

SITE GPR	YEAR 2011	AREA D	SECTOR	ELEVATION Min: Max:	STRATIGRAPHICAL UNIT 3033 <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthropic	University of Michigan Kelsey Museum of Archaeology Gabii Project
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In cross-section? Yes No In elevation drawing? Yes No Photos: Yes No #: 12, 73, 79, 80 Photo Model: Yes No #:

DEFINITION
NORTHERN SKELETON TOMB ID # 39

Covered by SU: 3021 Fills SU: Filled by SU:

HOW IS LAYER DISTINGUISHED? Color Composition Compaction

FORMATION PROCESS
 Accumulation Construction Cutting Erosion Collapse Intentional deposition

INCLUSIONS For each inclusion specify frequency: (f)requent, (m)edium, (r)are

Anthropic	Geological	Organic	SOIL/MATRIX	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pottery <input type="checkbox"/> Tiles <input type="checkbox"/> Amphorae <input type="checkbox"/> Dolia <input type="checkbox"/> Mosaic tile(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Mortar <input type="checkbox"/> Coins <input type="checkbox"/> Metal (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Collapse debris <input type="checkbox"/> Glass	<input type="checkbox"/> Nails <input type="checkbox"/> Marble <input type="checkbox"/> Quarried debris <input type="checkbox"/> Slag <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Basalt slabs <input type="checkbox"/> Opus signinum <input type="checkbox"/> Painted plaster <input type="checkbox"/> Burnt Adobe <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tufo (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Travertine <input type="checkbox"/> Other Limestone <input type="checkbox"/> Basalt <input type="checkbox"/> Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Sand <input type="checkbox"/> Silt <input type="checkbox"/> Pebbles (range) <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel (range)	<input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Animal bones <input type="checkbox"/> Human bones <input type="checkbox"/> Animal teeth <input type="checkbox"/> Human teeth <input type="checkbox"/> Shells <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	clay ___% silt ___% sand ___% <input type="checkbox"/> Granular <input type="checkbox"/> Layered <input type="checkbox"/> Cohesive
			Compaction	Color
			<input type="checkbox"/> Hard <input type="checkbox"/> Compact <input type="checkbox"/> Friable <input type="checkbox"/> Loose <input type="checkbox"/> Soft	<input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Light Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Light Gray <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Light Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

UNIT LIMITS (also indicate on overlay)

Northern Limit Original Not Original Excavation Limit Depth: Original Not Original

Southern Limit Original Not Original Excavation Limit

Western Limit Original Not Original Excavation Limit

Eastern Limit Original Not Original Excavation Limit

STRATIGRAPHICAL SEQUENCE

Is equal to:	Is bound to (only for masonry):
Is abutted by:	Abuts:
Is covered by: 3021	Covers:
Is cut by:	Cuts:
Is filled by:	Fills: 3040

OBSERVATIONS ONE OF THREE SKELETON TOMBS, LOCATED IN CUTS IN BEDROCK (3032 IN CUT 3039, 3033 IN CUT 3040, 3034 IN CUT 3041). ALL LOCATED IN CUT 3024.

DESCRIPTION
 Position within sector: IN NW PART OF AREA, IMMEDIATELY EAST OF W. BAULK.
 Shape: N/A

For layers complete this section:

Surface (slope direction; visible inclusions): SLIGHT SLOPE N → S

Observations about inclusions (Clusters? Deposition slope): _____

Observations about thickness (Increases? Decreases?): _____

Nature of the interface with layer below: sharp diffuse commigled other (specify)

<p>For cuts complete this section:</p> <p>Cut edges: <input type="checkbox"/> rounded <input type="checkbox"/> straight</p> <p>Cut sides: <input type="checkbox"/> straight <input type="checkbox"/> concave <input type="checkbox"/> convex <input type="checkbox"/> sloping</p> <p>Cut bottom: <input type="checkbox"/> flat <input type="checkbox"/> concave <input type="checkbox"/> irregular</p> <p>How is cut top edge? <input type="checkbox"/> sharp <input type="checkbox"/> rounded</p> <p>How is cut bottom edge? <input type="checkbox"/> sharp <input type="checkbox"/> rounded</p> <p>Observations:</p>	<p>Sketch for layers and/or cuts (indicate North):</p> <p>SKELETON 3033</p>
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For structural remains complete this section

Alignment:

Building Technique: Adobe/Mud-brick Ashlar (blocks) irregular (unworked) stone Concrete Other (specify)

Binding Agent: None Clay Mortar (if so, specify composition, color, compaction)

Concrete inclusions:

Material Tufo Basalt Travertine Tiles Other (specify)
 Size Small (range) _____ Medium (range) _____ Large (range) _____ Representative size: e.g. 2 x 1 x 2 cmz

Wall Facing:

Opus quadratum Opus incertum Opus reticulatum Petit appareil Opus testaceum Opus mixtum Opus vittatum Other (specify)

Complete this section for foundations Faced foundation Wooden shuttering No shuttering

floor/revetment type

Floor type: Beaten Earth Opus signinum Opus scutulatum Opus Sectile Mosaic Opus spicatum Other (specify)

Wall finishing Stucco Opus signinum Plaster Painted Plaster Other (specify)

Approx. length, width, height of structural remains:

Description:

- SPECIAL FINDS ASSOCIATED WITH BURIAL ARE WORKED BONE (A 304) AND BRONZE FRAGMENT (A 301).

Sketch (if applicable, indicate North)

THIS PREVENTED THE SKELETON FROM FALLING OUT OF THE NICHE. THE FACT THAT THE RIGHT HALF OF THE SKELETON IS SLOPING SOUTH, SUGGESTS THAT THE PLANK SUPPORTING IT BROKE IN HALF (IN THE SAME N-E ORIENTATION) BEFORE DECOMPOSING.
 - LYING IN SUPINE POSITION.
 - BEDROCK COLLAPSE AND PLANK DECOMPOSITION ACCOUNTS FOR THE DISARTICULATION OF THE SKELETON.

INTERPRETATION

SKELETON WELL-PRESERVED, BUT DISARTICULATED. IN N-E ORIENTATION. SIMILAR TO SKELETONS 3032 + 3034, THE SKELETON WAS PLACED ON AN ORGANIC PLANK (LIKELY WOOD) THAT IS NO LONGER EXTANT AND WAS THEN DEPOSITED ON A PLATFORM CUT INTO THE BEDROCK. THE SKULL IS SUPPORTED BY A PILLON; THE LEGS + FEET LIKELY BY THE ORGANIC PLATFORM. THE RIGHT HALF OF THE SKELETON SLOPES TOWARDS THE SOUTH; THIS SLOPE, AND THE POSITION OF THE SKULL ARE SUCH THAT THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN AN ORGANIC PLANK COVERING THE OPENING OF THE NICHE (OR POSSIBLY STONES REMOVED WITH FILL 3021)

SOIL SAMPLING: Yes No

Total volume of layer (buckets):

Sample quantity (buckets):

Sample fraction (%):

NON SOIL SAMPLES: Yes No

If yes, specify (e.g. charcoal, mortar etc.):

Size:

SIEVING: Yes No

Total volume of layer (buckets):

Sample quantity (buckets):

Sample fraction (%): 100%

STRATIGRAPHICAL RELIABILITY

Good Fair Poor

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