

**1. Feature Description and Assessment**

Feature 26 of Project 88-91 was described by the original ARS excavators as an irregular shaped trash pit of Chinese ethnicity. This feature was uncovered by construction equipment on 8/31/1988 and excavation continued on 9/12/1988. Feature 26 was not directly within the confines of Block 1, but was located 32 feet from the south corner of the museum steps. The feature was excavated in a single layer which was described by the ARS excavators as a “burned layer”. The soil was described as clay with large quantities of ash, charcoal, and burned bone intermixed. The artifacts recovered from this feature included Chinese domestic ceramics, glass bottles and fragments, and faunal remains. As of 9/12/1988, only 40% of Feature 26 had been recovered by ARS, and according to William Roop of ARS, the remainder of the feature is still preserved. Feature 88-91/26 may, in fact, be the only remaining intact archaeological deposit associated with the Market Street Chinatown.

Laffey did not include Feature 26 of 88-91 in her analysis of Block 1. Based on the location of this feature and ARS’s description of the burned layer, it is possible that Feature 26 represents a demolition or trash pit following the 1887 Chinatown fire. A close examination of the chronologically diagnostic materials from this feature might confirm this association or suggest an alternative interpretation for the feature.

**2. Feature Attributes**

Dates excavated	8/31/1988 and 9/12/1988
Location	N125, W74
Feature type	trash pit, unlined
Length (m)	?
Width (m)	?
Depth (m)	?
Estimated excavation volume (m3)	?
Stratigraphic excavation	NO
Number of strata	N/A
Artifacts correlated with stratigraphic context	NO
Number of entries in ARS catalog	1005
Number of completed catalog entries in Stanford catalog, as of 3/2011	0

**3. Available Documentation, before 2002**

Field Records		Lab Records		Project Reports	
1004-FLD	88-91 Field Summary Observation	2004-LAB	88-91 Lab Summary Observation	3032-RPT-001	88-91 Basin Summary
		2018-LAB-030	88-91 Lab Summary Observation	3032-RPT-009	88-91 Basin Summary

**4. Excerpts from Field and Lab Records and Reports**

None

**5. Stanford Documentation (2002 and later)**

None

**6. Summary of Stanford Work on Feature**

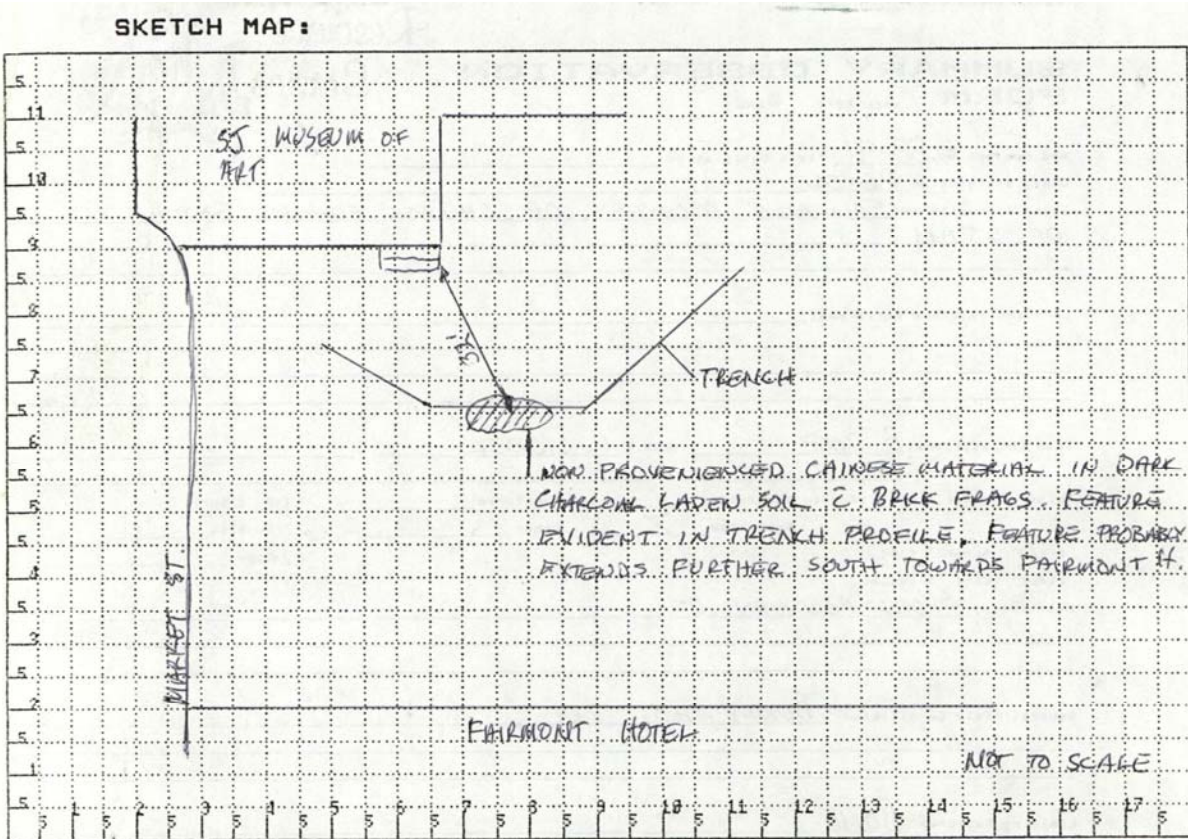
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**7. Other relevant observations or information**

None

8. Images of feature

Unknown author. "Sketch Map Drawing." In *Summary Observation Forms – 88-91*. Archaeological Resource Service. Document # 1004-FLD-002.



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