown quite loose silty loam with blueish grey clay inclusions and a lens of white ashy material approx. 12cm deep at its centre and reaching approx. 1cm at its sides. The deposit reached 1.5m by 70cm at its maximum extent.
Relationships: Overlain by 18271, 18050, & 18371. Overlies 18197.
Material Culture: A total of 13 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 5 RCWR 7 RFWW 1
Interpretation: The deposit contained both pot and bone material, and was probably underlying [18371] (stone feature) as well as (18050). The deposit was laid down before the last phase of burning activity in the building.

(18271) LAYER

Description: Small lens of friable light brown sandy loam. Homogeneous with very few inclusions. Less than 2cm thick and ephemeral.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Overlies 18270.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A small pocket of sediment to the east of structure [18371]. Very slightly and no clear evidence for function. Seems to fall between charcoal and ash rich dumps (18213 & 18299).

(18272) LAYER

Description: Context assigned to very small area of sediment exposed just north of wall [18199] in Sector 14. Much larger area excavated in Sectors 16 & 17 to the north and recorded in detail as 18191.
Relationships: Overlain by 18198. Same as 18191. Butts 18199.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Same as 18191.

(18275) LAYER

Description: Compact mid to dark brown sand with some clay in matrix. Irregular small limestone inclusions. Varies in extent and thickness.

Relationships: Overlain by 18050, 18051, 18269, 18370, and 18278. Cut by 18315, 18320, 18314, & 18342. Overlies 18001.

Material Culture: A total of 35 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 4 RFWOX 6 RCWR 4 RFWR 6SM 1 RWW 9 OXFWS 1 D 4

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18275	3529	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05	16.95	25.35	98.63	
18275	3539	Metal	iron	wedge		1		MF05	14.45	8.83	98.53	
18275	3540	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05	15.25	24.46	98.55	
18275	3950	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	161-180	MF05	15.27	25.57	98.52	Marcus Aurelius? ANTONINUS
18275	4091	Metal	iron slag	slag		1		MF05	15.65	25.40	98.55	

Interpretation: Naturally deposited sediment mixed with limestone flecks. Standard 'pre-Roman construction' ground surface throughout Trench 18 (assigned different context numbers in different sectors). All phases of activity are either cut into, through, or on top of this material.

(18276) LAYER

Description: 1. Firm powdery residues, with much reddish-brown earth initially friable. 2. Black, grey and white (ash). Reddish colored earth. 4. No inclusions. Some burnt bone. 5. 1mm deep at edges to over 5mm at center. 6. Approx 500mm x 500mm measured east to west, but with more beneath baulk going eastwards.

Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Overlies 18268.

Material Culture: A total of 3 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWR 1 SM 2

Interpretation: The layer 18276 comprises much wood ash and heat-effected earth at sides to north, south, and west. Some burnt bone found in black ash. Residue of burning possibly associated with hearth [18282]. From 'first phase' of industrial activity in the North Building.

(18277) LAYER

Description: Further excavation and clarification established that 18277 was the same as 18276. Refer to 18276 context sheet for details.

Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Same as 18276. Overlies 18268.

Material Culture: N/A

Interpretation: N/A

*(18278) LAYER NO CONTEXT SHEET FOUND

Description: No information available.

Relationships: No information available.

Material Culture: No information available.

Interpretation: No information available.

(18296) LAYER

Description: Refer to 18275 for detailed info.

Relationships: Same as 18275 & 18330.

Material Culture: N/A

Interpretation: N/A

(18297) LAYER

Description: N/A

Relationships: Overlain by 18168. Fill of 18200.

Material Culture: N/A

Interpretation: Initial fill of hearth 18200.

(18299) LAYER

Description: Compact sandy silt – dark brown. Lots of small inclusions. Mainly limestone pebbles and flecks. Small discrete pocket of material – lies directly over fire-stained soil most likely associated with 18200 furnace in North Building.
Relationships: Overlain by 18213. Overlies 18275.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Small dump of material to the south of a furnace. There are flecks of charcoal, but deposit sterile of material culture. Seems to have been deposited after the use of 18200 as it sits on top of similar fire-stained soil that is found in the cut of the furnace 18200.

[18313] STRUCTURE

Description: Large limestone blocks approach 15cm in length per stone. The whole feature being approx. 50cm in length and 20cm in width. Coarsely cut stone, joined by some mortar.
Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Same as 18268. Overlies 18268.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Hearth feature situated in south-west corner of Sector 14, influencing surrounding burnt deposits. Part of the 'first phase' of activity in the North Building.

[18314] CUT

Description: A cut approx. 63 cm wide at its maximum and approx. 80cm deep.
Relationships: Overlain by 18276, 18313, & 18268. Filled by 18318, 18317, & 18268. Cuts 18275 & 18001.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A steep sided cut through a natural soil deposit and down into and through the limestone bedrock. It seems too deep and narrow to be a pit, and there is tentatively seen as a large post-hole similar to [18320] located two meters to the north. Three fills, including a central fill 18317, consisting of large limestone blocks. Seems likely to have been deliberately filled just prior to the construction of the North Building.

[18315] CUT

Description: Cut in to 18275. Approx 40cm wide with slightly sloping sides reaching to approx. 20cm in depth. Extends for about 1.75 meters inside the North Building.
Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Filled by 18316. Cuts 18275.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The cut has a fill of 18316, a mid-yellowish brown silty loam with limestone inclusions. It is overlain by 18051, suggestive that it was contemporary with the earlier phase of use of the building. Part of the 'pre-wall' phase of activity. Possibly a beam slot, but not certain. Cut from the same level as all other cuts under the North Building.

(18316) FILL

Description: Mid-yellowish brown silty loam with limestone inclusions approx. 40cm wide at its maximum extent and reaching to a depth of approx. 20cm.
Relationships: Overlain by 18051. Overlies 18275. Fill of 18315.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The fill of 18315m a cut which appears to be a posthole. 18316 is overlain by 18051, suggesting it is related to the earlier phases of use of the building.

(18317) FILL

Description: Large (> 15 – 20cm) limestone blocks with a slightly sandy soil matrix. At least 2 courses of stone piled on top of each other. Very tightly and regularly packed.
Relationships: Overlain by 18268. Overlies 18318. Fill of 18314.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The placement of the stones strongly suggests a deliberate deposit. Situated within the middle of a possible posthole. It seems very likely that the stones were put within the posthole to stabilize it and provide support for the floor of the North Building.

(18318) FILL

Description: Soft and friable light brown clay sandy. Homogenous with very little inclusions. About 30cm in depth at deepest point.
Relationships: Overlain by 18317. Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The initial fill of a probable posthole. Seems to be intentionally deposited. The sand is similar to the natural sand. The sequence of infill suggests a rapid and deliberate process – probably just before the construction of the North Building.

(18319) LAYER

Description: Friable light brownish clayish sand with lots of inclusions. Large > 20cm limestone blocks, CBM, gravel. All unsorted. Significant number of large stones in the matrix.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Overlies 18001. Fill of 18320.
Material Culture: A total of 58 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 5 RCWR 22 RFWR 4SM 7 IMPCC 2 RWW 2 OXFWS 1 GR 1 ROBSH 2 D 10 O 2
Interpretation: Single fill of a possible large posthole or small pit. Clearly an act of deliberate infilling. Very similar to the filling of other near-by cuts. The material may have been placed in to shore up the pit prior to the construction of the North Building.

[18320] CUT

Description: Oval cut with very steep vertical sides c. 75cm in diameter. 1 meter deep. Bottom slightly rounded and "U" shaped. Cuts through natural soil deposit (18275) and down through the limestone bedrock into the underlying natural yellow sand. One deliberate infill (18319).
Relationships*:* Overlain by 18050. Filled by 18319. Cuts 18275.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The cut of a large posthole or small pit pre-dating the stone wall phase of the North Building. The cut seems to have been filled just prior to the construction above – possibly in preparation for the construction of the North Building.

(18330) LAYER

Description: 18275 with post-depositional color staining from burning associated with 18200 hearth. Refer to 18275 for detailed info.
Relationships: Same as 18296 & 18275.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: N/A

[18342] CUT

Description: Small, shallow "U-shaped" gully about 15 – 25cm deep with gently regular slopes and curved bottom. Extends between hearth 18200 and wall of the North Building.
Relationships: Cut by 18200. Filled by 18348. Cuts 18275.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A small gully filled with clay and gravel running west from the hearth in the North Building. Possibly part of the earliest phase of activity represented by cut features that were filled prior to the construction of the "stone wall" phases of the North Building.

(18348) FILL

Description: Hard and sticky mid-greyish yellow sandy clay with small limestone fleck inclusions. Max 20cm thick and about 1m long.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Overlies 18001. Fill of 18342.
Material Culture: A total of 22 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 2 RCWR 7 RFWR 7RWW 5 RFWW 1
Interpretation: Lone fill of a shallow gully under the floor surface in the North Building. As with cut, no indication of purpose. Stratigraphically at the same level as the other cut features but no obvious relationship.

[18371] STRUCTURE

Description: Large (15 – 25 cm) squared limestone blocks arranged in a rough semi-circle in center of the North Building. Stones laid flat and at the same level.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050. Overlies 18270.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Stone surface or feature possibility associated with the hearth 18200 in the North Building. While the stones are well laid and set, the arrangement does not automatically suggest function. Most likely from the same phase as 18200 in the North Building – and separated charcoal rich floor surface 18050 from eastern one third of the North Building.

SECTOR 15 (and part of 23).

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 15) capturing the area to the east of the "North Building", including part of the north wall and interior of the building and extending outside of the presumed entrance to the building (which includes the large patch of laid cobble stones outside the entrance of the North Building. The topsoil in the Sector was removed by mechanical digger in MF04, revealing three large stony layers (18025, 18157, & 18156), shown in Plan 18.57. Sector 23, excavated as a trial trench in MF02 extends approximately one meter into the southern part of Sector 15 (relevant data presented here - a full accounting of Sector 23 is provided in conjunction with Sector 12). There

Plan 18.57 (1 of 1)

The topsoil was removed, revealing (18025, 18157, & 18186).

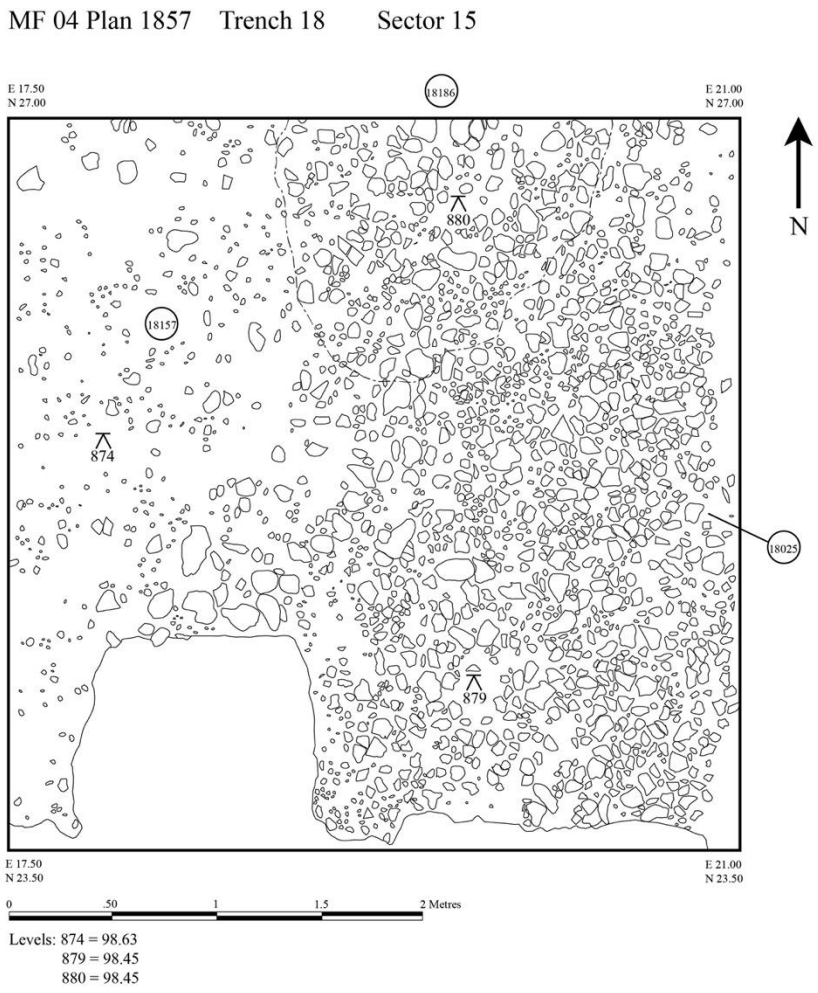


Figure 123: Plan 1 of 1 for Sector 15 (Plan 18.57). Note that (18186) on the plan actually refers to (18156).

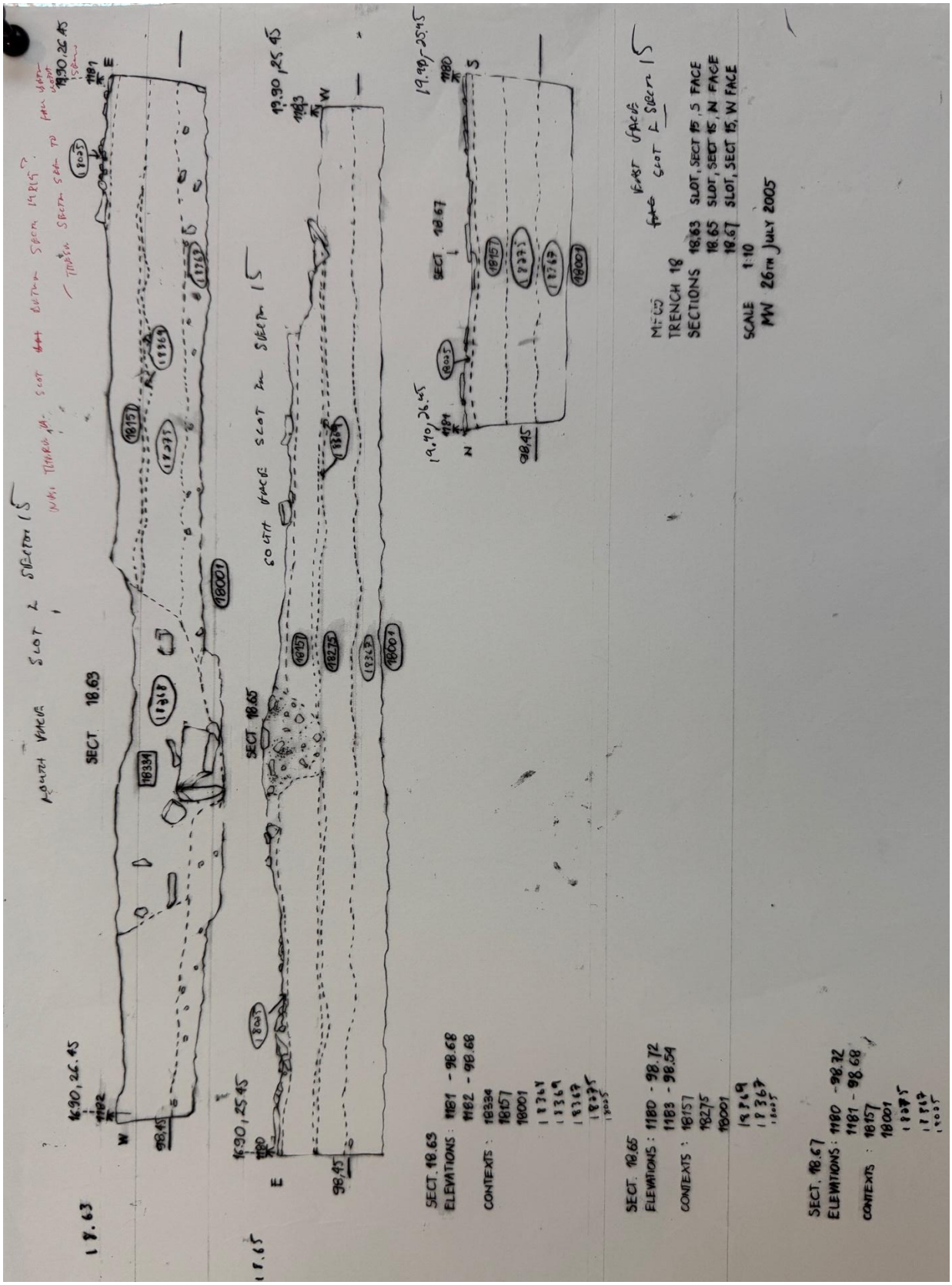


Figure 124a - c: Sections 18.63 (north face), 18.65 (south face), and 18.67 (east face). A 1 x 3-meter slot was dug in MF05 to get a look at the stratigraphy underlying the cobbled floor surface (18025) outside the front of the North Building. Note that this slot does not show up on the sector plan as it was done at the very end of the excavation of the trench.

Sector 23 [Discussion here focuses on the northern part of the excavated slot]

Plan 18.04 (1 of 4)

The topsoil was removed by mechanical digger and then by trowel. This revealed two contexts that also fall within what later became Sector 15: 18019 & 18025.

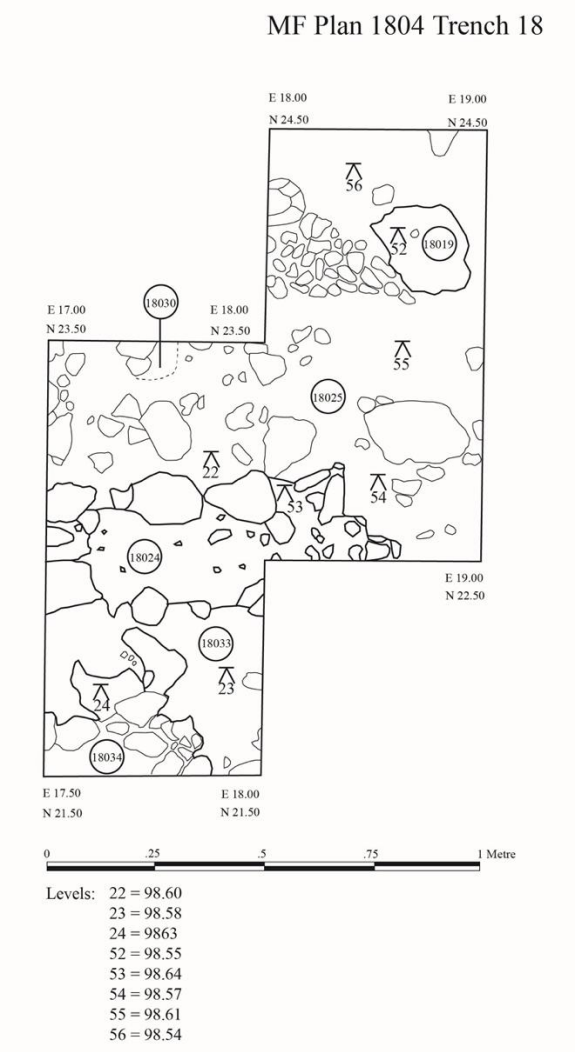


Figure 125: Plan 1 of 4 for Sector 23 (Plan 18.04).

Plan 18.08 (2 or 4)

Contexts 18019 and 18025 were removed, revealing 18040.

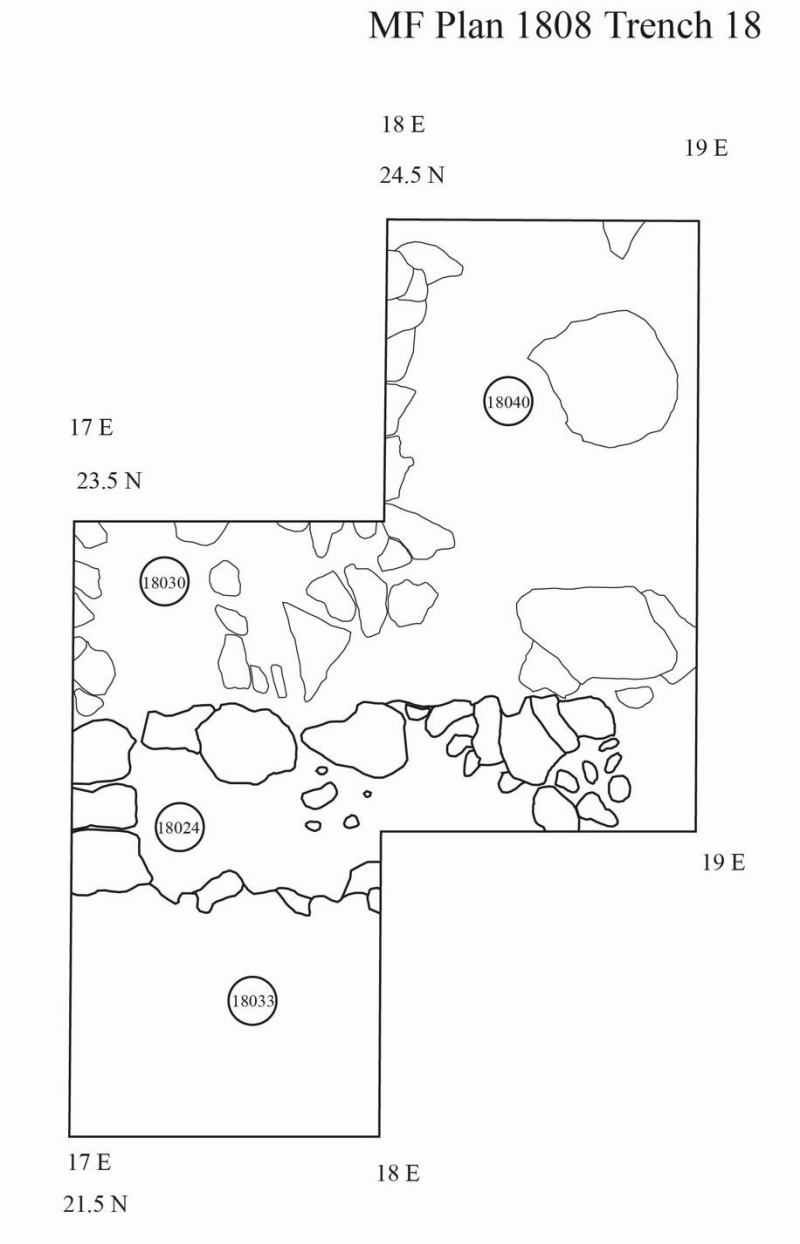


Figure 126: Plan 2 of 4 for Sector 23 (Plan 18.08).

Plan 18.09 (3 or 4)

Context 18030 was removed, revealing a possible hearth (18049).

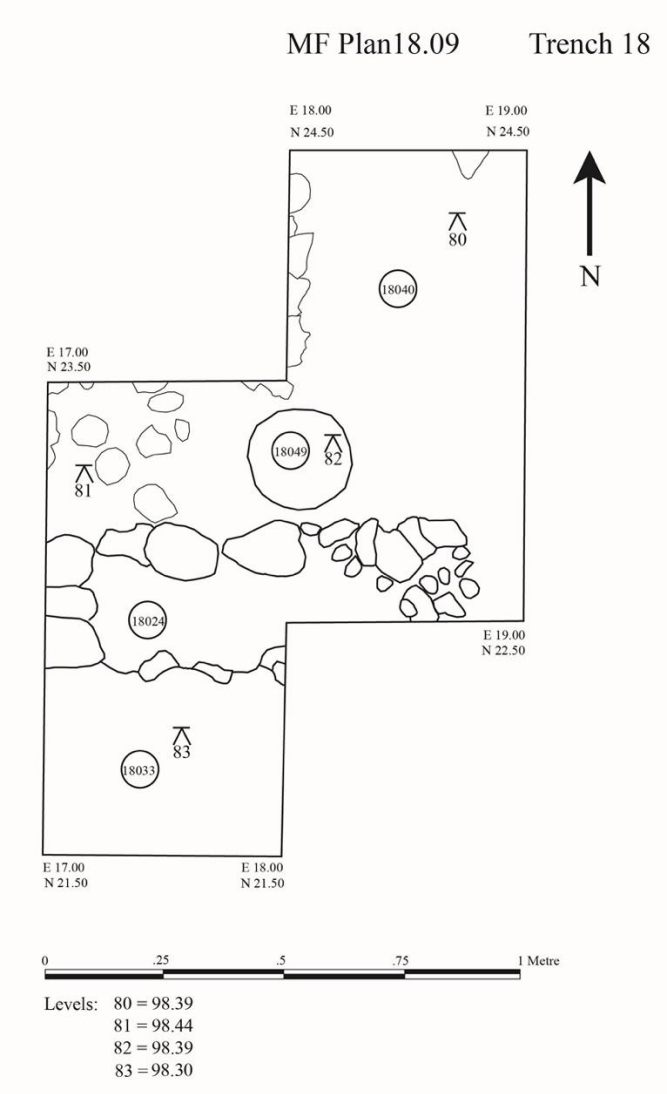


Figure 127: Plan 3 of 4 for Sector 23 (Plan 18.09).

Plan 18.12 (4 or 4)

Context (18049) was removed, exposing more of underlying (18040). Most of context (18033) was removed, revealing (18001).

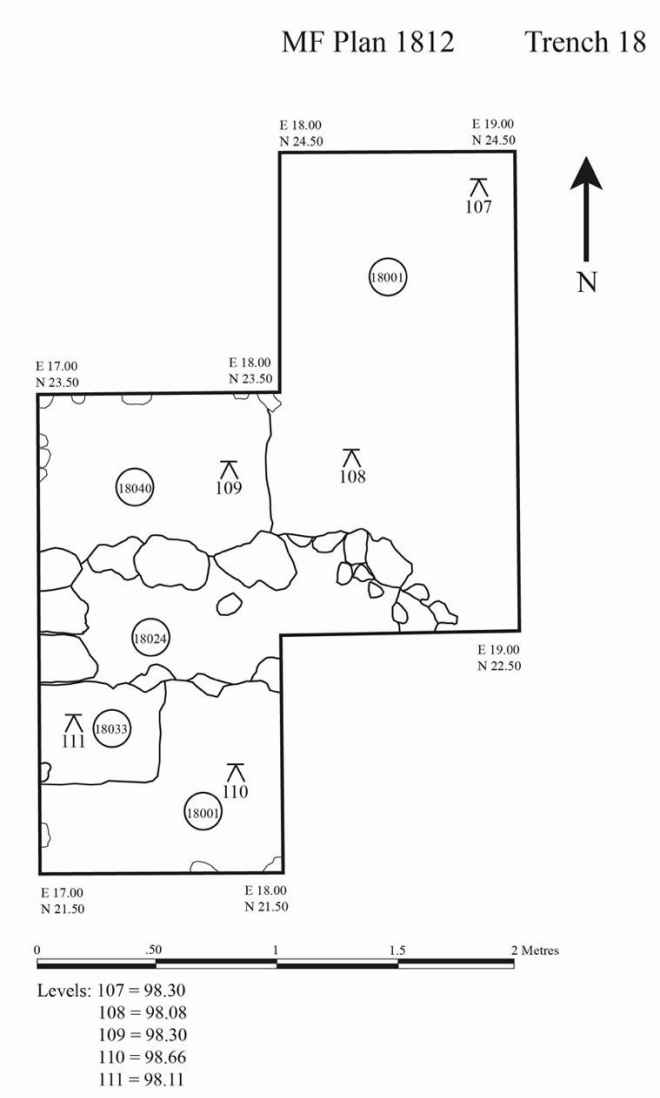


Figure 128: Plan 4 of 4 for Sector 23 (Plan 18.12).

Context Information for Sector 23

*(18019) LAYER no context sheet found

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18019	1569	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1	Roman	MF02	17.98	22.74	98.60	
18019	1579	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	SESTERTIUS	1	117-138 ?	MF02	17.55	13.86	98.68	clipped - Hadrian?
18019	1591	Glass	vessel	vessel		1		MF02	18.40	22.84	98.60	
18019	1592	Metal	iron	spike?		1		MF02	8.40	22.89	98.60	
18019	1633	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	3rd/4th C	MF02	18.40	24.11	98.60	Radiate, clipped?
18019	1634	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	MINIM	1	4th C	MF02	18.60	24.45	98.63	Unrecognisable
18019	1635	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	RADIATE	1	3rd C	MF02	18.35	24.28	98.63	Badly corroded
18019	1757	Metal	iron	sicule?		1		MF02				
18019	2330	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	4th C	MF03	17.39	26.15	98.70	DN - GLORIA ROMANORUM - CON
18019	6795	metal	iron	Two large fragments		1		MF02				

Interpretation: No information available.

(18025) LAYER

Description: Tightly packed small to mid-sized stones. Regular course, clearly defined and cohesive. No indication of bonding material. Impacted with rich deposit of material culture (Roman).
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Abutted by 18062.
Material Culture: A total of 38 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 3 RCWR 18 SM 6 RWW 2 RFWW 7 OXFWS 2
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18025	1593	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin	St	1	330-346	MF02	20.80	25.06	98.59	URBS ROMA - CONSTANTINE COMMEMORATIVE - Romulus and Remus
18025	1855	Metal	cu-alloy	smelt	m/working?	1	Unknown	MF03	20.60	22.76	98.62	
18025	1886	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	Roman	MF03	20.50	21.80	98.60	Unrecognisable coin
18025	1887	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	20.20	21.38	98.51	Large pin fragment tapered towards one end, two engraved lines near pin head.
18025	2511	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF03	no 3d	-	-	
18025	2533	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring	jewelry	1	Roman	MF04	18.89	18.50	98.60	
18025	2540	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	Roman	MF04	19.43	16.10	98.62	
18025	2570	Metal	cu-alloy	alphabet shape?	votive?	3	Roman (1st/2nd c)	MF04	20.66	25.22	98.56	
18025	2571	Metal	silver	Coin		1		MF04	21.01	14.99	98.55	

Interpretation: Laid floor surface of Roman date. Possibly related to 18062 and 18018. Related to 18083 which is probably an under layer of gravel deposited during the construction of 18025 in order to serve as a base / foundation for the floor of which 18025 is a part.

(18040) LAYER

Description: Very compact, dark brown soil and white limestone inclusions (size 5cm), 20 – 40 cm deep, extent impossible to judge (this year c. 3 square meter) apart from pebble size inclusions also large blocks of limestone, probably from [18024]. Hard to trowel (especially in the sun).
Relationships: Overlain by 18019, 18030, & 18024. Relationships uncertain 18033 & 18049.
Material Culture: A total of 62 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: all Roman.
RCWO 7 RFWOX 3 RCWR 23 RFWR 2SM 3 RWW 11 RFWW 3 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 7 D 2
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18040	1643	Metal	cu-alloy	binding strip	fitting	1	Unknown	MF02	18.53	22.92	98.59	
18040	1646	Glass	vessel	vessel rim		1		MF02	18.92	22.79	98.70	
18040	1647	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF02	18.15	22.91	98.45	
18040	1648	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02	18.23	23.44	98.47	
18040	1659	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF02	18.02	23.14	98.39	

Interpretation: Cultural layer inside a building, large blocks included in it are probably fall from [18024] which is a wall of the building. Last few centimeters very poor in finds. Probably the ground level in occupation times.

(18157) FILL

Description: Hard mid-brown silty loam with some loose stones. The context area cover one SW corner of the trench. Area appears to be more distinct from other context and to one bit of rubble.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18193.
Material Culture: A total of 286 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 33 RFWOX 6 RCWR 136 RFWR 2SM 17 IMPCC 6
RWW 20 OXFRS 10 OXFWS 19 GR 2 D 22 O 2
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18157	2755	Metal	cu-alloy	Pin		1		MF04	17.92	27.23	99.11	
18157	2756	Metal	cu-alloy	smelt??	m/working?	1		MF04	17.91	27.30	99.11	
18157	2767	Bone	bone/antler	pin/needle		1	Unknown	MF04	-	-	-	
18157	3778	Stone	stone	whetstone		1		MF05	17.70	25.96	98.70	

Interpretation: The area appears to have a loose soil deposit (?) rubble, which may be associated with the building (?) and one SW corner. Not certain if this material is at the SW edge of 18156, or a possible eroded part of 18156.

(18186) FILL PD NOTE – The description for this context does not match the plan.

Description: No information available.
Relationships: No information available.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18186	2752	Metal	cu-alloy	Pin		1	Unknown	MF04	7.77	8.55	98.42	long slender pin with a hook at one end
18186	2972	Bone	animal bone	perforated object		1		MF04	7.90	10.75	98.45	
18186	2973	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04	15.80	12.22	98.48	
18186	2978	Stone	flint	scraper		1		MF04	7.70	10.21	98.36	
18186	2980	Metal	iron	chain link		1		MF04	7.80	10.70	98.11	

Interpretation: No information available.

(18275) LAYER

Description: Compact mid to dark brown sand with some clay in matrix. Irregular small limestone inclusions. Varies in extent and thickness.
Relationships: Overlain by 18050, 18051, 18269, 18370, and 18278. Cut by 18315, 18320, 18314, & 18342. Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: A total of 35 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 4 RFWOX 6 RCWR 4 RFWR 6SM 1 RWW 9 OXFWS 1 D 4
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18275	3529	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05	16.95	25.35	98.63	
18275	3539	Metal	iron	wedge		1		MF05	14.45	8.83	98.53	
18275	3540	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05	15.25	24.46	98.55	
18275	3950	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1	161-180	MF05	15.27	25.57	98.52	Marcus Aurelius? ANTONINUS
18275	4091	Metal	iron slag	slag		1		MF05	15.65	25.40	98.55	

Interpretation: Naturally deposited sediment mixed with limestone flecks. Standard 'pre-Roman construction' ground surface throughout Trench 18 (assigned different context numbers in different sectors). All phases of activity are either cut into, through, or on top of this material.

[18334] CUT

Description: A vaguely rectangular with rounded edges "U" shaped sides and a flat bottom at bedrock. About 1 meter wide. As only a section was exposed, it is impossible to get full details. Wall 18199 in the North Building is built over the cut & fill.
Relationships: Overlain by 18199. Filled by 18368. Overlies 18001. Cuts 18275 & 18367.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A cut in the east entrance of the North Building. Seems to pre-date wall but was filled intentionally with material (soil, limestone blocks, CBM) that had Roman artefacts. Function uncertain.

(18367) LAYER

Description: Mid to dark brown sandy loam with c. 10 – 15% small limestone pebbles. About 8 – 10cm thick.
Relationships: Overlain by 18275. Cut by 18334. Overlies 18001.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The natural sediment deposit overlying the bedrock. Assigned multiple context numbers throughout Trench 18.

(18368) FILL

Description: Friable dark brownish black sandy loam with a mix of mortar, gravel, CBM, and mid-sized limestone blocks and inclusions. The fill is very mixed and poorly sorted with stones situated in all directions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18199. Overlies 18001. Fill of 18334.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Fill of small ditch. Shallow scoop in the east entrance of the North Building. It underlies the north wall of the building and finds associated with it are Roman. The composition and consistency of the fill indicate a deliberate dump of material. Uncertain as to function.

(18369) LAYER

Description: Friable light brownish yellow silty sand, mortar, small pebble inclusions. Less than 3cm in thickness.
Relationships: Overlain by 18157 & 18158. Overlies 18275. Butts 18199.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: A thin but most likely deliberately constructed mortar floor surface that extends out to the east and north from the North Building. It lies partially within the North Building and lies under the lower phase of stone cobbling to the east/north-east of the North Building. Most likely associated with an early phase of use of the North Building.

SECTOR 16

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 16) capturing the area to the north-west of the "North Building", including part of the wall that runs alongside the outside of the main wall of the North Building. Excavation started in MF04 (Plans 18.52, 18.59, 18.62, 18.66, 18.70, & 18.73) and was completed in MF05 (Plans 18.109, 18.111, 18.112, 18.115, & 18.137). Contexts (18151, 18152, 18154, & 18164) all seem to have been parts of intentionally laid down surfaces to the north exterior of the North Building.

Plan 18.59 (1 of 9)

The topsoil was removed, revealing 10 contexts (Layers 18151, 18149, 18164, 18150, 18152, & 18154), and four cuts [18173, 18174, 18175, & 18176].

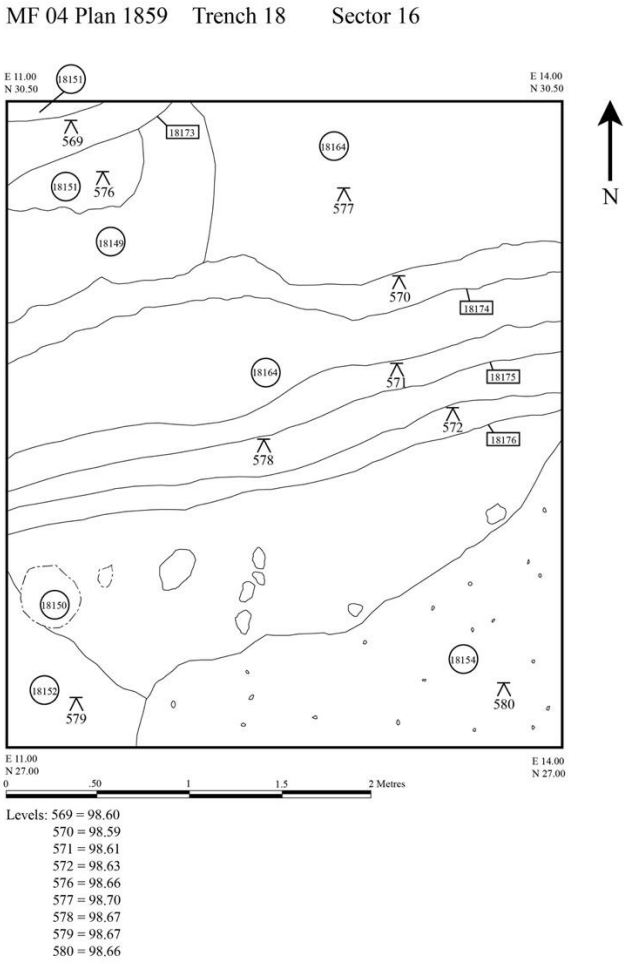
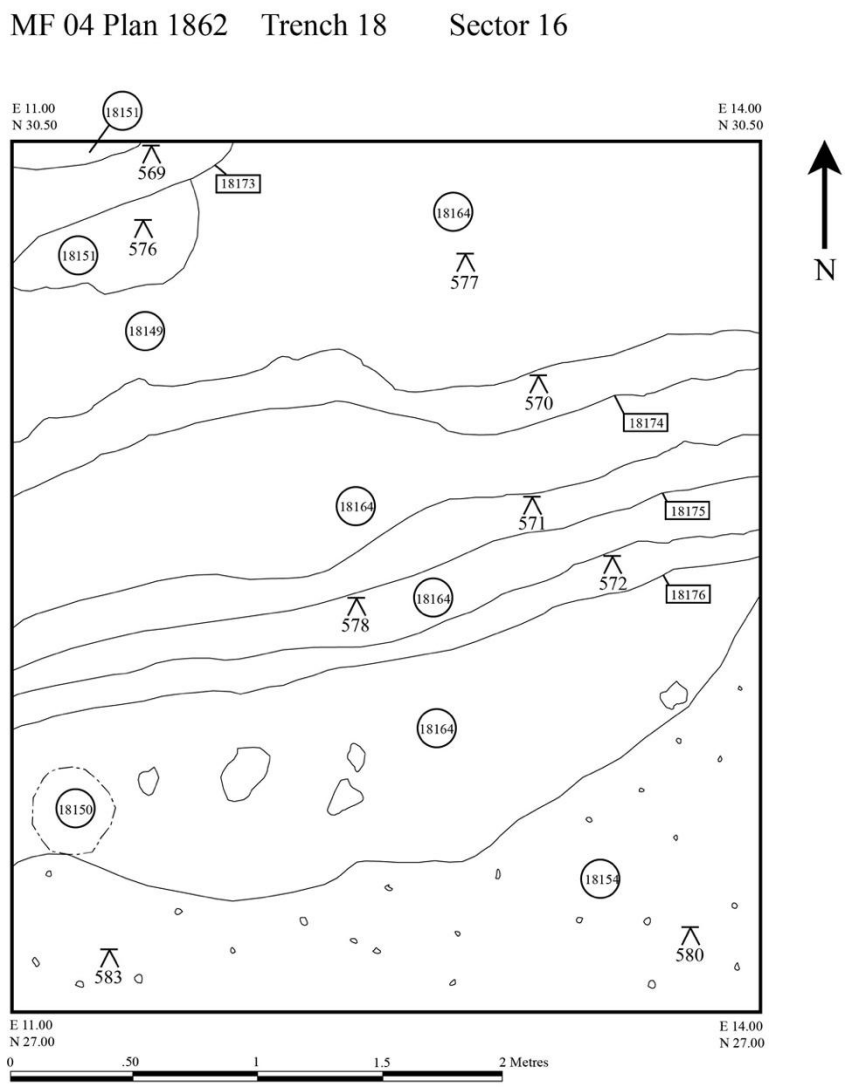


Figure 129: Plan 1 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.59).

Plan 18.62 (2 of 9)

Context 19152 was removed, further exposing underlying 18154.



Levels: 569 = 98.60
570 = 98.59
571 = 98.61
572 = 98.63
576 = 98.66
577 = 98.70
578 = 98.67
580 = 98.66
583 = 98.61

Figure 130: Plan 2 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.62).

Plan 18.66 (3 of 9)

Context 18154 was removed, revealing underlying context 18191.

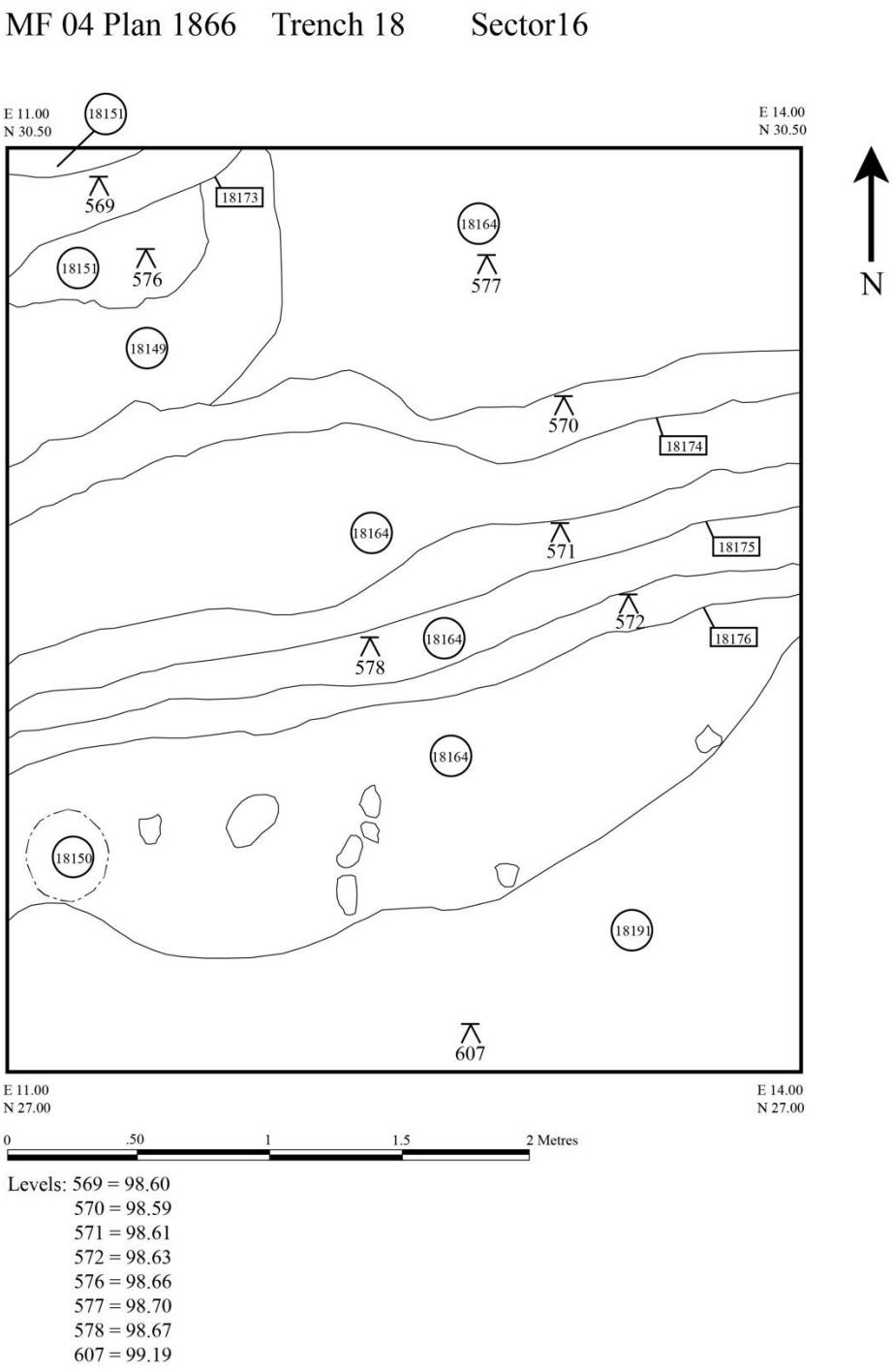


Figure 131: Plan 3 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.66).

Plan 18.70 (4 of 9)

Context 18164 removed, further exposing underlying context (18191) and revealing an area of mortar (18205), and aeras of limestone rubble (18201) and an area of yellow clay (18203).

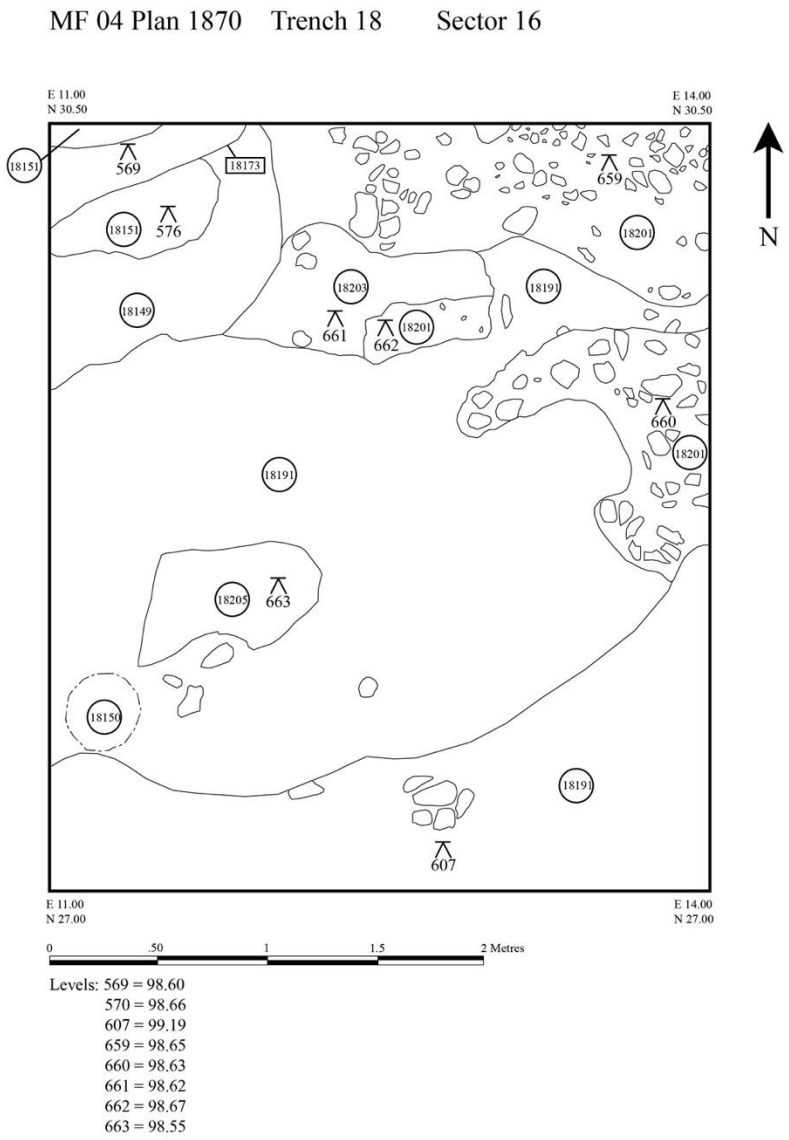


Figure 132: Plan 4 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.70).

Plan 18.73 (5 of 9)

Context 18201 removed to reveal limited patches of yellow clay (18203) and larger areas of mid-brown homogenous sandy loam (18191).

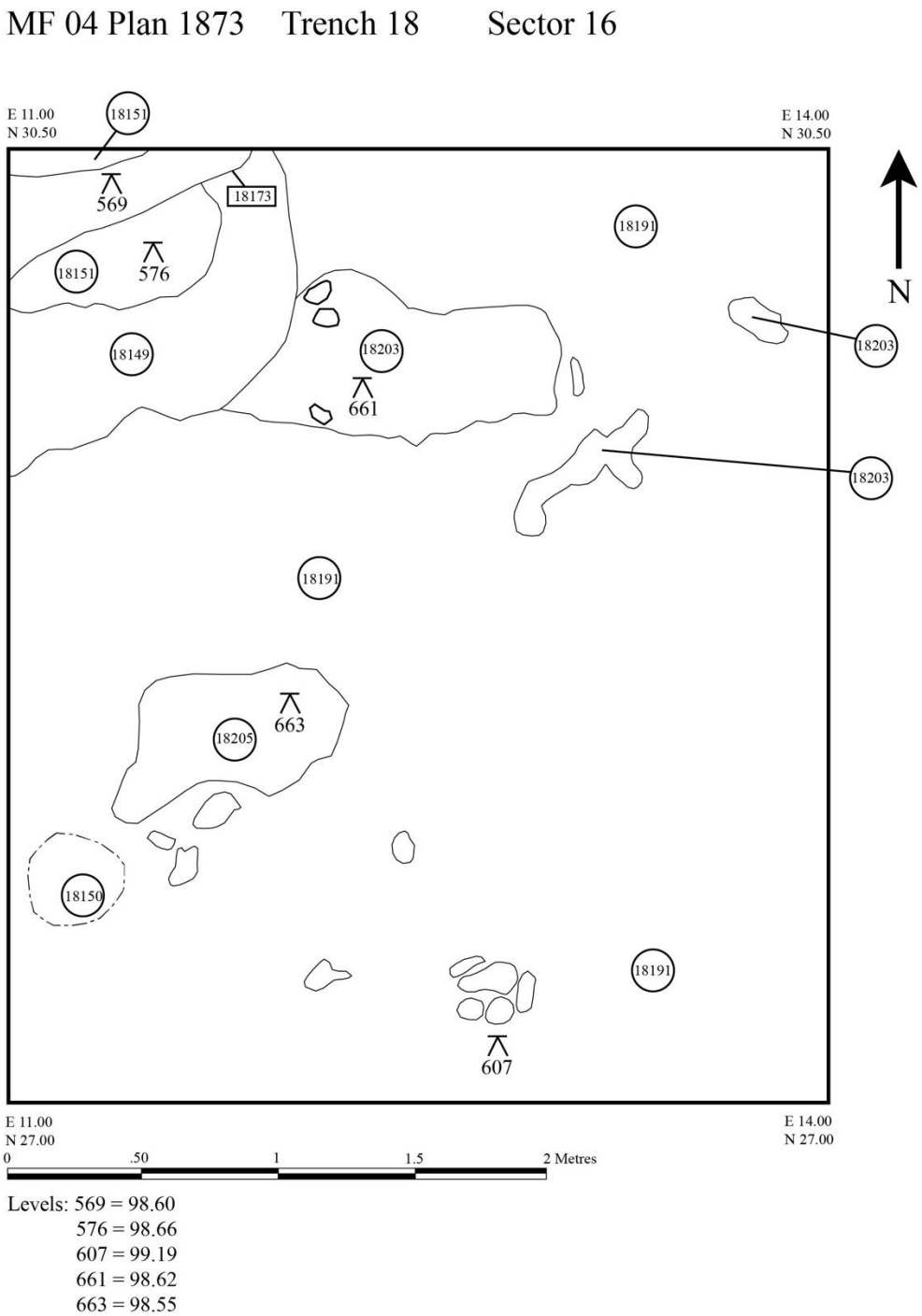


Figure 133: Plan 5 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.73).

Plan 18.109 (6 of 9)
Context 18150 was removed, revealing underlying 18290. Context 18191 was removed, revealing [18292], 18280, underlying 18290, 18279, and 18289. Contexts 18203 and 18151 were merged after overlying layer was removed and relationships were confirmed.

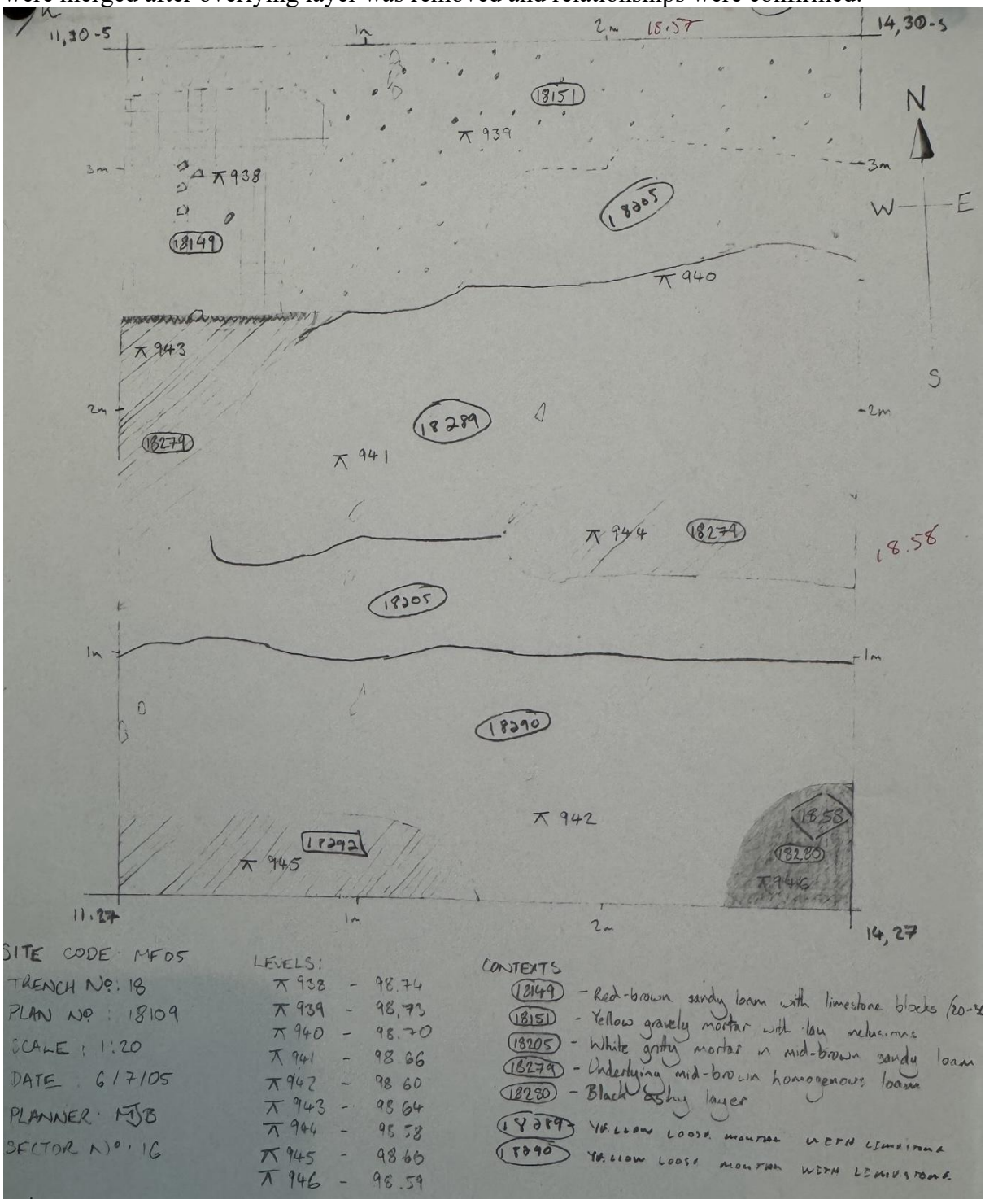


Figure 134: Plan 6 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.109).

Plan 18.112 (7 of 9) Ashy lens 18280 removed, further exposing underlying 18290.

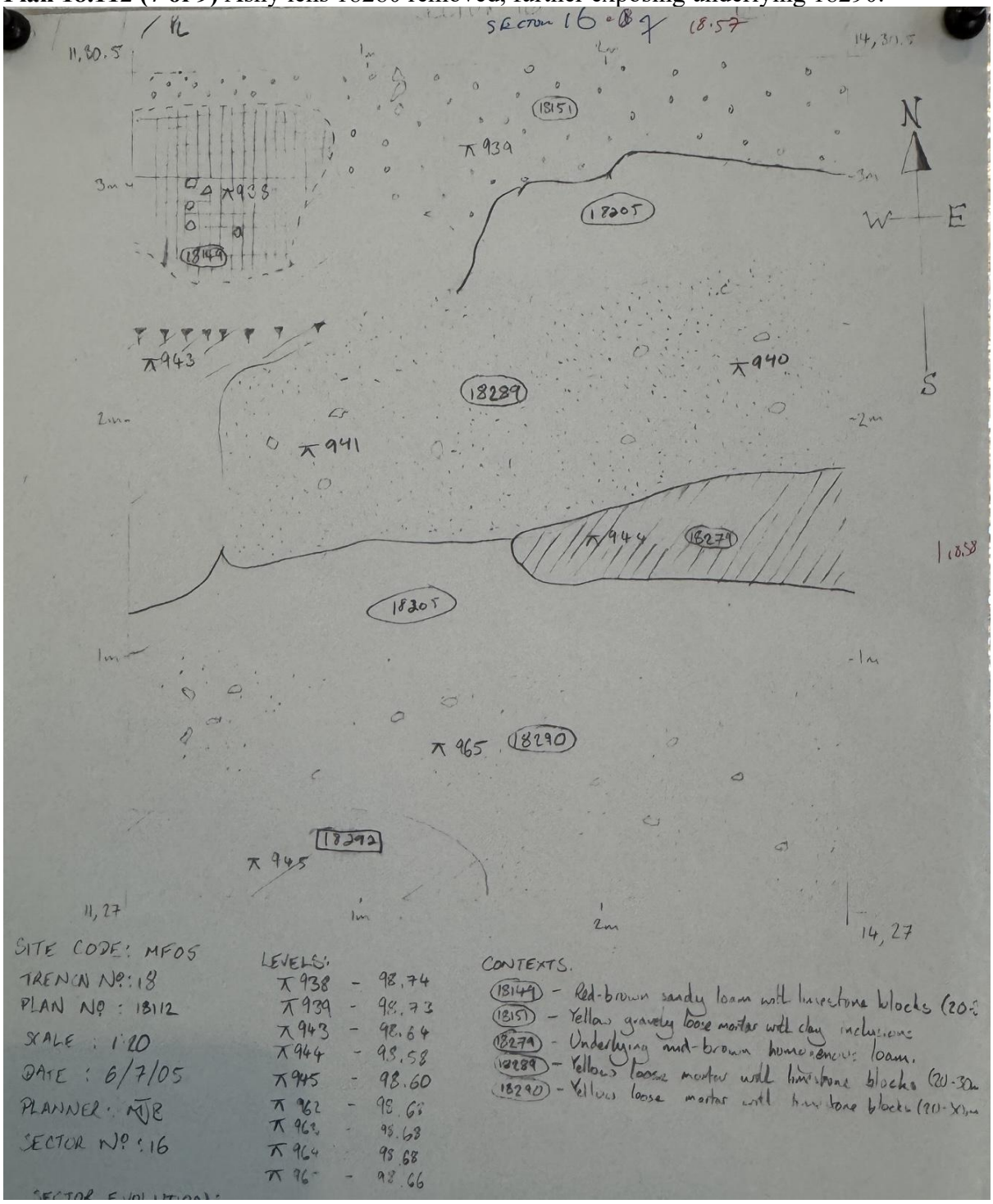


Figure 135: Plan 7 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.112).

Plan 18.111 (8 of 9)
Contexts 18290 & 18289 were removed, further exposing underlying 18205.

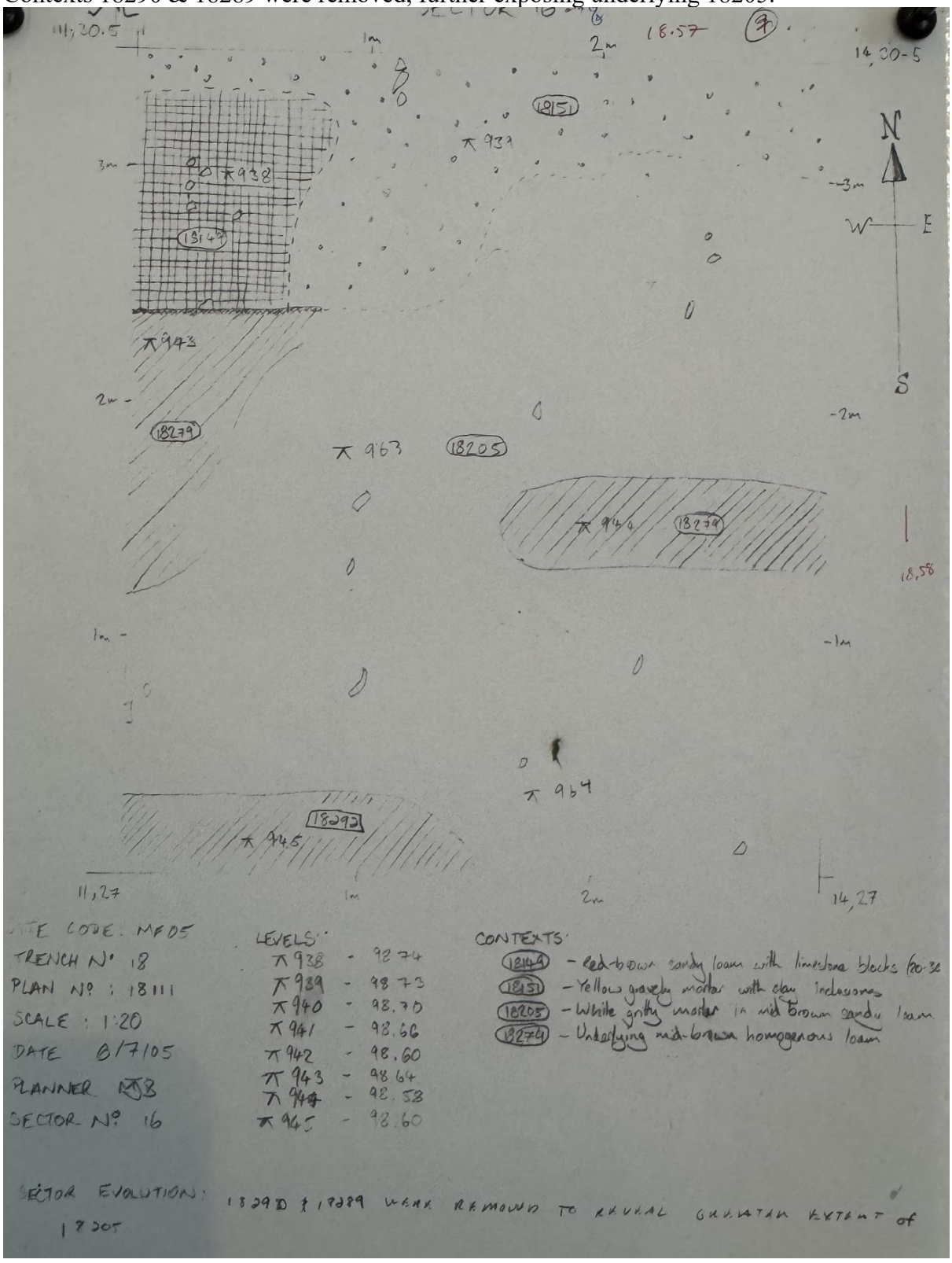


Figure 136: Plan 8 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.111).

Plan 18.115 (9 of 9)
Contexts 18205, 18289, & 18290 removed. This revealed 18322 and 18291 (which is similar to 18151). Context 18279 was determined to be the same as 18149.

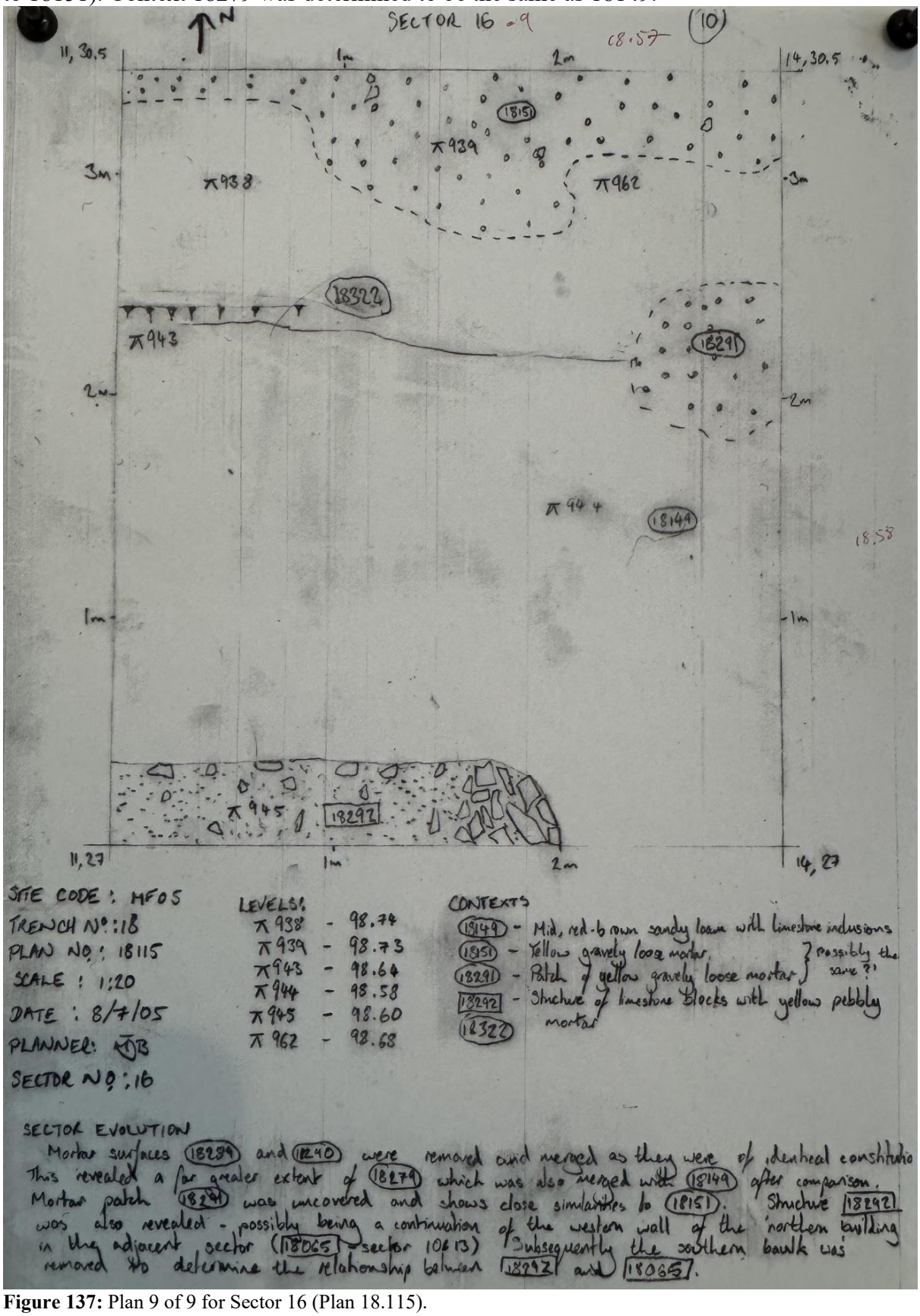


Figure 137: Plan 9 of 9 for Sector 16 (Plan 18.115).

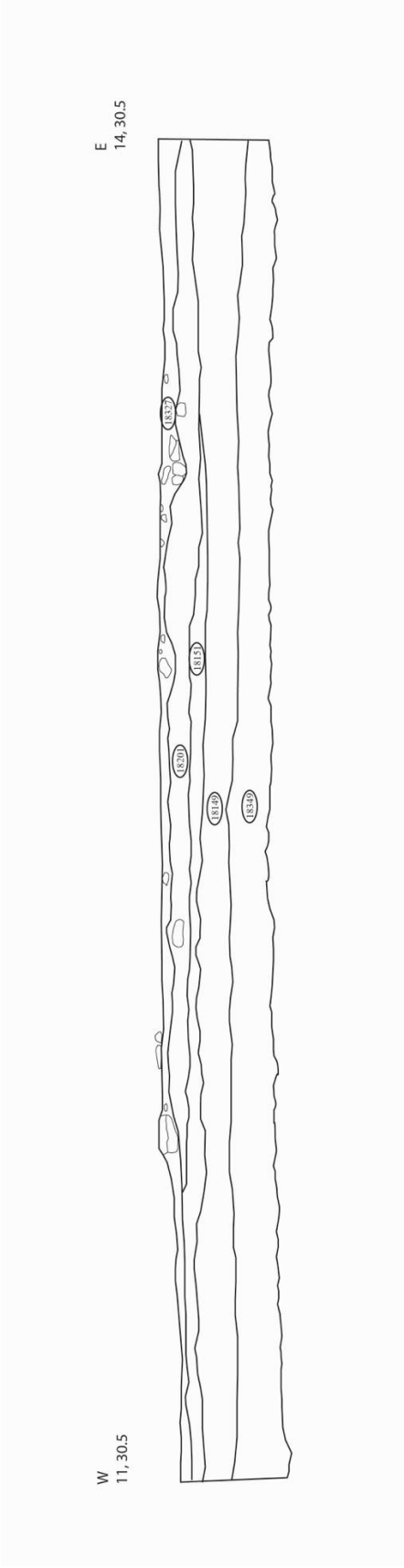


Figure 138: Section 18.57, north face of Sector 16 running along the northern edge of Trench 18 showing exterior surfaces that seem to be part of the entrance of the temple complex.

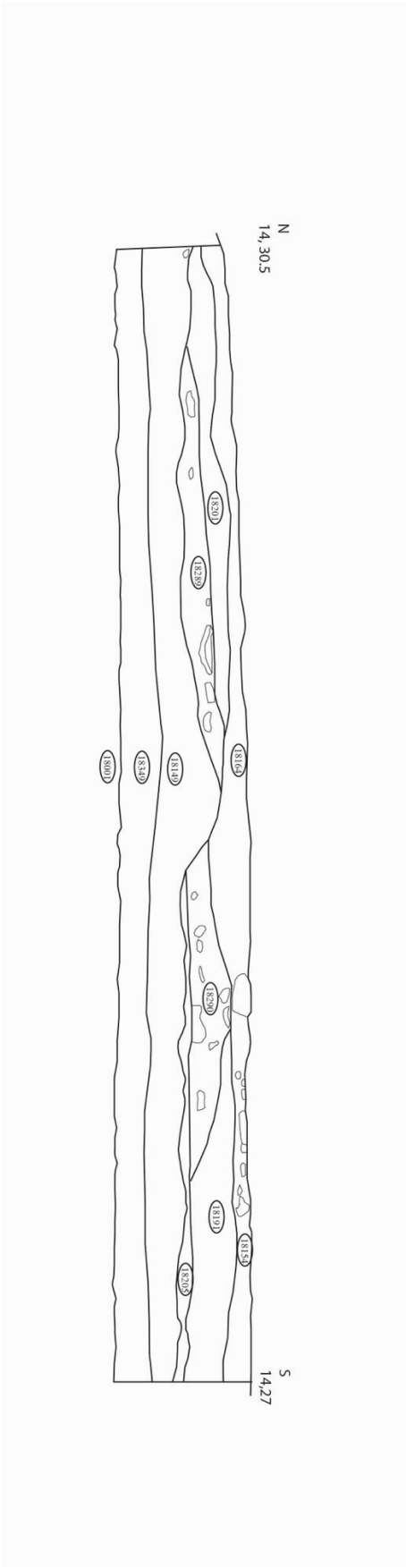


Figure 139: Section 18.58, east face of Sector 16, extending perpendicular on the exterior of the North Building.

Context Information for Sector 16

(18149) LAYER

Description: Red brown sandy loam.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18201.
Material Culture: A total of 133 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 1 Prehistoric and 132 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 1
Roman: RCWO 2RFWOX 25 RCWF 10 RFWR 22 SM 3 RWW 10
RFWW 2 OXFWS 14 GR 28 D 15 O 1
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18149	4085	Metal	iron slag	slag		1		MF05	13.44	28.63	98.58	

Interpretation: N/A

(18150) LAYER

Description: Red brown sandy loam.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: N/A

(18151) LAYER

Description: Gravel and mortar.
Relationships: N/A
Material Culture: A total of 4 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 1 RFWR 1RFWDS 1 D 1
Small Finds:

Context No	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18151	4152	Metal	cu-alloy	stylus	tool	1	Roman	MF05	13.38	30.70	98.68	

Interpretation: N/A

(18152) LAYER

Description: Mid-brown sandy loam with few limestone inclusions. Soil matrix similar to 18154 was classified as separate context because it has more and larger limestone inclusions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18154.
Material Culture: A total of 18 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 1 RFWR 2RFWDS 3 SM 2 RWW 4 DOR 1 OXFRS 3 OXFWS 1 D 1
Interpretation: N/A

(18154) LAYER

Description: Mid-brown sandy loam with patches of limestone gravel.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000 & 18152. Overlies 18191.
Material Culture: A total of 54 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 2 RCWR 14 RFWR 7RFWDS 3 SM 4 RFWW 8 BWW 3 OXFWS 3
D 9 O 1
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18154	2737	Stone	jet	finger ring	jewelry	2		MF04	13.75	27.20	98.58	
18154	2739	Bone	animal bone	Object		1		MF04	11.70	27.18	98.55	
18154	2743	Metal	iron	Strip		1		MF04	11.8	27.05	99.19	strip larger at one end
18154	2757	Metal	cu-alloy	strip, rivetted	fitting	1	Unknown	MF04	13.46	27.72	99.28	

Interpretation: N/A

(18164) LAYER

Description: Red-brown matrix of silty sand mixed with traces of mortar and limestone gravel with number of large limestone block inclusions. Some parts were more cohesive than others. Truncated by plough.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18191, 18201, & 18205.
Material Culture: A total of 202 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWOX 11 RCWR 31 RFWR 68 RFWDS 5 SM 1 RWW 17 RFWW 25 BWW 4 OXFRS 5 OXFWS 21 D 14
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18164	2838	Metal	cu-alloy	rod		1	Unknown	MF04	12.38	28.93	98.61	
18164	3608	Bone	bone	MISSING		0		MF05				
18164	3612	Metal	cu-alloy	spatula probe/binding strip	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF05	15.20	27.66	98.75	
18164	3615	Glass	vessel	vessel fragment		1		MF05	15.22	7.70	98.73	
18164	3616	Metal	cu-alloy	wire		1	Unknown	MF05	15.1	27.58	98.75	
18164	3617	Bone	antler/bone	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF05	15.70	27.85	98.70	
18164	3692	Bone	antler/bone	pin/needle		1		MF05	14.70	30.35	98.76	
18164	3693	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF05	15.10	29.53	98.74	
18164	3699	Bone	antler/bone	pin/needle rough-out		1		MF05	16.05	29.72	98.71	
18164	3700	Glass	jewelry	Ring		1		MF05	16.10	29.10	98.79	
18164	3755	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF05	16.07	27.00		

Interpretation: Spread of limestone blocks that are laid down over a thick yellow clay. Extends under baulk to the north and across trench to the east. It is possibly part of a laid surface. Unfortunately it has been truncated and partially dispersed in Sector 16.

[18173] CUT

Description: Depth c. 8cm. Length c. 80cm. Width c. 17cm.
Relationships: Filled by 18000. Cuts 18151.
Material Culture:
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18173	2824	Bone	bone/antler	needle		1		MF04	17.27	26.90	98.63	
18173	2825	Metal	cu-alloy	hair pin	jewelry	1	Roman	MF04	16.80	26.99	98.66	

Interpretation: Likely to represent a plough mark.

[18174] CUT

Description: Depth 12c. Length 130cm. Width 16cm.
Relationships: Filled by 18000. Cuts 18154.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Likely to represent a plough mark.

[18175] CUT

Description: Depth 10cm. Length 100cm. Width 13cm.
Relationships: Cuts 18154.
Material Culture: A total of 41 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 4 RFWOX 1 RCWR 6 RFWR 9RWW 2 BWW 1
OXFWS 2 D 16
Interpretation: Likely to represent a plough mark.

[18176] CUT

Description: Depth 6cm. Length 70cm. Width 13cm.

Relationships: Cuts 18154.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Likely to represent a plough mark.

(18191) LAYER

Description: Mid-brown homogenous sandy loam.
Relationships: Overlain by 18154.
Material Culture: A total of 186 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 7 RFWOX 4 RCWR 72 RFWR 18 SM 6 RWW 15 RFWW 2
BWW 4 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 19 ROBSH 1 D 36 O 1
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18191	3334	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring, glass intaglio	jewelry	1	2nd c	MF05	12.27	28.28	98.71	D-shaped bezel type finger ring (type III) with molded oval intaglio, depicting a satyr with bunch of grapes in right hand
18191	3342	Metal	cu-alloy	spatula probe	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF05	12.27	28.28	98.77	
18191	3711	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF05	15.71	35.67	98.56	
18191	3713	Glass	jewelry	bead	jewelry	1		MF05	15.41	27.60	98.57	
18191	3714	Metal	cu-alloy	stud (domed)	fitting	1	Unknown	MF05	14.34	27.80	98.56	
18191	3715	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF05	14.79	27.42	98.58	
18191	3716	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF05	14.89	27.10	98.57	
18191	3758	Metal	cu-alloy	seal box		1	Roman	MF05	15.67	27.34	98.52	
18191	3769	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF05	14.84	27.58	98.62	
18191	3770	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF05	14.50	27.51	98.60	
18191	3772	Metal	iron	angled fitting		1		MF05	14.33	27.29	98.64	
18191	3773	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF05	14.51	27.17	98.64	

Interpretation: N/A

(18201) LAYER

Description: Large pieces of limestone rubble, cohesive appearance suggests it is a possible surface. Damaged by plough grooves. Small to mid stones 5 – 15 cm packed together. Stones lying flat on long axis. Stuck or bonded by a lens of yellow clay material.
Relationships: Overlain by 18164. Same as 18155? Overlies 18191.
Material Culture: A total of 5 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWR 1 SM 1 RWW 2 OXFWS 1
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18201	2855	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF04	12.93	30.45	98.69	

Interpretation: Most likely some sort of cobbled surface with yellow clay and mortar. Carries on to the east - area of significant land surface (18155). Also extends to the north into Trench 15. Uppermost surface found in the area [latest phase].

(18203) LAYER

Description: Friable mid-whitish yellow silty sand with significant (c. > 25%) very small pebble inclusions with some finds and larger limestones. Averages c. 7cm deep and extends for 3.5 meters across the north of the sector. Extends north and is visible in Trench 15.
Relationships: Overlain by 18164. Same as 18151. Overlies 18327.
Material Culture: N/A (material recorded under 18151).

Interpretation: Thick gravel and mortar laid surface. Extends south from areas of temenos entrance way.

(18205) LAYER

Description: Mortar patch. White mortar layer of tightly packed limestone flecks. Small terracotta inclusions. In subsequent plans (18.109 & 18.111) full extent covered much of the sector. Layer thickness did not exceed 15mm before revealing layers of different color and constitution.
Relationships: Overlain by 18191, 18289, & 18290. Overlies 18291, 18151, 18279, 18322, & 18149.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: The even nature of this context and its durability suggest that it was a floor surface extending from the northern wall of the building. The extent of the underlying context 18151 and its slightly patchiness may indicate that 18205 was either the finished surface or used to repair the previous floor surface. Similar exterior surfaces were found on the south of the buildings in Trench 18. The accumulation of 18164 indicates that the surface had fallen into disuse while the building was still in use or had a change in use allowing the accumulation of soil containing artefacts prior to the collapse.

(18279) LAYER

Description: Losse mid-brownish red sandy clay, fine grained and homogenous with very few inclusions. < 10cm thick. Covering most of the sector. Underlying all archaeological deposits.
Relationships: Overlain by 18191 & 18205. Same as 18149. Overlies 18349.
Material Culture: N/A (artefacts recorded as 18149).
Interpretation: Part of natural pre-Roman deposits with residual prehistoric and some Roman material worked in.

(18280) LAYER

Description: Compact dark burnt layer (brown/black). Large amount of charcoal as well as some burnt bone. Thin layer over stone/mortar surface 18290 (15 – 20mm deep) with a thicker center up to 60mm in depth. Localized lens deposits and large quantity of charcoal led to entire layer being taken for flotation.
Relationships*:* Overlain by 18191. Overlies 18290.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Size of deposit and lack of discoloration of underlying surfaces indicates deposition post-combustion on top of mortar surface against northern wall of the North Building (possible waste disposal). There are other black ash deposits on similar levels throughout the adjacent sector, both inside the North Building and outside, behind the structure's western wall.

(18289) LAYER

Description: Compact mortar and limestone block layer of white and yellow color. Many stone inclusions (30 – 50mm) and included occasional pot sherds. Layer was an event depth of c. 20mm throughout, except where overlying (18291) where it was very thin. Limestone inclusions and dry weather made surface robust and difficult to trowel.
Relationships: Overlain by 18191. Same as 18290. Overlies 18279 & 18205.
Material Culture: N/A. (Recorded under 18290).
Interpretation: Composition of layer and even distribution indicates intentionally laid floor surface. When it became worn through. The underlying context (18291) may suggest an even earlier surface but lack of this elsewhere towards the wall to the south indicates a different purpose for the surface 18291/18151. The repatching of this context indicates extended period of use. Although separated by a disturbance, this context seems to be the same as 18290 in composition and compaction.

(18290) LAYER

Description: Very compact mortar and stone layer of white/yellow color. Many stones (30 – 50mm) and included occasional pot sherds and charcoal flecks. Layer varied in thickness from 20 – 30mm on the western edge to less than 10mm on the southern baulk. Layer ran from east to western edges of the sector. Trowelling was made difficult by large limestone inclusions.
Relationships: Overlain by 18191. Same as 18289. Overlies 18205.
Material Culture: A total of 9 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RFWR 2RWW 1 OXFRS 5 GR 1
Interpretation: Composition of layer indicates deliberately laid floor surface which was. By composition, it is very similar to nearby contexts 18289 and 18149. Indicates patching by overlying 18205. With relation to the

North Building, this appears to have been the original floor surface laid to the north. The subsequent recovering indicates extended period of use. Although separated by a disturbance, this context seems to be the same as 18289 in composition and compaction.

(18291) LAYER

Description: Friable mid-yellowish brown sandy clay with limestone inclusions and pebbles/gravel mixed into the matrix. < 5cm thick in most places and extends about 1.3 meters from the north baulk.
Relationships: Overlain by 18205. Same as 18322. Overlies 18149.
Material Culture: N/A (artefacts recorded as 18322).
Interpretation: Part of a possible constructed surface. Initially treated as a distinct context but subsequently proven to be the same as 18322. Finds associated with 18322.

[18292] STRUCTURE

Description: Mid to large very angular limestone blocks (c. 10 – 20cm). On outer ring of stones on end – with a clearly rounded end to the east. Rows of pitched 'herring bone' stones filling in center. No solid mortar but surrounded by loose gravel and pebbles on course visible. C. 65cm thick and about 3 meters long. Seems to butt against temenos wall 18302.
Relationships: Overlain by 18191. Same as 18306. Overlies 18149 & 18305. Butts 18302.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Small oddly shaped wall. Clearly built over 18305 – north wall of the North Building. Perhaps a buttress – but the shape (rounded ends) might suggest a more decorative function. It would most likely have been the wall seen by all entering the temple complex.

(18322) LAYER

Description: Friable mid-yellowish brown sandy clay with limestone inclusions (c. 5 – 15cm) with some pebbles and gravel mixed into the matrix, < 5cm thick in most places and extends about 1.3 meters from the north baulk.
Relationships: Overlain by 18151 & 18279. Same as 18291. Overlies 18149.
Material Culture: A total of 36 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 10 RFWOX 1 RCWR 8 RFWR 6SM 2 RWW 3 RFWW 1 GR 2 D 3
Interpretation: A possible surface (constructed) mainly of clay and sand. Lies under substantial gravel and mortar surface 18151. It seems to extend down from Trench 15. Therefore it is most likely associated with some surfaces associated with the temenos entrance.

(18349) LAYER

***Description*:** Compact and very viscus sandy clay with about 15% or greater small limestone inclusions. About 5 – 10cm deep and covering the entire sector. No material culture – not necessary to excavate in full as already well understand this deposit in other sectors in the trench.
Relationships: Overlies 18001. Overlain by 18149.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: Lowest soil in the trench – immediately above the bedrock. Part of the pre-activity natural.

SECTOR 17 & 32

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 17) was opened to the north of the "North Building". Only the topsoil was removed from the entire Sector. In MF05, a 2m slot was dug further on the eastern half of Sector 17 to provide a section through the destruction sequence outside of the North Building (Plans 18.125, 18.130, & 18.138).

Plan 18.125 (1 of 3)
The topsoil and interface context (18164) were removed, revealing a tightly cobbled stone surface (18159) and homogeneous sandy loam (18191).

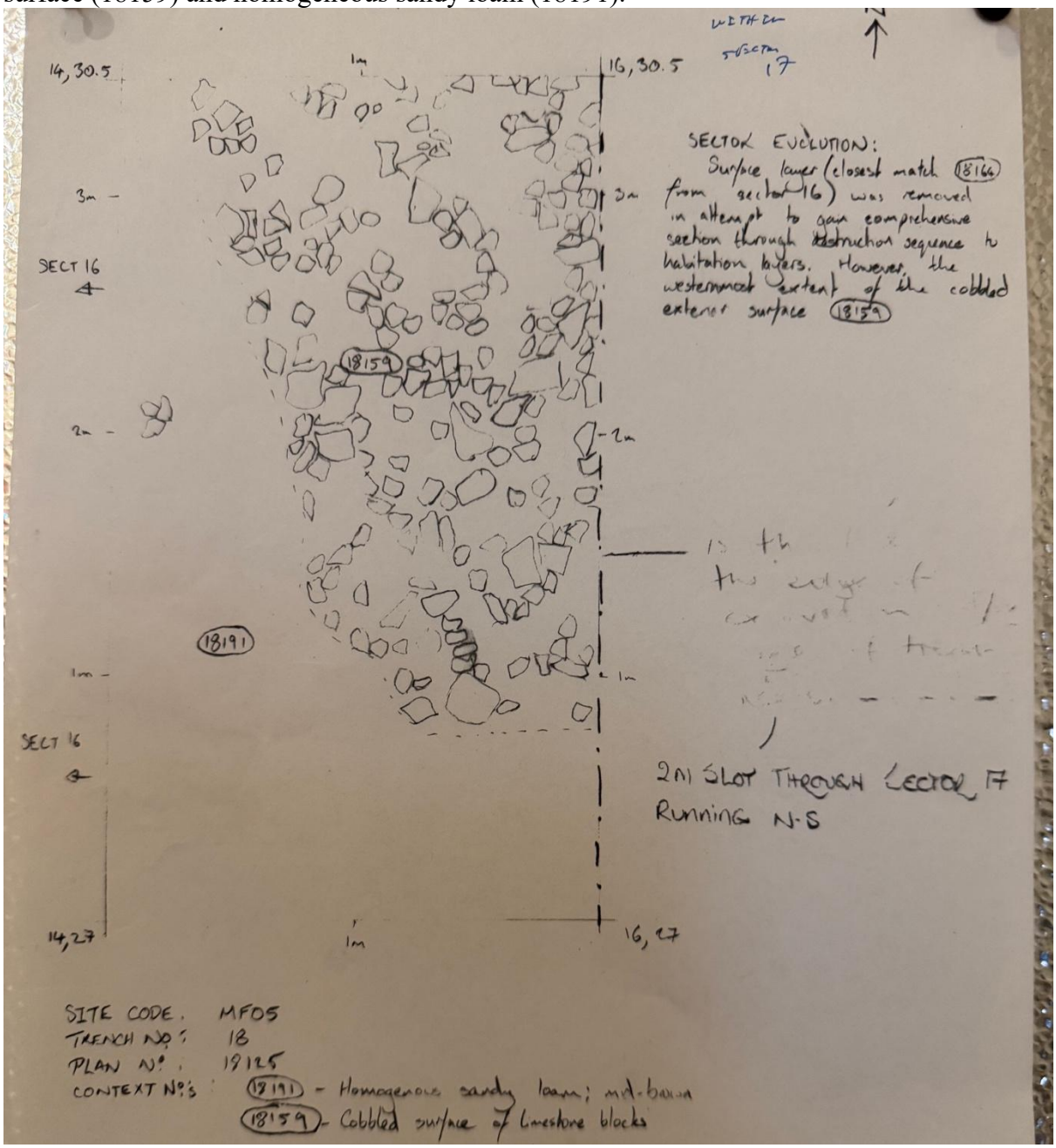


Figure 140: Plan 18.125 of Sector 17/32, north of the North Building.

Plan 18.130 (2 of 3)
Contexts (18159) and (18191) were removed, revealing underlying contexts 18149, a white mortar layer 18205, and a sandy loam 18322.

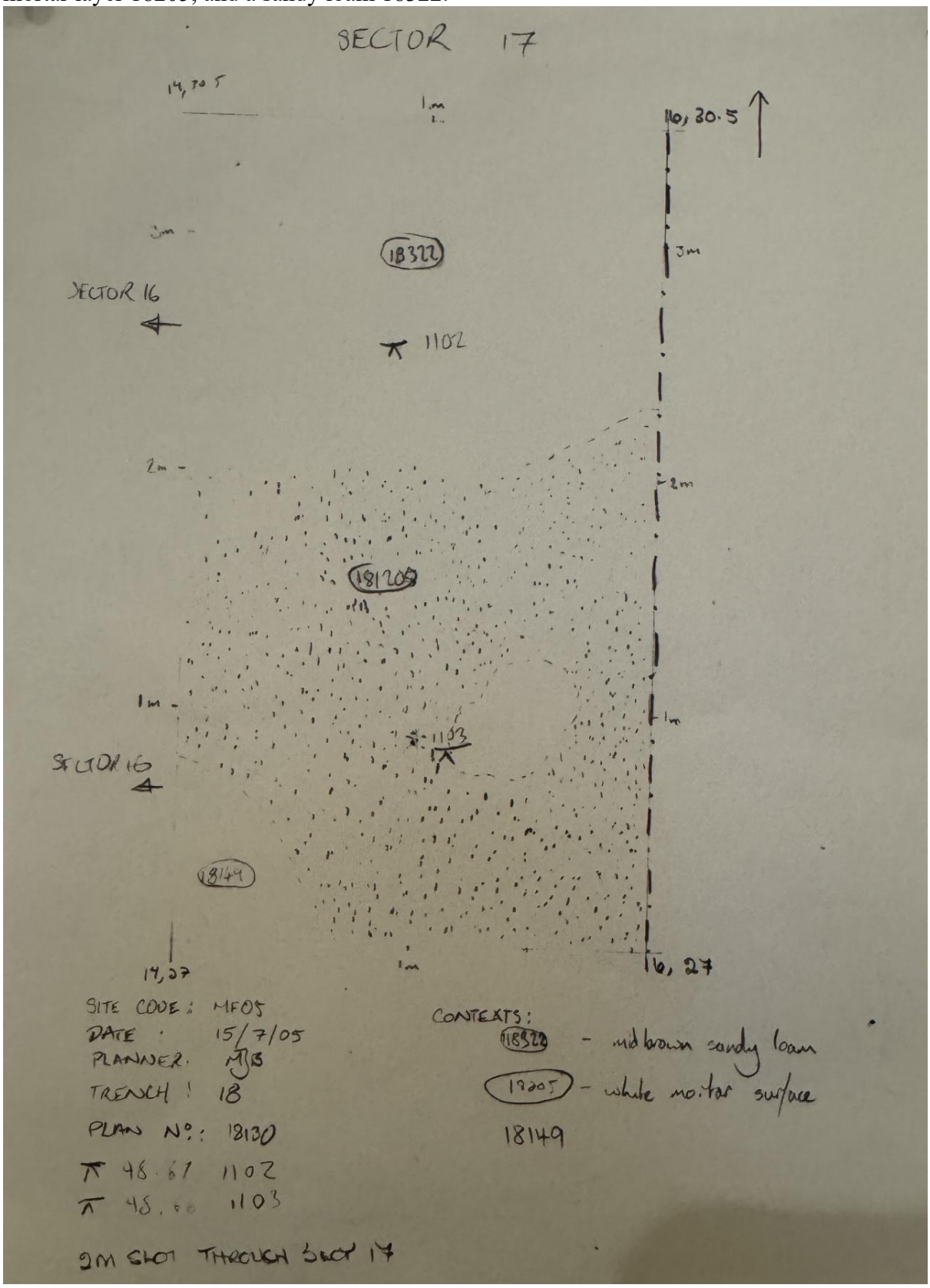


Figure 141: Plan 18.130 of Sector 17/32, north of the North Building.

Plan 18.138 (3 of 3)
Context (18205) was removed, further exposing underlying 18149. Context 18322 was partially excavated, revealing a layer of yellow sandy mortar (18327).

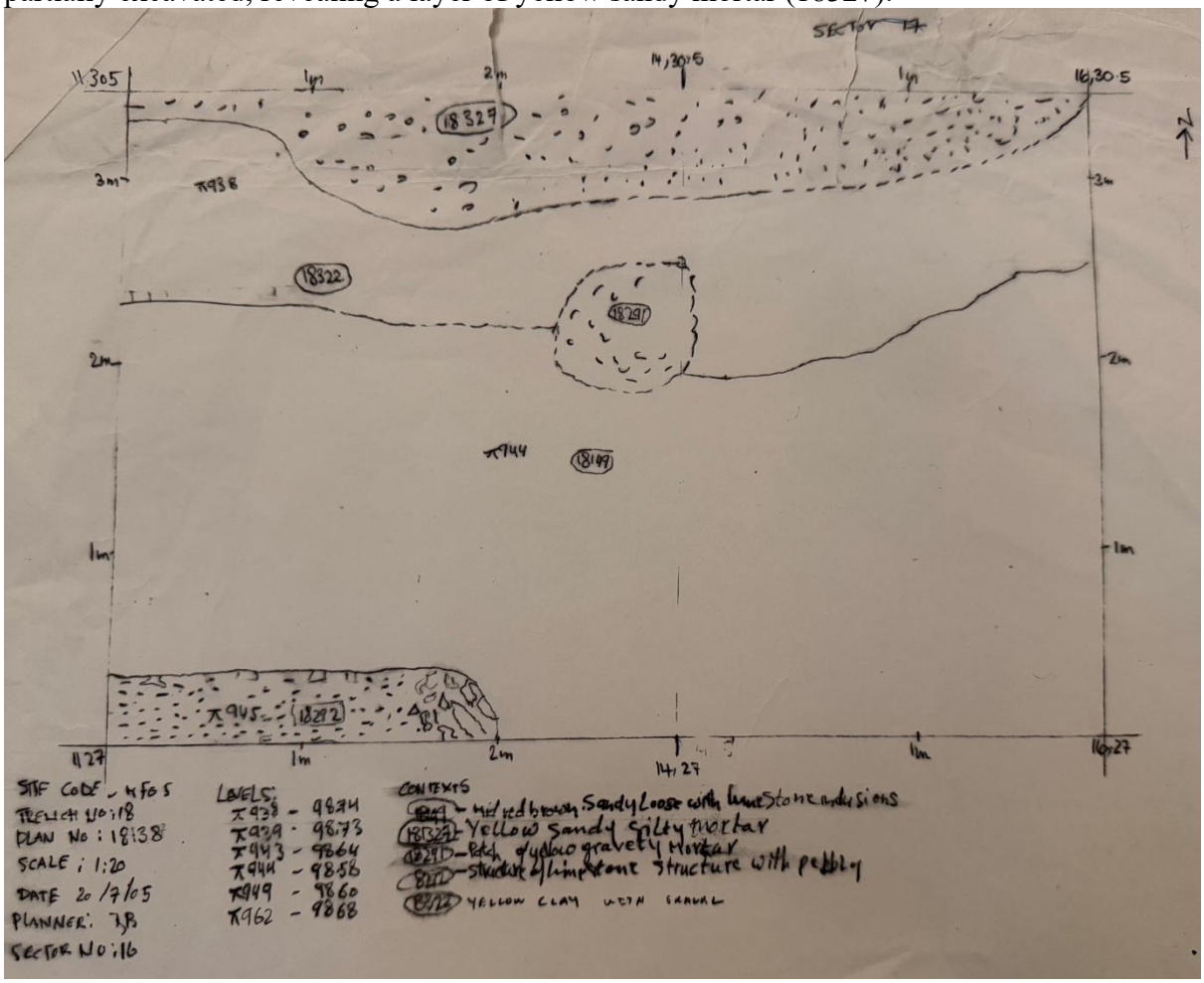


Figure 142: Plan 18.138 of Sector 17/32, north of the North Building.

Context Information for Sector 17 & 32

(18149) LAYER
Description: Red brown sandy loam.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18201.
Material Culture: A total of 133 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: 1 Prehistoric and 132 Roman.
Prehistoric: PCW 1
Roman: RCWO 2 RFWOX 25 RCWF 10 RFWR 22 SM 3 RWW 10
RFWW 2 OXFWS 14 GR 28 D 15 O 1
Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18149	4085	Metal	iron slag	slag		1		MF05	13.44	28.63	98.58	

Interpretation: N/A

(18159) LAYER
Description: Compact, mid-brown loam with a number of stones approx. 5 – 10cm in size. Mortar (?) upon surface, which are closely compact. There are CBM in one inclusion. The context runs in an arc shape going from the northeast to southeast corners.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18160, 18205, & 18322.
Material Culture: A total of 22 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 1 RCWR 4 RFWR 9RFWW 1 OXFWS 5 ROBSH 1 O 1

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18159	2668	Metal	cu-alloy	nail cleaner	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF04	20.44	28.63	98.55	

Interpretation: Context consists of a layer of rubble (?) (context 18162) on top of a stone surface (context 18159) which may possibly be associated with the building just beyond the southwest corner.

(18191) LAYER

Description: Mid-brown homogenous sandy loam.

Relationships: Overlain by 18154.

Material Culture: A total of 186 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 7 RFWOX 4 RCWR 72 RFWR 18 SM 6 RWW 15 RFWW 2 BWW 4 OXFRS 1 OXFWS 19 ROBSH 1 D 36 O 1

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18191	3334	Metal	cu-alloy	finger ring, glass intaglio	jewelry	1	2nd c	MF05	12.27	28.28	98.71	D-shaped bezel type finger ring (type III) with moulded galdd oval intaglio, depicting a satyr with buch of grapes in right hand
18191	3342	Metal	cu-alloy	spatula probe	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF05	12.27	28.28	98.77	
18191	3711	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF05	15.71	35.67	98.56	
18191	3713	Glass	jewelry	bead	jewelry	1		MF05	15.41	27.60	98.57	
18191	3714	Metal	cu-alloy	stud (domed)	fitting	1	Unknown	MF05	14.34	27.80	98.56	
18191	3715	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF05	14.79	27.42	98.58	
18191	3716	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF05	14.89	27.10	98.57	
18191	3758	Metal	cu-alloy	seal box		1	Roman	MF05	15.67	27.34	98.52	
18191	3769	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF05	14.84	27.58	98.62	
18191	3770	Metal	cu-alloy	sheet		1	Unknown	MF05	14.50	27.51	98.60	
18191	3772	Metal	iron	angled fitting		1		MF05	14.33	27.29	98.64	
18191	3773	Metal	iron	bar		1		MF05	14.51	27.17	98.64	

Interpretation: N/A

(18205) LAYER

Description: Mortar patch. White mortar layer of tightly packed limestone flecks. Small terracotta inclusions. In subsequent plans (18.109 & 18.111) full extent covered much of the sector. Layer thickness did not exceed 15mm before revealing layers of different color and constitution.

Relationships: Overlain by 18191, 18289, & 18290. Overlies 18291, 18151, 18279, 18322, & 18149.

Material Culture: N/A

Interpretation: The even nature of this context and its durability suggest that it was a floor surface extending from the northern wall of the building. The extent of the underlying context 18151 and its slightly patchiness may indicate that 18205 was either the finished surface or used to repair the previous floor surface. Similar exterior surfaces were found on the south of the buildings in Trench 18. The accumulation of 18164 indicates that the surface had fallen into disuse while the building was still in use or had a change in use allowing the accumulation of soil containing artefacts prior to the collapse.

(18322) LAYER

Description: Friable mid-yellowish brown sandy clay with limestone inclusions (c. 5 – 15cm) with some pebbles and gravel mixed into the matrix, < 5cm thick in most places and extends about 1.3 meters from the north baulk.

Relationships: Overlain by 18151 & 18279. Same as 18291. Overlies 18149.
Material Culture: A total of 36 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.
RCWO 10 RFWOX 1 RCWR 8 RFWR 6SM 2 RWW 3 RFWW 1 GR 2 D 3
Interpretation: A possible surface (constructed) mainly of clay and sand. Lies under substantial gravel and mortar surface 18151. It seems to extend down from Trench 15. Therefore, it is most likely associated with some surfaces associated with the temenos entrance.

(18327) LAYER

Description: Loose mid-reddish brown sandy clay. Fine grained and homogenous with very few inclusions. < 10cm thick, covering most of the section.
Relationships: Overlain by 18151. Same as 18149. Overlies 18349.
Material Culture: N/A
Interpretation: Natural deposit – revealed to be the same as 18149.

SECTOR 18

A 3.5 – 3.5m trench (Sector 18) was opened in the northeastern corner of Trench 18, to the north of the entrance of the "North Building". In MF04, the sector was partially excavated, as detailed in plans 18.53, 18.65, & 18. 67.

Plan 18.53 (1 of 3)
The topsoil and upper contexts (18159 & 18160) were removed to a lower level than surrounding context (18162), revealing contexts (18155, 18156, 18157, 18158, 18159, 18160, 18161, & 18162).

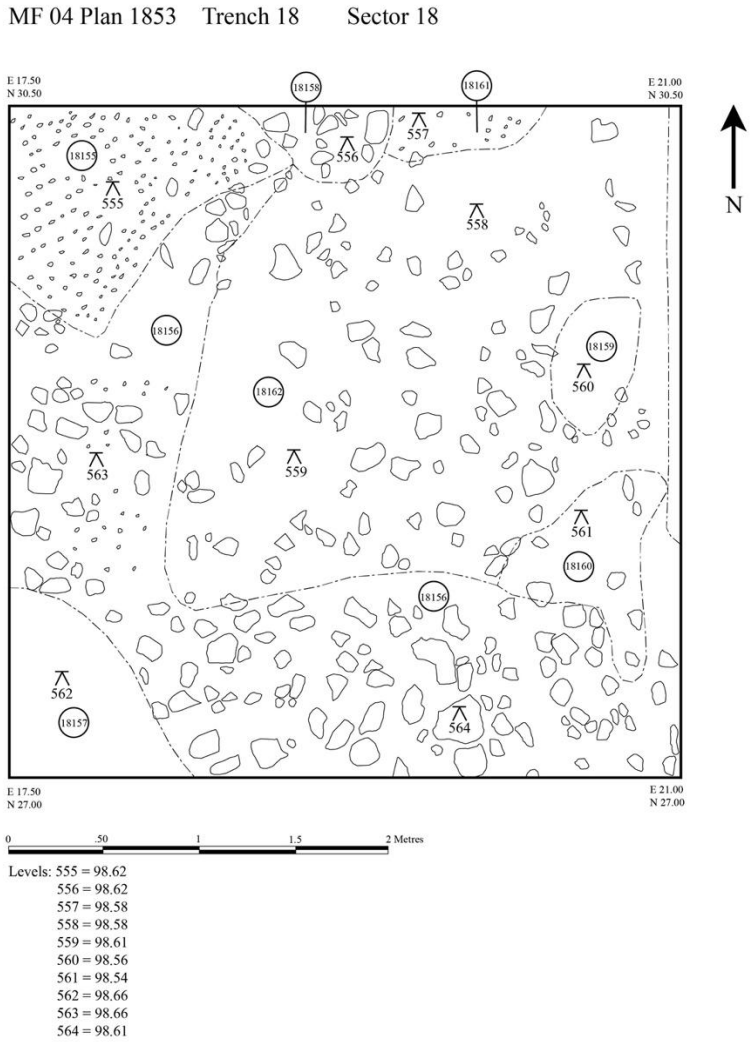


Figure 143: Plan 1 of 3 for Sector 18 (Plan 18.53).

Plan 18.65 (2 of 3)

Context (18162) remove, further exposing underlying context (18156) and exposing a uniform cobbled surface of stones with rounded edges (contexts 18159 & 18160, which were determined to be the same unit).

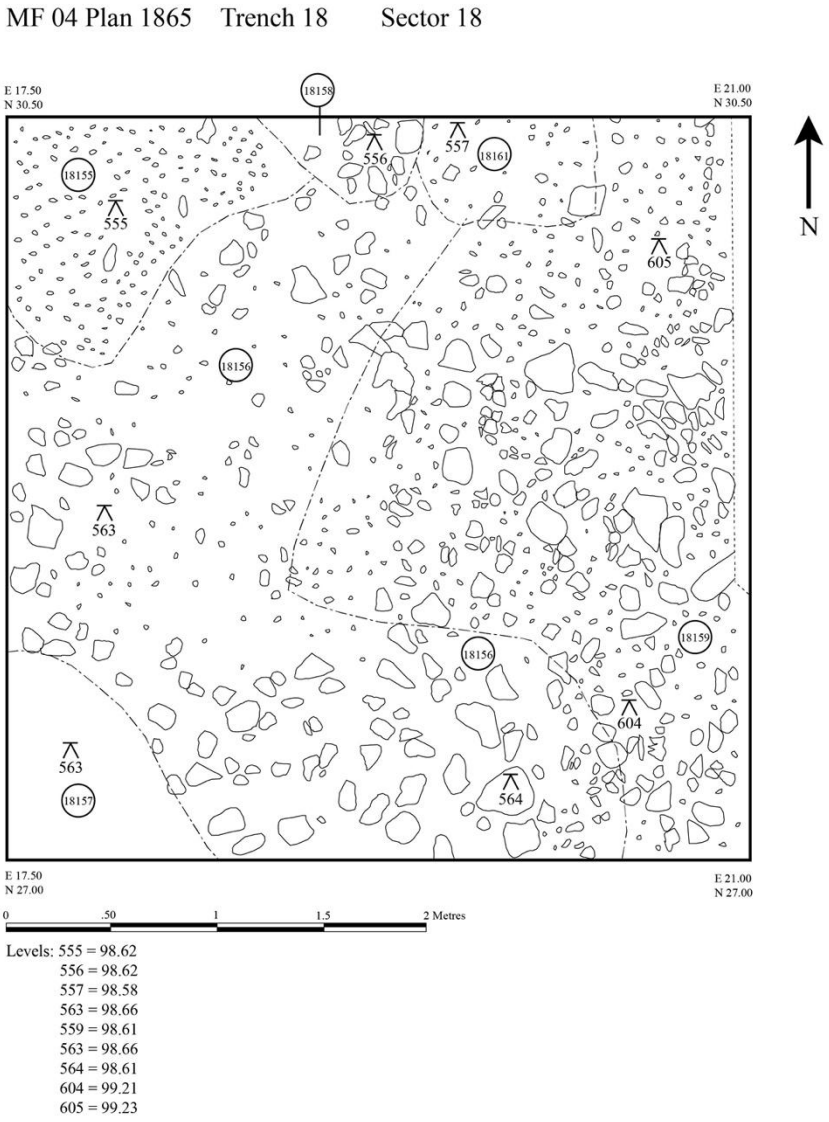


Figure 144: Plan 2 of 3 for Sector 18 (Plan 18.65).

Plan 18.67 (3 of 3)

Rubble patch 18158 removed, further exposing (18161). Context 18157 removed, revealing a layer of sandy loam with some limestone blocks (18193).

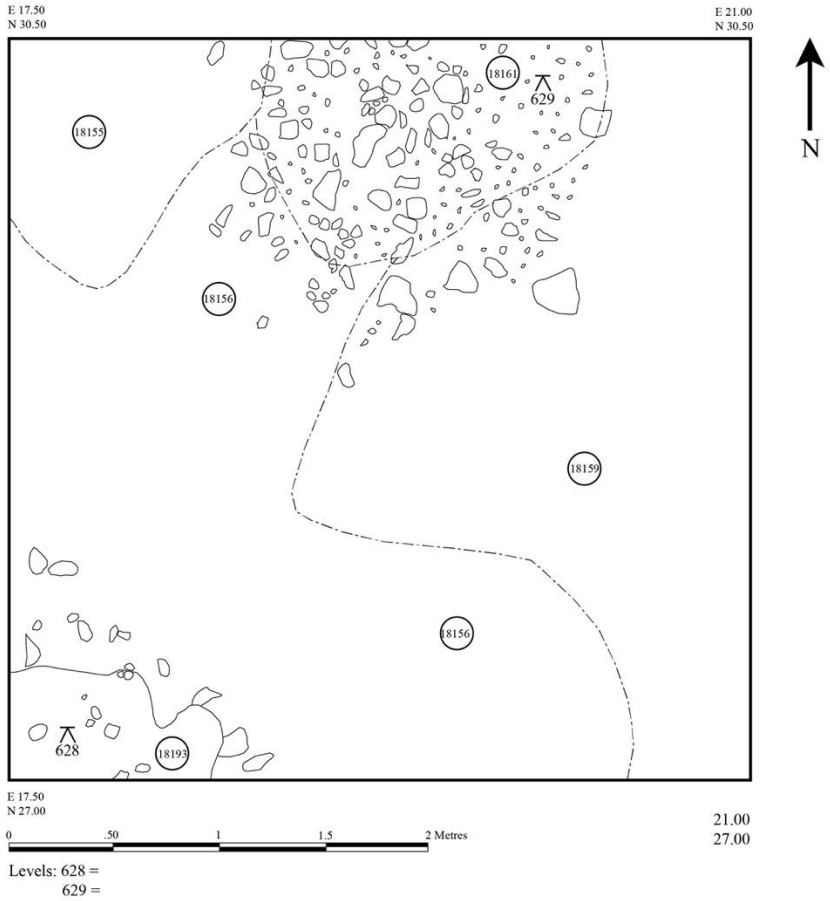


Figure 145: Plan 3 of 3 for Sector 18 (Plan 18.67).

Context Information for Sector 18

(18155) LAYER

Description: Compact light yellowish brown sandy loam with gravel and small stone inclusions. Obviously distinct from surrounding 18156 & 18158, due to lack of rubble blocks.
Relationships: Overlain by 18000.
Material Culture: None.
Interpretation: N/A

(18156) LAYER

Description: Loose, mid-brown silty loam with loose stones making up a substantial part of one surface. Area also has CBM inclusions and occurs on extensive area of trench.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000.

Material Culture: A total of 52 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 3 RFWOX 3 RCWR 17 RFWR 5SM 4 RWW 2 RFWW 3 BWW 5 OXFRS 3 D 5 O 2

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18156	2836	Bone	bone/antler	hair pin	jewelry	1		MF04	17.70	29.29	98.64	
18156	2837	Metal	cu-alloy	rod		1	Unknown	MF04	18.86	29.06	98.57	square section rod
18156	2839	Metal	iron	Pin/stylus?		1		MF04	18.14	28.85	98.60	long pin with head
18156	2840	Metal	iron	stud head?		1		MF04	18.32	0.45	98.58	flat object shaped like an arrow head
18156	2842	Metal	iron	Pin		1		MF04	17.62	28.52	98.61	long slightly curved pin
18156	2844	Metal	cu-alloy	Coin		1		MF04	18.19	28.42	98.39	
18156	2850	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF04	20.13	27.68	98.53	long oval iron object
18156	2854	Metal	iron	Object		1		MF04	20.7	27.42	98.51	iron object rounded on one side
18156	2962	Metal	cu-alloy	fitting		1	Roman	MF04	-	-	-	
18156	3081	bone	animal bone	pin/needle		1		MF04	-	-	-	

Interpretation: N/A

(18157) FILL

Description: Hard mid-brown silty loam with some loose stones. The context area cover one SW corner of the trench. Area appears to be more distinct from other context and to one bit of rubble.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18193.

Material Culture: A total of 286 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 33 RFWOX 6 RCWR 136 RFWR 2SM 17 IMPCC 6
RWW 20 OXFRS 10 OXFWS 19 GR 2 D 22 O 2

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18157	2755	Metal	cu-alloy	Pin		1		MF04	17.92	27.23	99.11	
18157	2756	Metal	cu-alloy	smelt??	m/working?	1		MF04	17.91	27.30	99.11	
18157	2767	Bone	bone/antler	pin/needle		1	Unknown	MF04	-	-	-	
18157	3778	Stone	stone	whetstone		1		MF05	17.70	25.96	98.70	

Interpretation: The area appears to have a loose soil deposit (?) rubble, which may be associated with the building (?) and one SW corner. Not certain if this material is at the SW edge of 18156, or a possible eroded part of 18156.

(18158) LAYER

Description: loose mid-brown silty loam with large rocks (angular) and CBM. Rocks easily removed by hand. Extending to approx. 1m x 1m on the northern edge.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18161.

Material Culture: A total of 1 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWR 1

Interpretation: Rubble collapse from the northern edge of Sector 18, leaving angular blocks overlying the worn cobbled surface (18161). In in plan as a discrete pile of rubble – physically distinct from other rubble layers (18162 & 18158). It is sitting directly on a constructed surface (18161).

(18159) LAYER

Description: Compact, mid-brown loam with a number of stones approx. 5 – 10cm in size. Mortar (?) upon surface, which are closely compact. There are CBM in one inclusion. The context runs in an arc shape going from the northeast to southeast corners.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18160, 18205, & 18322.

Material Culture: A total of 22 sherds of pottery recovered from this context: All Roman.

RCWO 1 RCWR 4 RFWR 9RFWW 1 OXFWS 5 ROBSH 1 O 1

Small Finds:

Context	SF No	Material	Material Subt	Function	Type Group	Amount	Period	Site	Eastings	Northings	Level No	Comments
18159	2668	Metal	cu-alloy	nail cleaner	toilet implement	1	Roman	MF04	20.44	28.63	98.55	

Interpretation: Context consists of a layer of rubble (?) (context 18162) on top of a stone surface (context 18159) which may possibly be associated with the building just beyond the southwest corner.

(18160) LAYER

Description: Compact mid-brown loam with a large number of stones approx. 5 – 10 cm in size. Mortar (?) upon the surface which are already compact. There are CBM inclusions. Context is roughly oval in shape in some S. E. corner. Same as 18159.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Same as 18159.

Material Culture: See Context sheet for (18159) for info on material culture.

Interpretation: Context consists of a layer of rubble overlying a stone surface (18159). Later Note: this context has been determined to be the same as (18159).

(18161) LAYER

Description: Closely packed worn blocks with some mid-brown loam and yellow brown gravel inclusions covering some 2m x 1m on the northern edge.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000, 18158.

Material Culture: None.

Interpretation: N/A

(18162) LAYER

Description: Loose mid-brown silty loam which has large pieces of limestone which make up a substantial part of one surface. Context also has CBM inclusions. Covers area approx. 2m x 2 m from the N E corner. Stones laid irregular. Rough, angular. No indication of surface wear.

Relationships: Overlain by 18000. Overlies 18159 & 18156.

Material Culture: None.

Interpretation: Context of rubble which comes from the surrounding building which appears to have covered onto a surface. This is not a constructed surface, but rather a spread of rubble, soil, and what is most likely building debris. It covers another spread of rubble (18156) and a constructed cobble surface (18159).

(18193) LAYER

Description: Loose, mid-brown sandy loam with limestone blocks. Context also has CBM inclusions and occupies one S W corner of the trench.

Relationships: Overlain by 18157.

Material Culture: None.

Interpretation: N/A

SECTOR 20

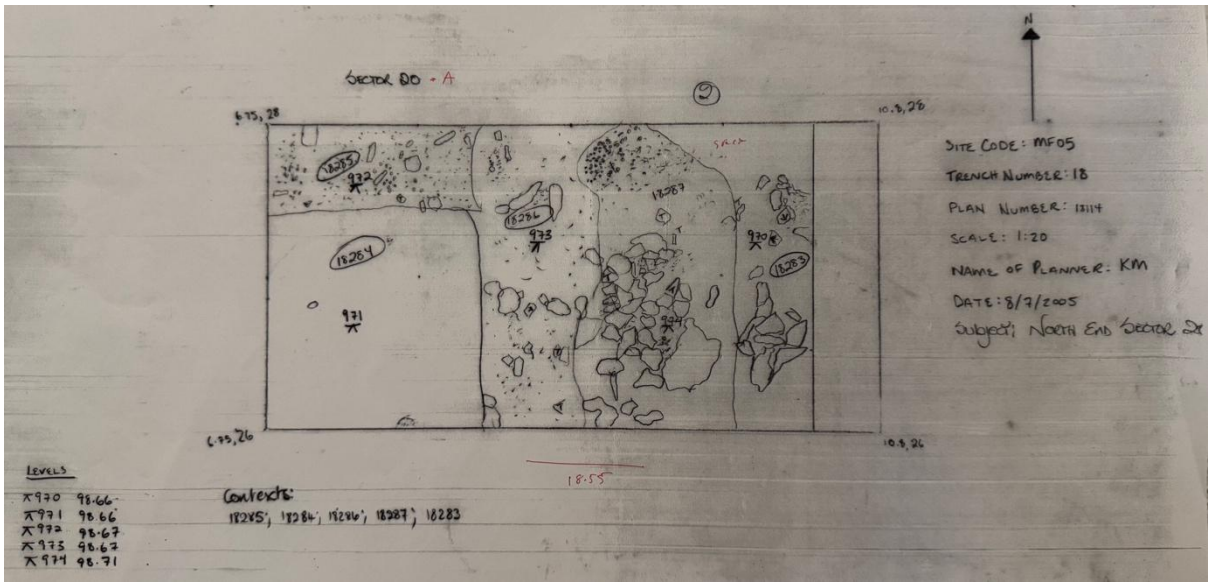


Figure 146: Sector 20a (Plan 18.114).

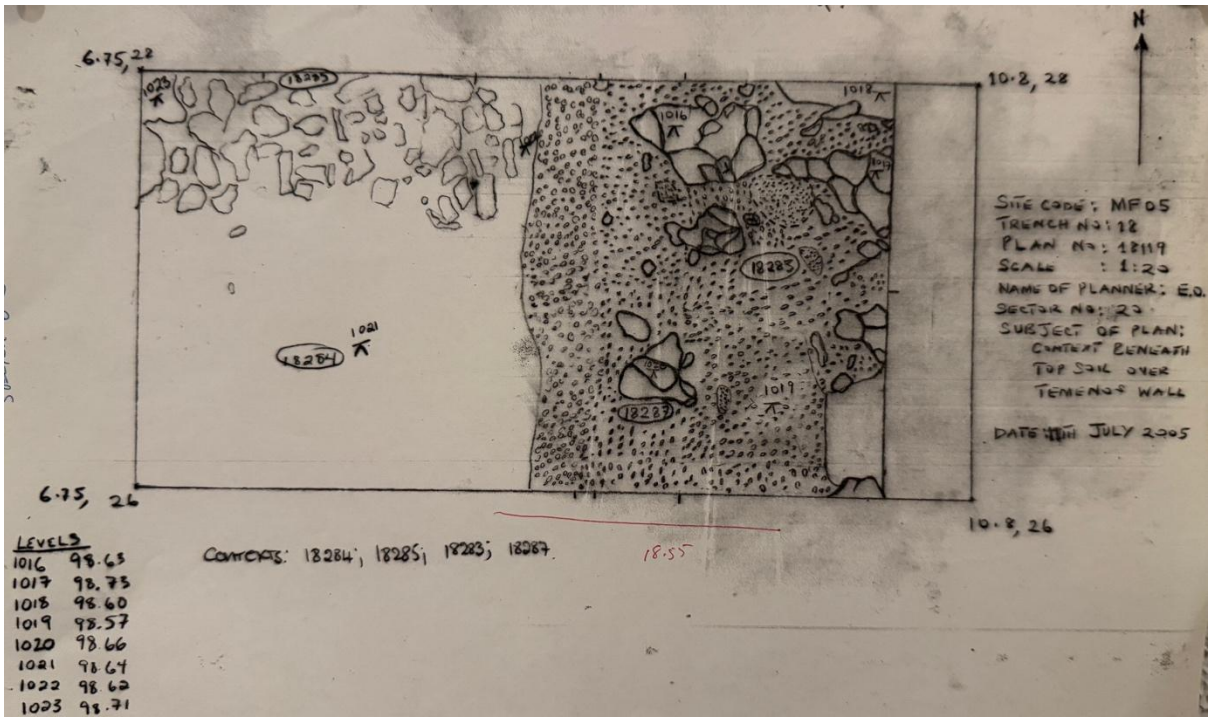


Figure 147: Sector 20a (Plan 18.119).

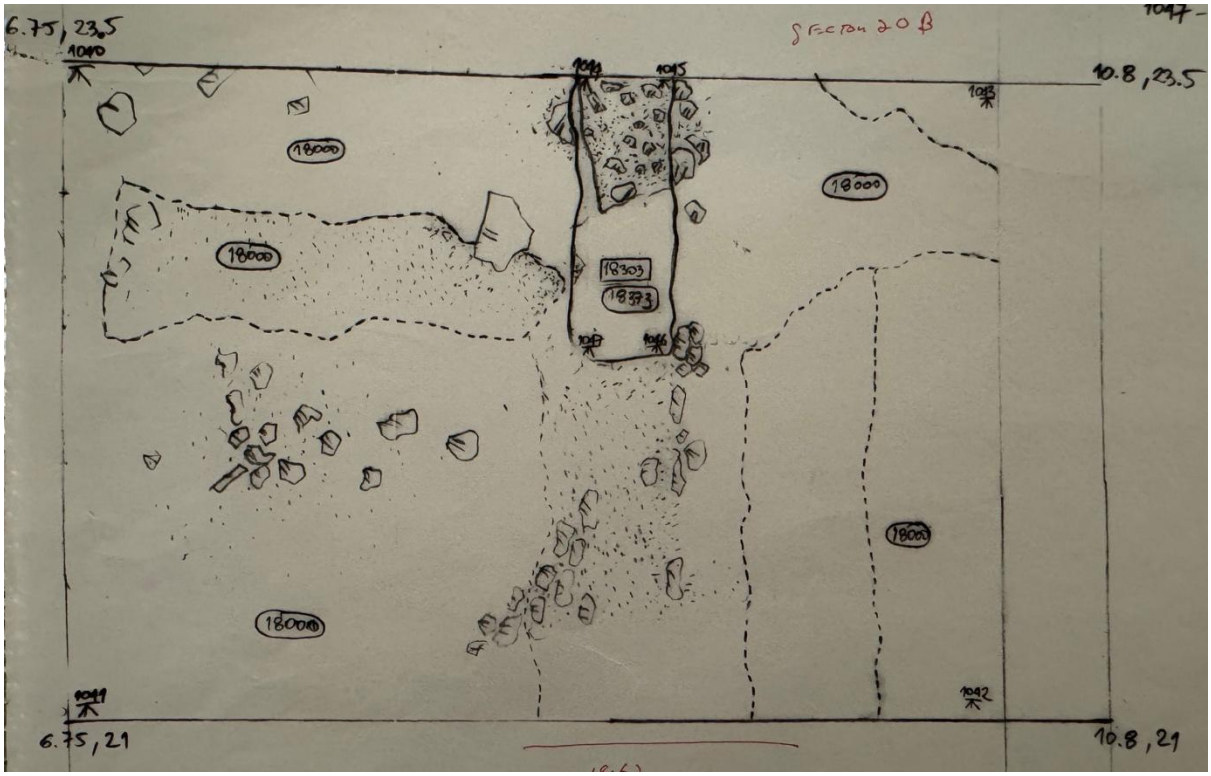


Figure 148: Sector 20b (Plan 18.127).

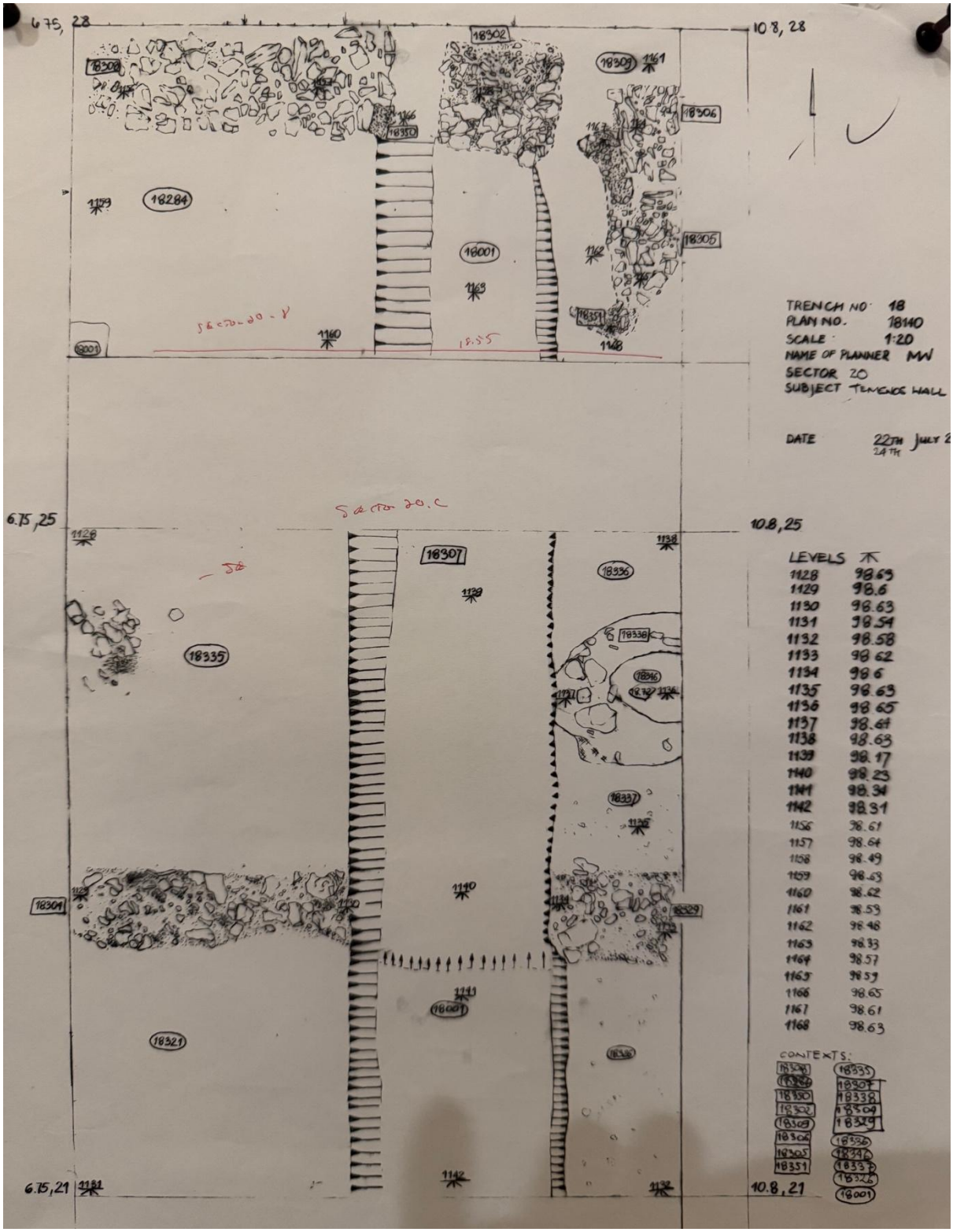


Figure 149: Sector 20c (Plan 18.140).