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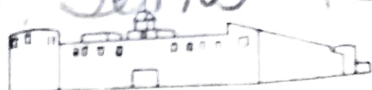
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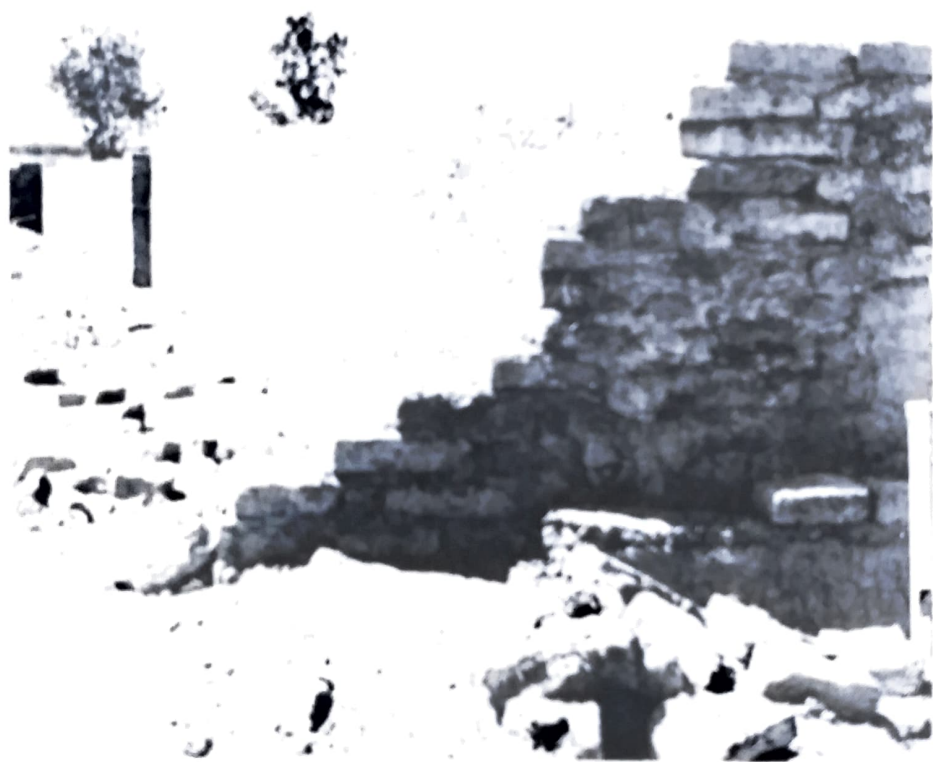
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A series by Robert Davidson, acting superintendent.

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A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

People who visited Bent's Old Fort a number of years ago, before the National Park Service assumed responsibility, often remark that they remember the walls being much higher than they are today. Their memories, of course, are not deceiving them as the above photo (taken in the late 1950's) plainly shows. These walls were reconstructed of modern-made adobe by the State Historical Society following Herbert Dick's brief excavation of 1954. All of them were removed from the site in 1963 to permit a complete and exhaustive 3-year excavation by the National Park Service. The walls visible at the site today are Bent's originals.