12/7/08

Did a hard clean behind (west of) the bldg south of the trench I dug last year. We plan to remove everything behind the bldg using 2007 findings as a guide. So, today, I cleaned up the interface between (87 and 91) 166 = 87 and 167 = 91.

168 = 143 is also visible, as is 169 = 101

166: Yellow-orange gravelly rubble and mortar spread (87 and 96)

167: Red-brown clay with freq. roof slates, ditch fill, looser.

168: Red-brown clay, hard-packed with frequent chalk frags = 143

169: Dark brown clay with some chalk frags (truncated B-Horizon) = 101
So, we are starting by total stationing in (160) pre-ex. Because last season I differentiated (87) mortar and rubble spread from the very similar (96) robber trench fill, I will try to watch for (97) robber trench cut, but I think that they are probably the same. I think that the robber trench was cut and then filled with material that also spread over the nearby ground. At this point, when the robber trench was previously excavated, it was not fully removed, so the robber trench cut was only found in my trench as (97). I'd like to record the artificial wall trench break of slope first though, in order to record the shape/profile of the deposit.

BrekoI
8050-8079
Stringable
IN "BREKOI" STRING OF THE BREAK OF SLOPE CREATED BY A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE ROBBER TRENCH FILL (AND, WHICH IS THEREFORE ARTIFICIAL), YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE JCB TOOK BITES OUT OF IT, SEE ILLUSTRATION.
I just realized the difference between 87 and 96. 96 is the one with tons of rubble, so it is not the same as 87, but both probably represent robber trench fill and associated spread. So, 166 = 87 and 172 = 96. I am leaving 172 in place for now.

166 has occasional moderate and fragmented roof tile stones.
13/7/08

Entered context sheets in database: 166, 172, 165, 168, 169, 167

Continued removing 166, but I have mixed some contexts and over-dug a good deal. 172 is not robber trench fill, but rather the foundation leveling/make-up rubble. So, last year 96 was dug way out of sequence. It was done as post-destruction robber trench fill, when in fact it was pre-construction leveling. So, 166 is probably quite mixed, partly the mortary scatter west of the building, partly robber trench fill, partly foundation trench fill, partly pre-wall make-up.

So, I've stopped about half-way and now I'm just cleaning the wall trench face and trying not
TO REMOVE ANYTHING ELSE.

1. Foundation trench fill
   - Rubble make-up

2. Remaining foundation trench fill
   - Rubble make-up

Robby trench fill

(The Light Brown Sandy Clay That Looks to Overlie the Gully/Ditch)

\[ \theta = 130 \]  This Light Brown Sandy Clay With Freq. Plaster + Freq. Chalk
Martin suggests that we take out these backyard deposits in a trench again like last year but this time sectioning a dark brown clayey bit that appears to abut the foundation trench. It might be an in situ occupation yard deposit contemporary with the building.

So, we cleaned a 1.5 m wide strip behind and parallel to the western wall and it's a bit confusing. Martin and Paul are going to investigate the robber-trench-fill-looking stuff at the southern part of the western wall.

I am moving on to removing the light brown sandy clay that looks to overlie the gully/ditch. \(114 = 180\). This light brown sandy clay w/iv. freq. plaster + freq. chalk is \(179 = 92\).
Nails of line to section off a new trench - 8105-8106.

[179] Extents 8107-8116, FTR72.

[179] = [98] is characterized by very frequent plaster/mortar fragments. It overlies the fill of the ditch (167) = [91], which has frequent, large stone roof tiles lying at angles along the sides of the ditch.

L MW 2007

L MW 2008

178
Also comes down on rubble packing/make-up, like 1166 = 87 did. Removing 96 was a mistake and done out of sequence, so 173 will be left in situ because it pre-dates the wall.

Martin and Paul determined that 178 was probable robber trench fill and that there was a lot of it yet to come out. 178 comes back to a nice clean cut through the soft red-brown silty clay that is probably 169 = 101. So, at the southern end of the western wall (trench), there is probably no ditch/gully feature running parallel.

Diagram: Ditch 2
14 JULY 08

FINISHED REMOVING FE NAILS, FE NODULE (?), METAL DETECTED. AS EXPECTED, 179 HAS COME DOWN ON 167 WITH LARGE, FREQUENT STONE ROOF TILES IN MEDIUM RED-BROWN SILTY CLAY WITH INFREQUENT PLASTER AND SMALL CHALK FRAGMENTS AND CHARCOAL. THE TILES LYING ON THE SURFACE OF 167 AS QUITE NICE AND WILL PROBABLY BREAK UP UPON EXCAVATION, SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE. 3706

LMW 2007

Probable stone in ditch 180 because of angle

Facing stones of western wall

TOTAL STATION: FTR 73, 8125-8132, 167
167 seemed to have sloped roof tiles on both the east and west side that gave an indication of the profile of the fill. It came down on darker silt with very frequent tiles, frequent plaster, but no gravel, much softer. There are also nice large tiles lying on the bottom, which seems like a good reason to change layers. The eastern side of the fill is much less clear than the western. New fill layer: \( 170 \times 10^9 \) FTR74 8139-8146 stringable
This diagram shows a trench with various layers and features:

- **Tiles**: Labeled with coordinates and notes.
- **Dark brown**: Indicates a layer or material.
- **Facing stones**: Marked as part of the trench's structure.
- **Tiles at the bottom of the trench?**: Question mark indicating uncertainty.
- **Leaves and Limes**: Possibly a label or category for the materials.
- **Compact clay with frequent small chalk rubble, few tiles, and a little plaster, on the eastern side**: Description of the trench's content.
- **뇨의 동쪽, 위층의 자갈 파편, 회색 턱, 그리고 좀 작은 타일**

The diagram also includes a mention of a trench being filled with a cut cutting, which is labeled with coordinates (150, 160). The text notes that this was pointed out by someone (Michael) who thinks it is 150.
15 July 2008

Continued removing 190° ditch fill. At the bottom of this level there were fewer tiles and less plaster, so we could have changed contexts, but didn’t because the matrix was basically the same. The large, frequent tiles gave us the contour of the ditch. 190° has come down on (natural?) fractured chalk and pea gravel, at the bottom, and dark red-brown compact clay with frequent u. small chalk frags, on the western side, and orange-yellow sandy silt with mortar, medium v. frequent chalk rubble, few small tiles, and a little plaster, on the eastern side. This rubble on the eastern side is what I thought was robber trench fill of a cut cutting the ditch 180° but Martin has pointed out that he thinks 180° is
IN FACT BEHIND UNDERLYING THE DITCH FILL 199.

16 JULY 2008

190 IS REMOVED. IT CAME DOWN TO 195 NATURAL FRACUTURED CHALK AND 199 RUBBLE IN ORANGE-YELLOW GRAVELLY SANDY SILT MATRIX AND 168 RED BROWN CLAY W/ V. FREQUENT SMALL CHALK FRAGS ON THE WESTERN SIDE.

- PHOTO (AFTER REMOVING 190) OF DITCH 180 WITH 193, 195, + 168 SHOWING # 3709, # 3711.
- PLAN OF 180 = FTR 81, 8256 - 8272.
- SPOT HEIGHTS FOR CONTOUR OF DITCH 180 = 8273 - 8354
- (190 HAD SEVERAL FE NAILS, STONE TILES), VERY LITTLE BONE & CERAMIC.
- PLAN OF 199 = FTR 82, 8355 - 8369
199 CAME DOWN ON ORANGE-YELLOW SANDY, SILTY GRAVEL WITH FAR LESS CHALK RUBBLE, BUT BASICALLY THE SAME MATRIX AS 199. IT BEARS A RESEMBLANCE TO THE FOUNDATION TRENCH BASE/FILL AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE WESTERN WALL (NO CONTEXT NUMBER). THERE IS A DISTINCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 200 AND 193, IT APPEARS THAT 200 FILLS A CUT (NO #457) THAT CUTS 193. MARTIN HAS JUST POSTED THAT PERHAPS THIS IS ANOTHER, EARLIER GULLY/DITCH.

PHOTO #3781 AFTER 199 EXCAVATED, 193, 200, 168 VISIBLE.
18 JULY 2008

BEGINNING TO REMOVE 200 TODAY.

orange-yellow gravelly silt with small chalk pebbles, few mortar bits, and pewter tiles. Ditch? Wall trench?

(200) TOTAL STATIONED AS FTR 93
8426-8435
200 came down on the interface between 193 (which was cut) and 172 (probable rubble make-up/leveling/wall trench fill). 213 is foundation trench cut.
FTR 97
8458 - 8467
(72) W. extent

FTR 98
8463 - 8467
(213) W. extent

Diagram of wall with numbers and annotations.
NEW AREA

214, top level of ditch south of 2008 trench. Probably equal to 179.

Dug last week.

Mixed orange-yellow gravelly silt with very frequent wall plaster; red-brown clay with charcoal and small chalk fragments; some small stone and tiles.

FTR 99 (216) Total 14,940
TILE (sandstone)

SEC 12, 8105-8106, Ditch/Lully + Foundation + Trench, roof 8106

19 Jul 08 LWR (sketch)

A unsure of cut 2.13... cut 1.80 partly cut fill 1.90, so perhaps the sketch is inaccurate in that respect.
19 July 2008

214 lack the tell-tale angled stone roof tiles indicating the sides and angle of slope of the underlying ditch. I've removed quite a bit under the assumption that I would only need to do a hard clean at the eastern side of the ditch where there is compact chalk rubble in reef-brown clay; I thought this was foundation trench fill, so I left it—but it is now obvious that 214 is going under it. Pause excavating 214 to remove 222.
20 July 2008

214 Bottomed on a nice level of stone tiles lying flat. I will change layers and call this lower fill (223).

Red-brown sandy clay with plaster and roof tiles. Also, at the southern end of where I'm digging, there is a concentration of charcoal and the sediment is more moist, darker, and possibly lower (another JCB or previous over-digging). This darker fill with charcoal is (224).

The gully cuts the trench...
27 July 2008

Removed (229) today and I've shown that (229) (which had dried out and looked much less moist + charcoal rich) & was just the deposit at the southern end of the ditch/gully cut? The gully turned east to about the foundation trench fill. The fill of the gully, (229) included, have come down to foundation trench fill, natural fractured periglacial chalk at the bottom, and dense redbrown clay w/chalk flecking (the bank). (229) contained two huge sandstone roof tiles that were integral to the gully, but there is a suspicious "facing-type" stone right where the gully cuts the foundation trench.
Now removed. Must total station the gully cut and then remove the foundation trench fill also RG-TS before removing it.

Re-defined as whole 2008 gully cut. TS = FTR130

Photos of ditch 180 post-ex 4029 - 4030

Leaving this area now because it is essentially resolved. The gully cut into the foundation trench (or Robbe trench?) and terminated by curving into toward the western wall. We don't know what happened with the ditch on the northern end (N. of last year's trench.)
Matrix for 1st Trench.

- The ditch fills 179, 167, +190 fill cut 180, which cut foundation trench fill 199, natural 193, and bank 168.
- The foundation trench fill 199, 200, and 172, cut 213, which cuts natural 193.

For next section of ditch/gully 180:
214 = 167, 222 = 179, 223 = 190, 224 = 223
SE Pavilion

30 July 2008

Martin had been digging in the SE pav. until yesterday. Peter + I removed 268° mortar build-up for smaller chunks of chalk. This mortar layer came down on the angled/pitched chalk rubble in orange-brown sandy gravel with mortar 269°. 269° cut through the N-S ditch running underneath the front wall. We thought that 269° would come down to natural, but instead it came down onto yet another layer of chalk rubble fill, which also appears to cut the ditch. We must determine that this rubble respects the pavilion walls and doesn’t run underneath.
Rubble fill came down on the cut of the E-W ditch. The rubble fill of that ditch and the natural chalk/clay was put in after the construction of the first wall, but is partly underneath it. We are explaining this by saying that wall was undercut in order to put in rubble fill. This was all photo planned as well.