

CoOI S12 E12 Mapping It Out
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War Room

The team is meeting via video conference with Vanessa to discuss the placement of caissons in the Money Pit. Scott tells Vanessa that they need to be able to reach a depth of 220 feet. Vanessa asks if they still want to use 10-foot caissons, and they discuss using a smaller size to be able to dig faster. Vanessa suggests 7-8 foot caissons and the team agrees.

Swamp

Alex, Billy, and Katya are in the northern part of the swamp, where they are continuing to search for more features, such as the stone pathway and the brick and slate feature. Billy begins pulling away more material, and Alex finds a piece of wood that looks like it was axe-cut. Rick soon arrives and asks what they have found, and Alex tells him about the axe-cut wood but also tells him they are not seeing anything obvious. Billy pulls back another scoop, and Rick notices a stake going through a board. Rick wonders if it would date to the same time as the survey stakes Fred Nolan found. As they dig the boards out, they find there are three levels to the boards. Rick calls Laird to come take a look. Rick asks Laird about the poor condition of the wood, and Laird thinks it could be related to the type of wood and the condition of the wood when it was put there. They decide to have Dr. Spooner come take samples for dating. The next day, Dr. Spooner and Steve meet the group at the swamp to get samples of the wooden platform and to get an elevation reading on the platform. Dr. Spooner doesn't feel he can date the planks but thinks he can date the stake.

Lot 5

Craig joins Fionna and Moya on Lot 5 to continue working on the stone foundation. A new test pit has been opened in the area that contained the clay from the Money Pit. Fionna tells Craig that they are searching for a possible entranceway in an area where there is some space between the rocks. The

next day, Fionna finds glass, pearlware, a possible rose head nail, and a piece of high-glaze brick near the area that could be an entranceway of the feature.

War Room & Terry Deveau

Rick has called a meeting of the team to hear information that Doug, Judi, and Terry Deveau found while searching through the old searcher records connected to the mystery. Terry and Doug made a trip to the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History to look for clues that there could be multiple treasures on the island, just as Fred Nolan believed. Doug tells the group that Terry's research found information about a historian, William B. Goodwin, who was interested in archaeology. Goodwin was known to visit Chester, Nova Scotia, every August, and during his visits, he became interested in the Oak Island Mystery. Goodwin corresponded with several people involved in Oak Island work and obtained many documents related to the treasure hunt. Many of the records were connected to Fredrick Blair. From Goodwin's 26 boxes of over 7000 pages, Doug and Terry found what Goodwin called the Blair treasure map. This was Goodwin's diagram of a treasure map that Blair had in his possession when he was on the island. The map had three stones that Goodwin thought could have been three separate treasures. The three stones were on the western end of the island, one at the corner of Center Road and the road near the McGinnis house, one on the beach, and the last on Lot One near the McGinnis homestead. These stones also had markings beside them. The first stone had FIIIE, the beach stone had F9I, and the stone on Lot One had F5 by it. Also on the map was a stone drawn on the map by Goodwin from his time on the island. Rick and Marty agree that they should check out the stones on the map.

Lot One

Doug, Judi, and Terry are using the Goodwin map to locate the stone on the beach. The stone should be flat and have a large "X" in the center, and it should have multiple squares in seams. Doug, Jack, and Gary find a stone that is flat and has an X on it. Gary metal detects around the stone but doesn't get any hits. Judi then shows them another stone that matches the description of having seams and squares. Gary metal detects around the second stone, and once again, he doesn't get a hit. Next, they will look for the kidney-shaped

rock that should be 91 feet away. The group measures 91 feet from the flat stone, and they find a kidney-bean shaped stone. Gary metal detects around this stone but doesn't get a hit. They will head to the next stone, which is described as having the top cleaved off like lightning hit it. The map also had the notation of F5 by the stone. They find the next stone, and when Gary metal detects around it, he does get a hit. Jack digs the spot, and Gary pulls out a hand-forged piece of iron. Gary thinks it looks like a cribbing spike that would have been used for tunneling. Jack asks if the swages were found nearby, and Gary points out the area where they found swages in 2019.