

F#92-11 Cross wall and Chimney Cheeks of 18th c. Kitchen

The feature was cleaned and mapped. What I have referred to as the secondary building episode was removed as F#92-5. This feature is full of mortar and brick bits distinguishable from the Civil War robbing episode due to the finer fragments. There was an area of clay and loam fill (F#92-10) that would appear to represent the eastern hearth, overlying F#92-5. F#92-10, however; would represent a hearth smaller than indicated by the chimney cheeks excavated on the east side. A possible explanation, that is supported by the surviving brick work, is that the kitchen was originally built with an external chimney, the cross wall being its end wall. The kitchen was then expanded, a small hearth added to this new east room represented by F#92-10. The fill in F#92-10 contained a local pipestem, perhaps this fill came from the creation of the root cellar in the eastern room of the kitchen. The chimney was expanded again, enlarging the eastern hearth represented by the eastern chimney cheeks and the western hearth represented by different brick work. Perhaps a bread oven was added at this time. There was not enough time to map the chimney feature after complete excavation. Please see freehand drawing in my note book.