Graves information

H. G. Notebook - 1922

Cemetery A

p. 43: Go to ridge directly South W. of tower of outer wall on ridge East of Terrace. On mound of stone and loose earth. Find fragments of pot sherds in earth.

Black glaze Grave Ia Earth above loose and covers red and yellow sherds.

Absolutely no contents not even hopes. Undoubtedly robbed.

More unsuccessful attempts same region. Towards evening start on

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p. 44: Sketches. *Found not to be grave. ***

Grave I(b) closed.

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higher ridge in East.

General character of Gr. Ib which in general characteristic of all but a few especially carefully built graves. On natural incline of wild hillside very rocky and covered and loose stones and boulders, (now sparse but tall pine trees) a rough wall is built at lower edge (sometimes also at side) **ENCHARACTERISTICAL***

Whole covered and loose stones. Gr. Ib floored about 4 m back from wall running roughly E-W. Gr. itself at present about 40 below surface of strong mound. Covered and rough, unworked covered slabs (as illustrated on opposite page. (See p. 44)

Open Gr. IB. 1.60X.50-.60

Cover of unworked stones walls of grave built up to high of ____also of unworked stones.

Filled partially and loose earth and small stones.

Form usually roughly circular. Where int stones used some circular tumble others rectangular chambers.

- p. 46. Sketches. Gr. Ib opening. Gr. 2. closed.
- p. 47. Gr. 2 again found to contain nothing but rather poorly preserved bones. Construction similar to Ib.

- p. 48. Sketch. Grave 2 (open)
 Photos. H.G. May 22 Tr XII G for Eldridge No. 2.
- p. 49. Continue digging down into <u>Gr. 3</u> and set two other workmen digging Gr. 4 higher up.

Photos No. 3 - Gr. 4 view of digging

No. 4 - Stammor on 4.

No. 5 - Front (N) wall at L of Gr. 4

Stammor found in stone fill of Gr. 4 1.00 below present surface.

Broken ancient times, but preserve most of fragments.

Contents Half-burned bones, 1 small plain tear jar.

Photos: C-67

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- p. 50. Sketches: Grave 3. Closed. Photo C-70. Grave 3. Open
- p. 51. Grave 3. Photo 6. Cover slabs.

Cover slabs very much broken underneath cover slab over head or at East another heavy slab lying on head and having partially crushed same. Head now seen in profile to left. Very probably result of weight of stone. In grave trench natural rocks to North in, while on South approximately perpendicular, narrowing actual of body to a bout .40. No contents except bones.

Depth of Cover slab beneath soil- 1.40 abt.

Depth of bottom of gr " soil - 1.80.

Only bones of which legs and arms well preserved, head partially destroyed by stones which lay on top.

p. 53. Start day by opening Gr. 4 which found at depth of below soil. Cover slabs very irregular stones and supported on either side by ledge of natural rock. This not cut to receive them, but natural juttings made us

Clean out grave and find near head, but for having been in mouth

1 coin

Bones very well preserved especially head. Body full length on back with arms and legs close together as in other graves, but head resting forward on breast as if originally supported by pillow.

Take out bones.

Depth of bottom of grave below soil 3.10-3.20. Natural cavity in rock.

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Sketch of coin.

p. 55. Grave 5

Afternoon open Gr. 5 one of rudest and least careful burials yet found. For burial fissure in natural rock narrowing near shoulders to .30-33 used. Head had dropped into hollow below level of shoulders. Body in usual position. No grave offerings of any nature. Skeleton in fair condition. Head badly smashed. On account of light did not photograph.

p. 57. Grave 6

In very top of fill find single vase + black glaze. Mouth and handles broken.

Find only abt .60 below surface what appears to be cover slabs. Dig down but find no trace of bones or anything else. Strike stereo in every direction. Grave abandoned.

- p. 58. Sketch Grave 7 Cover Slabs.
- p. 59. Grave 7. Overlooking Tratscha gnge. 7
 Photos 4 outside from abt. No.

Large central cover slab a naturally perpendicular ledge of rock used for South side of grave. No contents as usual. Photo C-147

Depth below wall abt .80. Decide not to work in cemetery any longer for present.

Grave 8.

Same character as other Graves but only about .80 - 1.00 below soil. Depth evidently in all cases dependent upon natural character of slope and rock and not predetermined. As usual no contents.

p. 67.

Find small Grave - No. 10. Evidently child's burial shining above soil. Fine thin slabs (2 on one side one on other, unworked from grave which showed slightly on surface.

Earth fill very hard and stoney. No contents. Traces of a few thin bones.

Sketch.

No coverrslab found.

Average thickness of slabs - .08-10. Fill grave again immediately. C-150 Photo.

p. 69. Grave 9

Gr. 9 turns out to be Tholor and one side of exposed.

The center of the roof has been torn away and stones that composed it lying inside. Direct men to clear out half already practically dug and find continuation of circular wall with view of clearing hole space.

Sketch.

Photo 5.

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p. 70. Grave 11 after it has been cleared out. (For sketch see notebook of L.B.H.

p. 71. Abandon attempt of digging grave 14.

Grave 11.

More successful attempt to south of 9 where find most peculiar burial of more than one body, bones thrown in AXMEADX and heaped up, bodies not laid out, in curve of wall - no cover slabs. With bodies find in soil:

1 bronze knife

2 bronze razors (Sketch)

only half preserved. Material of both eaten into. This seems to me more like displaced than original burial.

Photo 4

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p. 72.

Peculiar feature that bones found in extremely hard with almost impossible to dig + knife.

Grave 11 finally cleaned out. A great deal of bone scattered throughout earth and rotted bronze.

p. 73.

Continue digging Tholos and cleaning in Gr. 11.

- 1. Bit of pin found
- 2. Whetstone
- 3. Spindle whirls
- 4. Pottery bits stone whirls. bits of bronze stone implement, etc.

Sketch - Gr. 11.

Grave 12.

Located by pile of stones. XXXXXXXX Bones in very poor condition, in hard earth similar to that of Gr. 11 - found almost directly under surface (abt..20-30)

- 2. Fine bronze Arrowhead
- 3. Agate head pierced lengthwise
- 4. Bronze coil, possibly used as ring
- 5. Pottery in broken fragmentary state

Sketch of Arrowhead.

p. 74. Grave 12.

> Clear out 12 and find it to be a rough circle with a few irregular stones forming rim. Bottom which inclines from N-S paved and small irregular slabs of a slatey easily disintegrating stone. At roughly South East end pile of big stones which showed above earth. Depth of paved circle below soil at North end .35. Below stones which showed on surface .85-.90. Diam. ca. 1.60.

Sketch.

p. 75. Grave 12.

Contained probably only one burial, but bones scattered, part of jaw in South part in North. Impossible recover any position of body.

Photo 6

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p. 75. Grave 9

Find circle of top of wall and follow it.

1. Pottery found on top of stones of tholos circle. Some looks early.

2. Large Iron Stud

Earth inside of circle all very loose and soft, undoubtedly dug. Armenian must have entered from south where many stones of wall missing and out of place. Bones also at various levels.

p. 77. Grave 9 Tholos

Continue digging down into Gr. 9. Break up large fallen stones, some are big ca. 1.40×1.30 . Find many fragments of early looking pottery.

Among bones tooth of wild boar.

Hope that Armenian never dug whole grave

Nevertheless recover valuable pottery fragments preserved.

p. 78. Sketch: Grave 14

p. 79. Grave 13.

Find immediately under surface layer of small pebbles and rocks like bed of stream. Find a few bones and coarse red pottery among stones. As go Traver further Traver bones and pottery ceases. Work abandoned. Find among stones:

1. Bronze Ring.

Grave 14.

Return to grave in tobacco field (see p. 7). Find it to consist of wall running N-S at N end to rough blue lime, head-stones.

W. 60 (made up generally of 2 rows unworked stones. Length 4.80

To E. pile of broken tiles forming uneven surface - possibly cover stones. A few bones.

Earth very soft, unlike other graves dug.

Photo 1 C-154 p. 81. Grave 14.

Above tiles.

Find <u>number of iron nails</u> but nothing more. As owner objects very much unable continue digging. Eastward, where tiles go and actual burial probable.

Grave 9

Clean out Tholos and find strosis at bottome and East wall of dromos. All pottery carefully collected and left.

Take many to hillside to East once more to examine area and terraces and walls where many roof-tiles found. (See p. 66).

Find a complex of walls of unmatched stones det up at intervals with many ____ and bits of pottery, some late Byzantine or Turkish glazed ware.

p. 82. Grave 15

Photo 4 - C-157

Sketch and explanation.

p. 83. Grave 15 (South of Grave 11)

Remove C and D and find earth very soft undermeath. Cover slab at W end evidently removed and grave already robbed of contents. Find only a few traces of bones. Pecularity of Grave 15 that no tiles or coarse pottery found in earth above it.

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p. 84. Grave 15 xxxx remaining cover slabs removed - Sketch.

Photo C-158

Complete length of grave 1.80.

Grave very well built of small stones set closely together in rows. Stones not cut however. Best preservation at west end at East. Stones fallen in at both N and S sides. East end of grave forms rectangle NNN N and S. Curved at West end.

Probable from structure of grave that head in West, but no indications found.

P. 85. Grave 16.

Dig out pile of tiles to South of <u>Gr. 11</u> (see p. 70).

Earth very soft all around it. Tiles cover a small mound of charred wood and earth with a few fragments of uncharred (2) bones 1. Bronze ring found in it. Cannot be drawn or photographed.

p. 89. Grave 17

(north of tobacco fields near road)

2 well aligned stones, one evidently slightly worked found, and start to dig. Find a rather large deposit of corner tiles and pottery fragments around stones to South, but nobones.

Deposit lies in dark earth while rest of earth in trench sandy. Not certain whether grave. Have trench covered over.

Photo 1.

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Grave 18.

Small burned burial under tiles. Only a few tiles and cover of coarse clay pot found. Traces of bones - very thin.

p. 91. Trenches in grave fields of Cemetery B filled. Tholos grave and Graves 11, 12, 15 left open.

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p. 117. Tepe No. 4

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Work with 4 men in Lone Valley Cemetery in Muktar Tepe = Tepe No. 4.

Mound covered and small and medium sized stones and soft loose
earth. Tepe not pointed but low mound and almost flat top.

Burial A about .30 below upper surface of Tepe. To North
Burned burial but no great accumulation of charred material;
the chalcined condition of stones, however, indicates that
burial and burning took place on spot.

Burial A.

- 1. Fragments of skull (sutured bones) in N.E. corner. Only very small fragments of other bones found.
- 2. Fragments of pottery, at least two different ones.
- 3. Bronze pin.

Depth of charred material only about.10-.15 cent. in general but about .25-35 region of head.

p. 118. Burial B.

Bedded in samll stones piled to haight of about and roughly circled by same, but no definite circling wall. Bones found in mass of charcoal and burned earth filling space from N-S but at East burned area does not quite touch circle areax of stones. Bones and charcoal thickest towards W. While earth crumbly and dry from burning not baked into clay.

Position of body cannot be ascertained from remaining bones.

1. Find large quantities of pottery.

p. 119. Burial B.

Burial B is .60 below wall X-Y and wall is about 20 below top of Tepe.

Sketch.

p. 121. Photograph with large camera Tepe 4 from south. Burial B and meter stick in foreground. After photographing Burials

A § B have bones of B collected and then remove stones underneath.

Find thick deposit of ashes and bones bedded on stones. Photo

of Bed of Stones consist of larger stones below - smaller

above.

Pl. No. 6 (Tepe)
Kodak 3 Burial A from South.

Photo No. 4 (Bed of Stones)