

SITE: CH068R YEAR: 06 ROOM # OF AREA NAME: ~~0600~~ Courtyard CONTEXT NUMBER: 0899

TYPE (positive, negative, wall): **Positive** DEFINITION (cut in floor of X, fill of pit Y, north wall of room Z, etc.): **Brown soil w/ rubble and many artifacts on Wedge of area 3, CY**

DESCRIPTION (include consistency, color, composition, inclusions, dimensions; for cuts, also include shape and orientation):
 Loose ashy brown soil ^{mottled w/ very dark grey} containing a large quantity of artifacts, including stone, tile & bones. The approx. extent of the context is 1.3 M (NW-SE) x 1.1 M (NE-SW) and 15-20 cm in depth.
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 - shape is roughly trapezoidal; located along NE (not W) edge of area 3 from photos, roughly between S end of wall fragment and cut 605 - S corner actually seems to cover fill of 905

MUNSELL COLOR: **7.5YR 4/2** **7.5YR 3/1**

FORMATION PROCESSES: NATURAL ARTIFICIAL (circle one) CASUAL INTENTIONAL (circle one) TYPE: **Dumping**

STATE OF PRESERVATION: Very poor Poor Medium Good Very Good STRATIGRAPHIC RELIABILITY: Very poor Poor Medium Good Very Good

COVERS: **999 (4 thin layer of clayey soil, see below)** COVERED BY: **0884**

CUTS: CUT BY:

FILLS: **6904** FILLED BY:

ABUTS: ABUTTED BY:

EQUALS: BONDS WITH:

INTERPRETATION:
 disturbed area of soil associated w/ smithing activity and/or trash disposal in courtyard; high quantity of residual material, but stratigraphy & small number of 12th/13th c. amphora sherds suggest association w/ last phases of occupation

MATERIAL DATABLE IN FIELD? (if yes, specify): PRELIMINARY DATE:

FINDS (tick): Pot Bone Glass Metal Wood Leather Tile Other None TILE: (quantity buckets?) SPECIAL FINDS (number and description, continue on back if necessary)

FLOAT? (Y/N) SAMPLE? (if yes, # and type) **138 (residue)** SECTION? (Y/N)

PHOTO? (Y/N) PLAN? (Y/N) NOTEBOOK PAGES: **SM: 31** SKETCH ON BACK? (Y/N)

STRATIGRAPHIC NOTES/DOUBTS (include any comments on methods, contamination, excavation conditions, or anything else that seems relevant):
PMP 68 Several smithing hearths recovered & large pieces of bone & artifacts are not articulated (i.e. nothing is flat-lying or overlaid, looks dumped in).
 0899 covers a very thin layer of brown soil over bedrock (this thin layer was not given a context #).

DATE: **18-VII-06** INITIALS: **SM** CLOSED (tick):

SPECIAL FINDS (continued)

SKETCH

