

SITE: CH06SR      YEAR: 06      ROOM # or AREA NAME: Courtyard      CONTEXT NUMBER: 0877

TYPE (positive, negative, wall): positive      DEFINITION (cut in floor of X, fill of pit Y, north wall of room Z, etc.): Ashy black soil in North area 3, Courtyard

DESCRIPTION (include consistency, color, composition, inclusions, dimensions; for cuts, also include shape and orientation):  
 Very black, fine ashly (almost like soot) layer, that now appears to fill a pit. The extent was difficult to determine @ first b/c there were several other contexts appearing @ the same time and there was a much mixing (wind didn't help). Several hearth bottoms were recovered - Context @ definition was  $\approx$  1.4 M (NW-SE) X 1 M (NE-SW) but + sky after removing 0884+0876 the extent increased to 2.1 M (NW-SE) X 1.6 M (NE-SW) and was  $\approx$  18-22 cm in depth, though less so as it extended to SE.

MUNSELL COLOR: 10YR 2/1 black

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

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

COVERS: 0912, 0999      COVERED BY: 0884, 0876

CUTS:      CUT BY:

FILLS: 0897      FILLED BY:

ABUTS:      ABUTTED BY:

EQUALS:      BONDS WITH:

INTERPRETATION: Fill of a pit associated w/ metalworking activities. The large amounts of fine soot indicated it was used for either a fairly large event or a long time.

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): 3837 iron object, 3844 bronze strip

FLOAT? (Y/N)       SAMPLE? (if yes, # and type) Metallurgical 682-684, 689-692, 696      SECTION? (Y/N)

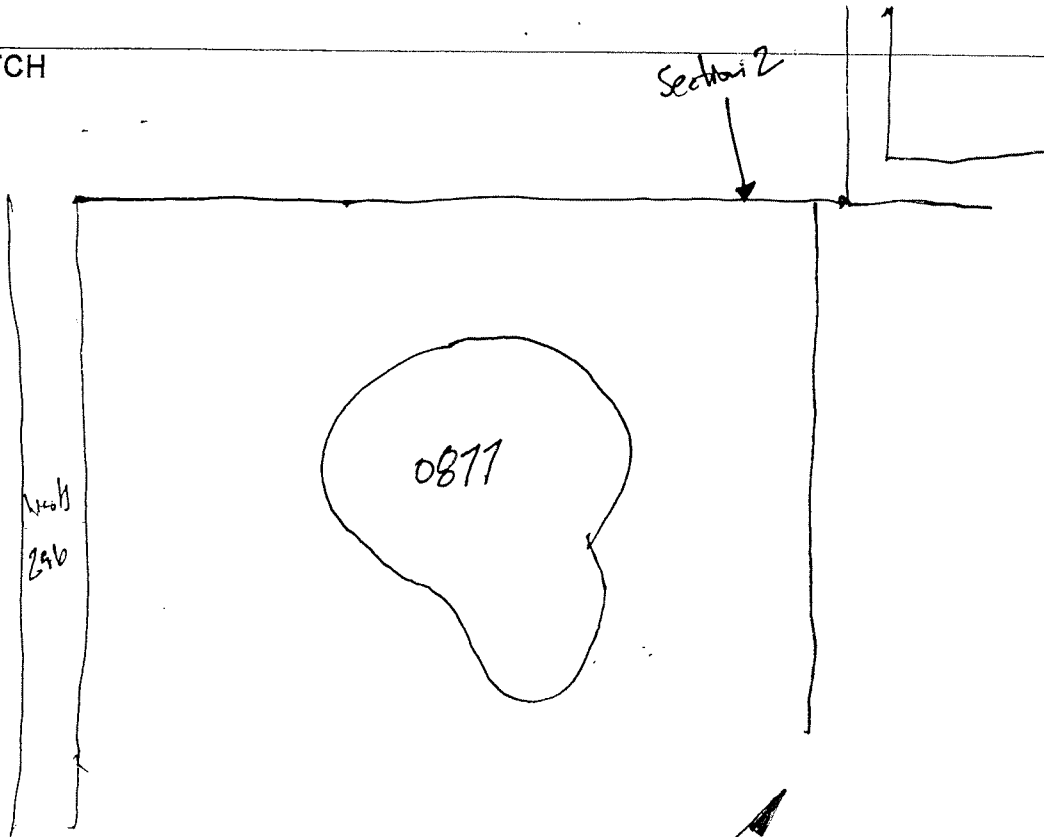
PHOTO? (Y/N)       PLAN? (Y/N) 101, 102      NOTEBOOK PAGES SM: 28, 29, 39      SKETCH ON BACK? (Y/N)

STRATIGRAPHIC NOTES/DOUBTS (include any comments on methods, contamination, excavation conditions, or anything else that seems relevant): Looks soot (y) - like - Allyson has this context extent on plan. Very little tile. It now looks like 0884 is over 0877. Levels - 10'd ceramics as early byzantine 5-6th, maybe start of 7th century.

DATE: 16. VII. 06      INITIALS: JMI      CLOSED (tick):

SPECIAL FINDS (continued)

SKETCH



Not to scale

