

Locus L 9617	Dor 19 9.1	Fld 6	Sq AI, 34	Loc. type Robber trench
Open	Date 0.8/0.7/9.1	High 1.5	at 6.8 NE	Low at
Close	1.2/0.7/9.1	1.5	4.1 NE	
Floor: type				
Length 1.0	Width 0.7	Vol	Drawn? N.O.	Loci 19642 9617
Value id	Remove 12/0.7/9.1			above
Photo #(1)		Photo #(2)		Loci 9651
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Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
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Summary

Opened: Opened [9617] to excavate robbed out-portion of drain L9111 (and its cobbled floor and fill) L9642 containing NE of extant drain. [9617] is a deeper continuation of 1987's L9197.

Limits (N) L9618
 (S) drain L9111 & cobbled floor and fill L9642
 (E) L9697
 (W) L9615

Closed: Closed after drain L9111 and its floor cobbles removed and the soil below matched the soil at the same level in [9617]. [9617] collapsed with [9642] and pit [9614] to create L9651.

Matrix: [9617]'s soil was similar to the pit soil in L9614 in sherd and shell concentration except that it was more loosely packed. The material in [9617] is unlike adjacent soil in L9615 which was looser, lighter and greyer without as many shell fragments or sherds. [9617]'s soil is unlike L9616's soil because L9616's soil was fine in texture, bleached brown with much kunkar but few shell or pottery fragments. [9617]'s soil

Relations: wasn't similar to L9697's northern section of soil which was dry, coarse, and light containing few pot sherds with many kunkar, stone and shell bits.

[9617] may be the area where two robber trenches meet. To the south of [9617] is drain L9111 and underlying floor and fill material L9642. [9617] is the NE portion of drain L9111 that has been robbed-out. At the west is L9615 which was originally thought to contain W9085's EW robber trench. However, excavation of L9697 revealed the western continuation of AH 34's W9282. [9617] may contain both the EW robbing of W9282 which may stop in L9617 or possibly, but unlikely, continue into part of L9615 and also the northern robbing of drain L9111. [9617] reaches L9618 ^{at the north} which is a robber-trenchlike area that may be the robbed-out NS section of W9282. If W9282 turned NS within bank L9697 then [9617] and L9618 may be the same W9282 EW from NS robber trench with a possible, but unlikely, robber trench intrusion (looking for stones) SW into L9615 before heading no [9617] reaches L9697 to the east which was formerly unexcavated back separating AH 34 and AH 34. The pit-like soil in [9617] was dissimilar to the sandy soil in L9697 which contained very little pottery. [9617] reached, but was a separate action, from the midbanks and pit material in bank L9697.

Final Note: Somewhere in 9615, 9616, 9617 or 9618 would have been a feeder drain connecting drain 9111 and drain 9698 (not on this plan) which was found in the area below 9616. The various robbing activities in this area seem to have obliterated any such connections.

Additional Observations/Value: [9617] significant as area in which two robber loci reach each other. [9617] is so disturbed that it is of little value. trench

Bask. No.	Sq.	Beg. Ele.	Clo. Ele.	St Df	Lc St	Ob	Ma	R	C	P1	P2	P3
96306	AI34	15.68	15.42	sa		sh	cr	0	?d	ir		

Locus
L 9617

Sketch plan



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