

Bruce -  
Do you remember  
anything about  
Savich Farm?  
I'll answer the  
letter. Beth



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Dear Beth:

I've landed in New Jersey, to become a civil servant protecting the cultural elements of the State's environment from its present citizens and for their posterity.

Which brings me to the point: the Savich Farm Site is going to be proposed for assumption in the National Register of Historic Places. In 1971 ASCA carried out a magnetometer survey of Field 1. Could you share the results of that work with us? The site, or its component parts, needs to be delimited. An accurate map would be helpful.

Cordially,

*Jonathan*

Jonathan Gell  
Archaeologist

JG/dy

Sent Grid #2  
7/28/77

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The information requested below must accompany each sample submitted.

1. Descriptive name of site and sample, and brief explanation of significance of each. SAVICH FARM SITE - CHARCOAL SAMPLE FROM A HEARTH, TYPICAL OF MANY FROM THE TERMINAL ARCHIC COMPONENT
2. Sample material. Scientific name (and name of person so identifying) is preferred; otherwise, give popular name.
3. Precise geographic location, including latitude and longitude to nearest minute. MARLTON, EYESHAM TWP, BURLINGTON CO., N.J., USA 74° 53' LONG. & 39° 53' LAT.
4. Occurrence and stratigraphic position within site; cultural and/or geologic associations; and stratigraphic and chronologic position of this sample relative to others from this site. Include sketch, if necessary. FEATURE 128 HEARTH PIT TEST PIT 7 243' E OF EXC-1 DATUM PIT SURFACE SEALED FROM YOUNGER COMPONENT. CONTENTS 1 QUARTZITE POINT & FOUR ARG. BASES, RED OCHER, 35 HEARTH STONES.
5. Factors affecting validity of date, such as rootlets, intrusions, possible humic contamination, groundwater percolations, preservatives, etc. GROUNDWATER
6. Any further explanation felt necessary.
7. Name of collector and date of collection. DENISE ADAMS, TOM CROUSE 4/13/69
8. Name and institutional affiliation of submitter. R. REGENSBURG SITE SUPERVISOR U. OF P. MUSEUM
9. Reference to relevant publications. Include complete title, publication, pagination, etc.
10. Comment by submitter and/or collector, comparing sample with other dates and sites, etc. Sample numbers and references must be complete. THIS WILL HELP DATE HERBERT KRAFT'S MILLER FIELD SITE, NORTH JERSEY - SETON HALL MUSEUM. HE HAS SAME POINT TYPES BELOW A LEVEL HE WAS ABLE TO DATE AT 1700 B.C.

32 Paces To 100'

E-W Flow Marks in Grid

GRID #2

PRIMARY ALIGNMENT STAKE

10 FEET

SOIL CRACK

EXCAVATION

DIRT PILES

EXTENSION INTO FIELD

APPROX 185' TO N CORNER OF SITE #1

FIXED SENSOR

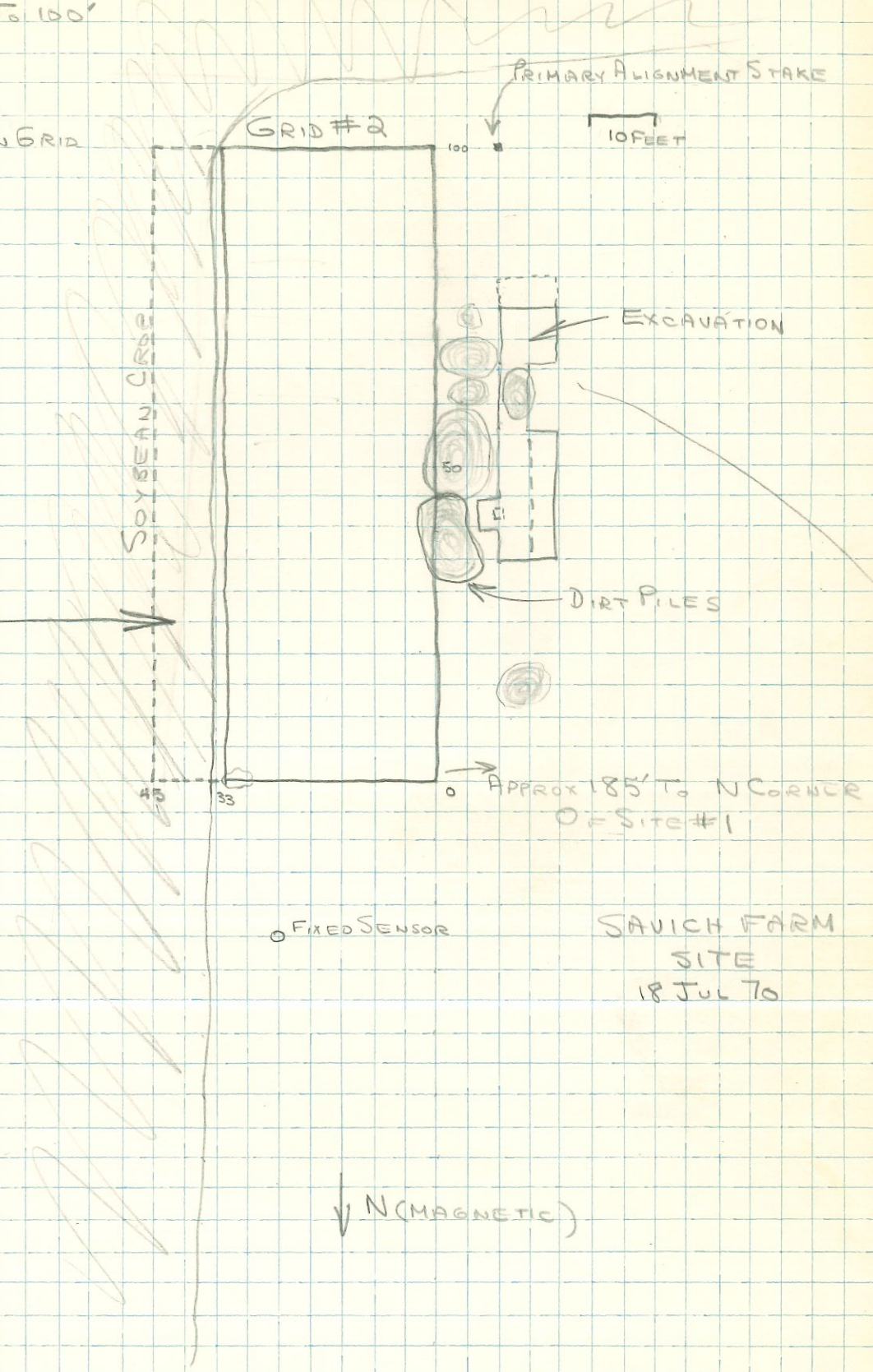
SAVICH FARM

SITE

18 JUL 70

↓ N (MAGNETIC)

ROAD





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FRESH DIET MOUNDS

94 N (MAG)

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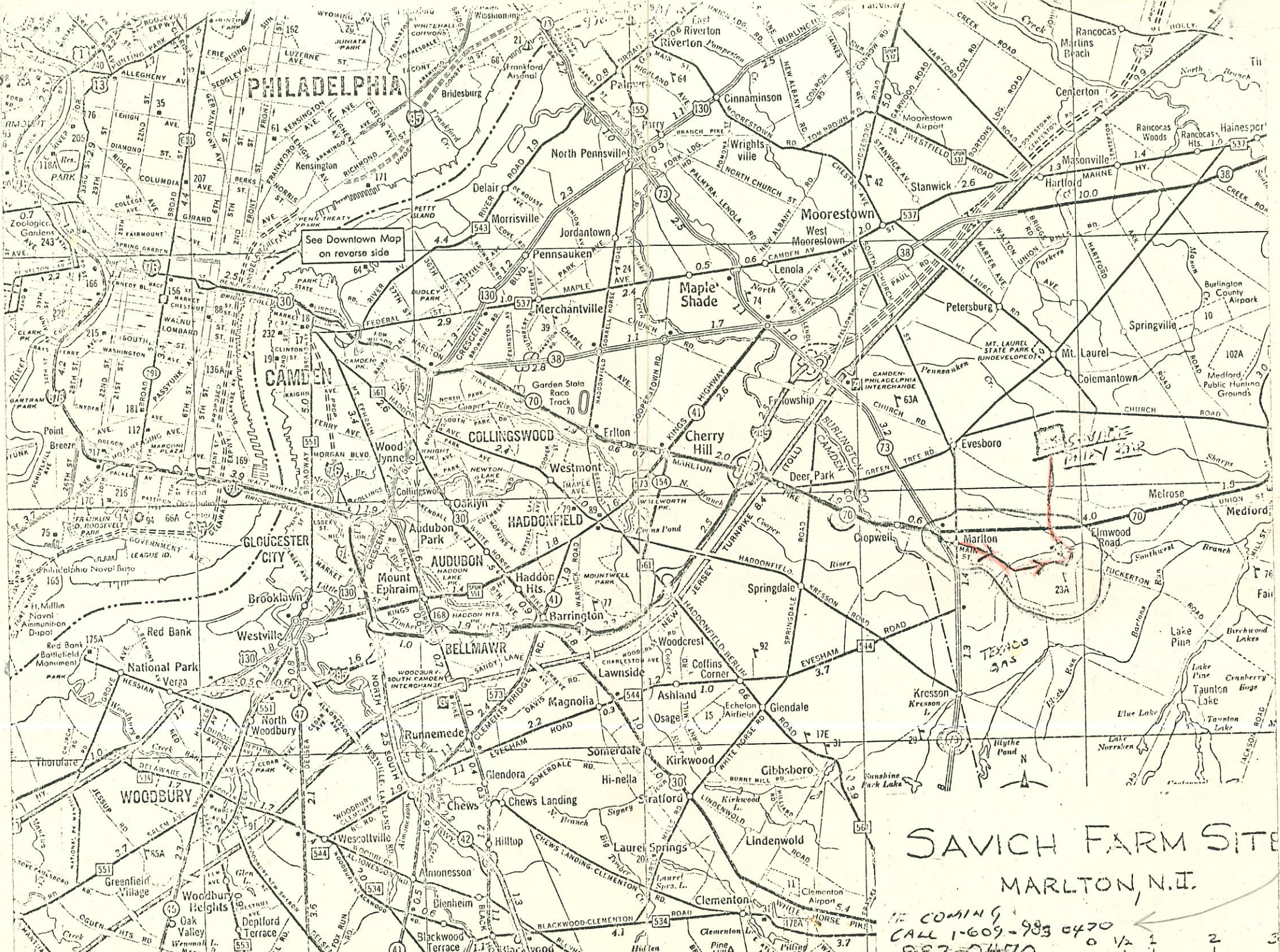
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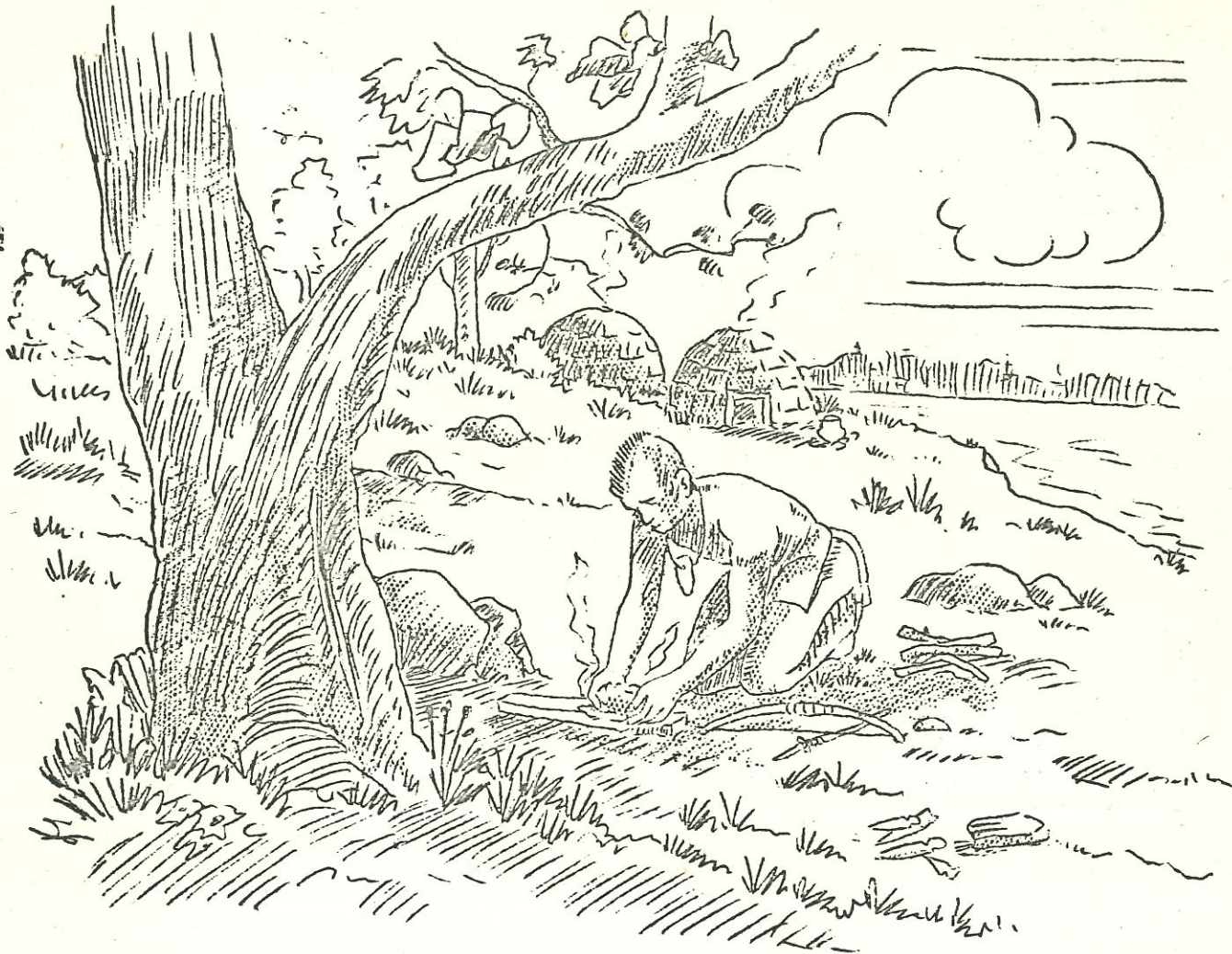
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# THE SAVICH FARM SITE



A PRELIMINARY REPORT  
By Richard Regensburg

**LOCATION:** the site is located to the south, and across the stream from the J. Orville Evans farm, (31-14-1-1-7-8), two miles east of Marlton, N. J. in Burlington County. The Evans' site was excavated in October, 1936 by the Indian Site Survey with 16 trenches covering 570 sq. ft.. I became interested in the site as a project after learning the land was for sale. Other incentives are the objects that have been found on the surface such as shaft smoothers and bannerstone fragments. I have visited the site over a period of 12 years. I have personally found four bannerstone fragments and about 25 shaft smoothers along with many points. One unusual object which I am proud of finding is a plummet. You should see the objects that Milan Savich has found; many chipped stone celts, many bannerstone fragments and a couple of complete ones. There have been knobbed celts and adzes found and Milan has a can of shaft smoothers numbering in the hundreds. Now you know why Milan and I have gotten together on this vast project.

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** The occupational area extends approximately 1500 ft. X 200 ft, along the south side of the tributary of the Southwest branch of the Rancocas Creek. To the south, the site is bordered approximately 200 yards away by the old Tuckahoe Stage Road, - to the east, the farm houses, and to the west, bordered by Heritage Village, - a housing project.

**EXCAVATIONS:** In August 1966, Milan Savich, the farmer's son, and I dug six test pits in the garden just Northwest of the farm house. This

area was in the open and was wind blown with no stratification. The test pits produced 14 stone artifacts and 9 potsherds, which were either steatite-tempered or thick coarse grit-tempered. On Sept. 4, 1967, we dug another test pit 310 yards west of the farm house which showed distinct stratas. The pit yielded post molds, large points and numerous chips and as a result was extended into Excavation 1.

Two excavations and four test pits were dug, covering an area of 1,725 sq. ft. Fourteen pits, four caches, one burial, three single cremations, one multiple cremation, 852 stone artifacts and 928 potsherds were found. Cold weather prevented us from continuing, and excavations were temporarily halted on Dec. 16, 1967.

**STRATIFICATION:** The humus in excavation 1 in the area A4 on the ridge had a depth of 10" with a reddish-brown sand forming the 2nd level averaging 9" in depth. Level 3 had a greenish-gray sand ranging about 4" in depth resting on a clay pebble base of undetermined thickness. The strata in the area of A3 for example, had a humus of 10" resting directly on level 3, the greenish-gray sand with a thickness of 9". The reddish-brown sand of level 2 was absent. Square A3 slopes toward the wooded area bordering the stream. Excavation 2 is about the same as A4 in Ex. 1. The test pits towards the farm house showed a thicker humus of 12", a level 2 of 10" and a level 3 of 5", resting on the clay pebble base.

It has been reported from several different individuals that in the housing development approximately 500 yds. to the west of the site, on the same ridge, that a second humus level was observed. This is 12 feet below the present surface. This unusual feature has charcoal-containing pits and several axes were obtained from this level. We will try to find this second level with a bulldozer this spring or summer.

**PITS:** Features; 3 and 5 were dark pits ranging from 26 to 38 inches in depth containing charcoal traces, fire-cracked quartzite and a few argillaceous chips. Features 8, 19, 22 and 26 are very unusual pits, small in diameter 12", the depth from the surface ranging about 30 to 40 inches tapering to 4" in diameter. For the most part they were sterile except for traces of charcoal and an argillaceous chip. Feature 10 was a large dark oval pit with dimensions of 65" x 46" x 12" below the humus containing 15 complete large argillaceous points and a few broken points along with bone stains and charcoal traces. Features 11 and 12 were two dark pits -- side by side -- of the woodland period containing deer bone fragments including deer teeth, charred beans, charred hazel or beech nuts and a couple of potsherds. They also produced two complete argillaceous points, one broken point and a conglomerate chopper along with many chips. Features 13 and 15 were pits of slightly stained soil with irregular shaped bases showing approximately 4" round edge tool marks in the clay.

**CACHES:** The first one we encountered was feature 9, a cache containing two different fragments of shaft smoothers standing on end. They were found just below the humus and a nearby pit contained a shaft smoother which was part of one of the cached pieces, but used more extensively. The second cache contained a stone gouge reworked into a celt and then a hammer-stone. This was with three grinding stones, but was lost as a feature because I shoveled them, without knowing, right into the screen almost hitting Milan as they bounced around. Feature 18 was located at 12" and contained a very large net sinker similar to those mentioned at the Koens-Crispin Site and four grinding stones. Feature 21, at a depth of 14", a cache containing a grinder, a hammerstone and a plain stemmed argillaceous point base.

**BURIAL:** One burial was found in excavation 2 in an extended position at a depth of 12" from the present surface. The bone condition was fairly well preserved, but at that shallow depth a plow had cut thru the burial about every 16" and most of the cranial portions were lost except for a few fragments and only two teeth found. The first and third molars with the first molars' crown completely worn to the pulp and some wear was noted on the third, indicating age. A cache of deer tines or points was resting on the wrist and forearm of the left arm. The individual was buried in a shallow refuse pit containing charcoal stains, some deer bone fragments, potsherds and jasper and argillaceous chips. (We drove a local collector by the name of Raymond Powell crazy with our slow careful method of exposing bone material.)

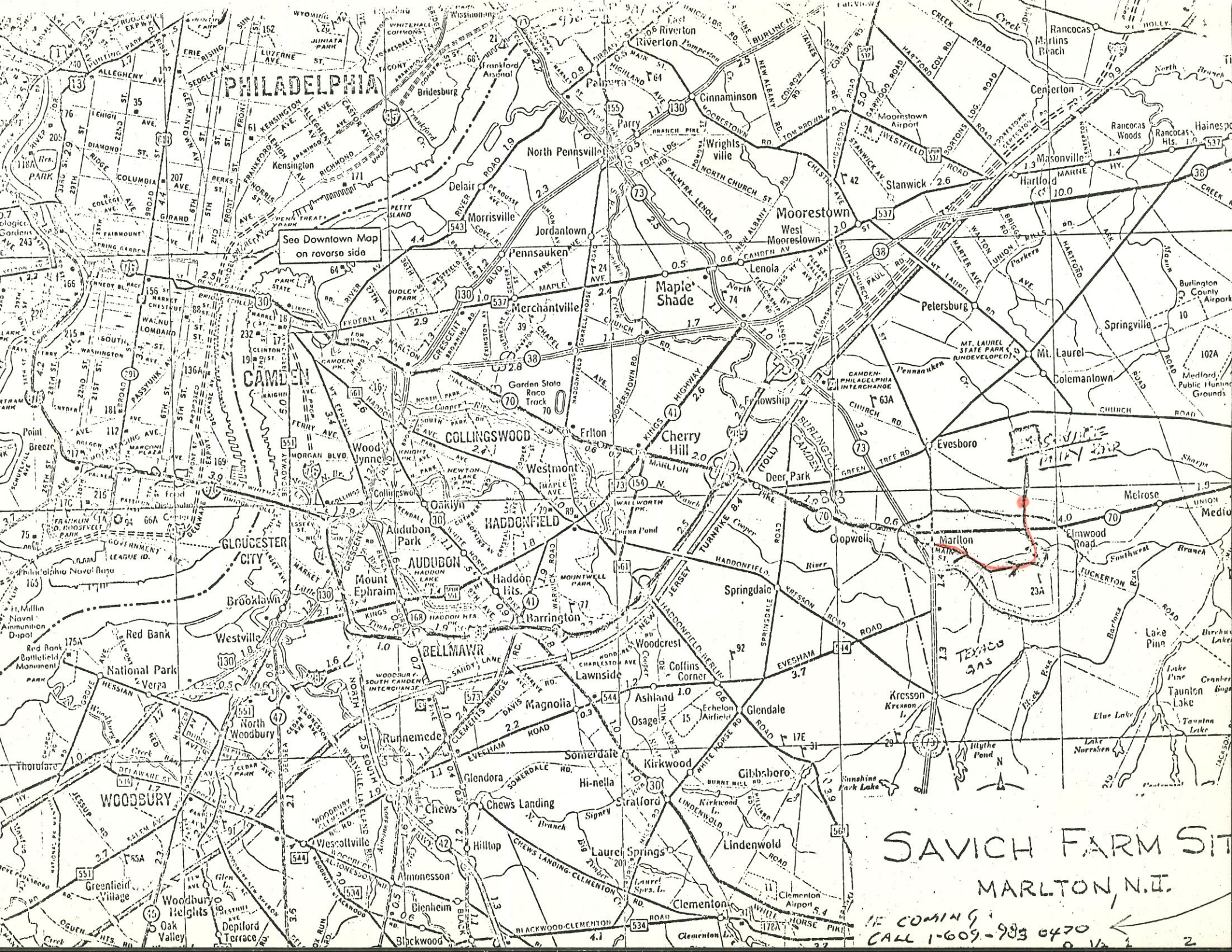
**CREMATIONS:** In excavation 2 we found three single cremations, each containing some cranium fragments, but the teeth were absent or destroyed by extreme heat. In one of these the thickness of the cranium fragments indicated an adolescent. The fourth cremation was a multiple cremation containing several individuals, along with cremated animal and bird bones. This cremation will have to be studied thoroughly by some experts. I did find a portion of the upper jaw containing roots of a tooth in one of the three sockets. Peggie Leifeste had fun (I think) picking away at those thousands of tiny bone fragments of that multiple cremation. Milan and I had to expose and remove another cremation only a few feet away.

**STONE INDUSTRY:** Of the 852 artifacts, 300 of these were complete projectile points and another 360 were point fragments. 65% of these points were spearheads if you use the 2 3/4 inch scale as a guide; but 90% of these points would be javelin or spearheads when considering stratification or point typology. The quantity of large points appears to have a similarity to the Koens-Crispin site. The plain stemmed point, the longest argillaceous point so far, is five inches in length. We found a few triangular points of chert, flint, jasper, and argillaceous material in that order of frequency. Only a couple of site notched points and two fish points were excavated. We uncovered two knives and 18 stone drills of wide-based and secondary types. There have been found, so far, 39 scrapers of the thumb and side types. Three sandstone axe fragments have been found, but we should find some complete axheads this spring or summer. Celts and adzes were represented only in fragments except one small chipped celt with a polished blade. We found two small pebble pestles and one larger pestle, the latter used as a hammerstone and then used as a shaft smoother. The team has uncovered 12 complete hammer or rubbing stones and over 50 fragments.

**CLAY MATERIAL:** Of the 928 potsherds, most of them were small and they were located mostly in the humus level or in the woodland period pits which extend into the subsoil. Most of the potsherds came from Excavation 1. We knew from surface hunting that the first excavation was located in the woodland period section of the site as indicated by the small triangular points. The older pottery types are found through out the rest of the site and are part of the transitional period. The surface finish of some of potsherds observed cord-impressed, Plain smooth, Vinette 1 style, and net-impressed. The surface decorations include dentate and incised types. We sifted 12 fragments of Indian clay pipes out of the top soil in Excavation 1. Some of the bowl decorations were plain and the others were incised.

We would like to thank everyone who had visited the site this past fall and we hope that they may wander down this way again and help us discover some more rare finds.

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