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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

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This report documents Stage 2 and Stage 3 archaeological work conducted by Greenhouse Consultants Incorporated at the Touchdown development project area in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York. The project area is located on the east side of Route 9 south of Snook Road and north of Van Wyck Road in the Town of Fishkill, New York. The property consists of a roughly 11.7 acre parcel approximately rectangular in shape. There is an extension to the east along the north side of Van Wyck Road. This extension will not be developed due to its topography. See Figure 1 for a map illustrating the location of the project area.

The Stage 1A archaeological/historical sensitivity evaluation report on this development concluded that this parcel could preserve evidence from the prehistoric and historic period. A prehistoric site was identified near the intersection of Route 9 and Van Wyck Road. The project area is the likely location of the Continental Stables dating to the Revolutionary War. It is also a possible location of a Revolutionary War burial ground. Stage 1B testing was recommended for all portions of the project area not previously disturbed (Guillet 1996:11-12). Stage 1B/2 testing in the northwest corner, Lot 1, of the project area was completed during 1996, and nothing significant was found (Roberg-Lopez and Guillet 1996a, 1996b).

Greenhouse Consultants conducted Stage 1B testing within Lot 2, which includes approximately 6.9 acres from July 1, 1998 through July 7, 1998, and on December 7, 1998. The first episode consisted of shovel testing, and the second the excavation of two large shallow backhoe trenches. One feature consisting of a pit filled mostly with handmade red bricks was found in Backhoe Trench 2. The results of the second episode of Stage 1B testing were discussed with Dr. Robert D. Kuhn of the Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. It was decided that the feature found could be part of the Continental Stables, and that Stage 2 testing should proceed to search for more evidence of the Stables.

The purpose of Stage 2 archaeological survey is to determine the potential for eligibility to the New York and National Registers of Historic Places, as well as to document the boundaries of the historic archaeological resource within the project area through the use of physical testing techniques. The Stage 2 testing at Touchdown included the excavation of four more backhoe trenches, and was completed from May 19 through May 21, 1999. No further features were found in Backhoe Trenches 3 through 6, excepting one small posthole in Backhoe Trench 4. This part was not considered to be significant since it was aligned with



a partially rotted post seen on the surface. The posthole in Backhoe Trench 4 included a similar partially rotted post in the bottom.

Since the feature found in Backhoe Trench 2 was considered significant as a possible part of the Continental Stables, and its location could not be avoided by the planned construction, Stage 3 data recovery excavations were undertaken as laid out in our scope-of-work dated May 10, 1999. The purpose of the Stage 3 excavations was to recover the data remaining in the ground that was part of the Continental Stables, prior to the destruction of this location by the planned construction. This excavation was to include the remainder of Feature 1 and any other similar features found nearby. An area 50 feet square immediately west of Backhoe Trench 2 was excavated on May 21, 1999. This excavation, labeled Backhoe Trench 7, included the remainder of Feature 1, originally found in Backhoe Trench 2, as well as two additional features. These features included red bricks similar to those found in Feature 1. The features were excavated on June 3 and 4, 1999.



CHAPTER 2 FIELD METHODOLOGY

by William I. Roberts IV

The methodology employed to excavate the four shallow trenches, Backhoe Trenches 3 through 6, was as follows. The corners of the proposed trenches were measured from the property boundaries and marked on the ground. The backhoe operator was instructed to clear any trees or other vegetation from the trench locations. The trenches measured approximately seven to eight feet by 75 to 80 feet. Soil was then removed by the backhoe in increments of less than 0.5 feet each. This was done under constant observation by the archaeologists. Mechanical excavation ceased after it was certain that subsoil had been reached over the entire trench. The exposed surface of the subsoil was then scraped using flat shovels and the cleaned surface inspected for possible features. Any locations with different color or texture to the surrounding soil were further investigated. This procedure was done manually with trowels or shovels. Soil anomalies determined to be potential features were drawn in plan and half-sectioned. Those anomalies determined to be rodent burrows or tree root disturbances were abandoned. See Figure 2 for the location of the four trenches. See Plates 1 through 4 for views of Backhoe Trenches 3 through 6.

The only features found were small postholes which align with the early twentieth century field boundaries. A partially rotted post was seen in line with a small posthole found in Backhoe Trench 4. Remnants of a similar post was found in the excavated posthole. No other features were found in Backhoe Trenches 3 through 6.

Stage 3 data recovery excavations consisted of the opening of a 50 by 50 foot area adjacent to the feature found in Backhoe Trench 2 during December 1998. This large area was designated Backhoe Trench 7. It was necessary to remove several large trees and their roots, which disturbed parts of Backhoe Trench 7. The methodology followed was as outlined above. See Plates 5 through 7. Parts of Backhoe Trench 7 were disturbed by the removal of the trees and their roots. This was particularly true of the southeastern part of the trench. Mechanical excavation followed by shovel scraping revealed three features. All included stone and/or brick rubble. Feature 1 was the continuation of the pit found in Backhoe Trench 2. See Plate 8. Feature 2 was a small oval with a few bricks and stones. See Plate 9. Feature 3 was a large concentration of rubble west of Feature 1. See Plate 10. Figure 3 provides a plan of Backhoe Trench 7 and part of 2 showing the feature locations.

Nearly all of Feature 1 within Backhoe Trench 7 was excavated leaving only a narrow strip between this and the portion excavated within Backhoe Trench 2. Overall approximately 75 percent of Feature 1 was excavated. A plan and section were drawn. Feature 2 was completely excavated, and a plan was drawn. The small size precluded excavating half and



drawing the section. Feature 3 was cross-sectioned. The southern 65 percent was excavated. A plan and section were drawn. A number of artifacts were recovered from all three features.



CHAPTER 3 STRATIGRAPHIC SUMMARY

by William I. Roberts IV

Three layers were recorded in Backhoe Trenches 3 through 7. In addition to these deposits, three features and one posthole were recorded. These were all cut into the third layer.

The top layer in all five cases had a texture described as silty loam. Rootmat was present in all five trenches. The color was either very dark greyish brown or very dark brown. The latter was more common. Thickness ranged from 0.2 to 0.5 feet. It averaged 0.36 feet. The top layer was identified as topsoil.

The second layer in all five trenches had a texture described as silt or silty loam. Silty loam was more common. Color was either dark brown or dark yellowish brown. Dark brown was more common. Thickness ranged from 0.5 to 0.9 feet. It averaged 0.64 feet. The second layer was identified as a former plowzone.

The third and deepest layer recorded in the five trenches had a texture described as silt or sandy silt. The former was more common. Gravel or pebbles were present in four cases, and cobbles in one. Color was consistently dark yellowish brown. The top of the third layer was found between 0.8 and 1.4 feet below grade. It averaged 1.0 feet down. The third layer was identified as subsoil.

The posthole was recognized by its dark color. It was filled with very dark brown silt and decomposing wood fragments.

The three features were recognized by the presence of red brick and/or stone fragments in their fill. All three were cut into the subsoil which began at approximately 1.4 feet below grade.

Feature 1 had a top layer of fill consisting of brown to dark brown silt with many fragments of red brick and stone, and flecks of charcoal. This layer extended 0.8 to 1.0 feet below the top of the subsoil. Beneath this layer was a dark yellowish brown silt with stone fragments and a few red bricks. This layer extended to the bottom of Feature 1 at 3.0 feet below the top of the subsoil.

Feature 2 had a fill consisting of dark yellowish brown silt with some stone fragments and a few pieces of charcoal. The fill extended to the bottom of the feature at 1.5 feet below the surface of the subsoil.



Feature 3 had a fill consisting of very dark grey silty loam with fragments of stone and red brick. It extended to the bottom of the feature at 1.2 feet below the top of the subsoil.



CHAPTER 4 ARTIFACT PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS

by Paula M. Crowley

Stage 3 fieldwork at the Touchdown project in Fishkill, New York produced a total of 730 artifacts. Subsequent to fieldwork, the artifacts were washed, labeled and catalogued. Artifacts were washed in tepid tap water. They were then rinsed in clear water and air dried. The drying procedure was slow air drying on screens in the laboratory processing area. The artifacts were labeled with their appropriate context number.

Upon completion of artifact processing and identification, all recovered materials were catalogued. Cataloguing and inventorying of the archaeological remains entailed use of a modified National Park Services Material Culture Data Base Taxonomy which is based on South's system of organizing material culture (1977:95-96). This system codes the collection by functional group, class, morphology, and material thus creating a artifact inventory. This inventory and a listing of the coding system are set forth in Appendix 3. Organization of material culture in a systematic fashion is conducive to analysis of the artifacts and for reconstructing past lifeways of people, both historic-and prehistoric. Briefly, Groups 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are historic categories. Group 2 contains faunal and botanical evidence while Group 10 covers all prehistoric material. Group 11 includes flotation samples, both light and heavy fractions; soil samples; and charcoal samples. Group 98 encompasses items brought back from the field which were subsequently determined to be natural objects, unaltered by man, such as chert and quartz, or functionally unassignable items such as coal and slag. Technological and stylistic manufacturing ranges were assigned when an artifact exhibited a datable attribute. Establishing the date range of the manufacture of artifacts provides a time frame for establishing dates after which the refuse deposits were made. This information was recorded on a Tyvek label which was inserted with the artifact into a clear polyethylene ziplock bag. The bags were also labeled with context and catalog numbers.

Subsequent to cataloguing, the information from all artifacts with their appropriate codes were inventoried using database software, which provided sorted inventory lists for contexts and artifact groups.

Contexts were assigned series numbers in accordance to the type of data recovery method. A backhoe stripped wide area exposures and these are identified by the 4000 series. Excavation Units are identified by the 5000 series and features by the 6000 series. See Appendix 2 for the context labeling system and Appendix 3 for the artifact inventory.



CHAPTER 5 HISTORIC ARTIFACTS

by Paula M. Crowley

Five contexts yielded 730 artifacts for analysis from the Touchdown project area in Fishkill, New York. The functional categories represented by these artifacts were mainly architectural and faunal.

Context 4006.01	6	0.82%
Context 6001.01	174	23.83%
Context 6001.02	293	40.13%
Context 6002.01	6	0.82%
Context 6003.01	<u>251</u>	. 34.38%
TOTAL	730	99.98%

Brick represented 64.65 percent of the artifacts and faunal material was 18.76%. Their representation among the contexts is illustrated as follows:

Context	<u>Brick</u>	% of Context	<u>Faunal</u>	% of Context
4006.01				
6001.01	140	80.46	. 7	4.02
6001.02	161	54.94	84	28.66
6002.01	3	50.0	2	33.33
6003.01	<u>168</u>	66.93	<u>44</u>	17.53
	Total = 472		Total = 137	

These two categories are analyzed in separate chapters. Brick remains in Context 6001.01 was ca. 4,838.5 grams; in Context 6001.02, 27,739 grams; 6002.01, 1,040 grams; and in Context 6003.01, 24,357.8 grams.

The remainder of the artifacts lie in the functional categories of building and kitchen debris.

Context 4006.01

Six artifacts were recovered from this trench. One sherd of Chinese export porcelain, handpainted blue, three pieces of bottle glass and two pieces of yellowware. The yellowware may have functioned as a flowerpot. The exterior had been painted green and a lug survives for suspension. See Plates 11 and 12 for views of the porcelain and yellowware.



Context 6001.01

Twenty-seven non-brick, non-bone artifacts present in this feature included:

a rusted and corroded metal container	16
base of an olive green glass bottle	
rusted and corroded nails	4
burnt wood]
button	1
lead	1
chert, natural	1
quartz, natural	1
coal	

The metal was rusted and corroded. Nails found in this and other contexts were square in cross-section but were too corroded to determine whether they were cut or hand-wrought.

The brass button had a plain, flat face and plain rim. The eye was broken and corroded. Its diameter was 22 mm. It resembles Types 7, 9 or Type 31 (Hume 1969:91). It is a style of button that developed during the eighteenth century and continued into the early nineteenth century. See Plates 13 and 14 for face and reverse sides.

Context 6001.02

This layer of the feature contained 48 non-brick, non-bone artifacts.

White salt-glazed stoneware	1
Rusted and corroded nails	22
Rusted and corroded spikes	5
Hasp	1
Beam hanger	1
Button	1
Rusted and corroded farm equipment	1
Hook	1
Other corroded metal	13
Wire	1
Coal	1

All metal was rusted and corroded. See Plates 15 and 16 for hasp and beam hanger.

Only one ceramic sherd was found in this layer, a white salt-glazed stoneware rim with the dot, diaper and basket pattern discernible. Its size is approximately two centimeters. This



style of decoration was most popular during the 1740s (South 1972:Figure 1; Hume 1969:115-116). See Plate 17.

The white metal button had a flat face with an intertwined USA embossed on its face. The eye was still attached to the back. Part of rolled edge is broken or eroded. This button closely resembles Type 11 (Hume 1969:91-92) and were used by the Continental Army. Hume refers the Type 11 to the Calver and Bolton publication for reference to use during the Revolution, in particular Plate 1/#1 (1950:82-84). The 'A' was not dropped until the War of 1812. The button measures around two centimeters. See Plate 18.

Context 6002.01

Of the six artifacts recovered from this feature, only one was not a brick or bone. This artifact was the neck portion of an olive green glass bottle.

Context 6003.01

Thirty-nine artifacts were also recovered from this layer of the feature. They consisted of

Trailed white slip redware	1
Combed slipware	1
Dark olive green bottle glass	. 10
Shell	3
Rusted and corroded nails	19
Hasp/staple	1
Mortar	. 1
Rusted metal	3

The metal, mortar, nails and hasp represent other architectural remains.

The ceramics were around one centimeter in size. The redware spall had a trailed white slip under clear lead glaze. See Plate 19. The slipware had a brown slip under a clear lead glaze. See Plate 20. This style of decoration was used generally from 1670 to 1795 (South 1972:Figure 1; Hume 1969:107; 134-136).

In concluding this chapter, scant artifactual evidence existed for the functional categories of kitchen, furnishing, arms, apparel, personal, and occupations. For the four feature contexts, only three minute sherds of ceramics were recovered, pieces small enough that they could have been tracked into the area on a boot. Twelve pieces of olive green bottle glass were present, one each in Context 6001.01 and 6002.01, the remaining ten from Context 6003.01. Two buttons were found in Feature 1, one from each layer. This artifactual evidence indicates that the main activities of living occurred elsewhere, not at this location.



CHAPTER 6 BRICK ANALYSIS by Dr. Allan S. Gilbert

The bricks are currently undergoing analysis and this chapter will be sent under separate cover when available. The following summary was written by the Principal Investigator based on the notes and descriptions supplied by Dr. Gilbert.

Summary of Brick Analysis

Dr. Allan S. Gilbert of Fordham University is analyzing the bricks from this project. He visited the Greenhouse Consultants laboratory during January 2000 to take samples of the bricks. We selected eight bricks for sampling, four from Context 6001.02 and four from Context 6003.01. All were from broken bricks. All the samples, except one were abraded from the broken ends using a carbide burr in an electric drill. One sample was drilled and therefore comes from the interior of the brick. The samples are being sent to Great Britain where they will be subjected to Inductively Coupled Plasma Emission testing. This procedure will determine the quantities of approximately 30 elements within each sample. This data will be used in an attempt to characterize the clay source for the bricks. The results will be compared with those from bricks of known sources in the Hudson Valley. The samples will ultimately become part of the New Netherland/New York Brick Archive at Fordham University which includes seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth century bricks from the Hudson Valley. Even if the clay source for these bricks cannot be identified now, the samples will be useful for future comparisons.

Dr. Gilbert described the bricks as being mostly underfired and soft. The colors were primarily 2.5YR5/6 (red) but 2.5YR6/8 (light red) and 5YR7/8 (reddish yellow) were also present. Two samples were harder and darker. These had colors of 10YR6/6 and 10YR7/6 (both light red). There was evidence of coarse sand and pebble tempering. The clay had been unevenly mixed and some clumps of unmixed clay were seen in the fabric. There was no evidence of grog tempering. The internal color appeared uniform. One whole brick was measured and the dimensions were 7.5 x 3.5 x 1.75 inches. The two shorter dimensions appeared approximately the same on the broken specimens. There was some evidence of water erosion seen. No residue of mortar could be detected. Results of the compositional analysis will be submitted as an addendum to this report when they are available (Gilbert 2000:pers. comm.; Gilbert et al. 1992; Gilbert et al. 1993).



CHAPTER 7 FAUNAL ANALYSIS

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The site yielded a small faunal assemblage. Each bone was identified by class and species, skeletal element, aged and examined for signs of bone modifications, including butchering marks, gnaw marks, heat exposure and weathering. The bone was tabulated in two ways. The first count is the Total Number of Bone Fragments (TNF) which serves simply as a curation tool. The second count is the Minimum Number of Bone Units (MNU) which is an adjusted bone count that describes actual numbers of bones. The faunal assemblage was identified through the use of a comparative skeletal type collection and reference manuals including, but not limited to Brown and Gustafson (1979), Cornwall (1956), Gilbert (1973), Olsen (1964), Reitz and Wing (1999), and Schmid (1972).

There was a total of 132 Total Number of Bone Fragments (TNF) and seventeen Minimum Number of Bone Units (MNU) recovered from three contexts (see Table 1). The largest bone deposit was found in Context 6001. It was composed only of mammal bone from which cattle and pig were identified. Cattle consisted of a large shaft fragment from a tibia, a rib fragment and an incisor. Neither the tibia nor rib exhibited signs of butchering. The incisor was aged at 1¾ years plus. See Plate 21.

Table 1
Summary of the Total Number of Bone Fragments (TNF)
and Minimum Number of Bone Units (MNU)
By Context, Class and Species

Class/Species	Context	6001	Context	6002	Context	6003
	TNF	MNU	TNF	MNU	TNF	MNU
Cattle	4	3	3	1	24	2
Pig	42	9	-	-	-	-
Large Mammal	10	2	-	-	1	-
Medium Mammal	28	1	-		20	-
Totals	. 84	15	3	1	45	2

Pig remains were the most common (9 MNU). All of these bones came from the same individual, one-half year in age. The bones consisted of a skull and vertebrae. The skull was composed of the cranium, two maxillaries, a molar and a left mandible. The vertebrae



included a partial atlas and fragments of three other cervical vertebrae. None of the pig bones exhibited signs of butchering. See Plates 22 through 27.

Other mammal bone included medium and large mammal bone. Most of the medium mammal bone was calcined. The single exception was an ilium fragment possibly from a pig. The other bone represented fragments of rib, longbone and other unidentified fragments. On the other hand, with the exception of one metapodial, large mammal bone fragments were not calcined. Large mammal fragments represented a butchered lumbar vertebra and a longbone. The vertebra was cleaved in half. The metapodial fragments may be deer.

Context 6002 yielded the smallest bone deposit consisting of a single cattle rib. This specimen was a chopped distal rib section.

Context 6003, like Context 6001, yielded strictly mammal bone. Cattle was the sole identified species. It was represented by a cervical vertebra and a calcined thoracic vertebra. Medium mammal bone consisted of calcined bone from a rib and other unidentified fragments. In addition, one large mammal longbone fragment was also present.

The bone recovered from each of the deposits consisted primarily of dietary refuse. The piglet and the cattle incisor may represent other types of discards. The piglet from Context 6001 may or may not have been eaten. Small pigs were often roasted whole. However, the lack of cut marks or teeth marks on the bone leave the question open. The cattle incisor came from a mandible. The mandibles of cattle were frequently processed for the tongue. If this were the case here, then the tooth would represent food processing waste. Bone modifications consisted mainly of heat exposure. Two bones exhibited butcher marks and another two were weathered. The butchered bones were chopped and cleaved, respectively. In Context 6001 one large mammal longbone fragment suffered from flaking context while in Context 6003 another longbone fragment was stained. No bone showed signs of having been gnawed. The high frequency of calcined bone (52 TNF) suggests that organic waste was disposed of by burning.

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Table 2
Distribution of Bone by Class/Species

						Cut	Gnaw	Heat			
Context	Bone	Portion	TNF	MNU	Age	Marks	Marks	Exposure	Weathering	Comments	Cat#
Bos taurus - Cow	- Cow										
6001.02	Tibia	Shaft	-	1							73
6001.02	Rib	Fragment	2								74
6001.02	Incisor	Whole	1	1	1% Plus					Incisor 1	77
6002.01	Rib	Distal	3	1		Chopped					46
		section									
6003.01	Thoracic	Dorsal	4	1				Calcined	:		93
	Vertebra	spine								-	
6003.01	Cervical	Partial	20	1	,						93
-	vertebra										
						•					
Sus scrofa - Pig	- Pig										
6001.02	Calvar	Partial	25	ī	@1/2 year						75
	(skull)										
6001.02	Atlas	Partial	1	1	@'/2 year						75
6001.02	Cervical	Partial	111	3	@½ year						75
	vertebra										
6001.02	Molar	Partial	2	1	@'/2 year					M1, newly	78
										erupted	
6001.02	Maxilla	Fragment	-	1	@½ year						79
6001.02	Maxilla	Partial		-	@'/2 year		Ŧ				80
6001.02	Left	Partial		1	@ 1/2 year						81
	mandible										



						Cut	Gnaw	Heat			
Context	Bone	Portion	TNF	MNU	Age	Marks	Marks	Exposure	Weathering	Comments	Cat#
				-							
Large Mammal	nmal										
6001.01	Lumbar	Section	3	1	Unfused	Cleaved					50
	vertebra										
6001.02	Longbone	Fragment	П	0					Flaking cortex		74
6001.02	Unidentified	Fragment	3	0							75
6001.02	Metacarpus/	Fragment	3	1				Calcined		Possibly deer	82.
6003.01	Longbone	Fragment	-	0					Stained		93
Medium Mammal	lammal										
6001.01	Rib	Fragment		0				Calcined			46.
6001.01	Innominate - Ilium	Fragment	3			-				Possibly pig	50
6001.02	Rib	Fragment	4	-							75
6001.02	Longbone	Fragment	2	0				Calcined			75
6001.02	Unidentified	Fragment	-	0				Calcined			75
6001.02	Unidentified	Fragment	21	0				Calcined			16
6003.01	Rib	Fragment	1	0			•	Calcined			93
6003.01	Unidentified	Fragment	19	0				Calcined			. 93



CHAPTER 8 DISCUSSION

by William I. Roberts IV

The Stage 2 survey was designed to search for evidence of the Continental Stables and a Revolutionary War Burial Ground. No graves and no features excepting recent postholes were recorded during the Stage 2 work. This information combined with that from the previous Stage 1B work provides only negative results in the search for the burial ground. The excavation of large shallow backhoe trenches followed by careful examination of the surface of the subsoil is a good method for use in searching for graves, so it is very unlikely that the project area was the location of the Revolutionary War burial ground.

The previous Stage 1B testing located one pit feature filled primarily with red brick rubble. This pit, Feature 1 in Backhoe Trench 1, was seen as possible evidence of the Continental Stables. The Stage 3 excavations were designed to recover the remainder of Feature 1 and any other remains of the stables within the 50 by 50 foot area immediately west of the southern end of Backhoe Trench 1. Two additional features also containing brick and/or stone rubble were found, as well as the remaining portion of Feature 1. The majority of Features 1 and 3 were excavated, as well as all of Feature 2.

Feature 1 contained a pewter button with the intertwined initials USA. This is an enlisted man's button from the Revolutionary War period. This is the only artifact found during this project which could have been from the time when the Continental Stables were in use. All of the other diagnostic artifacts found in Features 1, 2 and 3 could have been used during this period, but are not necessarily military. It is the button from Feature 1 that links these features to the Revolutionary War. Features 2 and 3 are associated with Feature 1 and the Revolutionary War due to their similar locations and fill. The only structure in this vicinity on the 1778-1779 Erskine map is the Continental Stables (Guillet 1996:14, Map 4).

The discovery of a fairly large quantity of bricks in the location of a stable is somewhat perplexing. Stables generally did not have fireplaces and chimneys, and were usually wooden structures. If there was a blacksmith at the stables, the bricks could be from the furnace. However, the Erskine map shows a blacksmith's shop on the west side of the Albany Post Road opposite the Van Wyck house (Guillet 1996:14, Map 4). The bricks could have served as part of the foundation of the stables, or as packing around large posts set in postholes. Most of the bricks were broken. They may have been reused from an existing structure. If so, many may have been broken prior to their use in the stables. If this is true, then their use as packing round large posts could be the reasons they were associated with the stables. The bricks themselves appear to be handmade red brick in English dimensions.



The bones recovered are probably evidence of the diets of the soldiers working at the stables and/or those responsible for their demolition. The meat in their diets was pork and beef. The food waste may have been disposed of in fires, as evidenced by the large numbers of calcined bone fragments.

The limited amounts of other artifacts recovered is to be expected at a stables location. The barracks were on the opposite side of the Boston Post Road, and this is where most of the activities of living took place.



CHAPTER 9 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

by William I. Roberts IV

This report has documented the Stages 2 and 3 archaeological investigations of the Touchdown Development in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York. The investigations resulted in the discovery of three features, one of which contained a Revolutionary War button. These features lie in the location of the Continental Stables as shown on the Erskine map of 1778-1779, and they date to the appropriate period. For these reasons, they are seen as the remains of the stables. The Stage 3 excavations have mitigated the anticipated impacts to these remains. No further work is recommended.

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1956 Wappingers Falls, N.Y. Quadrangle. 7.5 minute series topographic map. Photorevised 1981.

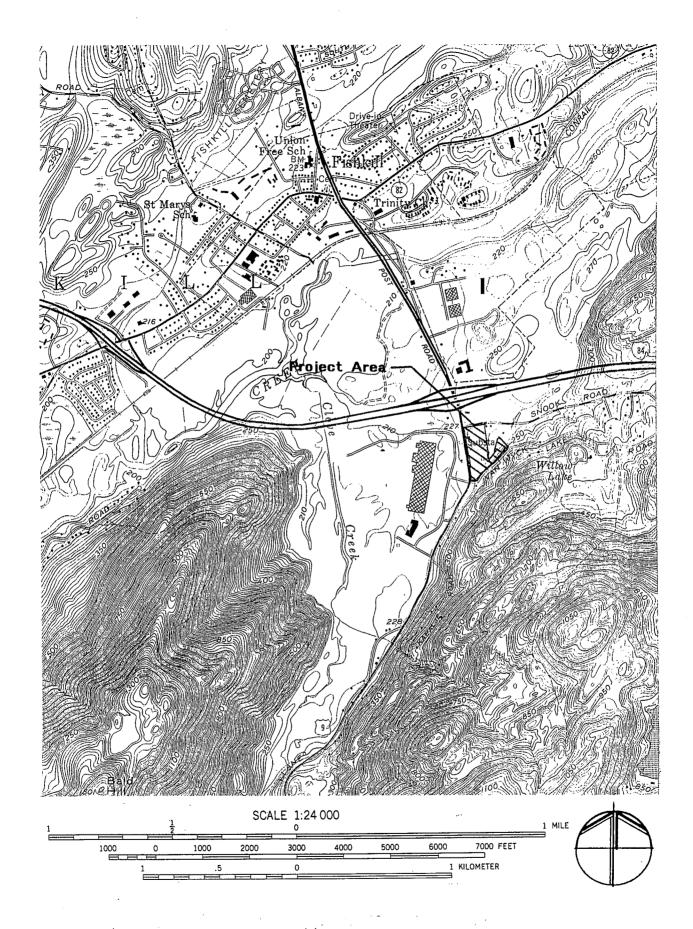


Figure 1 Location of the project area shown on portion of the U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute series Wappingers Falls, New York quadrangle, 1956, photorevised 1981.

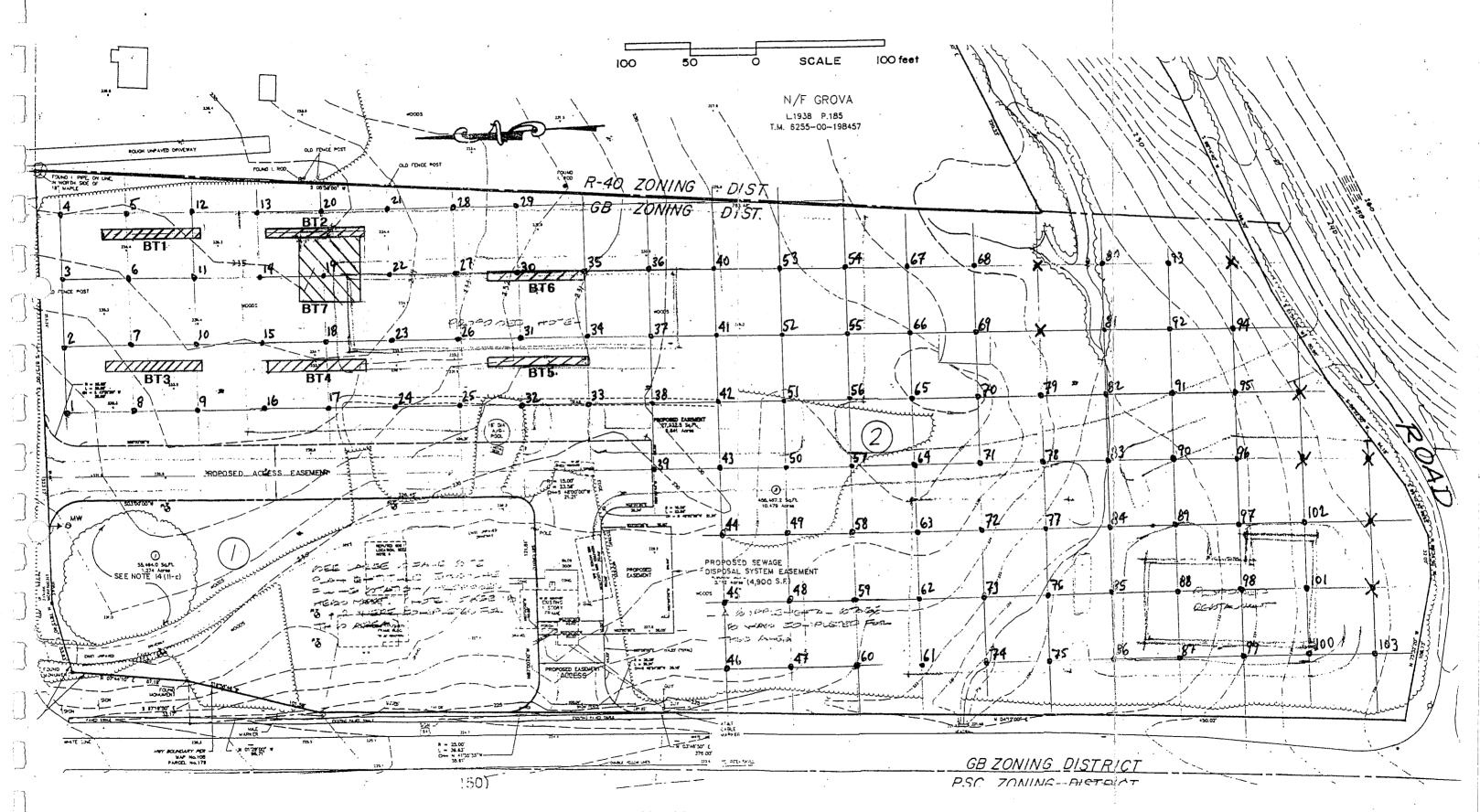
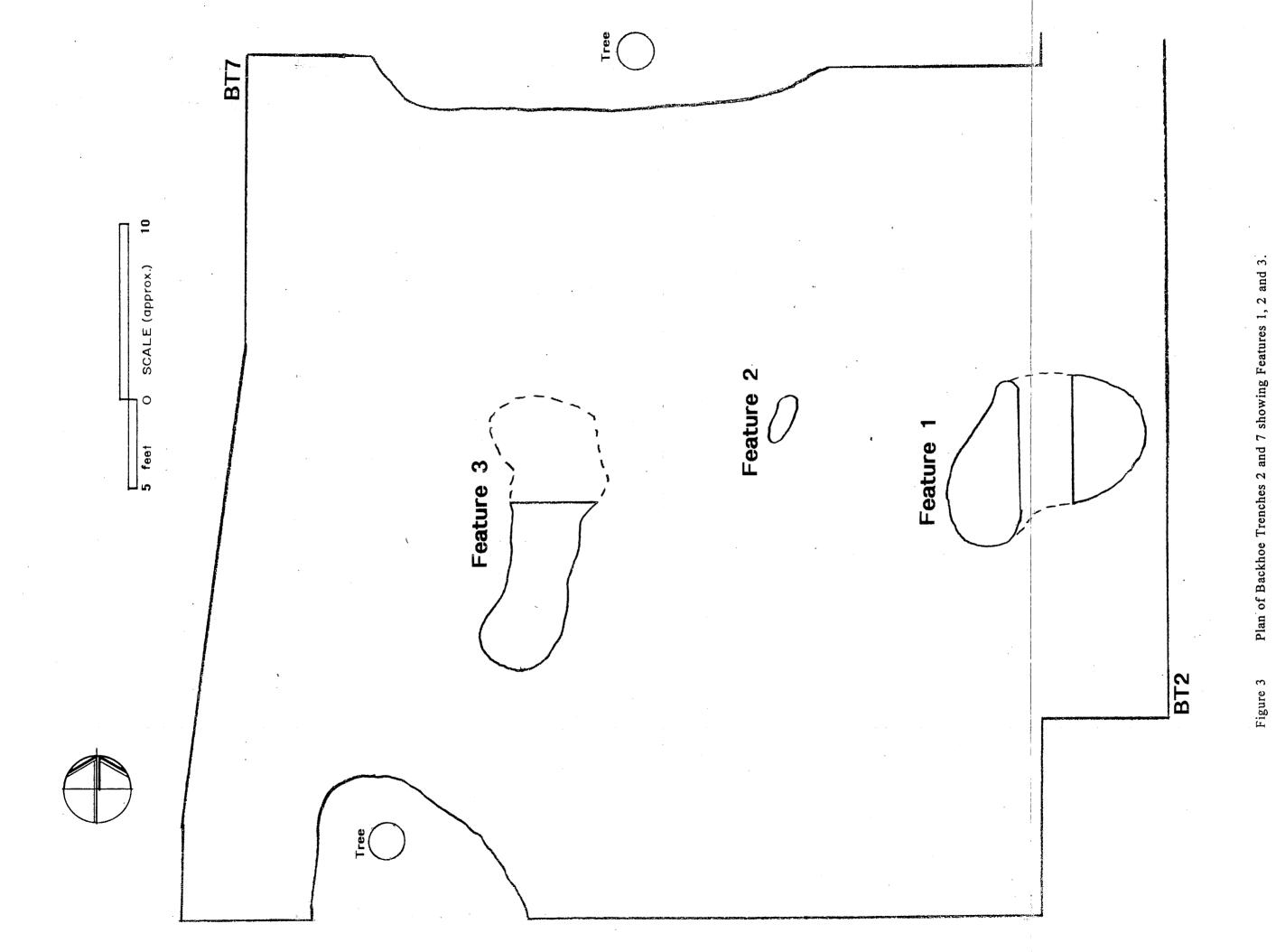


Figure 2 Location of backhoe trenches and shovel tests within the project area.



Plan of Backhoe Trenches 2 and 7 showing Features 1, 2 and 3.

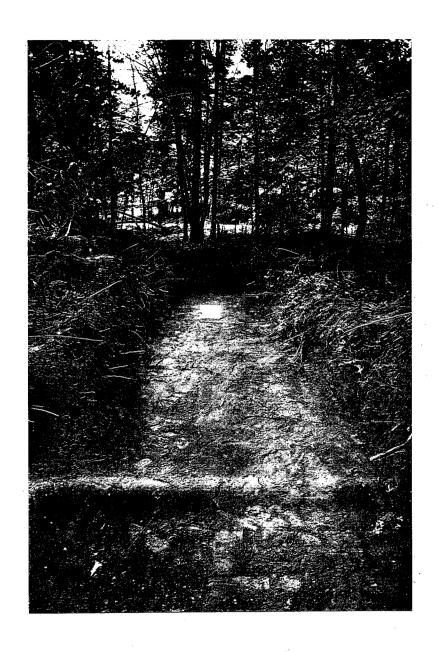


Plate 1 View of Backhoe Trench 3 looking north.



Plate 2 View of Backhoe Trench 4 looking north.

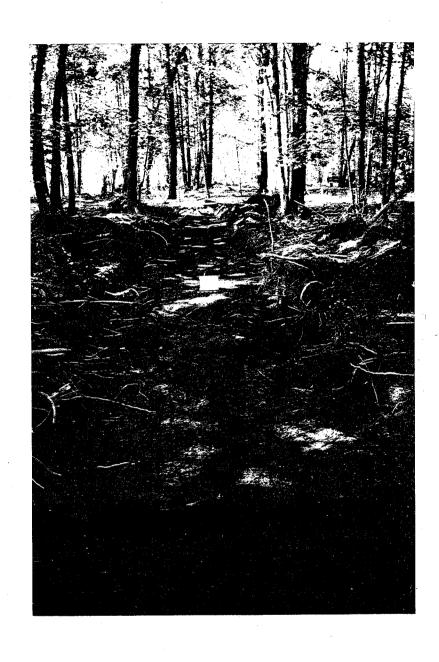


Plate 3 View of Backhoe Trench 5 looking north.

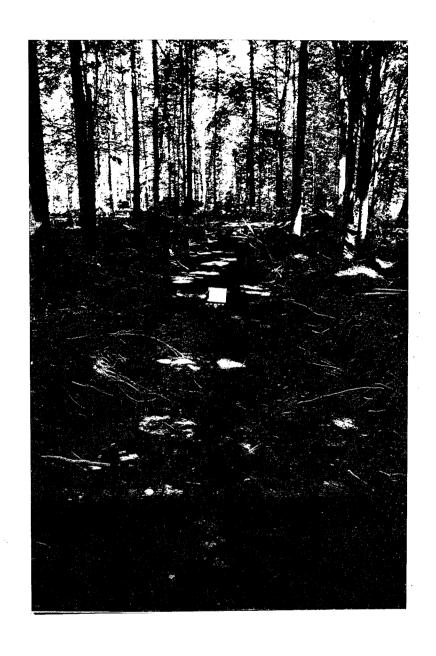


Plate 4 View of Backhoe Trench 6 looking north.



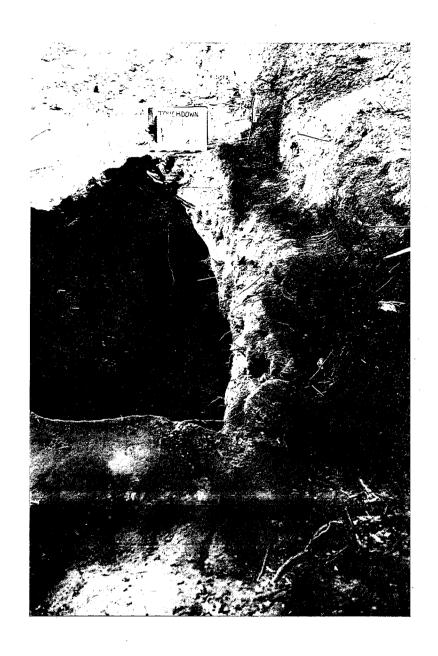
Plate 5 View of Backhoe Trench 7 during excavation by backhoe, looking northwest.



Plate 6 View of Backhoe Trench 7 during manual scraping to locate features, looking north.



Plate 7 View of Backhoe Trench 7 looking west showing disturbance from the removal of trees and roots.



View of Feature 1 after excavation looking north.

Plate 8

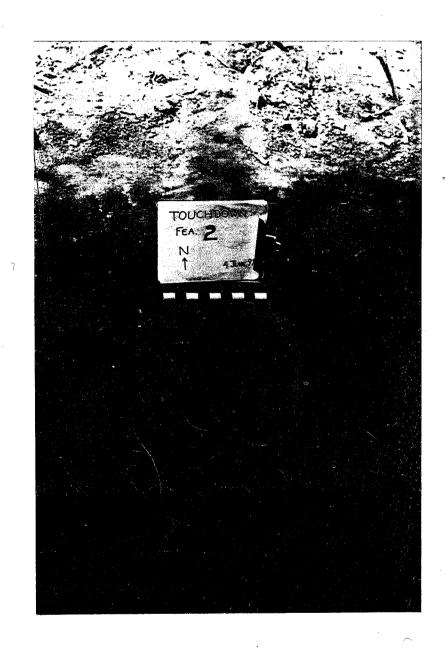
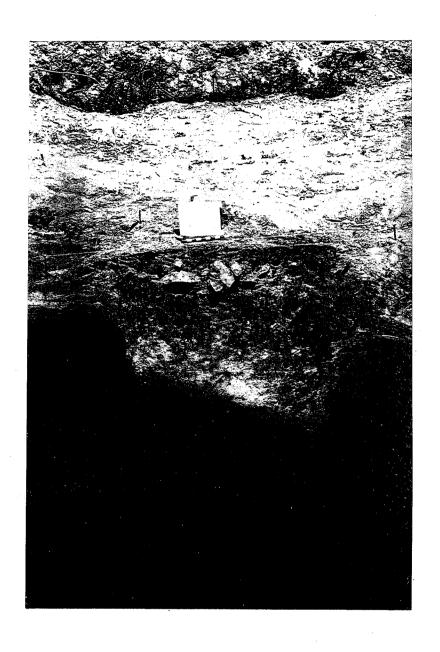


Plate 9 View of Feature 2 after excavation looking north.



View of Feature 3 showing cross-section looking north.

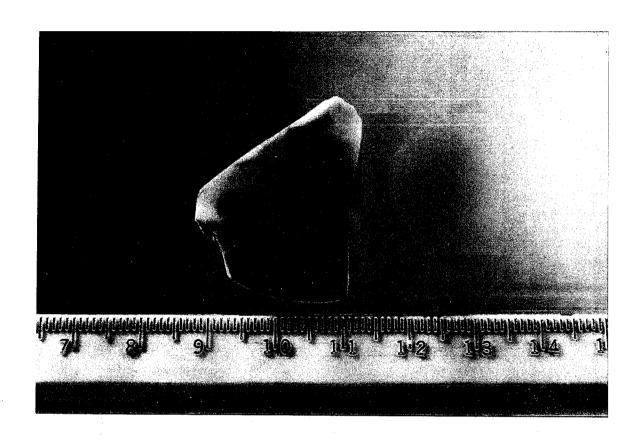


Plate 11 Handpainted blue porcelain from Context 4006.01, Catalog #43.

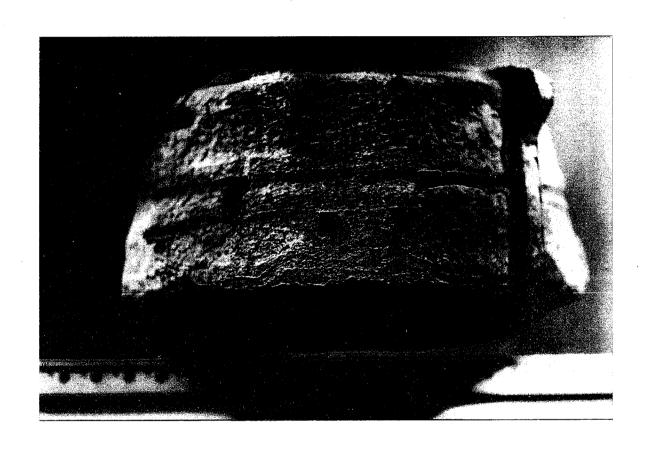


Plate 12 Green glazed yellowware from Context 4006.01, Catalog #45.

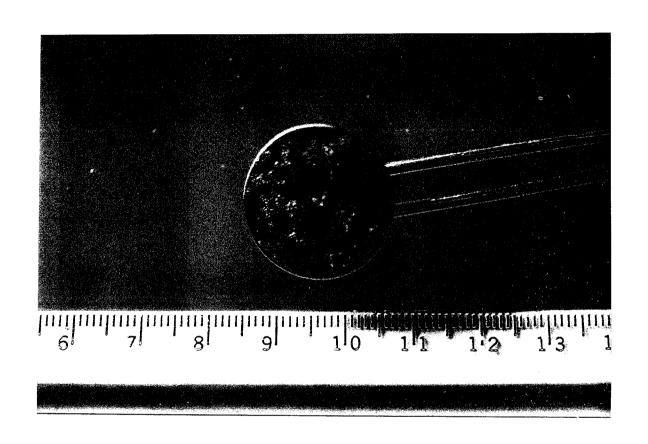


Plate 13 Face of brass button from Context 6001.01, Catalog #59.

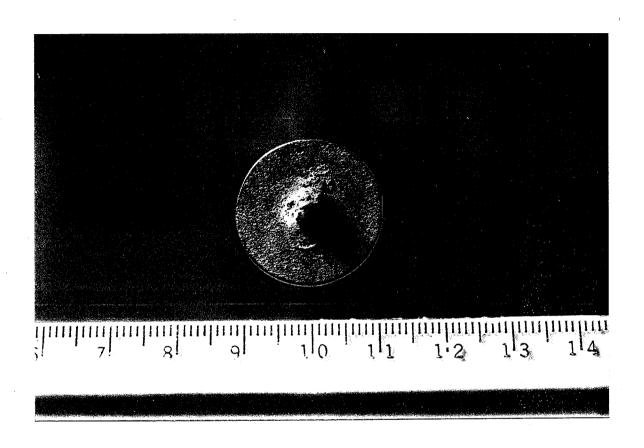


Plate 14 Reverse of brass button, Context 6001.01, Catalog #59.



Plate 15 Rusted hasp from Context 6001.02, Catalog #69.

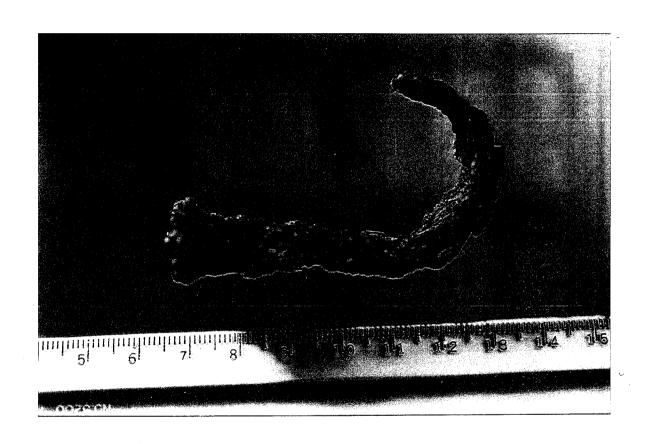


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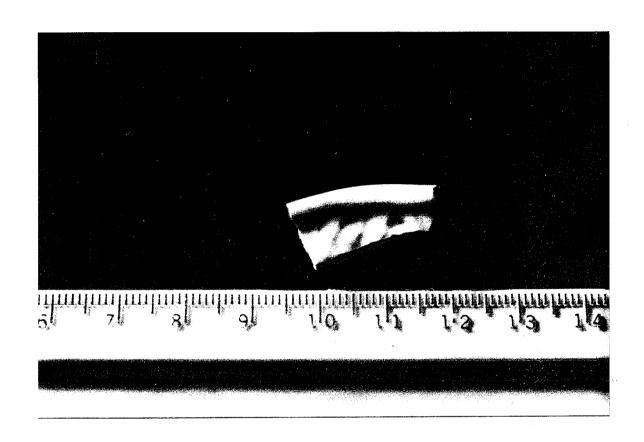


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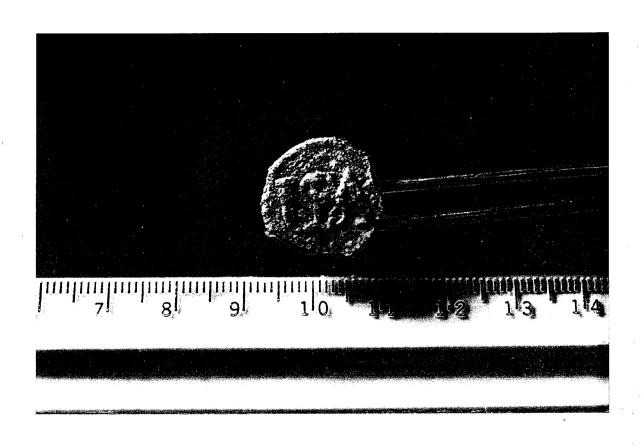


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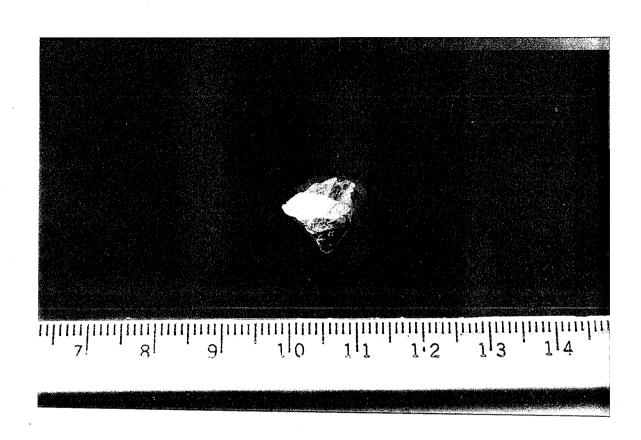


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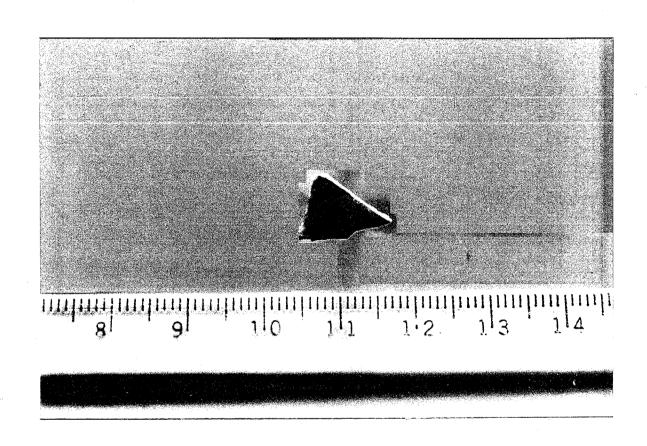


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Plate 21 Bos taurus I1 incisor, Context 6001.02, Catalog #77.

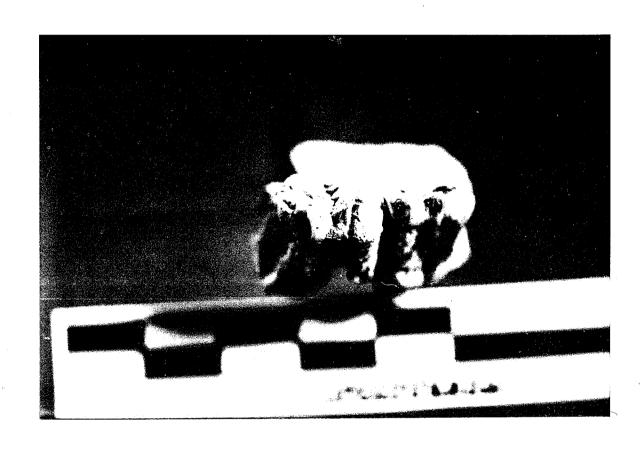


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Plate 23 Sus scrofa, newly erupted M1 molar, Context 6001.02, Catalog #78.

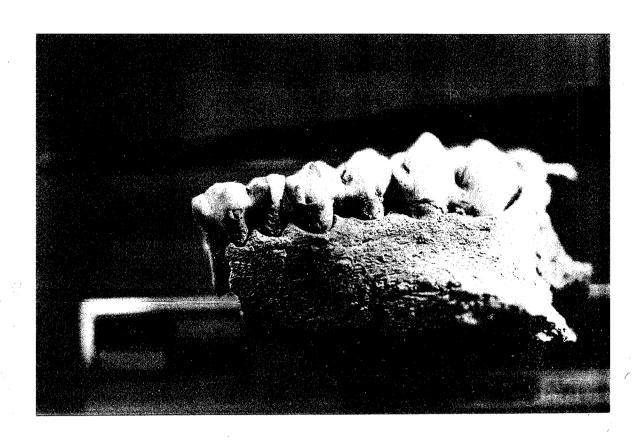


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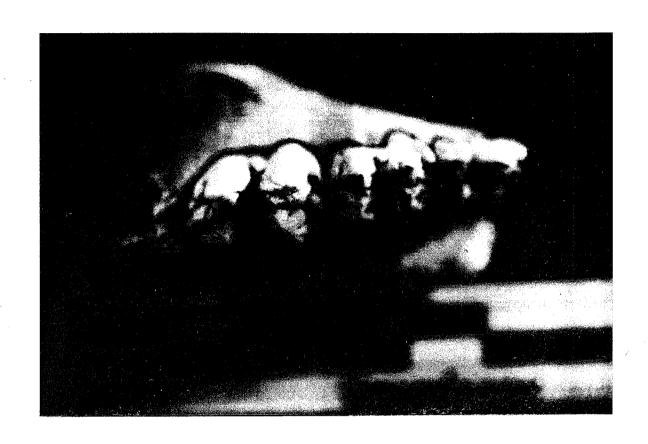


Plate 25 Surface view of Sus scrofa partial maxilla, Context 6001.02, Catalog #80.

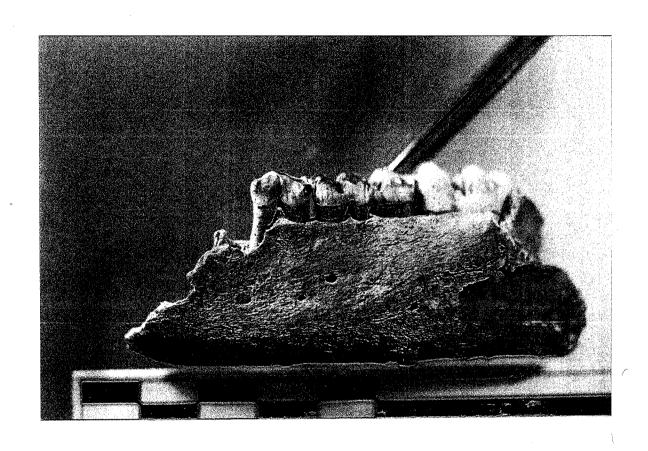


Plate 26 Profile of Sus scrofa left mandible, Context 6001.02, Catalog #81.

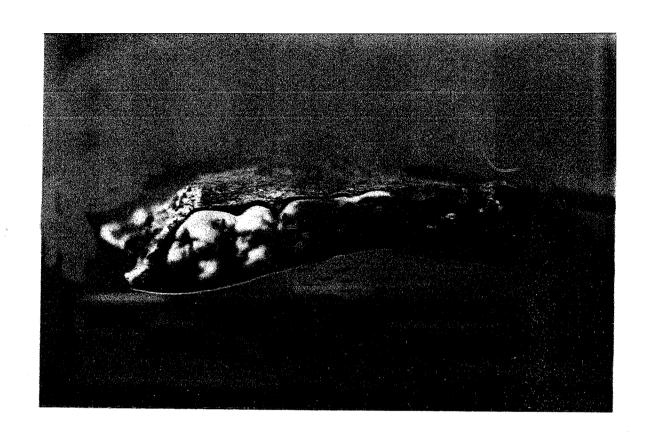


Plate 27 Surface view of Sus scrofa left mandible, Context 6001.02, Catalog #81.

FIELD RECORD FORMS AND CONTEXT NUMBERING

APPENDIX 1 CONTEXT NUMBERING AND PROVENIENCE LABELING

A field recording system which encompasses a variety of conditions and situations is optimal for any archaeological project. Among these situations are the size of the project, the number of different field techniques and the number of expected artifacts. The field recording system used was developed by Greenhouse Consultants and was based on modifications of other accepted systems.

All contexts are numbered in the field and these numbers are applied to the artifacts. The format for numbering is XX-9999.99 where X is alphanumeric and 9 is numeric. The alphanumeric characters to the left of the hyphen are the prefix. The two digits to the right of the decimal point are used only when it is necessary to refer to strata within a context. The four digits between the prefix and decimal subdivision may be called the base code.

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APPENDIX 2 A. Table for National Park Service Material Culture Data Base Coding Chart: Groups, Classes and Materials

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APPENDIX 2 B. Table for Data Base Coding Chart: Groups and Classes

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GROUPS AND CLASSES 01 KITCHEN 01 Dishes 02 Containers 03 Tableware	04 Kitchenware 02 FAUNALFLORAL GROUP 01 Mammalia 02 Aves 03 Reptilia 04 Amphibia 05 Fisces 06 Other ethnofaunal/zoological 16 Ethnobotanical	03 ARCHITECTURAL GROUP 01 Window glass 02 Nails 03 Spikes 04 Door & Window hardware 05 Other Structural hardware 06 Construction materials		05 ARMS GROUP 01 Projectiles 02 Cartridge case 03 Arms accessories 04 Gun parts	06 CLOTHING GROUP 01 Apparel 02 Ornamentation 03 Making and Repair 04 Fasteners	07 PERSONAL GROUP 01 Coins 02 Keys 03 Writing paraphernalia 04 Grooming & hygiene 05 Personal ornamentation 06 Other personal items

C. Table for Data Base Coding Chart: Prehistoric Artifacts - Class and Morphology

Class 01: Hunting and Fishing Activities	Class O6: Other Fabricating or Processing Tools
O2 - Birdstone O3 - Bannerstone O4 - Boatstone	51 - Perforator 52 - Drill 53 - Awl
05 - Fish hook 06 - Netsinker 07 - Atlatl hook	54 - Reamer 55 - Chisel 56 - Microperforator 57 - Needle
Class O2: Domestic Activities	58 - Graver
13 - vessel 14 - mortar	Class 07: General Utility Tools
15 - pestle	67 - Knife
16 - muller 17 - groundstone fragment	68 - Side scraper 69 - Core scraper 70 - Stemmed end scraper 71 - Other end scraper
Class 03: Stone Working	73 - Prismatic blade
21 - Hammerstone 22 - Baton	74 - Chopper 75 - Utilized/Retouched flake 76 - Pitted pebble
23 - Tine	77 - Gouge
24 - Splinter 25 - Drift or "punch"	78 - Maul 79 - Abrader
26 - Anvil	80 - Whetstone
27 - Flake, primary 28 - Flake, secondary	81 - Biface 82 - Adze
29 - Bifacial thinning flake	83 - Distolateral scraper
30 - Core 31 - Blank	84 - Bifacial end scraper
32 - Tested piece	85 - Bifacial scraper
Class 04: Wood Working	Class OB: Ceremonial & Ornamental Objects
·	85 - Angled pipe
37 - Celt 38 - Grooved exe	86 - Tube
39 - Spokeshave	87 - Platform pipe 88 - Cloud blower pipe
	89 - Sheet
Class 16: Ethnobotanical	90 - Plates 91 - Comb
Seeds	92 - Bead 93 - Gorget
Nuts _.	Hematite
	Ochre

D. Table for Data Base Coding Chart: Ambiguous Items of Material Culture

Note: The items listed below may be ambiguous or hard to place in a taxonomic category, but as a convention, for inventory purposes, will be coded as follows:

Unidentified wood fragments Construction wood Pegs, Wood planks Twigs, branches Burned wood (partial)	Code	98 03 03 09 as wood (section	00 06 06 16 (above) and	006 006 006 006 put "burnt wood"	in the co	mments ·
Charcoal and all small fragments of completely burnt wood	Code	as charco	oal		·	
Coal Slag, burned coal, vitrified metalworking or manufacturing	98	00	095			
by-products	98	ÕO	112			
Pantiles	03	06	003			
Delft fireplace tiles, wall skirting, etc.	04	04	003			
Porcelain bathroom tiles, other bathroom furniture (tub, toilet, etc.)	03	05	001			
Chamber pot	04	02	00-			
Flowerpot	04	04	005 00-			
Teeth Fish scales Coral Eggshell Seeds, seed covering	02 02 04 02 02	- 09 04 09 16	132 118 119 119 121			
Schist (construction) Schist (unidentified)	03 98	06 00	043 043			
Red brick Yellow brick Linoleum	03 03 03	06 06 06	169 155 101			
Metal hardware (probably construction) Furniture hardware Miscellaneous hardware (other and unidentified including screws, car parts)	03 04 09	06 01 11	()			
Leather shoe parts Unidentified leather scraps Leather personal items	06 98 07	01 00 ()	015 015 015			

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<u>co</u>	NTEXT	<u>GP</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>MPH</u>	MAT	<u>IDENTITY</u>	COUNT	WEIGHT	COMMENTS	REFERENCE	RANGE	CAT#
co	NTEXT:	400	6.01									
	4006.01	01	01		001	Porcelain	1		Chinese Export;Underglaze			43
	4006.01		02	000	078	Bottle glass	3		handpainted blue			44
,	4006.01	04	U 4	002	003	Yellowware	2	•	Eroded green glaze exterior			45
Subtotal: 6												
CO	NTEXT:	600	1.01									
	6001.01 6001.01		02 02		028 078	Metal container Bottle glass	16		Rusted & corroded			55
1	6001.01	02	02		017	Bone	1 6	12.70	Base;Olive green			51 50
	6001.01 6001.01		02		017 028	Calcined bone Nails	1 4	.20	Cut;Rusted & corroded			49 56
1	6001.01 6001.01		06 06	015	006 069	Burnt wood Brick	1 140	4838.50	•	•		53 60
	6001.01 6001.01	06	04	0.0	024	Button	1	4000.00	Shank broken off	;		59
+	6001.01	98	11		034 052	Lead Chert	1 1		Grey			58 54
	6001.01 6001.01				053 095	Quartz Coal	1 1					57 52
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	NTEXT :											
ı	6001.02	01	01		002	White stoneware	1		White salt-glazed stoneware;Rim;Dot, diaper & basket pattern	South 1972:Figure 1;Brown 1982:11;Hume 1969:115-116	1740s	65
	6001.02 6001.02				017 017	Bone Bone	3 54	9.90 30.60				74 75
	6001.02	02	04		017	Calcined bone	20	9.50	Down			76
-	6001.02 6001.02	02	01		017 017	Bone Bone	1 1	61.30	Burnt			82 73
	6001.02 6001.02		01 01		017 017	Incisor Molar	1	3.10 1.70				77 78
	6001.02	02	01		017	Molars	1	3.30				79
	6001.02 6001.02				017 017	Molars Molars	1 1	8.60 11.20				80 81
	6001.02 6001.02					Nails Spikes	22 5		Cut;Rusted & corroded Rusted & corroded			62 63
	6001.02 6001.02	03	04			Hasp	1	,	Rusted & corroded Rusted & corroded			69 67
	6001.02	03	06	015	069	Brick	161	27739.0				61
	6001.02	-		004	033		1		Pewter;Intertwined USA	Hume 1969:91-92;Calver & Bolton 1950:82-84	ca. ' 1778-1812	94
	6001.02 6001.02					Farm equipment? Hook	1 1		Rusted & corroded Rusted & corroded			70 68
	6001.02 6001.02					Corroded metal Corroded metal	1 12					72 71
	6001.02 6001.02	09		012	028	Wire Coal	1		Rusted & corroded			66 64
	2001.02	-			000		'					04
		٠				Subtotal :	293	27886	10			
co	NTEXT:	600	2.01									
	6002.01	01	02		078	Bottle glass	1		Neck;Olive green			47

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C	ONTEXT	<u>GP</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>MPH</u>	MAT	<u>IDENTITY</u>	COUNT	WEIGHT	COMMENTS	REFERENCE	RANGE	CAT#
C	: TXBTNC	600	2.01									
	6002.01 6002.01		01 06	015	017 069	Bone Brick	2 3	38.60 1040.00				46 48
						Subtotal :	3	1078.6	0			
C	ONTEXT:	600	3.01									
	6003.01	01	01		003	Redware	1		Trailed white slip under clear lead glaze			91
	6003.01	01	01		030	Combed slipware	1		Brown slip under clear lead glaze on yellow paste	South 1972:Figure 1;Brown 1982:14;Hume 1969:107;134-36	1670-1795	92
	6003.01 6003.01		02		078 017	Bottle glass Bone	10 44	54.60	Dark olive green			85 93
	6003.01		09		089	Shell	3	10.60				88
	6003.01 6003.01 6003.01 6003.01	03 03 03	06 06	014 001 015	069	Nails Hasp/staple Mortar Brick		3.70 24357.8	Cut;Rusted & corroded Rusted & corroded			86 90 89 84
	6003.01	09	11		028	Rusted metal	3					87

Subtotal: 251

24426.70

TOTAL: 730

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