Extra-Housepit Excavation 16—Summary of Excavation

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Extra-Housepit Excavation 16 is a natural root fall depression on the south-facing slope of the till ridge of Terrace 2 (Vol. III, Preface, Fig. 2).

Stratum I: This stratum consisted of unconsolidated till of about 50% pebble and gravel and showed some slight discoloration.

Stratum II: This stratum had a similar matrix, but a basin-like layer of dark soil and charcoal was found, which included fragments of bark and bone.

Stratum III: This stratum revealed unconsolidated till consisting of 50% pebble and gravel along with more bark.

Stratum IV: This stratum was more consolidated, sterile till, with the in situ cobbles having a carbonate crust on their bottom surface.

The carbonate encrusted cobbles in Stratum IV helped indicate that this stratum was undisturbed till.