

Date (dd/mm/yy): 26/05/09 EU: 8 SU: 5704

Area: Vigle Supervisor: BRO Recorder: JTR

Summary: South of South Wall (Feature 5702 - F2)

Thick layer of rocky soil. Lots of tumble. Compact clay.

Chronology: \_\_\_\_\_ (to be filled out by RSM or MH)

Harris matrix

Coordinates

	<u>5702</u>	
<u>5703</u>	<u>5704</u>	

N 1450.56

W 4464.43

E 4465.43

S 1446.81

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 10YR 4/3

Soil type: Sandy clay loam

Consolidation: Firm

Stoniness: 25-30 %

Dominant clast size: (c) gravel

Maximum top elevation: 55.64

Minimum bottom elevation: 55.52

(\*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Slope: None

Features

f1. 5704 - f1

f2. 5704 - f2

f3. 5704 - f3

f4. 5704 - f4

f5. 5704 - f5

List all **photographs** of this SU (p1, p2, etc.):

5702 - p2 (Top of SU 5704)

5704 - p1; 5704 - p2 (Bottom of SU 5704)

List all **drawings** of this SU (d1, d2, etc.):

5702 - d1 (Plan of Bottom of SU 5702)

5704 - d1 (Plan of Bottom of SU 5704)

Procedure

Dry sieve  Water sieve \_\_\_\_\_ If water sieve, # of bags: \_\_\_\_\_

Finds (# of bags)

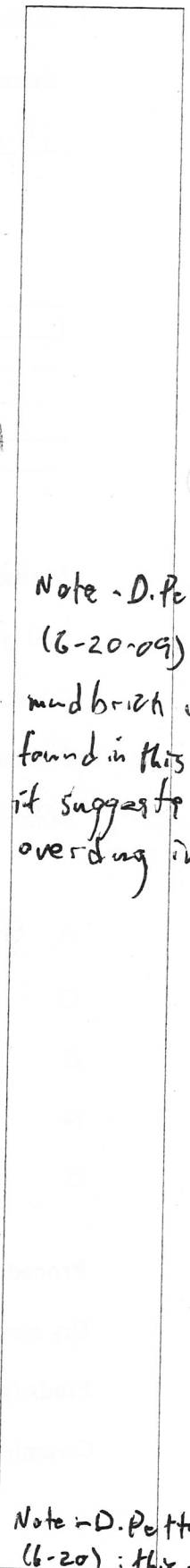
Ceramic 2 Stone \_\_\_\_\_ Bone \_\_\_\_\_ Metal \_\_\_\_\_ Organic \_\_\_\_\_ Plaster \_\_\_\_\_ Other 1  
Shell-1

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Description: South of south wall light piling to break up soil. Found spots of red that could be mudbrick from the south wall. As it is dug deeper the spots seem to be getting larger. The pottery shards found are less in percent <sup>per bucket</sup> than from the SU 5702 but may only be because of the volume of soil sifted through. The northern end of this SU still has N-S fissures. The red brick is getting more consistent but still in the Northern end of this SU. This suggests that we may be digging through collapse of the southern wall. Find large grouping of rocks in middle of SU. The red mudbrick is found to the north of this. This leads me to think we may have a wall here with collapse to the north. What has been called the south wall <sup>(5702-f2)</sup> may also be collapse from this. More excavation on both will be needed to determine for sure. We decided to not have a separate SU for the south wall and began to collapse it into SU 5704 and 5705. Upon doing this we found a more defined ~~11"~~ wall feature <sup>(5704-f1)</sup>. When the "south" wall was probed. This "wall" feature is now separating 5704 and 5705. What I had been describing as the possible wall has rocks going at an angle to the trench. Looking at the two features together they appear to be a single circular feature; perhaps a hearth for a watch or signal fire. The mud brick is even more concentrated as we got down and is in the center of the circular feature. Because of the change in the Northings double check all northings on documents. Finding disturbance of bugs and plants especially on the north end of the circular feature. Found what might be a cut stone in NW corner of SU.



Note - D. Pettegrew (6-20-09): if mudbrick was found in this layer it suggests we over dug in place

Note - D. Pettegrew (6-20): this seems unlikely. - the northings have been double checked

Date (dd/mm/yy): 28/05/09

EU: 8

SU: 5704

Description: After exposing the south most part of the trench it is most likely that this is the wall. The circular portion to the north that was previously termed the south wall appears to be collapse from the newly termed south wall. We will be pulling a field specimen (FS 5704-1001) which is a piece of pottery imbedded in the northern collapse. Because the south wall is on the edge of EU 8 it has been recommended to extend the trench at least a meter south. This will allow better control and better representation of the size of the wall. In the SW corner of the SU there is a large collection of small stones; contrasting the large stones found in the rest of the south wall and collapse. After extending 5704 it now borders 5705 at the north collapse, with the stones from the north collapse in SU 5704. This SU is being closed to maintain greater control and to excavate around the feature to determine if the rocks are floating. The FS will be useful in determining the earliest time period for the wall and collapse.

Top Elev. 55.64 m

Bottom El. 55.52. m

\* Addendum (20-6-09): see final report for this EV for a description of 5704-f1

FS 5704-1001  
 was taken from  
 the trench while  
 we were away.  
 It no longer  
 exists and has  
 been cancelled.