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Nearly in the center of the circle of wattle-salvets a short 2.2 m east of Parkinson's peg there was a flower stump in a recessed area on the curved edge of the slope. This apparently had been the site of the hearth. Round the roots, well above the rubble, were several medium-sized stones, ~~at least one of~~ ^{quartzite}, or among them scraps of reddened granite. Nothing remained of a clay lining or of charcoal.

There was no clear sign of the entrance. There were rather large pits in the circle of wattle-salvets (on north & south). These might have held large sticks ^{to} ~~which~~ ^{act} as a frame for the roof, or there might have been a door between here on the north; but erosion at ~~the floor~~ ^{the level} of above had destroyed all written evidence. On the west a downward slope the wattle-salvets seemed ^{now was} continuous or ^{no gap} where a door might have been. On the east, on the upslope there might have been an entrance with a ~~step~~ ^{not more than 10 cm high} or the house-scarp down to the level; but this would be the most inconvenient side for a door, open to a stream of water down the slope of the every stream.

This tentative reconstruction ^{on} ~~of~~ ^{very} inadequate evidence would give a hut about 3.3 m in east-west diameter & perhaps ^{2.9 m} ~~about~~ ^{less} north-south. Apparently ^{less than} ~~about~~ half of the original diameter (low had survived). Parkinson's peg is all the area west of the house line was outside the hut.

In rather an area ^{5-10 cm lower than the base floor} west of Parkinson's peg, there was an irregular setting of stones, some of them quartzite pebbles. Near their outer edge were ^{fairly deep} ~~two~~ pits which probably formed part of the outer circle thought to mark a fence. The stones were not ~~level~~ & their purpose is uncertain. They might have formed a sitting place on the warmest side of the hut.

On the slope above the ^{top} ~~entrance~~ ^{level} of the house, ~~at the edge of the rubble~~ ^{at the edge of the rubble} ~~the quartzite pebbles~~, was again a patch of 2nd rubble on dark earth above the basal rubble, extending less than 1 meter from the house-scarp which probably marked the circle of wattle-salvets. This could have been associated with the hut, down if it was on the side.

There was no evidence that the hut had been burnt. On the slope floor were no signs of charcoal or other burnt material, & the few scraps of charcoal outside the floor had probably been washed down the hill. The hut's roof, formed of wattle & wattle-salvets, probably collapsed or rotted, ~~leaving charcoal~~ ^{leaving charcoal} ~~away~~ ^{away} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~area~~ ^{area}.

I cannot tell how much of the approximately 10 cm of grey sandy earth outside the hut had remained in situ, or whether there had been almost complete erosion to the rubble followed by deposition of silt. In the north-west quadrant ~~there~~ a few shreds, ^{lay} close to the rubble, it seemed that the sand contained some ash which could have been caused by the fall of silt. But, like the silt a north of the hut, my low indicated patches of silt of reddish color, but were not tested. A fair depth of midden north of the road would have been too far to be associated with this hut.

I think it probable that all the finds round the hut had been redeposited by silt wash & ~~was~~ ^{were} all associated with the hut. Some of them lay fairly deep, not far above the rubble, others close to the surface. It is ~~hard~~ not worth describing them in detail. They include a number of small undecorated oval shreds, one fine beaded, one perhaps with an incised line, ^{few} ~~one~~ ^{and one} of flattened rim pellets all of which were found north of the hut, above the fence to the east; the scatter of the ^{few shreds} ~~small amount~~ remained indicates that they ~~had~~ had not been associated with the hut. Other finds around & above the hut included, a number of scraps of bone, some ant & one apparently a fragment of an artefact; a number of scraps of white European china from several vessels, including a plate & a saucer; my little iron; a few small track beads, a several broken pebbles, ~~which~~ ^{which} my low ~~was~~ a grinding surface. Quartzite pebbles seemed absent for a possible reason at the top of the hill & were scattered everywhere on the slope; among them were one or two prehistoric artefacts. On the stage floor nothing was found.

A ~~few~~ ^{number} of fibrous pieces from about the hut could be the remains of herbivorous dung or of some artefact like soot; it was found 2 cm above the rubble but need not be contemporary with the site.

1 m = 1 large square

← Peg P

SW quadrant

SE quadrant

Heard

||||| = Lichen

This plan looks up
windward side
made for the other

line
cross
line

