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Description Faunal material, potsherds, small finds (e.g. brass bangles, isicoco polisher)

Remarks Gavin Whitelaw, 20 September 2019: The accession register gives the source of this accession as 'M. Hall 1975', but it more probably derives from various collection events.

(1) The Chadwick team's clearance of the brewery hut that was stopped by Tim Maggs in 1973. Maggs collected what sherds he could and brought them to the museum. He also collected the isicoco polisher from one of the pot dimples (along with sherds). See slide photo 1978/1/30, which must date to 1973 (along with 1978/1/31 and 32) despite the 1978 accession number. The isicoco polisher is stored in Box 21 and was identified to Maggs on site by one of the men on the clearance team, a native Zulu speaker. This man also showed Maggs a 'woolly aphid' on local acacia trees that yielded a waxy substance when squashed, which men used to polish and shape izicoco. The 'brewery hut' is probably the one labelled as both Hut 11 and Hut 12 in the Parkington & Cronin 1979 Goodwin Series publication (see figures 7 and 14), but a table of hut attributes in Parkington's 'fieldnotes' (actually mainly a combination of on-site mapping data, counts and measurements, and basic analysis) lists Hut 11 as the only one with multiple potholes. Hut 12 does not appear to have been excavated (see Parkington & Cronin 1979: fig. 7 plus note its absence in 'fieldnotes').

(2) Recovery of further material from the brewery hut, Hut 11 (from potholes D and G?), was possibly completed in 1974 because details of the sherds from Hut 11 are included in a list in Parkington's 'fieldnotes'. Most, maybe all of the 'fieldnotes' seem to relate to the 1974 field season (but see rider below). Further, Box 21 contains 5 brass (copper?) bangles that are possibly those whose find is described in Parkington's 'fieldnotes'. Unfortunately I cannot see which hut the bangles came from as the relevant data is cut out of the scan. The label in Box 21 simply says Bheje area for the 'copper bangles'. Interestingly, the label on the box (the same box that contains the isicoco) is in Gugu Mthethwa's handwriting. She was appointed to the Archaeology Department staff in 1981.

(3) The midden material (mainly fauna, but also sherds) was possibly recovered in both the 1974 and 1975 field seasons. Tables in the Parkington 'fieldnotes' refer to Midden I and Midden II (note the use of the Roman numerals, whereas hut numbers use Arabic numerals). Perhaps Midden III/3 was excavated in 1975? I don't seem to have Parkington's 1975 'fieldnotes' (but see rider below). Box 20 contains sherds from Midden 3. This midden material was presumably part of Martin Hall original interest in the site.

Note: It seems possible that 1975 isn't strongly represented in the Parkington 'fieldnotes' because his team excavated in 1974 and mapped in 1975 - the mapping data might derive mainly or solely from the 1975 field season. Meanwhile, Martin Hall might have excavated Midden III/3 in 1975 and been responsible for its records.