

**APPENDIX 10**  
**FINAL DATA RECOVERY**  
**ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURE FORMS**



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Feature Record

Feature Number 1 (Test Square #1) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical Highest Elv. .35'BD; deepest point .8'BD  
 Horizontal 1.9' widest portion

Definition Shallow bowl-shaped depression

Feature Description:

Munsell 10YR 4/4 dark yellowish brown

Matrix (Composition texture) loose organic loam soil

General Information:

Artifacts lot of oyster shell; lots of metal, small amount of glass, redware,  
 w/w

Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -

Discards 1/2 hand-full small pieces coal; hand full 1/2 chunks and little pieces

Comments/Interp In northeastern corner of sq. & Feature there is a part of a mortar  
slab. If this is evidence of a structure - Feature may be thin wash

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Photographic Record

Bag list (#) 1 bag

\*See Figures 18 and 19 for plan view and profile of feature 1



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Feature Record

Feature Number 2 (Test Square 3) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical Ranges from .2' - 1.2'BD  
 Horizontal Approximately 3'x3'

Definition Boulder with 2 interconnected pits around it. Also, bits of brick, tar paper  
on north side of square 1. Lots of pebbles mixed with sandy loam

Feature Description:

Munsell 10YR 5/6 yellowish brown  
 Matrix (Composition texture) Pebbles with sandy loam

General Information:

Artifacts tar paper, glass, ceramic, nails, bone, recent bottles (5)  
 Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -  
 Discards tar paper

Comments/Interp Recent trash deposited in small pits around a boulder - pits formed  
as a result of animal burrowing.

Excavator K. Leeper, J. Wiles, C. DeSantis Supvr. ck Ellis Coleman

Photographic Record \_\_\_\_\_

Bag list (#) 2 artifact bags (7-3-81) 7/6/81

\*See Figure 20 for plan view of Feature 2  
 \*See Plate 9 for profile of Feature 2



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Feature Record

Feature Number 3 (Test Square 9) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical 0.9' - 1.7' BD  
 Horizontal 1.3' x 1.4'

Definition Small, round, deep-tapered postmold

Feature Description:

Munsell 10YR 4/2 dark grayish brown  
 Matrix (Composition texture) fine silty loam

General Information:

Artifacts 8 small ceramic pieces, 2-3 metal pieces, one shell  
 Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -  
 Discards -

Comments/Interp At surface of feature, approximately 1/2 of feature was orange mottled soil, this disappeared after first few inches. Postmold represents one in a fenceline which surrounded north yard area CA 1943.

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Photographic Record -

Bag list (#) -

\*See Figure 16 for Plan View of Feature 3



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Feature Record

Feature Number 4 (Test Square #1, 4, 6, 11, 13), Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical .25' BD - 1.3' BD (End of excavation)

Horizontal Approximately 1.5' x 26.5'

Definition Brick, rock and mortar wall on a diagonal line from NW corner of square 1 to NE corner of Square G

Feature Description:

Munsell - NONE TAKEN -

Matrix (Composition texture) Rock, brick, and mortar

General Information:

Artifacts Associated with the test square, not from the wall itself.

Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -

Discards

Comments/Interp This wall continued from Unit #6 into NW corner of Unit #11.

Artifact density was low in units 11 and 6. Features 1 and 5 associated with Feature 4.

Excavator W. Catts, C. DeSantis Supvr. ck E. Coleman

Photographic Record

Bag list (#)

\*See Figures 21-28 for plan views and profiles of Feature 4  
 \*See Plates 10 and 11 for plan views of Feature 4



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Feature Number 5 (Test Square #13) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical .75' - 1.75' BD

Horizontal 1.8 x 1.8 at widest point

Definition Irregularly shaped vertically and horizontally - distinguished from surrounding soils by dark, organic color and artifact content.

Feature Description:

Munsell 10YR c/c dark brown

Matrix (Composition texture) Very fine silty loam

General Information:

Artifacts Ceramic, glass, metal, shell, 1 bottle

Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -

Discards Mortar, brick fragments

Comments/Interp North side of feature was first excavated and profile done of south wall. South half was then excavated.

Excavator Wade Catts Supvr. ck E. Coleman

Photographic Record 3 pictures before excavation of southern half

Bag list (#) \_\_\_\_\_

\*See Figure 27 and 28 for plan view and profile of feature 5  
 \*See Plate 11 for plan view of feature 5



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Feature Record

Feature Number 6 (Test Square #18) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical .75' - 1.25' BD

Horizontal Covered 96% of Level C. Small area in the NW and SE corner were not part of the Feature.

Definition Coal and ash pit with ceramic, metal, bone being present.

Feature Description:

Munsell 10YR 7/2 Light grey

Matrix (Composition texture) Ash with coal flecks and silt loam soil mixed in.

General Information:

Artifacts Ceramic, bone, metal, nails, glass, tin cups

Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -

Discards Brick, mortar, plaster, shell

Comments/Interp Area thought to be zone D was able to be excavated as the feature with the exception of a small portion after the tin cups were taken out. The metal ring present in the center was a rusted area from the bottom of a tin bucket possibly.

The rod in the west wall was a metal fireplace shovel. The piece of Ceramic in the south wall was the bottom half of a red ware vessel with the circumference being .8 of foot.

Excavator C. DeSantis, John Martin Supvr. ck Ellis Coleman

Photographic Record C18 (14 & 15)

Bag list (#) #145 (2/2) #146 (3/3) #147 (3/3)

\*See Figures 4, 5, and 6 for plan view and profiles of Feature 6

\*See Plate 6 for plan view of Feature 6



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Feature Record

Feature Number 7 (Test Square #21) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical 0.6' - 1.9' (to limit of excavation)  
 Horizontal 1.2'

Definition Circular, brownish yellow sandy stain. Posthole for support post in front of barn.

Feature Description:

Munsell 10YR 6/8 (mottled with 10YR 5/8 and 10YR 3/3)  
 Matrix (Composition texture) Brownish yellow clay sand mottled with yellow brown loamy clay and dark brown loam.

General Information:

Artifacts Few artifacts recovered from the feature  
 Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -  
 Discards

Comments/Interp Filled with sand after removal of barn to adjacent lot. Posthole continued below limits of excavation.

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Photographic Record

Bag list (#)

\*See Figure 30 for plan view of feature 7



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Feature Record

Feature Number 8 (Test Square #5) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical .6' - 1.0' BD

Horizontal Approximately 2' - boundary irregular

Definition Bricks and flat rocks laid with soil filling in spaces - no mortar present:

Edges of feature irregular - no boundary forming rocks or bricks

Feature Description:

Munsell -

Matrix (Composition texture) Brick and rock in matrix of dark yellowish brown  
sandy clay

General Information:

Artifacts None bagged from within feature

Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -

Discards Small amount of coal, brick, mortar

Comments/Interp Appears to be a walkway leading from rear door in western section of  
house to former rear porch or backyard in general

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Photographic Record

Bag list (#)

\*See Figures 14 and 15 for plan view and profile of Feature 8



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Feature Record

Feature Number 9 (Test Square 14) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical .65' - 3.0' BD

Horizontal 5.0' East-West x 2.0' North-South

Definition Loosely deposited mixture of tar paper, wood, plastic, and soil - sealed by layer of select fill - vertically placed boards defined the east, west and northern limits - at bottom layer of decomposed fecal matter

Feature Description:

Munsell 10YR 3/4 dark yellowish brown, 10YR 2/2 very dark brown

Matrix (Composition texture) Silt loam - peak-like

General Information:

Artifacts Wire nails, screw-top bottles, whiteware

Samples taken: Soil      Flot      Carbon      Pollen      Other     

Discards Tar paper roofing, brick fragments, mortar fragments

Comments/Interp 20th century material deposited in board-lined privy hold, deposit sealed ca. 1960.

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Photographic Record     

Bag list (#)     

\*See Figure 29 for profile of Feature 9  
 \*See Plate 12 for oblique view of Feature 9



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Feature Record

Feature Number 10 (Test Pit 6, 7, 8) Site Ferguson House

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical 0.30' - 1.0' BD  
 Horizontal 1.0' - 2.0' North-South x 24.0' East-West

Definition Large-medium sized quartzite rocks (1.0'-.5' diameter), bricks, and mortar fragments drylaid to form east-west trending wall, artifacts present on top of and on sides of wall - stones covered on top by topsoil so as to form berm.

Feature Description:

Munsell Soil between rocks 10 yr 5/4 yellowish brown  
 Matrix (Composition texture) Sandy loam

General Information:

Artifacts Nails, pearlware, whiteware, glass (3 late 19th - early 20th C. bottles)  
 Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -  
 Discards Brick and mortar fragments

Comments/Interp Substantial stone wall probably placed to create boundary of yard area - separates plowed field area from yard area - east-west extent of wall not precisely determined.

Excavator C. DeSantis, W. Catts Supvr. ck E. Coleman

Photographic Record \_\_\_\_\_

Bag list (#) \_\_\_\_\_

\* See Figures 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 for plans and profiles of Feature 10  
 \* See Plate 7 for plan view of Feature 10



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Feature Record

Feature Number 11 (Test Square #12) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical 0.9' - 1.7' BD  
 Horizontal .8' in diameter

Definition Small, circular posthole

Feature Description:

Munsell 10 YR 5/4 yellowish brown  
 Matrix (Composition texture) Sandy clay loam

General Information:

Artifacts Window glass, pearlware, redware  
 Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -  
 Discards Oyster shell, coal fragments

Comments/Interp Possibly associated with post placed for wall scaffolding.

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\*See Plate 8 for plan view of Feature 11



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Feature Record

Feature Number 12 (Test Square #20) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical 0.0'-1.6' BD  
 Horizontal 2.0' east-west x 2.0 north-south

Definition Section of mortared wall composed of rounded, quartzite rocks and boulders  
fill present over wall, thickening to west

Feature Description:

Munsell Soil between rocks 10YR 3/3 dark brown  
 Matrix (Composition texture) sandy loam

General Information:

Artifacts Window glass, amber glass, whiteware  
 Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -  
 Discards brick fragments, asbestos tile

Comments/Interp Feature represents foundation for inner wall of barn moved ca. 1945.

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\*See Plate 13 for plan view of Feature 12



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Feature Record

Feature Number 13 (PHD's A-45, B-45, C-45, C-25, C-35) Site FERGUSON HOUSE

Dimensions of Feature: Vertical Approximately 0.5-2.0' below surface  
 Horizontal 22.0' north-south x 44.0' east-west

Definition Small rocks and mortar located by post-hole digger tests. Additional probing under present garage allowed feature dimensions to be completely defined

Feature Description:

Munsell \_\_\_\_\_

Matrix (Composition texture) \_\_\_\_\_

General Information:

Artifacts None bagged

Samples taken: Soil - Flot - Carbon - Pollen - Other -

Discards Mortar fragments

Comments/Interp Feature represents outer foundation wall of barn moved ca. 1945.  
Represents part of same structure foundation as Feature 12.

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