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### US Dept of Interior (NPS) Hovenweep National Monument Square Tower Group: Tower 9

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT

SQUARE TOWER CANYON GROUP  
TOWER 9 (FEWKES)

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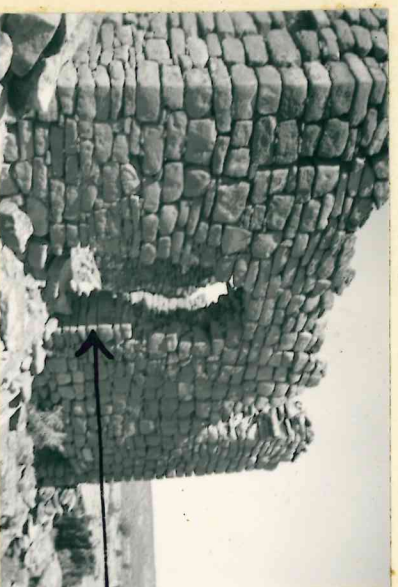
A.



B



This structure has suffered greatly. The original builders failed to bond or "tie in" corners and adjoining walls in the method of modern masonry. Consequently, natural elements have caused corners either to fall away entirely (IA), or to cleave apart and remain indefinitely in a most insecure position. (IIA, B)



III

What was once a doorway (IIIC), is now an arched hole, and the 5 or 6 masonry courses above this arch are held together in an amazing fashion by means of the superb adobe of the prehistoric architects, with absolutely no support from beneath.

Entire walls which have cleaved apart from adjacent walls and are leaning away from the vertical, will, it is believed, require considerable engineering to stabilize.