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C. F. Chantler's  
Notes  
on  
Tropical Soils

# CLASSIFICATION OF

## TROPICAL SOILS

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1. Proposed Classifications: Morhart, Milne, Roberts, Vegeles, Haraassowitz ? Mohi?
2. What is soil and what is parent material.
3. Vagueness of definition
4. Limited experience and little data
5. Only way of getting good classification is following survey method as in States - (Series; Local Groups, World Groups etc)
6. Economic need for surveys in Colonies at the present moment.

### Classification

#### I Eluvial

{ Red Scallitic Earths

{ Red Allitic Earths (less frequent on the whole)

{ Mottled Scallitic Earths - (concretionary type)

{ Mottled Allitic Earths - (conc. type) (Very much less frequent)

#### II Incompletely leached earths

(a) due to climate

(b) due to parent material

Eluvial Earths with  $\text{CaCO}_3$  deposits in lower part of the column or in the upper parts of the parent material.

III Lithosols (includes Desert Earths) Skeletal Earths

IV Limestone Earths

### Alluvial

1. Mottled Earths
2. Semi mottled earths.
3. Grey earths. - Including Mangrove swamp earths
4. Alluvial calcareous earths
5. Saline earths

1. Gross Morphology of profile
2. Colour of horizons
3. Texture of horizons
4. Consistency of horizons
5. Structure of horizons
6. Content and location of O.M.
7. Content and location of secondary minerals of pedogenic origin ( $MnO_2$ ,  $Fe_2O_3$ ,  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $CaCO_3$ ,  $MgCO_3$ )
8. Presence of soluble salts  $NaCl$ ,  $Na_2SO_4$ ,  $CaSO_4$  etc.

### TROPICAL EARTHS

1. Setting up of groups must be done on the basis of Macroscopic characteristics and simple field Tests (a) Use of HCl for detecting carbonates, (b) Use of colorimetric methods for measuring pH. (c) Use of  $Hg(NO_3)_2$  for detecting chlorides and  $BaCl_2$  for detecting sulphates. Major earth groups must not be erected on the basis of chemical analyses - although these may be used to further characterize them. [This is aimed at Jayne's laterite with mol. ratio  $\frac{Al_2O_3}{Al_2O_3} < 1.33$  and laterite soils with  $\frac{SiO_2}{Al_2O_3} 1.33-2$  (i.e. Kaolin has  $\frac{SiO_2}{Al_2O_3}$  ratio of 2 exactly)]

Podzols, Brown Earths, Rendzinas, Terra rossa, Chernozem etc. all have set up on the basis of microscopic features.

### Characteristics

- Somewhat sticky character of clay present
- Shrinkage of clay
- Parent rock.

↳ Mostly of orthoclase feldspars  
of limestones and acid metamorphic rocks  
↳ Previously weathered clays and shales

- Topographical position?

Concretions typically absent.

### Local Soil Groups

Common features due to local rather than environmental conditions.

### Main Earth types of Tropics.

#### I Eluvial

##### Red Scallitic Earths.

Largely concolorous - not mottled or streaked in lower layers.

- Sedimentary over parent rock
- Developed from transported materials.

##### Yellow Earths.

- Sedimentary over parent material
  - Due to nature of iron compounds present
  - Due to high rainfall
- Developed from transported materials.

As a group probably immature

- a) due to recent development.
- b) Mostly to topographical factors - hindering the further development.

Possibly on way to development of

- a) Red allitic Earths
- b) Red mottled Earths.

Comprises the Red loams of Vagder, Marbut and others.

## II 'Red' allitic Earths - Features

- 1. Largely concolorous
- 2. Concretionary
- 3. Developed from basic and intermediate igneous rocks never from acid crystalline rocks or previously weathered sediments. (Exception where allitic materials have been included in limestones)
- 4. Topographical position?

Developed from rocks with mixtures of minerals some giving rise to Allitic products of weathering others to Scallitic-Kaolin removed in colloidal form by leaching

## Procedure

- (1) Define Group and (2) Take a typical example to illustrate features
- (3) Similar earths from different parent materials (actual profile)

Relationship to Vegetation

Cropping - and Agriculture generally.

Is this the solution of the tropical pedogenic business

Black Soils of temperate regions due to

- Calcareous nature of parent material (Calc. loess or calc. glacial Till)
- How temperatures concerning  $\ominus$ .M.

Real black earths in dry regions of tropics due to influence of parent material of Region in India - hot rainfall  
Topography also influences the colour

The greater part of Eluvial Tropical Earths are of the red type without lime - Pedalfers although in base rich rocks lime may appear in rock cracks - e.g. Antigua-Hawaii



Grey brown or red brown

medium acid to slightly acid to neutral.

Red brown

May even be allitic!

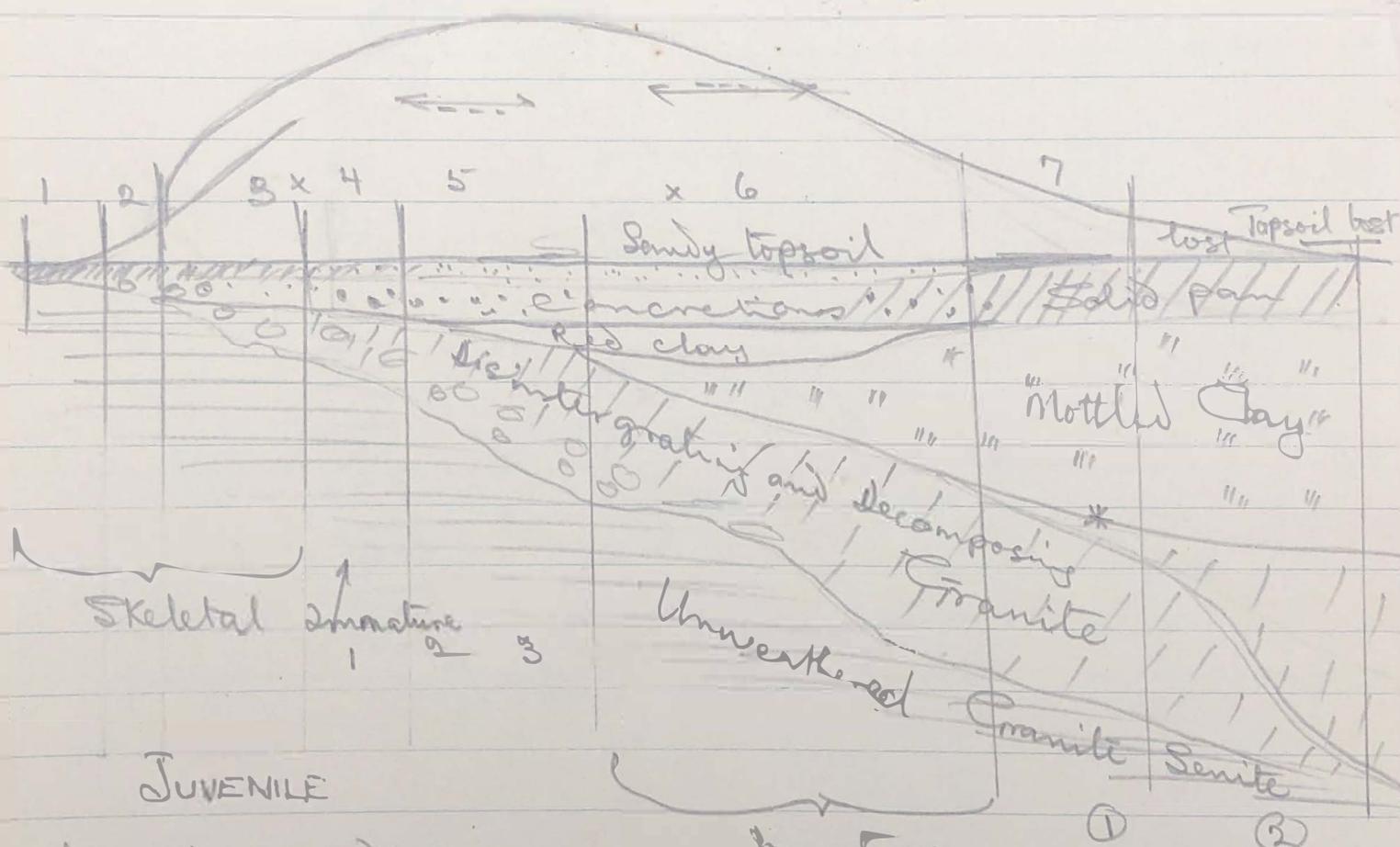
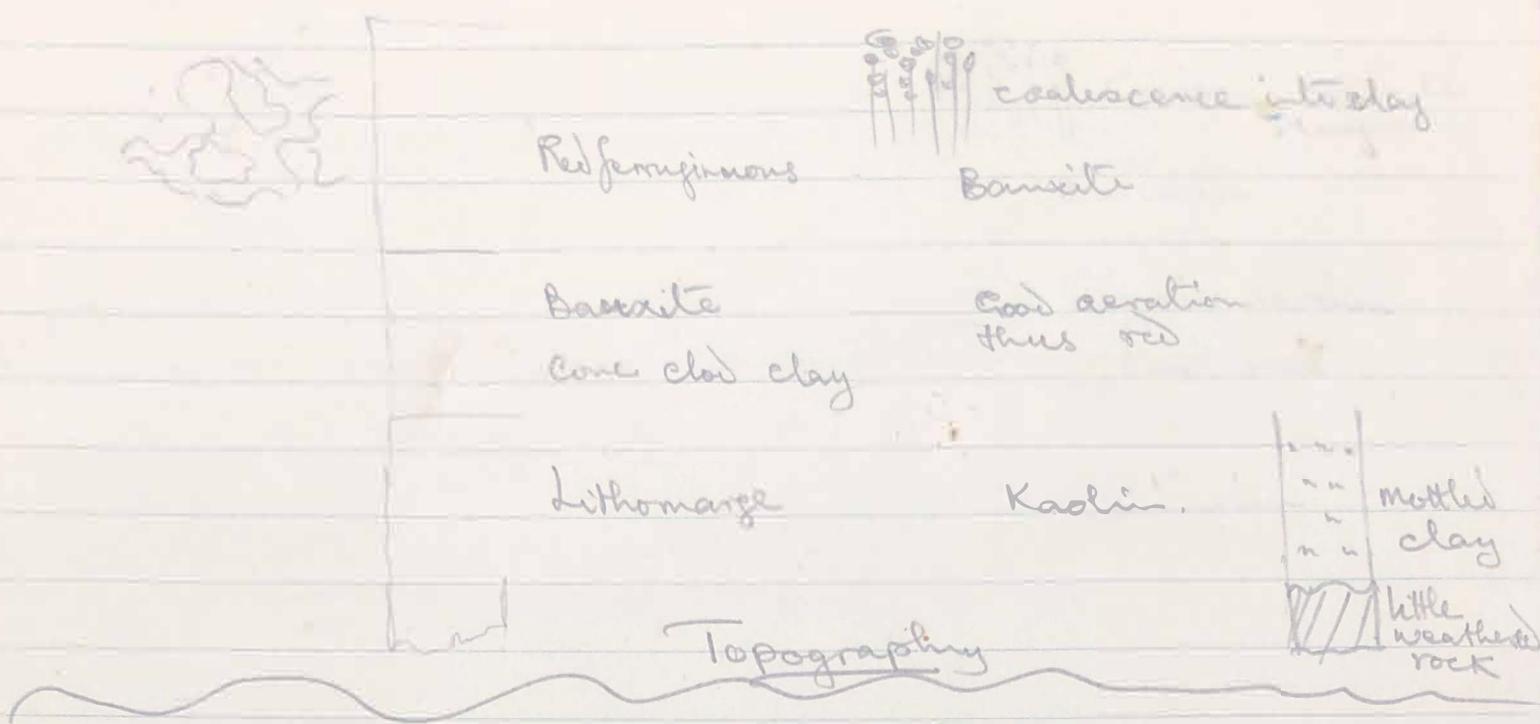
Rock + Calc in crevices often also with Mn and Fe deposits

This resembles the 'pedogenic' brown earths of England (of Kay and Clarke, Robinson etc).

Several Antigua Sedimentary earths

In less consolidated materials or easily disintegrated rock (ash, transported deposits) Concretions may occur

Typical forms however are loose powdery deposits (an Calcite) (colour depends on P.M.)



Chronological Diagram

showing development and ~~aging~~ <sup>aging</sup> of the mottled earths ~~over~~ <sup>over</sup> granite

\* How does this affect the weathering of the underlying rock? Does it have a protective effect?

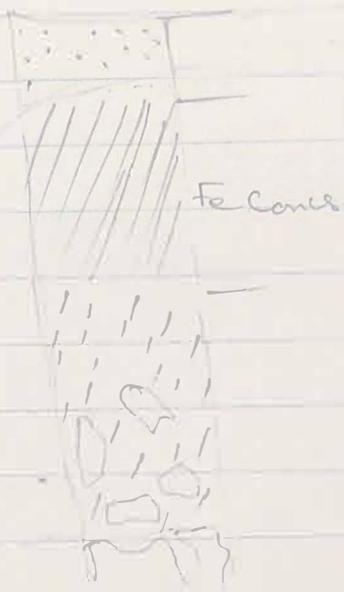
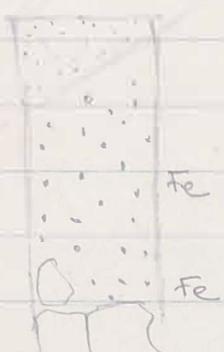
① Probably Sandy, to, heavy showers + runoff

② Somewhat heavier

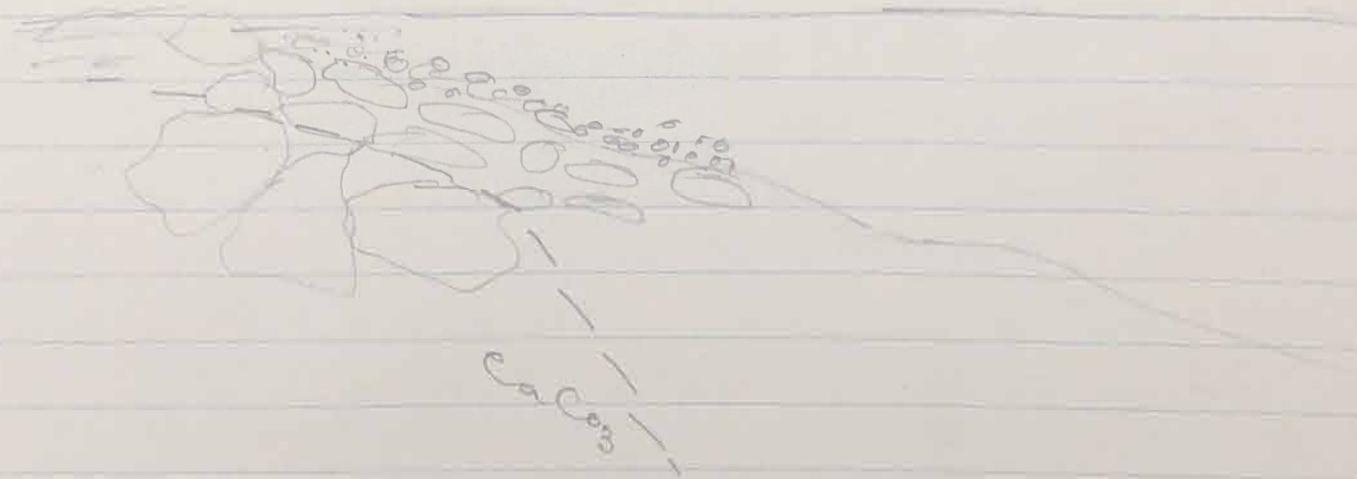
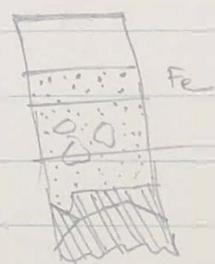
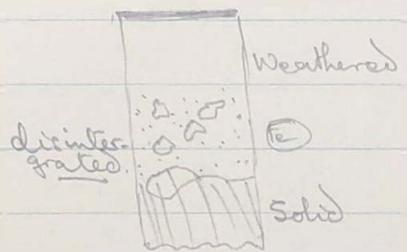
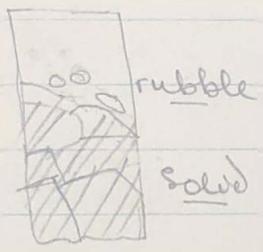
③ Beginning of Separation.

Reddish sand/rock

Reddish brown sand/ desert.



Variation with climate.

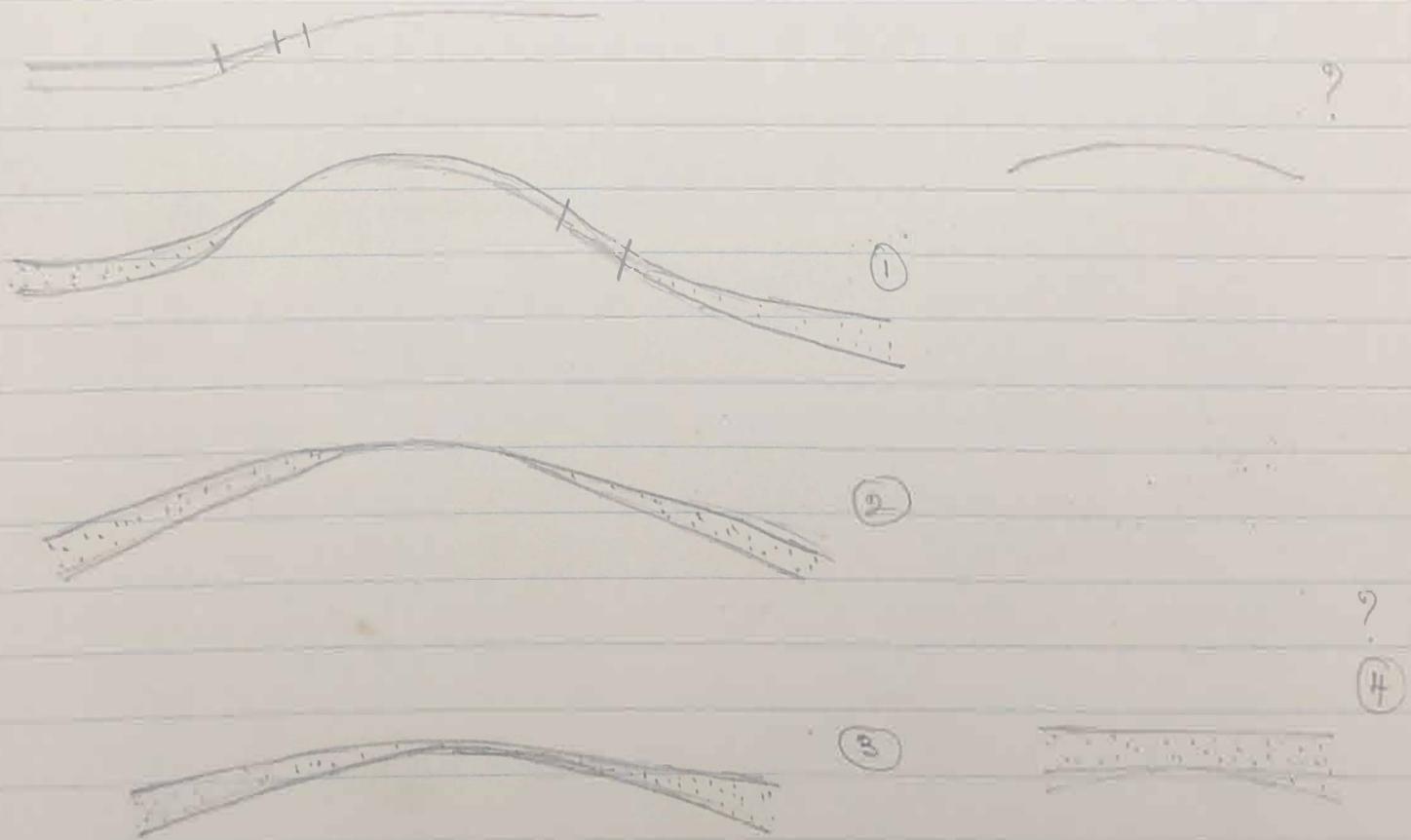


### Dark Concretions

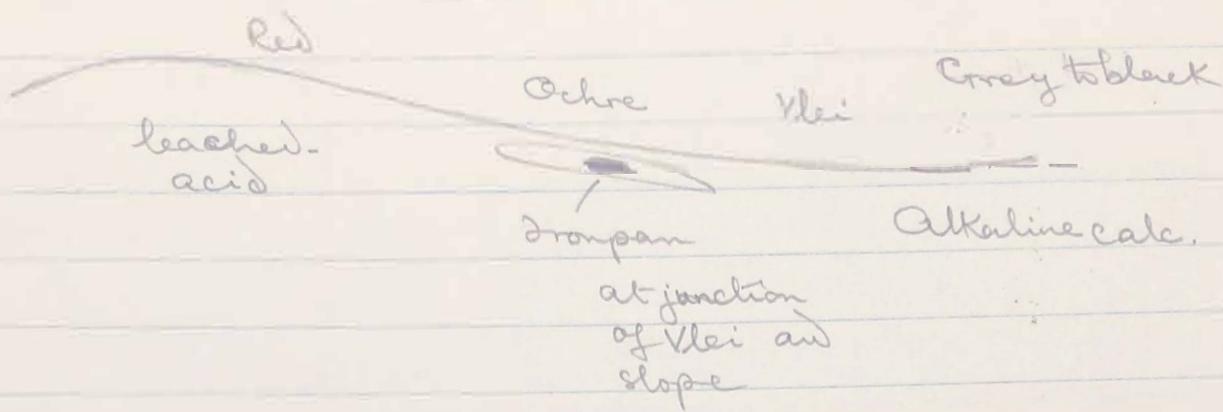
Is this dark, polished varnish similar to desert varnish?

NB Joffe writes as though stones of the desert pavement had been covered with earth (during which time the varnish had been deposited on them) and checkers later removed by wind.

This would possibly explain the black stones and cones being in the upper part of the 'B' horizon? That is where drying out is greatest.



J.S. Coarce Kenya



Similarly Milne's - Bukalasa catena of Uganda.

In Marten's Case - Murrain is fused cones - could the latter be transported? Is the also accurate?

In Vine's Case - Murrain is not fused cones.

In all cases murrain appears to occur at the foot of slopes just above the calcareous clays. - Marten, Vine, Self, Milne.

Milne. Nature 1936. Vol 138 p 548

Robeson. Nature 1936. Vol 137 p 550 (Lat-eluviation and transport of clay via Water Table.)

## Sedimentary

Dark grey or black pedocalic earths only occur where the parent material gives rise to clays high in Ca and Mg or both.

of Trinidad - Marls, Marine clays

Cold Coast - Hornblende Concretes

Antigua, Barbados, British Honduras

What about the Tropical rocks of India?  
Basalt. and Madagascar?  
Java?

Is there something to do with the topography here?  
or the minerals in the rock.

Does topography exclude the carrying astray  
of the products of hydrolysis,  $\text{CaCO}_3$  and  $\text{MgCO}_3$ ?

So does weathering go on in an alkaline medium  
producing heavy clays of a black colour?

ie Are red soils only formed where loss of  
 $\text{CaCO}_3$  by drainage can take place?

- ① Special rocks
- ② Special topographical forms
- ③ 1 x 2

Succession of soils in Tropical Africa from very dry to very wet regions.

Rainfall less than 15 ins Day less than 25?

Shallow skeletal earths red, sandy (where quartzite rocks are concerned). Earth probably sesquioxidic where basic rocks are concerned (cf dry areas of Hawaiian Is.) CaCO<sub>3</sub> as seams in the parent rock, in crevices, joints and fissures.

kaolinitic otherwise

Due to low rainfall presumably few interzonal earths - lack of rivers etc probably small basin with dark earths + CaCO<sub>3</sub> - material probably little decomposed.

Rainfall between 25-45" or 40?

Red earths with ironstone concretions in profile. Neutral to alkaline basis and alluvial earths dark coloured \*

Rainfall > 45"

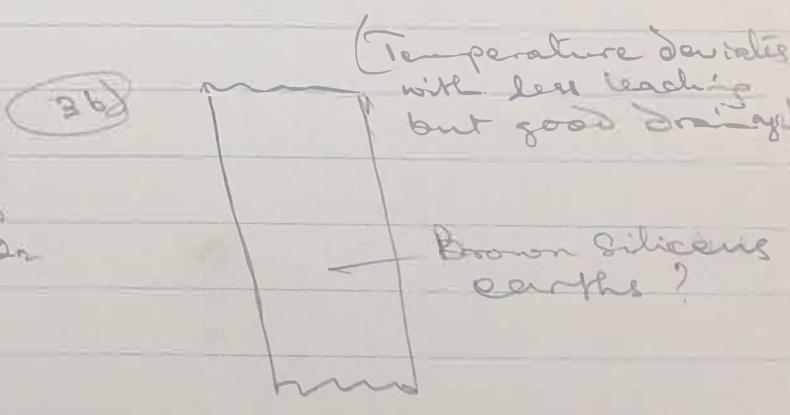
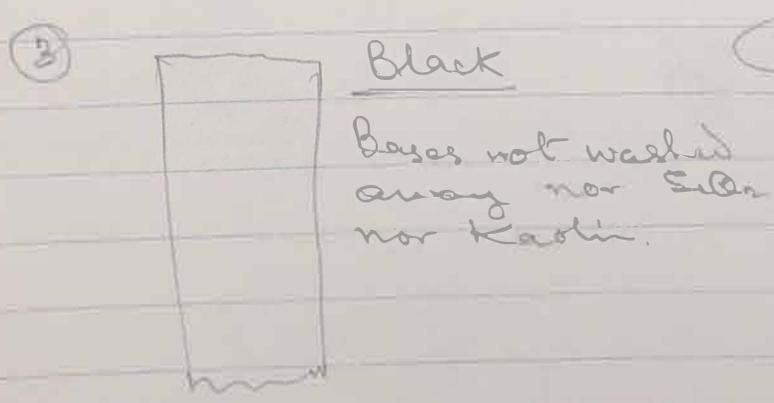
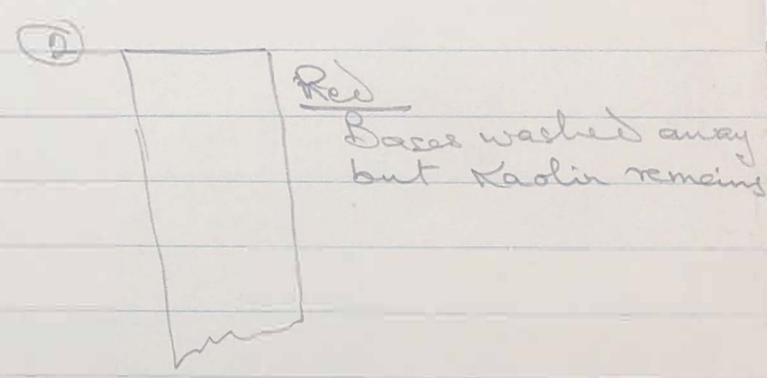
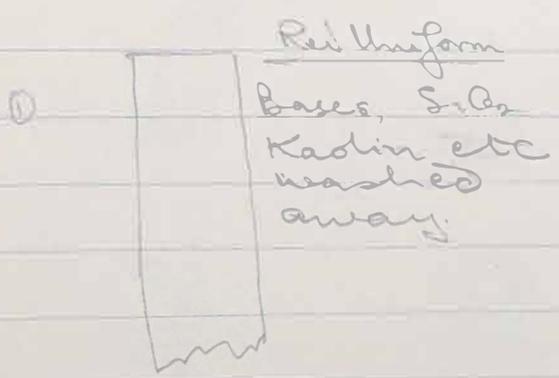
Sedentary earths similar, but basin and alluvial earths acid as a rule \*

\* Principal Difference.

1. Different basalt soils in Gt Britain to Ceylon difference in leaching - less though in GB.
2. Ditto in Deccan - but more so.

Initial weathering may be the same - but soil products of weathering not removed and re-synthesis takes place.

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TOPOGRAPHY - Basic igneous rocks.



Compare Black Turf soils of S. Africa - Merwe.

## Peat Deposits

Marine swamps earths

Lacustrine swamp earths

Limestone Soils { Black clays derived from limestone  
Red clays derived from limestone

Increased leaching illuvial

Illuvials devoid of Ca & Mg Carbonates. Humid  
sub humid

1. Groundwater Podzols
2. Mottled Earths (So-called Groundwater laterites)
3. Semi mottled Earths?

Illuvials containing Carbonates

Arid  
Sub humid  
Arid?

Saline and Alkaline Earths

## SOILS OF TROPICS

- Completely leached

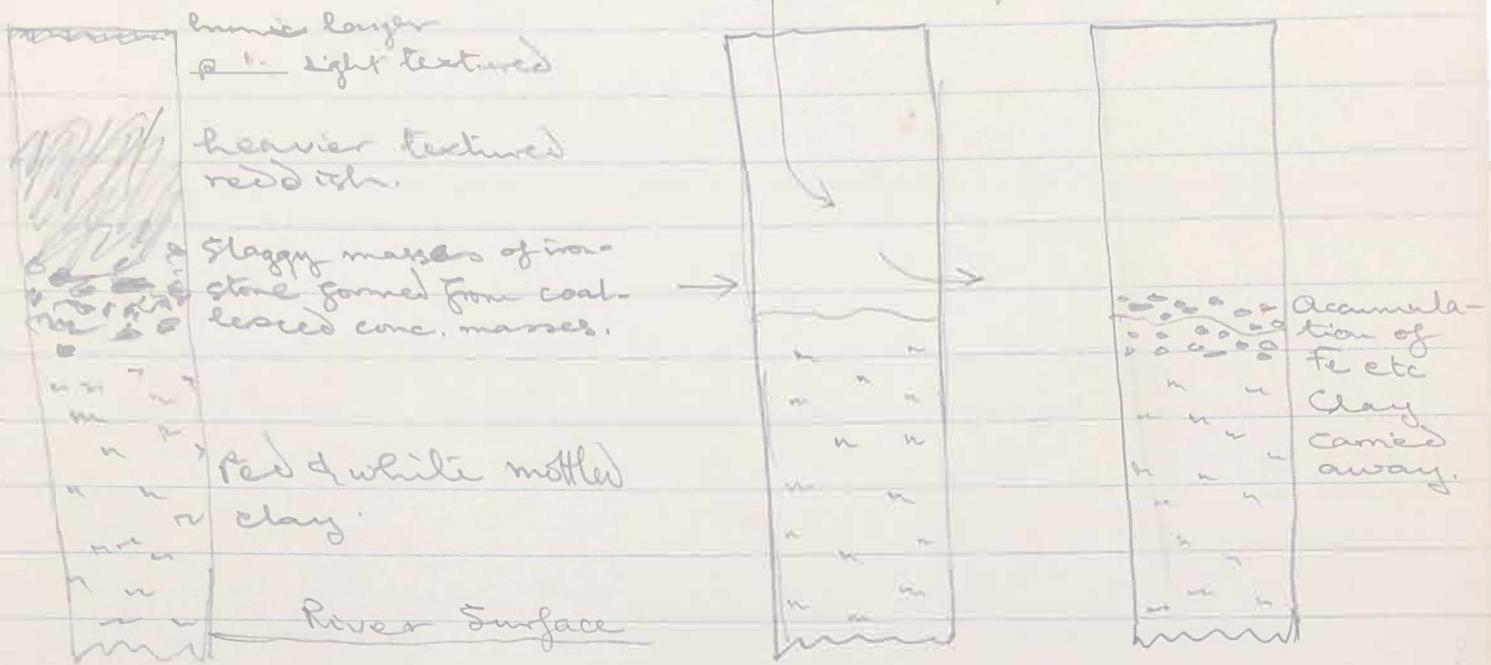
1. Eluvial Mottled Earths (Siallitic)
2. Eluvial Mottled Earths (Altitic)
3. Red and yellow Scallitic Earths
4. Red and yellow Altitic Earths
5. Podzolic Earths

Arid - Incompletely leached

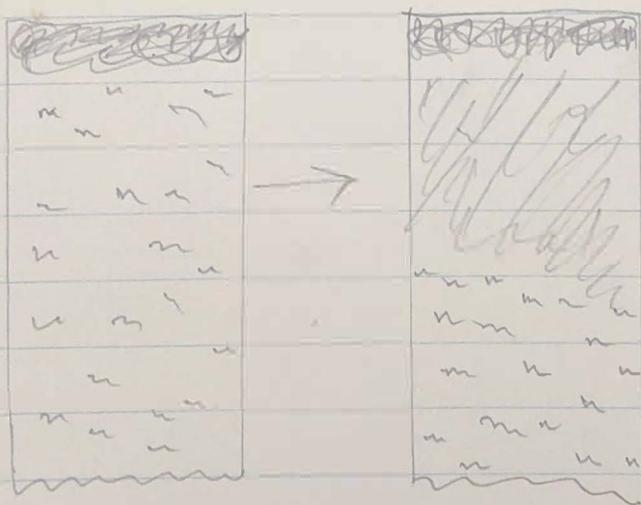
1. Desert Earths
  2. Red earths with lime cores
  3. Group without  $\text{CaCO}_3$  because previously leached
  4. Soils of incomplete leaching in the Humid Zone due to P.M.
  5. Soils of incomplete leaching in the Humid Zone due to P.M. & Topography (Alkaline seen to be removed)
- Lithological Types - Sands, Volcanic Ash etc.

In Marbut's observations of the Amazon Soils would be found this sort of thing:-

Mechanical Eluviation within the Soil Profile



In the development of laterites with slaggy crust he postulated (Mosim Conf. Volume 5) erosion followed by redevelopment of profile:-



red earth

I have done same thing-

Also Mohi - 1st book and 2nd book

slaggy masses only harden on exposure! In cuttings they get soft behind surface.

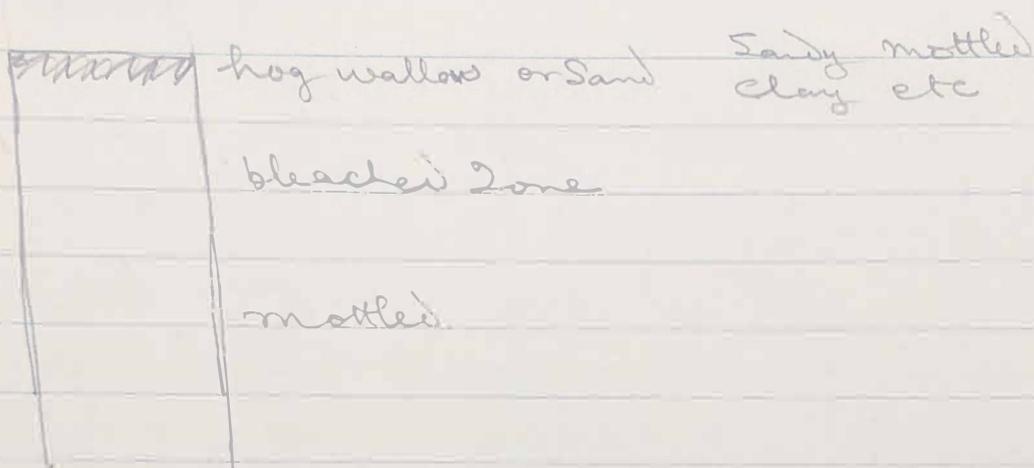
This obviously must mean that mottled material must contain free  $Al_2O_3$  or that Kaolin must be decomposed!

Could this sort of thing happen with detrital laterite? Which is usually full of iron anyhow?

Should Alluvial Soils be divided up into 2 Groups

1. Surface Water types over impervious material?
2. Groundwater type

f Clarke Study of Soil in the Field.



Meadow: - ?      Trees?

Wet newland soils

Wet woodland saps

Wet forest soils

Woodland Peat

Forest Swamp soils

Grasses and Sedge Peat

Forest Peats

Grasses and Sedge Peat?

Swamp soils

# Alluvial Soils - Acid Type

①



Thickness due to texture

Ocrey brown

Ochre

Ochre mottled rusty

Ochre-grey mottled

Ochre green & grey mottled

Ochre-brown and bluish grey mottled

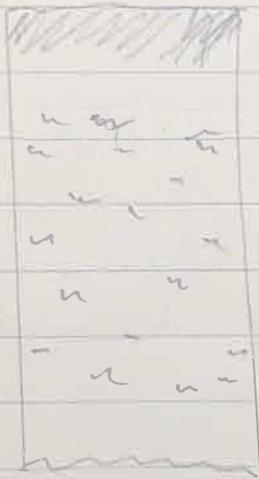
e.g. Orange Grove

Washington Series

etc

damp

wet



Grey-black - perhaps slight accumulation of O.M.

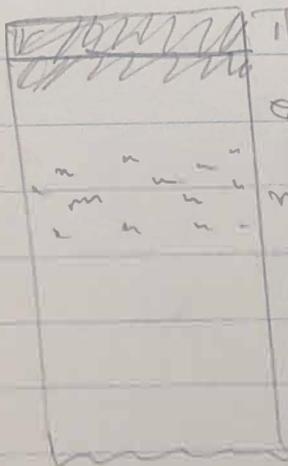
Grey (bleached layer)

mottled brown and bluegrey

half swamp

This flooded too?

Swamp Type



Thick O.M.

Grey bleached

mottled - concs.

blue grey.

Acid Peat Type

Accumulation of O.M.

M | little above Normal

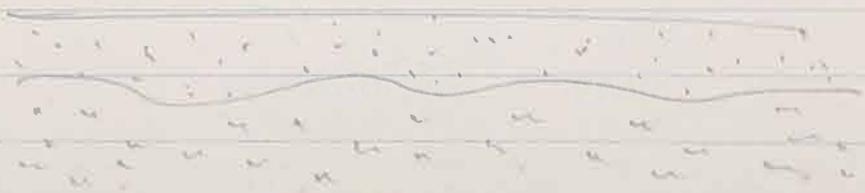
HB | high

B | deep peat deposit.

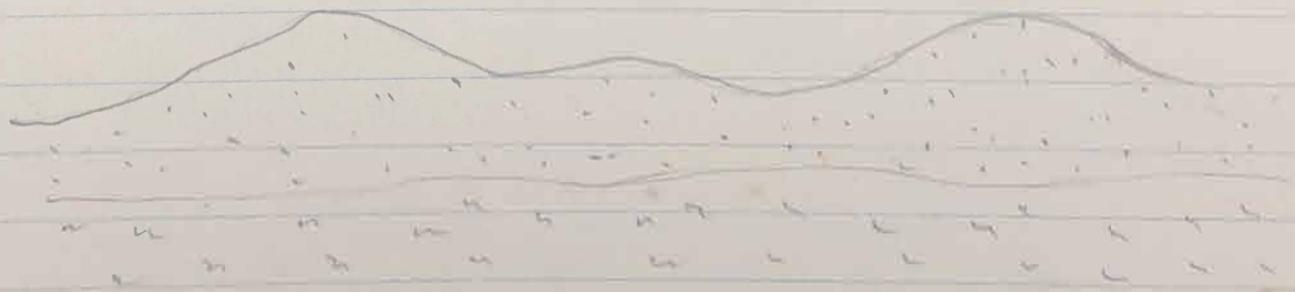
Note on distinction between a uniform widespread pedological effect and a localised variable geological occurrence.

In the case of a sandy top soil of uniform depth directly overlying impermeable clay or of rock gravel occurring at a more or less fixed depth below the surface, these things ~~cannot~~ be explained as distinct geological deposits in the 1st Case or of surface gravel covered by creep or colluvial material in the second. Were this so it is quite improbable that evenness of depth would be maintained.

In the Sand/Clay one has



Were the sand and clay separate unrelated deposits one would expect



of Nikiforoff the Genesis of a Solonchok-like soil also when one has a similar morphology appearing not only over large expanses of country in one region, and a similar state of affairs in a region hundreds or thousands of miles removed, it points to some universal factor at work not to

same local geological occurrence, in the cases quoted to lateral elevation by surface water derived from rainfall and to the well known burying activities of the soil fauna.

0. Introduction: The Tropics Defined
1. Soil defined - Morphology and Methods of studying (based on field evidence)
2. Soil Genesis - Weathering - P.M.
3. Soil Genesis - Soil forming
4. Soil Genesis - Soil forming processes - groundwater
5. Soil classification.

Possible	P.M., Relief, Age.
Active	Climate, Organisms

The Origin of Soils

The Morphology of Soils

Human Culture in the Tropics

Malay Sea, S. China (Pera) India (Egypt)

of Climate and Man

(West Indies, India, Java, Hawaii  
Mauritius - recent development)

Preface:-Soils of the TropicsI Introduction -

1. The Tropics Defined - Herbertson's Map and Natural Regions
2. The Soil defined - discuss question of whether the whole zone of weathering is to be considered soil.

## Part I.

II Soil Forming factors

- |                               |            |   |
|-------------------------------|------------|---|
| (a) Topography                | } Passive? | } Should this go under O. in previous page? |
| (b) Geology (lithology)       |            |   |
| (c) Climate                   | } Active   |   |
| (d) Vegetation - organisms    |            |   |
| (e) Pedogenic Processes - Age |            |   |
| (f) Classification of soils   |            |   |

## Part II

Descriptions of the Morphology and Genesis of SoilsSoils of the Tropics  
Their Origin and Structure.

Niki Foroff doubts much of the commonly accepted views concerning vertical Eluviation. Differential weathering giving rise to different horizons.

In case of Mn-Fe concs. lateral mobilization within the same horizon

Segregation -	Migration
(Concentration in one horizon)	(movement from one horizon to another)

Lateral Eluviation - especially of Kaolin surface or  
of water table

1. The lysimeter results at Aberdeen
2. Merve in two soils in S. Africa
3. Self at Tafo

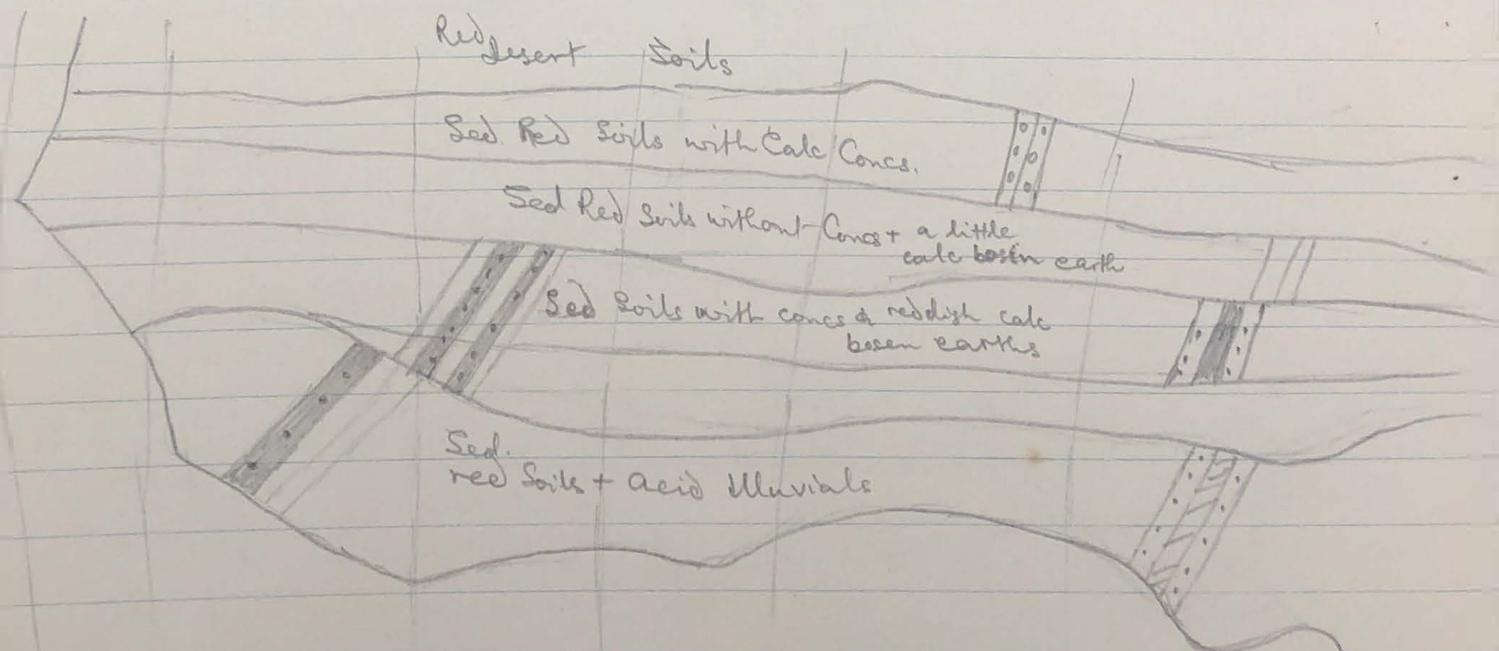
All the above on granite.  
Presumably gneiss is the same?  
and Movement of Kaolin in Soils

What about other rocks?

Tens of Morocco - Red earths on slopes and  
black earth in hollows according  
to Del Villar

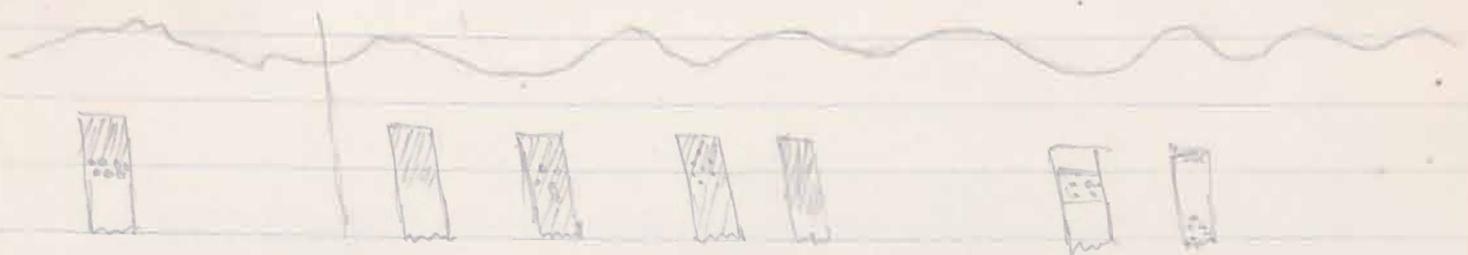
Hydrogenic earths - he assumes same about refer  
(some Australian paper on this)

### Soils of West Africa



Stressing the zonality of entazonal Soils

Section N-South

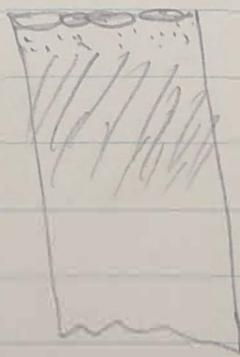
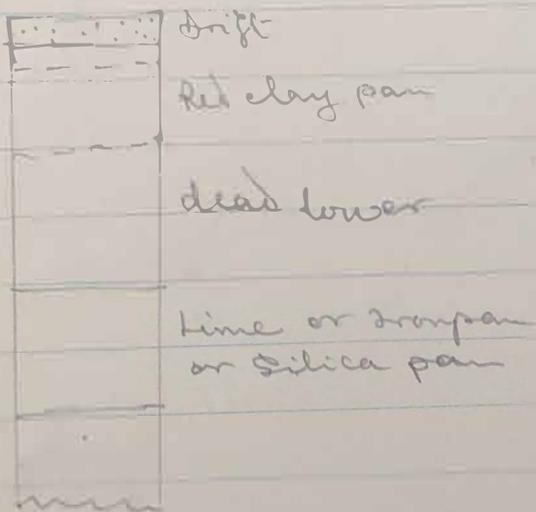


Savannah-Soils-eroded soils  
mostly with iron pan  
exposed

Ordinary Red Earths thick dry forest + heavy rains + Very - Biotic → eroded soil  
day season Man's interference. development of massive ironpan.

Points to be settled

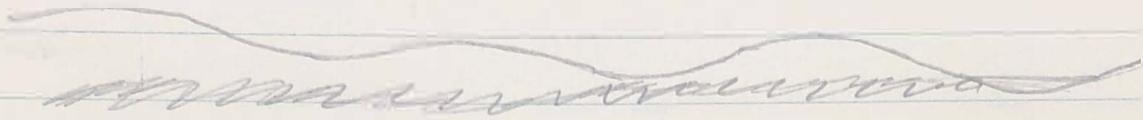
1. Morphology of Desert Soils - regional
2. Morphology of calc. red earths (like Hawaii)
3. Morphology of red earths without calc. or iron cones.
4. Morphology of red earths + iron cones in their dry zone
5. Morphology of red earths + iron cones in their wet zone.



Wrong assumptions based on  
(a) Climate  
(b) Vegetation  
(c) inferences from month  
temperate conditions.

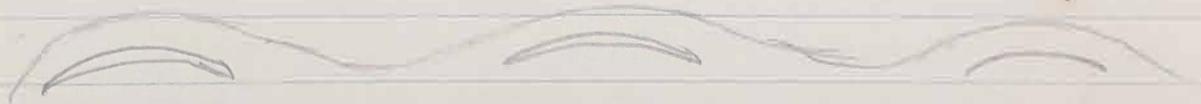
- An important point about Pan formation.

If pan formation were due to rise from water table it would not occur in the same position in the profile all the time - due to differences in the height of the water table from the surface.



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of Nikiforoff. Characteristics of Desert Soils



Use this for Iron Pans

Lime Pans.

Dismiss the assumption that all these informations took place in past time - This is merely evasion. Not an argument since no proof is adduced that cone formation cannot and does not take place today.

Important :- If cone formation occurs today it gives important info. etc on the 'Metabolism' of the soil not only from the point of view of profile development itself but also from the point of view of the plant life supported by the soil - For these processes leading to the formation of limestone and secondary minerals cannot be without these effect on the vegetation occupying the soil.

Where most layers dry out  $Fe_2O_3$  &  $MnO_2$  are deposited in this actual site. They do not rise in capillary water and become properties at the surface

NB Lower Hillslope earths } Taso  
 Alluvial earths }  
 Devenish and lowland Series - Trinidad.  
 Various Sand and heavy loams over clays etc.

Question of P.M.

Practically all Parent Materials in Temperate Zone. Secondary rocks or unconsolidated deposits. In tropics for greater proportion of primary or crystalline rocks

Prevalence of Black earths over Basic Igneous rocks.

Red earths/hard limestone Black clays/Marls  
Red or brown earths over crystalline rocks?

NB The newest soils to the African are those of the Piedmont Plateau - from granite and gneiss.

Africa chiefly old crystalline and metamorphic rocks with derivatives from - 2 - East Africa much basic igneous material.

Red Soils of Pacific Coast from Basalt and other basic rocks.

Non-calcareous Brown earths of Pacific Coast  
(~~Group of Brown Soils~~) from Granite and Arkose - granite alluvial fan material.

Place via, Romana Soils, Central and Southern California (P.M. Granite alluvial fan material)

Viola-Holladay, Fallbrook, Sierra Soils  
Lower Sierra Nevada Fort Hill belt and upland mountain areas in California and Central Southern Arizona (P.M. Granite rocks: gneiss, granodiorite and similar rocks)

See also Marbut. Soils of the U.S.A.

NB Shantung Peninsular is under basic igneous rocks.

Corey-Brown Podzolic

Chester Manor Soils gneiss, granite, Schist  
 N. Piedmont.  
 Matallo soils - basalt.

Helmer - Santa Benavash Soils Calif.  
 granite, schist quartzite, basalt.

Olympic - Melbourne areas Calif.

(Recorded by Roberts for their Rio  
 go into differences between  
 these and the Red and Yellow  
 Podzolic at altitudes).

## Regions with crystalline rocks -

California and adjacent states

Piedmont area of E. USA.

Shantung peninsular China

Asia Minor, Greece, Palestine

South Africa

Southern Australia.

Shantung Soils are forest soils (or forest and prairie)

Prairie Soils are grass soils (discussion as to whether  
 there occur now in Africa)

What about mountain  
 grassland?

✓ Be a ...?

Red Earths of Piedmont

" " " California

Non Calcic Brown of Calif.

Corey Brown Podzolic of Cal and Pied.

Market marks

Jose Plateau as

Tropical Prairie

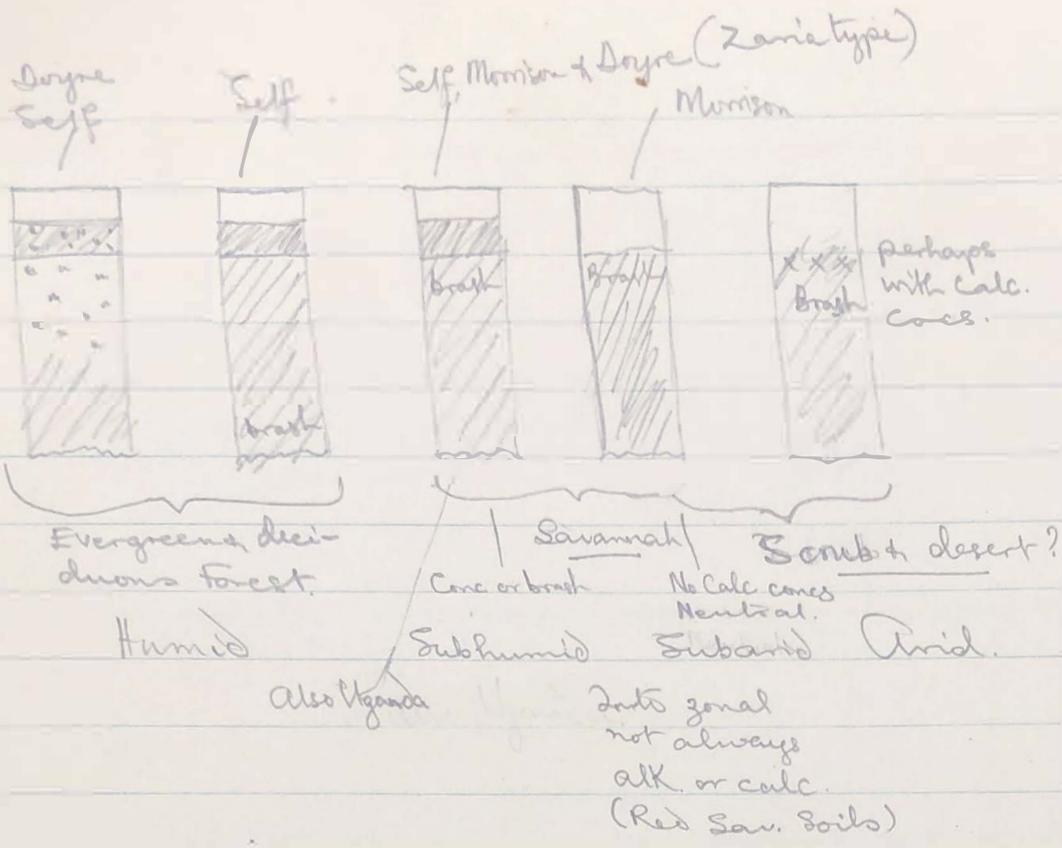
1. Red desert soils - Alkaline
  2. Reddish chestnut soils? - Alkaline
  3. Non-Calcare Brown earths - Forest Prairies Neutral
  4. Red Pedzolic earths - Acid
    - Corey-brown Pedzolic (mountain)
    - (Mountain Prairie Soils?)
    - (Mountain Meadow Soils?)
- Red and yellow ferruginous Pedzolic Earths?

### Bibliography of Tropical Soils and Useful Associated papers.

#### Parent Material

1. Acid Igneous rocks
2. Basic Igneous rocks
3. Clay shales
4. Sand & Quartzite. Deep structureless sands Ha.
5. Phyllites?
6. Limestones and Marls

1. Basic Igneous and metamorphic	Sandstone-loose sands
2. Acid Igneous " "	different diff-cult.
3. Phyllites	
4. Clay shales	
5. Calcareous Sandstones	
6. Argillaceous Sandstones	



Succession from S to W

Apparently Morrison considered in his soils the iron pan rested on the rotten rock to be did no explore below the iron pan

1. Get not topo map
- x/2. " " Geological Map. (Parent Mat. Map)
- x/3. " " Soil Map.
- x Rainfall Map

Soil Types Recognised

1. Marine Swamp alluvial - Mangrove
2. Structureless Sands - Nigeria. - (Forest - Savannah)
3. Concretionary red earths scallite
  - a) Forest (Take forest boundary)
  - b) Savannah (Take Savannah boundary)
4. Acid bottom soils - Swamp forest.
5. Calcareous bottom soils - Savannah. grass
6. Allitic red earths (Basic igneous rocks) Forest
7. Black Calcareous earths (or basic igneous rocks over hornblende greites) Savannah.
8. (Recent Volcanic Ash Soils of Cameroons - not mappable) Forest.
9. Leached Red earths without iron concretions? - Savannah scrub
10. Red earths with calcareous cones? Scrub desert.
11. Desert soils
12. Saline and Alkaline soils.

Such minerals would be commonest in alluvium derived from crystalline rocks and less common or absent? from secondary rocks.

### In Hydromorphic Soils.

Clay can be derived in the following ways:-

1. Leaching from above - followed by erosion until the whole profile becomes clayey.
2. Transport by groundwaters gradually building up clay from below.
3. Weathering of unweathered minerals in situ in the presence of groundwaters (Nekiforoff's reasoning).

Investigate the possibilities of 3. especially as regard the fine sand and silt fractions of recent alluvium.

Whilst perhaps most of the coarse sand may consist of quartz, much of the fine sand may comprise weatherable minerals, and still more of the silt.

The coarser fractions of the clay may also contain unweathered minerals

Weatherable minerals =

Feldspars - Potash, Soda, Soda-lime, lime soda etc.

Micas - Muscovite, biotite

Amphiboles and pyroxenes

Chlorite

Talc?

• Where does alluvium come from?

1. Wholly weathered (if such exists) topsoil?

2. Subsoil where exposed by

a) uprooted trees

b) burrowing of animals

c) accelerated, normal erosion

such as exists on steep slopes and

d) Areas of mainly physical weathering

e) Natural gulleys - produced by cutting emanation of streams.

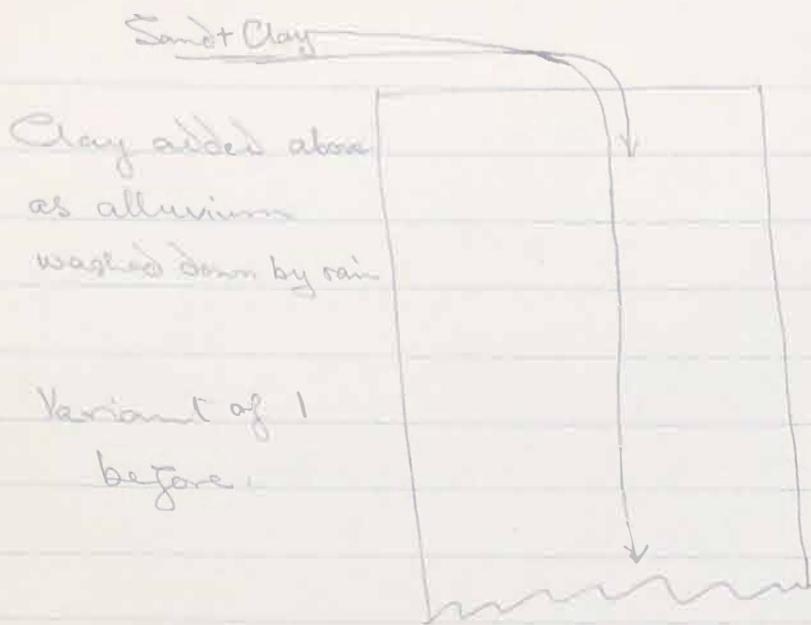
All this means that alluvium is not only unweatherable minerals - quartz and clay but consists to a great extent of weatherable minerals that weather to clay in situ when transported.

NB. Sands and quartzites that I have met with feldspars and micas in them.

After coarse alluvium consists not only of separate bits of minerals but bits of rock as well (eg Schists in Trinidad Or Series) especially in areas of rapid denudation - or in areas where physical weathering prevails.

Were clay transported in considerable amount one would expect more to appear in drainage waters (investigate), wells, rivers etc. artesian supplies. Turbidity occurs ① After digging of wells, ② after heavy rains

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## of Analyses of Sedimentary rocks

Actual minerals maybe disguised by stains of  $Fe_2O_3$ , clay and organic matter.

All of this of course can be subjected to proof i.e. by carrying out a mineralogical analysis of fresh alluvium and weathered alluvium.

## Concretionary Savannah Earths.

Fertile	Forest Earths, Sands.	} Desert Drift		
			Savannah Earths, Alluvium	} Sesquioxide
			Calc. Black Earths	

## Characteristics

1. Shallower depth of weathering. Absence of mottled clay zone. The solum properties over bark or rotten, disintegrated rock (characteristic present under forest)
2. Concretionary layer directly overlies the rotten rock, is very prominently developed - frequently forms a massive iron pan (characteristic absent under forest)

- 3. Organic matter content?
- 4. Clay complex scallitic - more so than the forest earths?
- 5. Surface horizon characteristically coarse textured

Suggested that these earths are distinct from those of the evergreen forest in the same way as the Chestnut Cal. Earths are from the chernozem.

Some of these characteristics are undoubtedly due to destruction of the original vegetation and consequent erosion, but it is considered that there were characteristic differences between these and forest soils even when under mountain vegetation of open? Savannah Woodland.

(cf Use of Savannah by Bennett and Allison also remarks of Ramann.)

Concretionary Forest Soils - Ferruginous Savannah Earths. Distinction based solely on profile characters.

- CFC  
+  
Joyce.

Climate - different. Vegetation - different  
Profile - different.

Vegetation to day is in part determined by climatic conditions - otherwise things could go back

(NB)

- Savannah regions appear to have been settled previously to forest (This has only been exploited since the advent of Europeans demanding oil, slaves and Cacao; possibly also connected with possibilities of stock rearing). (Possibly nearness of unweathered rock to the surface has influenced this?)

- CFC  
Morrison  
and  
many  
Authors.



One really wants this examined under natural vegetation. Less thoroughly leached but still acid (mobilisation of iron) of Greenwood & Joyre.

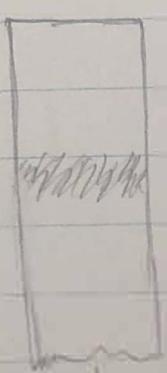
Tropical forest generally unsuited to human settlement.

NB Bauxite deposits in Coral Coast.

Vataian Sandstones

Phyllites - depends what these phyllites are made of

In case of superficial iron-crusts = erosion as suggested by Marbut.



loss by erosion  
segregation of iron due to high water table  
sesquioxidic

↓ then this layer develops as — see foll. diagrams

NB. Martin and Joyre give examples of transported or detrital laterite.

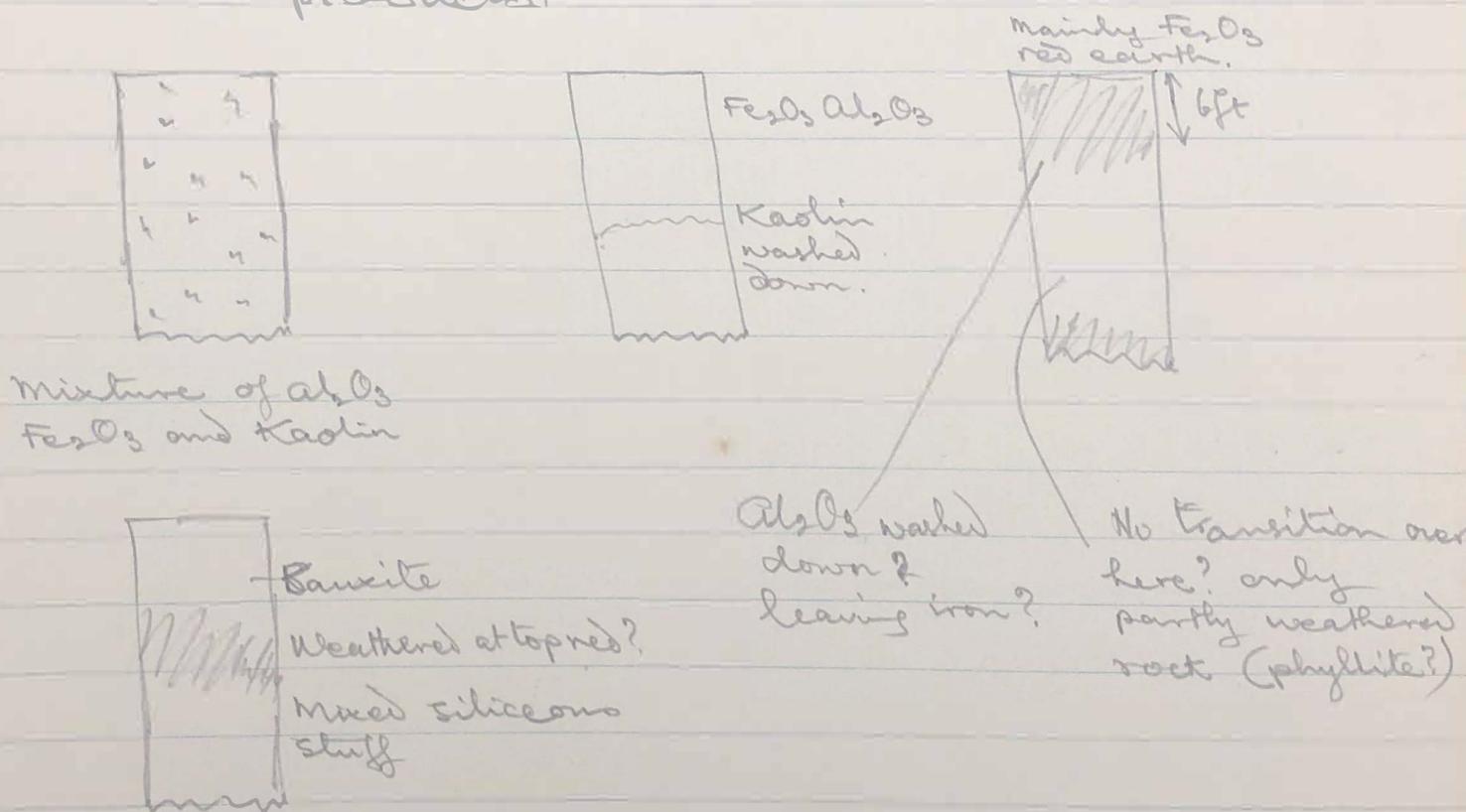
## Sesquioxidic Earths

1. Assume that due to decomposition of various minerals a mixture of sesquioxides ( $Al_2O_3, Fe_2O_3$ ) and of aluminosilicates are formed. The latter in regions of good drainage are removed leaving a sesquioxidic earth. Hence decrease in  $SiO_2/Al_2O_3$  ratio in regions of high rainfall.

2. Transported products of above

a) would have the level surface of many laterite deposits

b) would probably be mixed with kaolinitic products.



Laterite Never appears to have been investigated by  
pedalogists only geologists! and chemists  
(Hardy unable to form opinions of his own - relied  
on Harrison's explanations) Erhart?

Sesquioxide earths, however, have Cuba, Puerto Rico,  
Sierra Leone, Hawaii, Mauritius etc

Crenada Topography of the latter appears to be  
U.S.A. irregular. Not regular as in the former  
B. Guiana

- Aluminous earths in process of forming today  
in situ apparently occur only over basic  
rocks (examples)
- 'Laterites' apparently occur over most  
types of rocks, clay shales, sandstones,  
phyllites, granodiorites, granites, limestones?  
etc. This in itself is suggestive. (No possibility  
of error) Acid gneiss.

Absolutely no evidence to suggest that kaolinite  
etc can be split up into  $SiO_2$  &  $Al_2O_3$ .

'Laterite' may therefore be in many cases -  
deposits of geological significance only -  
although they may act as soils, i.e. media  
for plant growth. (This at least appears  
to agree with the geologists. Much bauxite  
mined is fossil.)

Two types - Residual Bauxitic earths

Transported Bauxitic earths -

In these it seems bauxite may be further concentrated - hence it is possible these are mined

Occurrences on elevated peneplains and dissected plateaux only

Occurrence overlying a particular rock formation does not mean that it was derived therefrom.

Probably a continuous sequence of earths from wholly scallitic to almost wholly allitic occurs.

Effects of climate. Climate may not affect the formation of  $Al_2O_3$  but may affect the ease and rate of removal of the impurities such as Kaolin etc.

Goldsmith in Tandra - also Polynor.

Fossil Laterites associated either with limestone (Europe and America) or Basalts

Fox suggests that bauxitic impurities are responsible for this - regards it as a type of terra rossa formation.

In Ayrshire lacustrine clays contain bauxite (see Petrology of the Igneous rocks)

Apparently (Fox 1936) the Malabar 'laterite' of Buchanan was developed over acid? gneiss and was mottled clay - kaolin +  $Fe_2O_3$ . Presumably this was an eluvial mottled earth + iron concs overlying mottled clay over gneiss - one of the usual types of red scallitic earth?

1. Even very wet climate of the Tropical forest - rainfall 100" + Cameroons. -

(Can one argue from the concretionsless red earths of SE. USA to the mod. conc. earths of the Guinea forest - the heavily conc. earths of the Savannah)

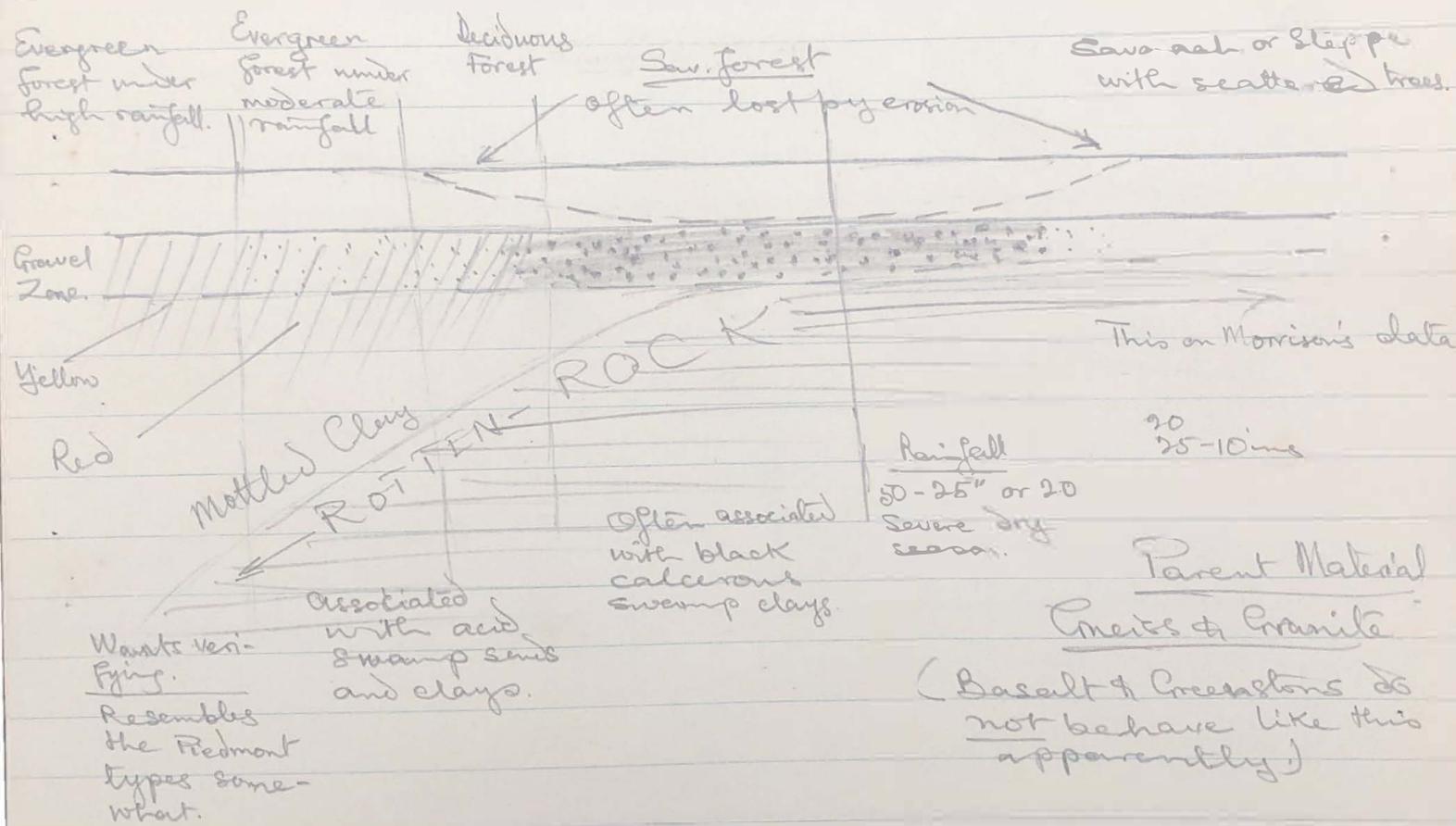
1. Even climate
2. More extreme climate
3. Very extreme climatic conditions.

	Orange brown earth (text?)
o o o o o	Orange earth + quartz gravel (text?) no concs.
	Orange-obscurely mottled ochre with semi soft remains of concs. brownish?
" " " "	Grading into red ochre & white mottled clay and this (presumably) into deeply weathered gneiss.
~~~~~	

Red earths were rare or absent over gneiss which seemed to have plenty of biotite in it

# Autogenic

- 1 & 2 Allitic earths - do but overlying mottled zone? do with cone zone.
- 3 & 4 Scallitic earths - red and homogeneous.
- 5 do with red mottled inferior zone.
- 6 do do with cone zone.
- 7 Red neutral earths with no cones?
- 8 do with Caloz deposits in P.M.
- 9 Red full of C.M. - Mountain penitents?



Wet practically all the year little or no drying out in dry season

Wet most of year. Moderate to little drying out in dry season

Dry at least half of the year (one rainy period concentrated) long and severe dry season.

Dry most of the year, low rainfall, severe drying out for long periods.

Probably very high leached of nutrients.

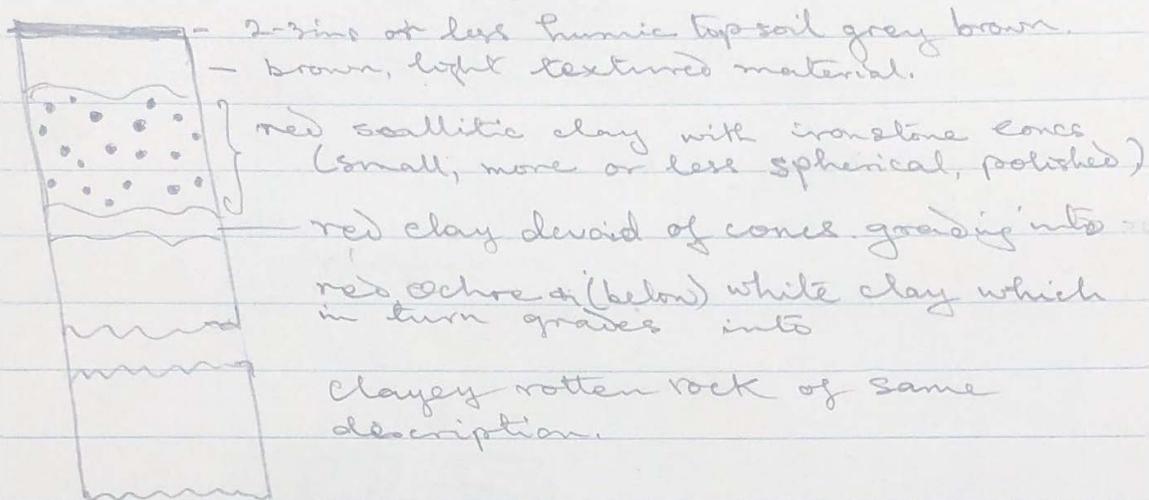
Cacao mostly on hill tops and slopes.

Forest confined to fringes of streams and rivers. Cacao in forested bottoms.

has plenty of rotten rock got something to do with the great development of cone zone?

1. The important soil in the Tropics - the real characteristic 'Zonal' soil is the extraordinary Red Forest Soil. This as far as extent is concerned out classes all others.

2. It has the following Profile:-



3. This is the Tropical Analogue of the warm, humid temperate red 'pedzolic' earth as found in the S.E. USA.

4. It has been observed developing over the following rocks: Granites (several) granodiorites, syenite (?) Basalt, Diorite, Andesite?

Phyllites, greywackes (?) Clayshales of various sorts felsepathic sandstones and felsepathic quartzites, slates, mottled sandy clays, silty shales, limestones? Schists of various sorts (Barbados?)

5. Variants include types in which the concretionary zone also contains quartz stones - from intrusive quartz veins, and bits of rotten rock being hematized. This type of profile cannot develop on sands that are neither argillaceous nor felsepathic.

On sandstones a related but quite dissimilar profile arises.

6. The following climatic and vegetative? types occur

a) Concretionary Red Forest Earth (with moderate numbers of concretions and very deep).

b) Concretionary Red Savannah Earth

Large numbers of concretions often forming a pan. Frequently profile is shallow - rotten rock occurring just under the concretionary layer.

c) Red (yellow) Forest Earth, Occurring under very heavy rainfall with a moist 'dry season'. Very deeply weathered, no concretions and yellowish brown colours to the upper part of the profile although the mottled clay exhibits red colours.

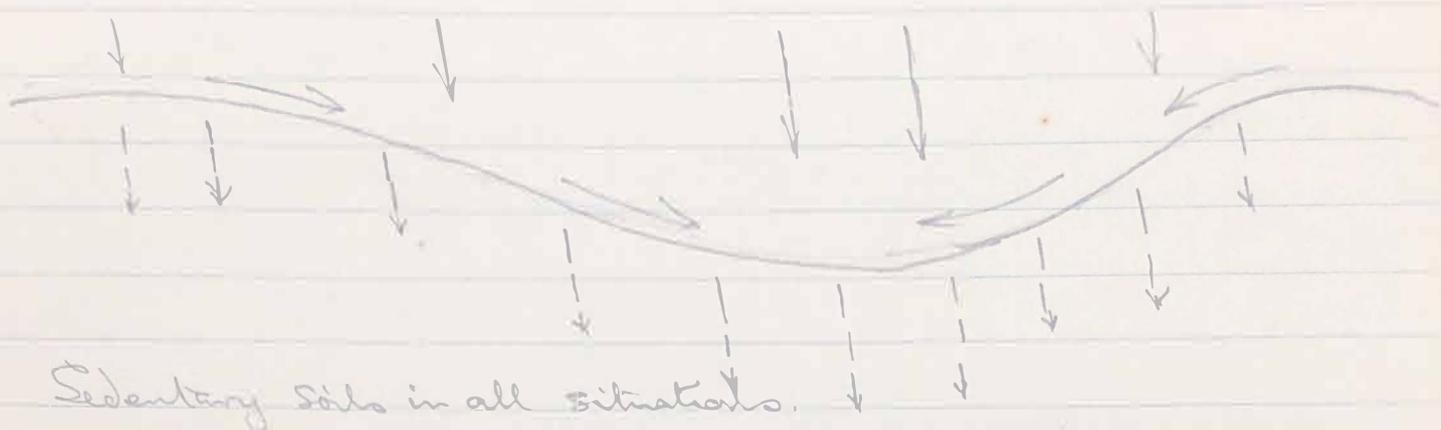
7. Ceylon, Madagascar, South Africa(?) India, Siam, South China, West Africa, Central Africa? East Africa?, Brazil - Guianas, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Trinidad.

8. Take as a type the concretionary red earth over phyllite! (Granite and gneiss exhibit a few unusual features - quartz sand content, quartz veins etc.)

9. Occur on somewhat flat, and undulating relief; do not occur in broken topography. In this case uniform red earths occur.

10. Apparently - Buchanan's type of laterite was really this soil!

Note on Effects of Topography in regions of medium to low rainfall.  
(of Ellis)



Rainfall insufficient to cause much transport or to grow hollows. But uplands suffer from run-off and decreased effectiveness of the properties - whilst the hollows enjoy a milder climate and deeper leaching and therefore have deeper profiles than the more elevated areas. In chestnut soil areas one may therefore have chestnut soils on the ridges and chernozems in the hollows (Marbit-Texas). This type of thing can only occur in regions of lowish and gentle rainfall - not in regions of heavy even if 'low' rainfall of the Tropics.

Note on the Soils of Hawaii.

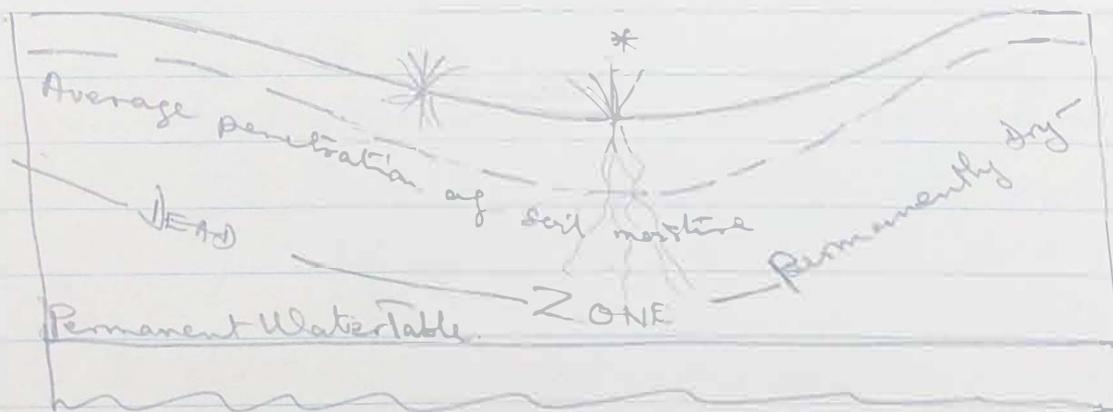
These are as stated in 'Soils & Men' inclined to be shallow and, in places, rocky. Occurring over recent ashes and lavas most are immature and there is little pronounced profile development. The adverse local feeling towards Soil Surveys based on the morphology of the soil is therefore explained. Had these soils had distinct morphological features they would have undoubtedly been investigated from this angle by the numerous chemists etc employed by the Sugar and Pineapple estates. As it is, much of the island consists of shallow soils with rocks that form a more or less uniform covering to the

land - differing mostly in chemical and mineralogical attributes such as content of Mags, titanium etc. There are differences in colour, too, due to rainfall and altitude. Most of the lavas seem to be of the same or very similar composition so that no varying soils occur due to differences in parent material.

To some extent this must be characteristic of islands of small size. They are not the ideal places to study soil morphology!

Further note on Effect of Topography on Soils with low rainfall (Page 40)

In the hollows one would get :-



\* In occasional years properties and runoff would be sufficient for percolation to reach the Water Table and deep rooted phreato phytes (perennials) would be able to get established. This must be an occasional and very tricky business - of Meingers papers and the remarks of Maximor. The Plant in relation to moisture,

# World Distribution of Soil Parent Materials.

## I Consolidated Deposits.

Other than  
limestones

- A. Crystalline, Acid, Igneous and Metamorphic rocks
- B. Crystalline, Basic, Igneous and Metamorphic rocks.
- C. Sandstones (a) Non calcareous (b) Calcareous.
- D. Clay Shales + Slates (a) Non calcareous (b) Calcareous.
- E. Limestones and Dolomites

## II Unconsolidated Deposits.

- A. Alluvium - chiefly river, lacustrine, Estuarine and marine.
- B. Glacial Till and Clay (a) Non calcareous (b) Calcareous.
- C. Glacial outwash sands etc. Inter glacial periods
- D. Loess
- E. Wind blown sands (chiefly desert and littoral dunes)
- F. Rock waste and valley filling materials

of Polynor on this Reference?

Key - I A. Pink B. Red.

Sandstones :::: non calc. pale yellow  
calc. pale blue.

Shales /// Pale yellow  
Blue

Limestones - deep blue

Glacial Till ooo Pale yellow  
ooo Pale blue.

Alluvium - Pale yellow  
Pale blue

In case of Preliminary geological Surveys - especially of new or little known countries - Maps probably mostly represent actual surface exposures and conditions.

No just 'country rocks'?

What about Reichtoven's work?

## CARD INDEX OF TROPICAL SOILS

Author (date) Title. details of publication on back.

Types of Soil dealt with:- method of dealing

- (a) Profile Diagrams PD
- (b) Profile Photos PP
- (c) Profile descriptions (Verbal) PV. (g.f.p)  
good fair poor.
- (d) Profile chemical data PC
- (e) Analysis of surface soil  
chiefly nutritive AN.  
or general Ag.

Also list under following:- U.S.A., CENTRAL AMERICA,  
SOUTH AMERICA, WEST INDIES

NORTH AFRICA, TROPICAL AFRICA - SOUTH AFRICA - Natal

INDIA. BURMA - MALAYA - SIAM. CHINA - FORMOSA. JAPAN

MAURITIUS. Madagascar

EAST INDIES (- Java, Sumatra, Borneo). AUSTRALIA.

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### Base status and Vegetation of Swamp Soils

Mottled clays - only grass where thoroughly flooded  
Acid nutrient deficient.

Alkaline Soils - trees always - Alkaline - excellent  
base status. (Grass on this type  
result of clearing) but where  
always thoroughly flooded deep sav. grass (peat)

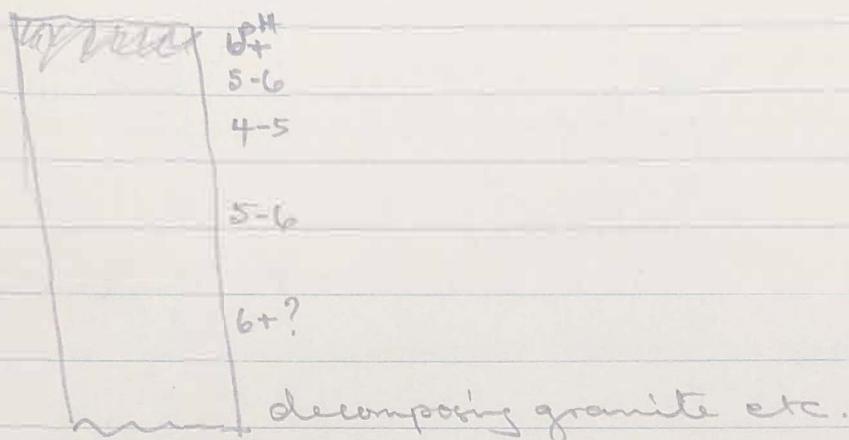
of Soils of Cuba and SE. USA (Florida)  
Java & Sumatra, British Guiana - Pegasus, British  
Honduras, Burma, Malaya.

## HYDROMORPHIC

### TROPICAL SWAMP SOILS.

Lowland.

1. Organic matter (does not form a distinct layer) distributed in surface of mineral soil (comparable to the Temperate Meadow Soil-Weisenboden).  
May occur under grass or trees.  
Not always thoroughly wet. ~~From what?~~  
Has nutrient status got anything to do here? i.e. N.S. x Water relations?



2. Organic matter occurring as a distinct peaty layer overlying the mineral soil and affecting its profile structure. Plants rooted in both surface peat and mineral soil below (comparable to Temperate Half-bog soil). May occur under grass or trees?
3. Organic matter deep-plants entirely rooted within it. Grass or Trees.  
(Comparable to Bog soils of Temperate Zone)

Forest muck soils

Forest Peaty Soils - Swamp?

Forest/Peat Soils

Half peat? or Bog?

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Mountain half peats - eg. such as occur on mist  
mountains etc.

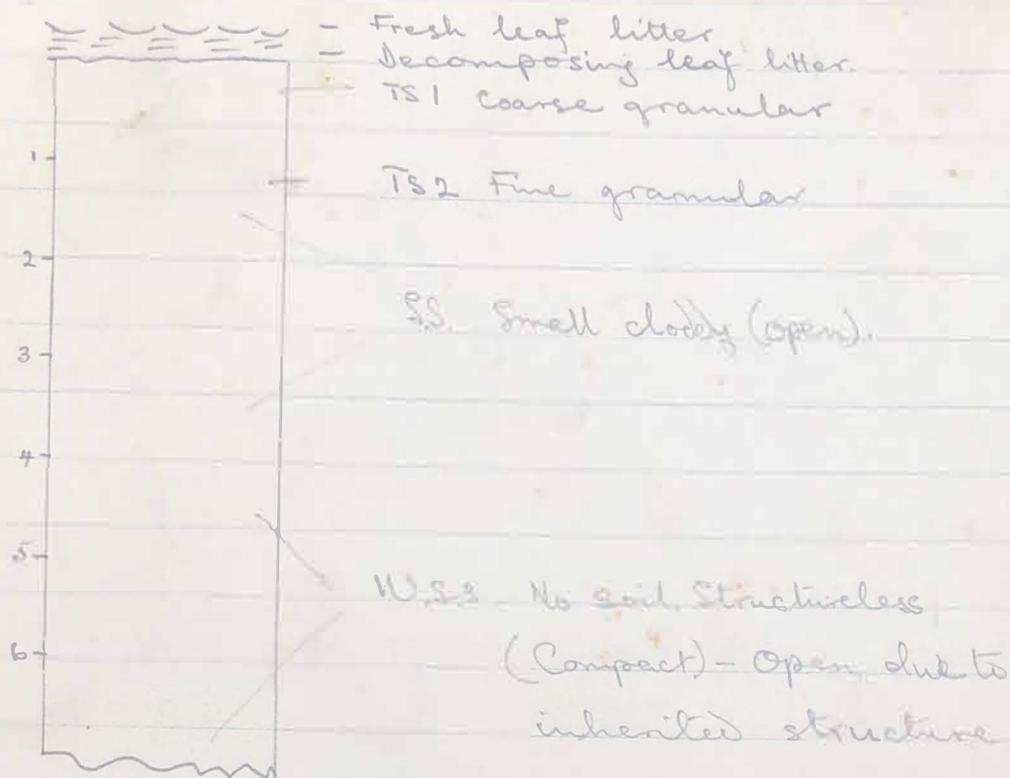
Mountain peats? like above but very deep.

Mountain mucks? highly organic always wet?  
(Tropical mountain grasslands)

## Forest Soils

Forest soils have the following structure:-

(Fig 1)



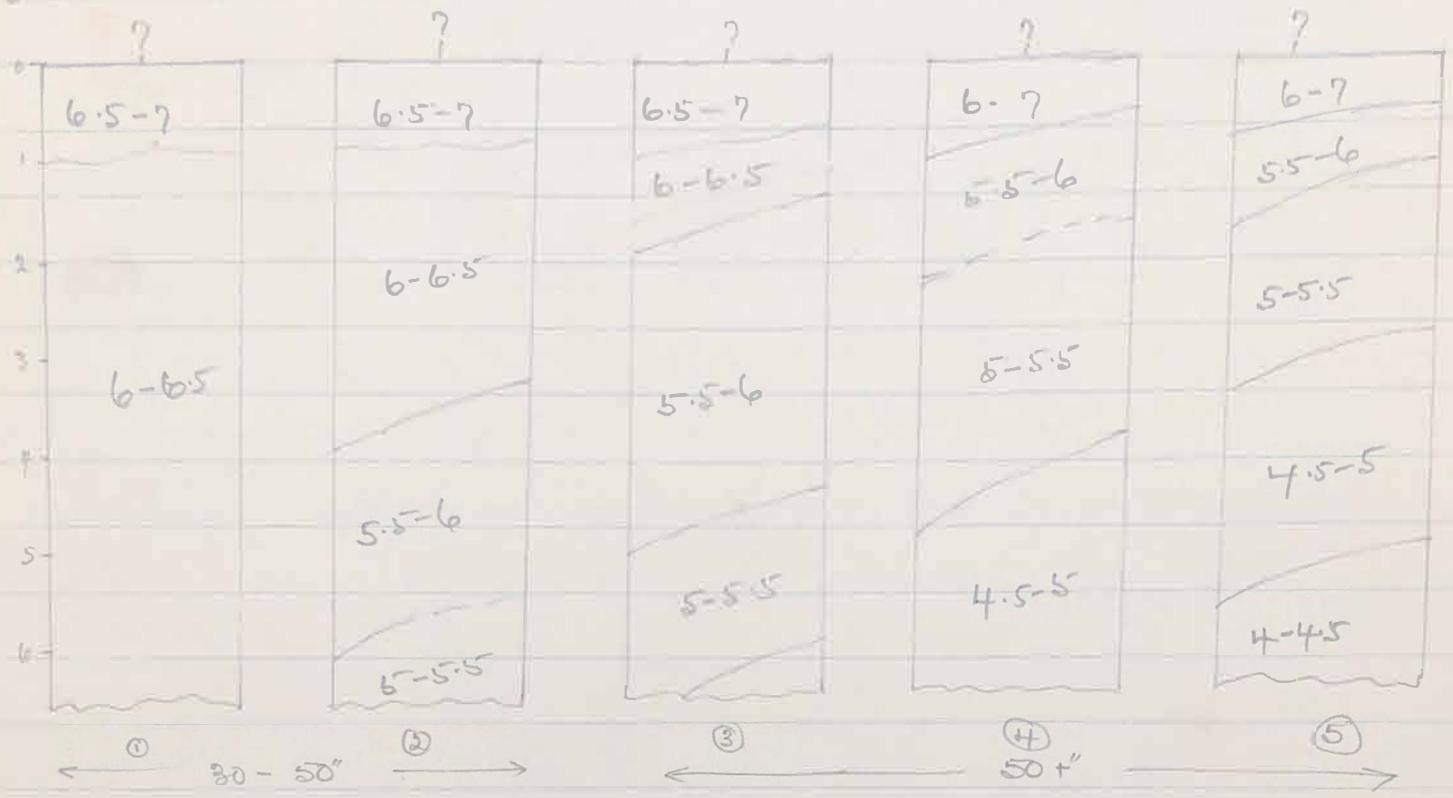
Is this more typical of the neutral forest soils than the acid forest soils?

A structural 'B' might occur in 'sedentary' soils but not in drifts, there might in Wambeck's nomenclature be laterolic regosols with A/C horizons only.

Forest soils can be divided into two groups:

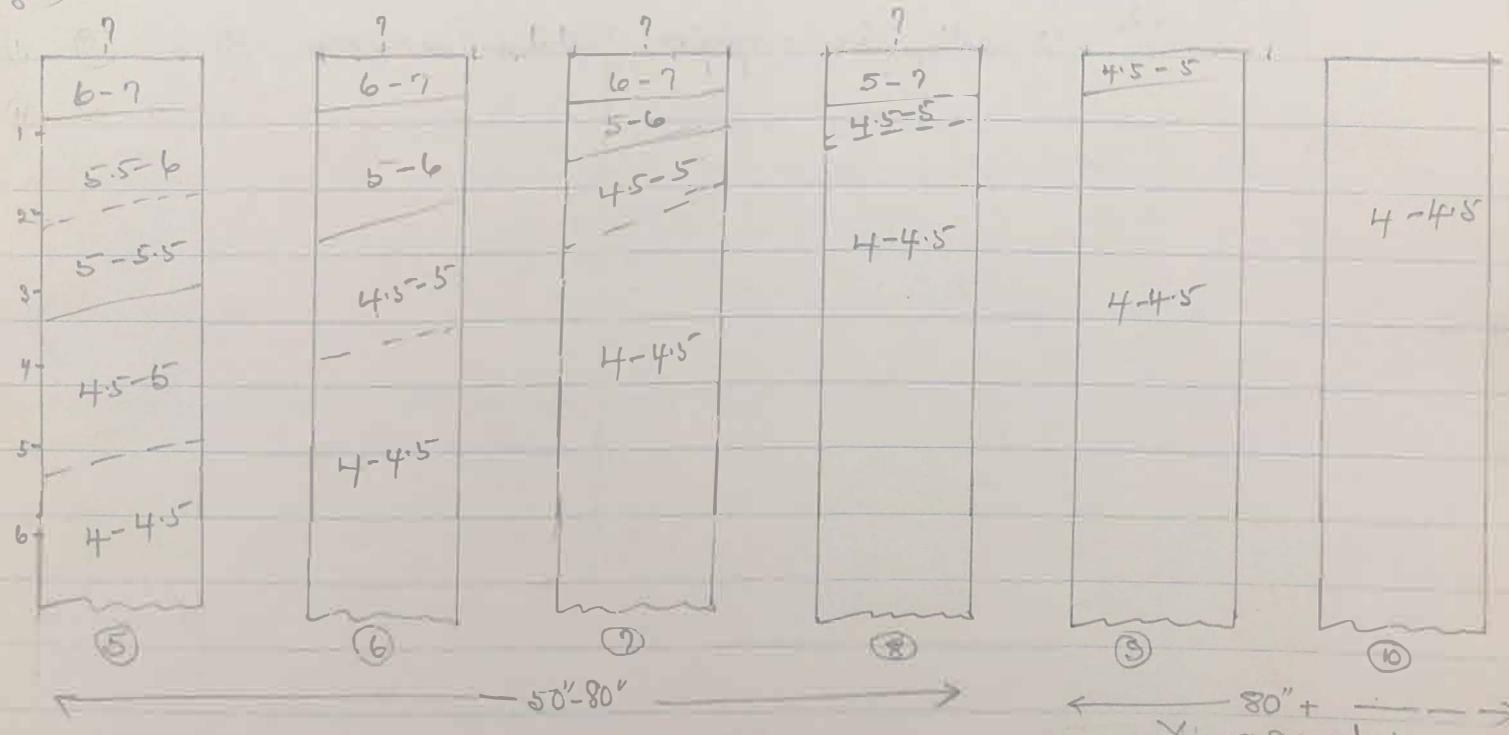
1. With neutral humus
2. With acid humus.

(Fig 2)



Antigua Forest zones  
Keta Cold Coast

(Fig 3)

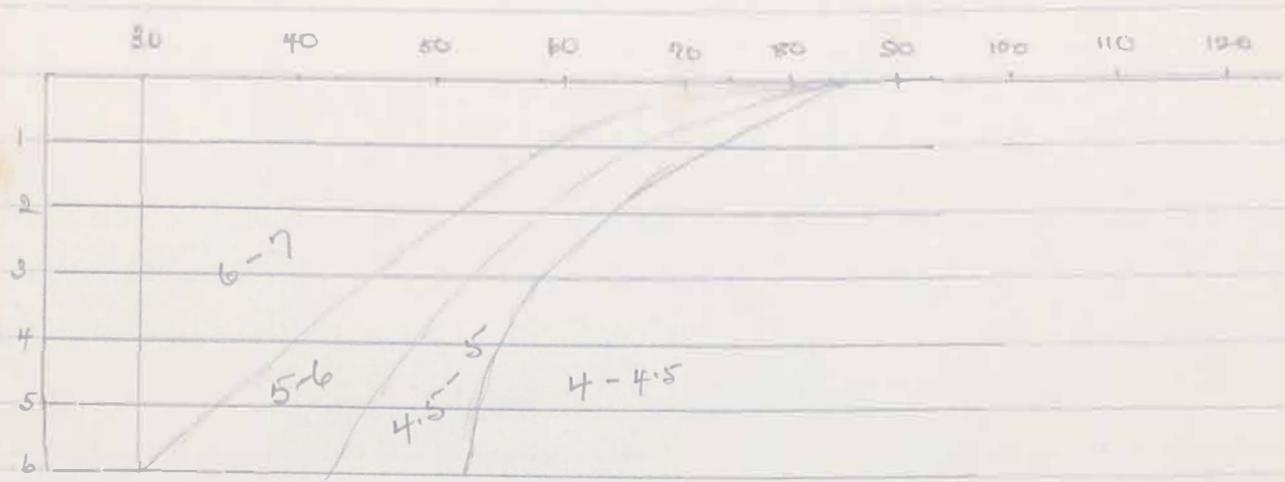


Yongambi  
Nigeria

①②④③ presumably approach the US 'Red Prairie'  
 ④⑥⑧ Compared with the old US. 'Red + yellow Podzolic soils'  
 ① to ③ represented in Antigua would merge into pedocalic red soils.

# Rainfall in inches

(Fig 4)



Climatic sequence - affected by  
 (a) Nature of parent rock  
 (b) Age of soil.

That neutral and acid forest soils occur is a fact. The question is:

Is there a fairly sudden change from the neutral to the acid soils as hypothesized in the climatic sequence shown above?

My sketchy evidence to date suggests that the upper part of the top soil remains neutral as the highly acid horizon approaches nearer and nearer to the surface.

① to ② undoubtedly occur (Antigua)

③ to ⑥ undoubtedly occur (Gold Coast)

accord to Vine under undisturbed conditions the thin surface layer of the 'Acid Benin Sand' is neutral.

(These would be represented by ② and ⑧)

But the U.S. descriptions seem to indicate that their red and yellow podzolic soils had distinctly acid humus horizons (but not highly acid) [disturbance?].

With ① to ③ on uplands neutral to calcareous valley soils would occur.

With ④ to ⑧ neutral valley soils would occur.

With ⑨+ acid valley soils would occur (sedge grass and forest peats).

In the past, writers on and investigators of red forest soils have been mainly - if not entirely - concerned with the supposed effects of climate on the mineral weathering complex - i.e. whether this is scallitic or allitic and not upon the soil proper - i.e. the organic, and organo-mineral complex. It is now known that the mineral weathering complex is dependent for its nature mainly on the mineralogical composition of the parent rock.

## Neutral and Acid Forest Soils

Can develop over any type of mineral weathering complex - depending on the rainfall - though the precipitation at which neutral soils change over to acid soils and the rapidity (ie length of weathering necessary) with which this process take place will depend to some extent upon the nature of the parent rock.

The following types of mineral complex occur :-

1. Siliceous sand
2. Kaolinitic clay
3. Illitic clay
4. Montmorillonitic clay?
5. Sesquioxidic earth (allite or ferralite)

Colour of the organo-mineral layers will vary according to the nature of the mineral complex.

Difference between soils with neutral and soils with acid humus seems a fundamental one.

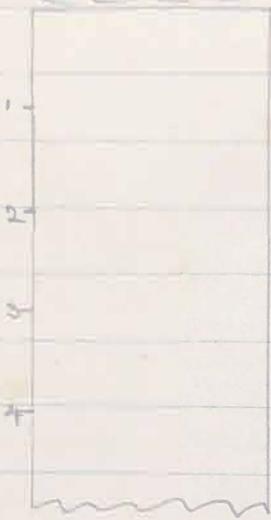
Neutral and acid forest soils can develop over parent material that has arisen in situ or over parent material representing various forms of drift.

Reaction profile in old drifts may be different from that in sedentary earths.

Also reaction profile in sedentary earths may be affected by the portion of the earth the soil is developed in.

# Acid Forest Soils (cf page 1)

(Fig 5)



← Accumulation of peaty layer?

No real differentiation into top soils 1 and 2?  
gradual diminution of humus staining  
down the profile.

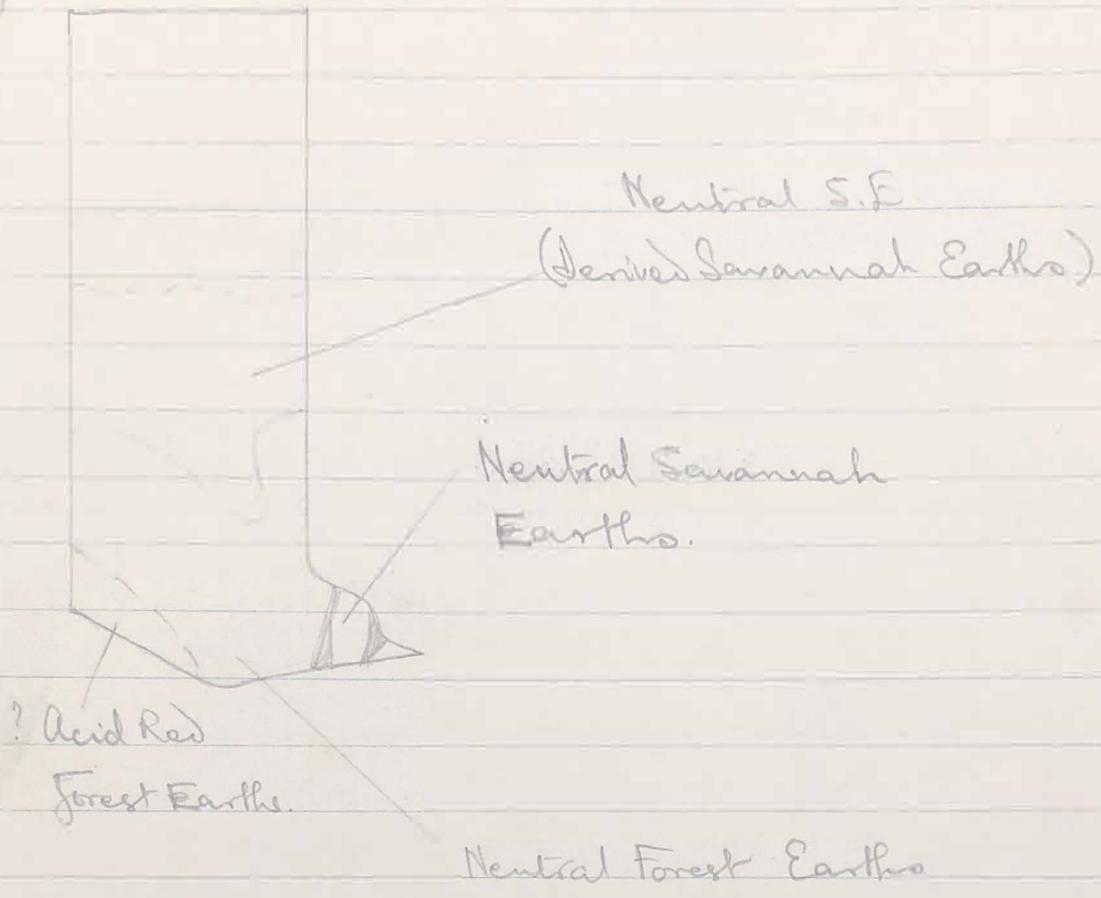
1. Absence of bases to form crumb.
2. Absence of crumb forming fauna.

Presence or absence of a root mat?

- British Guiana
- |                      |   |        |
|----------------------|---|--------|
| 1. Alluvial Profile  | } | Red    |
| 2. Basaltic? Profile |   |        |
| 1. Sclerite Profile  |   |        |
| 1. Quartzite Profile |   | Yellow |
| 1. Sandstone Profile |   |        |

Climatic Soil Zones - Cold Coast.

(Fig 6)



## Savannah Woodland Earths

Savannah Woodland Earths have the following structure :-

(Fig 7)



- (a) No litter layers
- (b) Gradual decrease of humus throughout the top soil \*
- (c) Top soil neutral over acid parent material.
- (d) Large areas of these earths (by far the majority) are developed over peneplane drift.

(\* Usually, if not always grey brown possibly due to fires - Nipe soils, however?)

- (e) Associated with either neutral or calcareous valley soils - also with grey ironstone swamp soils.

These are the soils mainly associated with ironstone sheets - (laterite) [BOVALS]

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Savannah Woodland Earths are typically associated with inselberg landscape (Savannah landscape of Cotton) cover an extremely large area in Africa.

Tall, perennial grasses (*Andropogon*, *Hyparrhenias*) with scattered trees or thin woodland (open) - abundant game. Trees predominantly of the *Coccolpinaceae*

Should be neutral at the surface - though analyses of the O.F.C. show them to be slightly to moderately acid - possibly poor sampling - for note frequency of Giant Snail and abundance of game.

N.B. Surface 2-3" may be neutral - lower layers somewhat acid - if a foot thickness, inches sampled, the whole sample would tend to be acid.

Many samples must have been taken after deep ploughing, too.

Note on Acid Savannah Woodland and Thicket Soils:-  
(surface acidity)

But see page 25<sup>19</sup>

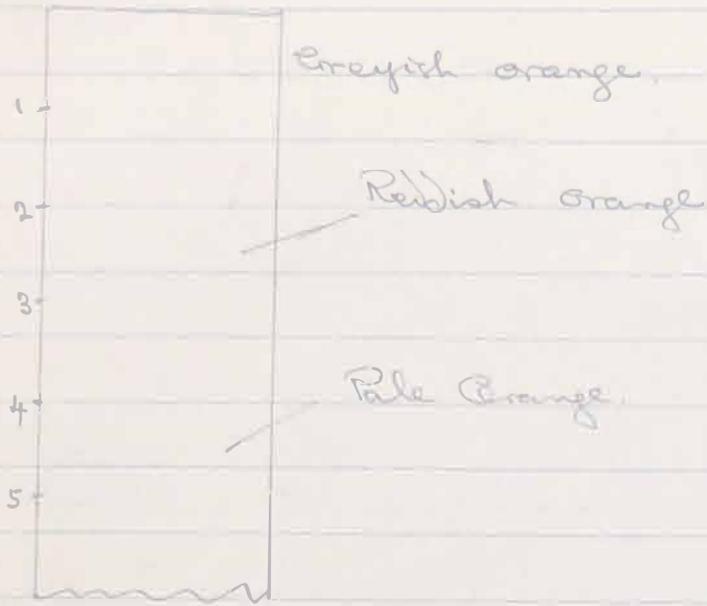
Even if Savannah Woodland or Thicket have developed over leached or acid parent materials - produced under a previous humid climate - the top soil should become neutral in course of time by surface additions of bases from various sources:

1. Volcanic ash:- This is deposited all over the world - of Oceanic deposits (should be some data on amounts)
2. Aeolian dust:- either from deserts or dried up river flats (local).
3. Animal transported bases due animals feeding in valley bottoms and later depositing their dung on uplands.

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Desert drift Colours due to Doyne, Hartley and Watson

(Fig 8)

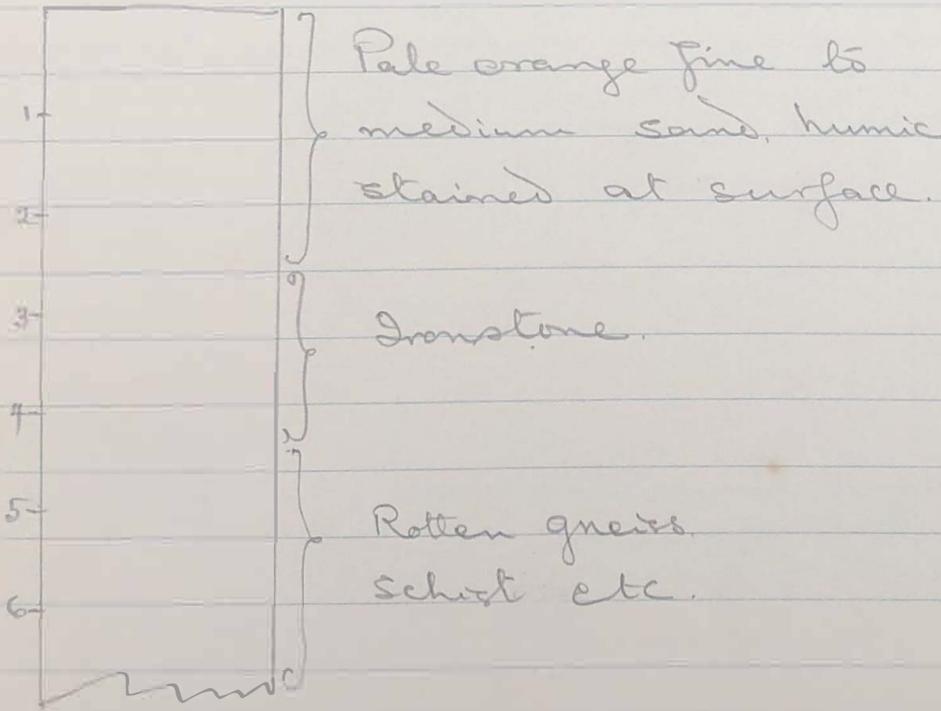


Aeolian Sands in West Africa

Fine to medium desert sands laid down over peneplanes often surfaced with ironstone.

Profile:-

(Fig 9)



(Fig 10)

Dakar

Kano



These have been observed at Kano and Dakar -  
i.e. to the south of the Sahara.

Presumably occur elsewhere in West Africa - cf.  
French literature.

\* See page 13

Are there those sandy deposits the tropical  
analogues of the temperate loess? Note that  
loess itself does not occur in Africa south  
of the Sahara - i.e. loamy calcareous material  
giving rise to black earths.

## Aeolian Sands of West Africa

What happens to the finer material - clay and silt - of tropical dust? (Harmattan dust)

These soils are sands with less than 10% perhaps mainly with less than 5% clay. little exchange complex.

In reaction, they must - therefore be only slightly acid to neutral throughout the profile and presumably neutral to slightly calcareous in surface (note calcareous character of Harmattan dust.)

### Extent of these soils:-

Desert exists in Sahel and stretches across the Sudan to the Atlantic. With the N.E. Trades there should, therefore, occur in a belt extending across Africa south of the Sahara.

Vegetation: Acacia thicket (and other thicket) with Baobabs? (N.B. characteristic Baobabs of the vicinity of Dakar); short annual grasses. Similar soils should occur north of the South African deserts.

Soils of this character should not occur in the neotropics - due to absence of deserts nor in India and Malaysia (N.W. India?)

Might occur in tropical Australia (Predominately African).

These Desert sand soils are a lithological variant of the thicket soils.

Thicket Soils developed over red peneplane drifts in East Africa (Mainly Kungwa)

Vegetation here was thorn thicket characteristic species belonged to the Burseraceae. with scattered Boababs through it.

Soils were red to the surface and seen from the air in the dry season, the landscape resembled red morocco leather with patches of grey mounds

Soils at Kungwa (even red ones on acid soils even at surface? sampling? should be neutral?) see page 25

In many areas soils developed in drifts.

Associated soils:

Dark grey to black over lake travertine.

Red soils with  $\text{CaCO}_3$  conc in subsoil on pediments and pan slopes

Grey acid sands on certain upland areas with impeded drainage.

Great game country

With thicket one has short annual grasses.

What are morphological differences between thicket and Savannah Woodland soils?

Thicket soils usually devoid of ironstone i.e. ironstone is little or not at all developed in the drifts from which they here developed (But may occur in underlying drifts - desert sand areas) This suggests that the ironstone of the Savannah Woodland is a contemporaneous phenomenon?

## Rain Forest Flora.

Families important:-

1. Papilionaceae (+Mimosaceae and Caesalpinaceae)
2. Moraceae
3. Combretaceae (Terminalia)
4. Meliaceae (Mubajonies)

Composed of numerous species  
none dominant - only occasional exceptions  
to this.

List of upland obvious Tropical Soils.

1. Neutral Red Earths
2. Acid Red Earths
3. Savannah Woodland Earths (Red)  
Savannah Woodland Earths (Grey) \*
4. Red calcareous pediment soils
5. Mountain Red Earths (of Rift Region)
6. Black calcareous earths (Mont) \*
7. Red limestone soils
8. Black limestone soils
9. Pale orange desert sands
10. Thicket soils?

\* Under Savannah or Thicket.

List of obvious Tropical Soils - lowland.

1. Neutral valley soils (Meadow type) +
2. Dark grey to black Vlei soils
3. Sedge etc peat (acid) Regosol
4. ? True swamp peat acid \*
5. Ironstone swamps
6. Neutral sedge or grass peat swamp \*2
- (\* Do papyrus peat swamps come in 1 or 2?)
7. Mangrove swamp soils
8. Saline inland soils - (Solonitz - Solentshak)

+ Forest and Grass

Can use Spanish - Trinidad terms for this vega soils as distinct from meadow soils (= with grass)

## Quartz sand Savannah Soils - occurrence: -

- x
1. Cuba - see Bennett and Alson x (d)
  2. Trinidad (d)
  3. British Honduras.
    - a) Coastal Pine Ridge (d)
    - b) Mountain Pine Ridge(?)
  4. Kengwa (d)
  5. Southern Province (d)
  6. Gold Coast? (d)
  7. cf also llanos of British Guiana, Venezuela, Brazil. (d?)
  8. Patana soils of Ceylon?
 

For East African forms see  
Milne - Provisional Soil Map of E.A. and other papers

### Similarities

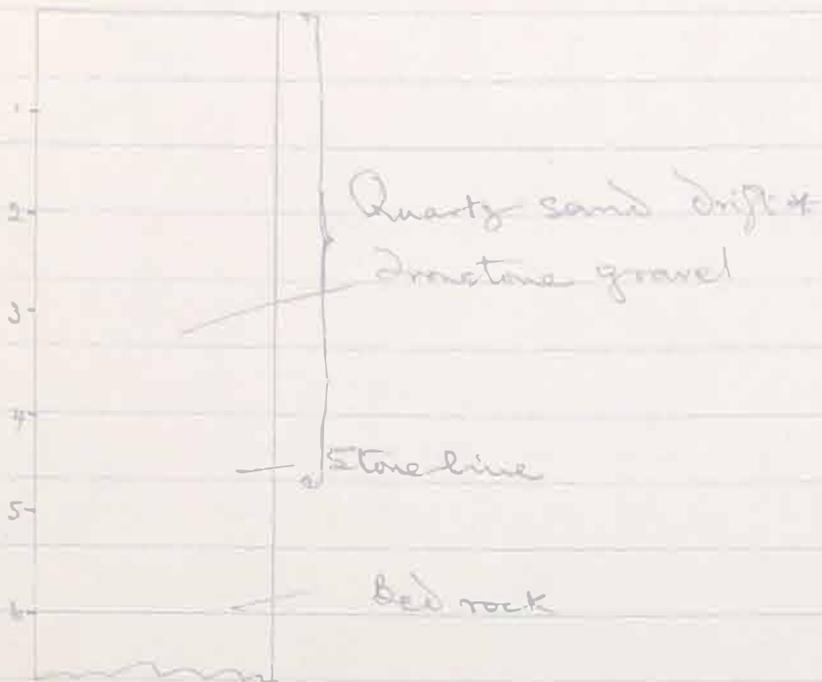
- a) Nature of parent material quartz sand + ironstone gravel
- b) Impeded drainage
- c) Acid character - even of top soil?
- d) Peneplane or plateau land form
- e) Type of vegetation - grass or sedge land + scattered bush or trees
- f) Climate: pronounced wet and dry

How many of these similarities are superficial?

Are these largely lithologically determined soils or a pair with alluvial red earths, black maritlimitic clays, + red and black limestone soils?

## Siliceous Savanna Soils (= Milne's Plateau Earths)

(Fig 11)



\* May be deposited as such or developed in situ from a clayey sand - drift includes alluvium (Relict drifts of this nature may be incorporated in sedentary soils of later origin)

What connection have these grey acid sands with the Vale's sands of Trinidad and the soils over the white sands of B.C.?

Presumably one can have neutral and acid siliceous sand soils. P. leonier rain fall regime may follow the formation of peneplane drifts.

## Hill and Mountain Slip Earths of the Tropics.

cf. Cotton on the concave sloped hill topography of the Tropics in both "landscape" and "climatic accidents."

This type of landscape observed in Trinidad: Miocene Marine clays and Mafts:  
mica schists

St. Lucia: Andesitic rocks

Yonka Brundi: schists

Has rainfall anything to do with this form?  
Obviously - very round about 80" peneplane?  
Also parent rock.)

Really belong to neutral and acid forest groups.

## Principles of Tropical Soil Classification.

1. Must be based on the soil itself not on the soil parent material. By the soil is meant the organic and organic-mineral-surface complex which is developed as a result of the growth of vegetation at the surface of the parent material.

2. Firstly

Is the Organic and Organic mineral complex base saturated - neutral - is the humus more or less base saturated? and water-stable? or is it so unsaturated that it is easily dispersed?

A. Stable humus.

(a) Neutral

(b) Acid

B. Unstable humus (Readily impure water dispersed)  
[apparently only occurs with silicious earths?]

Secondly

Vegetation and structure of soil layers.

See page 28 and 30

What happens with

Kaolinitic,

Illitic,

Sesquioxidic earths

when humus is of the exceedingly acid dispersible type - does this occur with sesquioxidic earths - (eg. Mohi's allscivium? white mountain top soils of Hawaii?)

## Climatic Vegetation Succession

### 1. Evergreen Forest:

Rainfall from 60-80" upwards (by evergreen is meant that few or no distinct seasonally deciduous trees occur)

### 2. Semi-deciduous Forest:

Rainfall from 40-80" (by deciduous is meant seasonally deciduous)

### 3. Deciduous Forest

Rainfall from 20-50"

### 4. Evergreen Thicket

20-30"

### 5. Semi-deciduous Thicket

} closed

### 6. Deciduous Thicket

### 7. Open Thicket

< 10"

### 8. Savannah Woodland

30-50"

Besides amount of annual rainfall-distribution is important.

Climates: { Equatorial } Forest  
 { Monsoon }  
 Tropical

Derived Savannah (Savannah Woodland)  
 Woodland, (Thicket.)

## Tropical Climate.

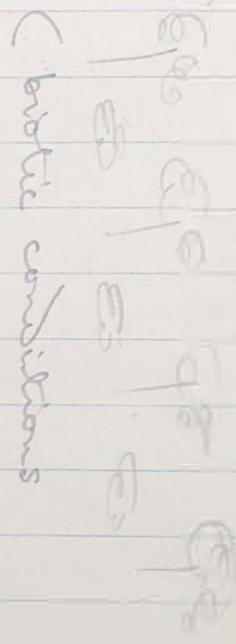
1. Long dry season - of about 6 or more months.
2. Single maximum rainy season.

Evergreen forest



Noted from easily  
Evergreen or partially  
evergreen forest  
is converted to  
derived Savannah  
woodland

Deciduous

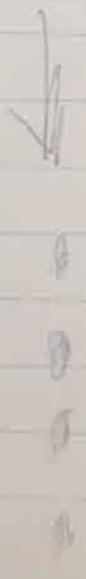


(biotic conditions  
+  
climatic and edaphic  
conditions)

closed thicket



Open thicket



Both trees and  
under shrubs  
sparse.

Succeeded by  
closed thicket  
when permeance  
or adaptive conditions  
become less  
favourable.

The above suggests that  
Savannah woodland is  
derived from deciduous  
forest? or semi deciduous  
forest.

### Leaching under tropical conditions

Leaching would be effective with only short periods of rain capable of percolating through the soil. Under semiarid tropical conditions much of the rain is in short periods of heavy fall. Such falls will wash out bases, but the soil will be dry too long to support vegetation able to return bases to the surface (scanty leaf fall of thicket vegetation).

This sort of thing is very different from the chernozem climate where brief, gentle showers occur throughout the growing season and penetrate only a short distance into the soil.

Thicket:

- A few heavy rainfalls that flush out the soil.
- Sparse leaf fall from thicket returning few bases to the soil - sparse foliage also accounts for red colour to the surface and look of fires.

Result: Acid soil.

N.B. Thicket soils at Kongwa and Southern Province were acid.

Rainfall for thicket country and steppe + short-grass plains want confirming.

No hammattan dust on the soils in East Africa.

N.B. Meinzer's Pteridophytes that tap ground-water below the 'dead' zone get their roots down during periods of exceptional rain.

Effect of sparse leaf fall + occasional leaching rain when parent material is already well leached as a result of a former wet rainfall.

How do these compare with Terra Rossas of Mediterranean Zones? and choporal soils of Pacific States.

In thicket regions is game actually typical of the actual thickets? or of the valley soils? What game besides rhinoceros can get through thicket? except small antelope etc. which can graze beneath thicket? Upland Pine mainly typical of Woodland Savannah?

1. Acid forest Earths
2. Neutral forest Earths
3. Neutral Savannah Woodland Earths
4. Acid thicket earths?
5. Desert earths (presumably unleached)

• All of the above typically quartzose Kaolinitic clays (normal bedrock granite or granite derivatives)

- A. Sesquioxidic earths (allites and ferrallites)
- B. Quartzose earths
- C. Montmorillonitic earths
- D. Limestone earths

largely lithologically determined variants.

(Continued on next page)



When considering Tropical soils it is necessary to remember that

- a) Closed forest
- b) Savannah Woodland and
- c) Thorn thicket

are the three main upland vegetation forms and that if soil characteristics are mainly determined by vegetation - major soil groups will be associated with these vegetation forms.

These facts do not appear to have been given due consideration before.

### Literature to look up.

Milne

Trapnell

French Sudan Authors

Belgian Congo Authors

Morrison, Hope-Simpson and Hoyle

(Also ecological Authors)

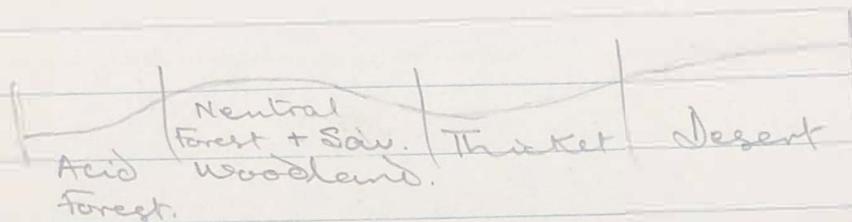
Correct evaluation of Savannah Woodland Environment.

N.B. Cotton has nothing to say about Savannah landscape being a fossil form. He assumes it to be a form undergoing development at the present time under the control of the prevailing climate.

Hence the ironstone content of Savannah Woodland drifts should be related to present day processes and is not fossil material (except of course where ironstone mesas occur.)

1. Acid forest soils + acid Swamp Peats.
2. Neutral forest soils + neutral Vega soils.
3. Neutral Savannah Woodland soils +  
neutral (to calcareous) tropical  
meadow soils.
4. Mildly Acid Thicket soils + calcareous  
Vlei soils.

(Fig 13)



## Types of Parent Material as characteristic of certain climatic soil zones.

### 1. Forest regions

Parent Material formed in situ as a result of deep, chemical weathering + river alluvium

### 2. Savannah Woodland and Thicket Regions.

Except on inselbergs - weathering of these climatic regions produces drifts of some sort.

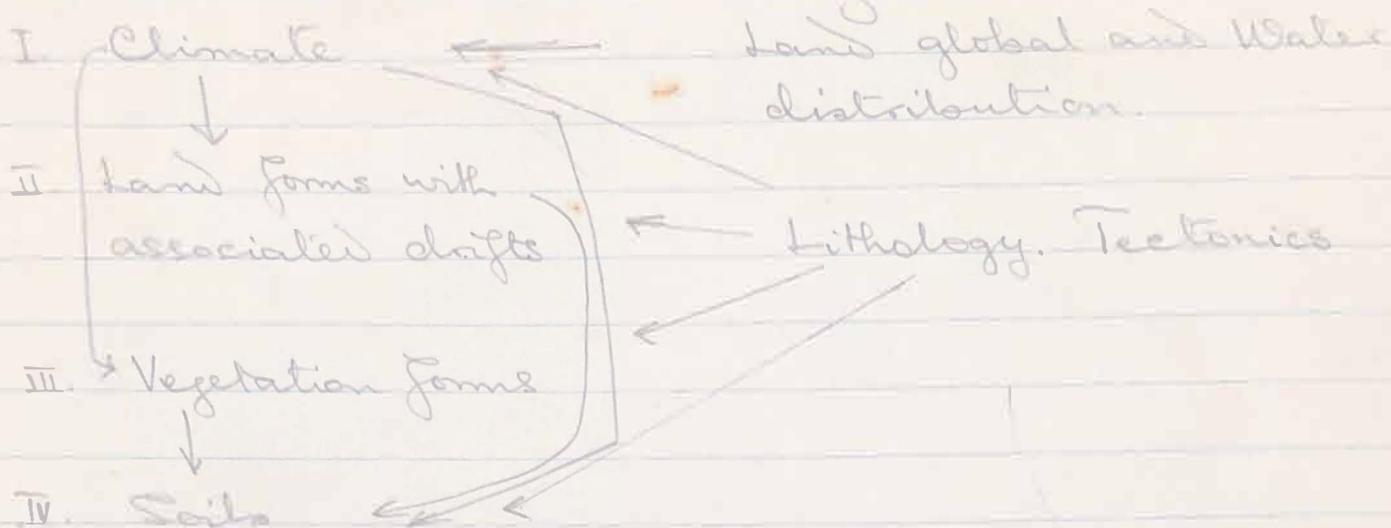
(a) Peneplane drifts

(b) River alluvium.

Cotton makes this clear with his diagrams illustrating characteristic land forms of arid, semi-arid, savannah and humid regions, (semi humid) in climatic accidents

N.B This is a most important principle.

## Soil Forming Factors



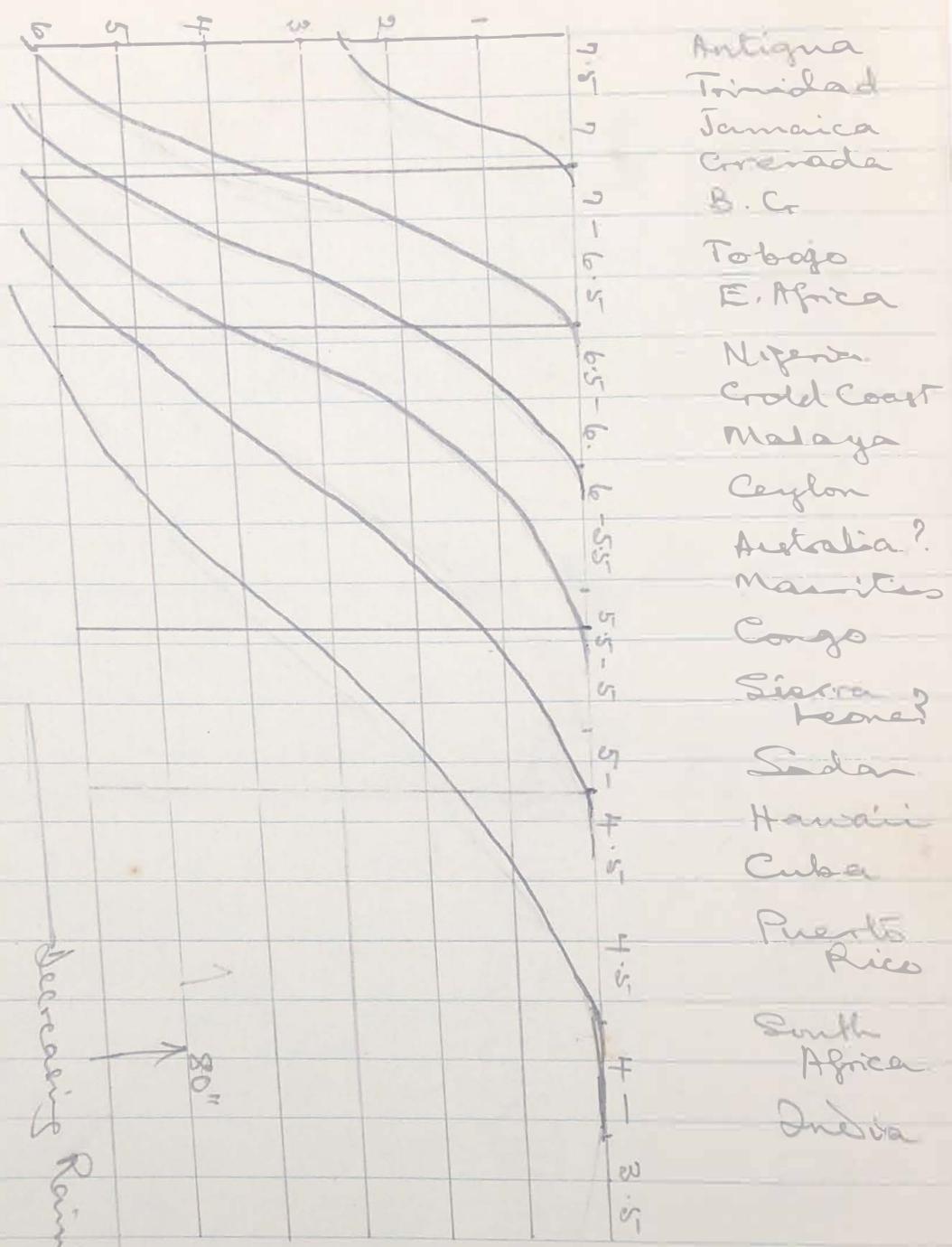
Lithological and geological variants superimposed on this scheme.

Assume the continental rock granite with its derivatives: - Schists, Gneisses, Sandstones, Kaolinitic clays (see Woodbridge and Morgan).

- 1st. Determination of the limits of Tropics.
- 2nd. Careful listing of all the relevant literature - including careful search for papers with possible information.

Orteny

Fig 14



Decreasing Rainfall →

80"

High potts in some  
Gold Coast forest lizards  
due to accidents - snail  
shells - Odium cones and  
millepede skeletons.

Fig 15

	7±			5:6?		5±		4±
	6-7					5±		4.5±
	5-6			5±				
7	4.5-5					4.5±		4.5±
6.5	4.5			4.5±				4.5±
6	4.5							4.5±
5								
4								
3								
2								
1								

Subsoil loses bases and becomes acid more quickly than topsoil which eventually thus becomes more acid than below.

1. Black or brown weathering sediments
2. Black or brown weathering crystalline rocks.
3. Quartzose sands or sandstones.
4. (Ultra basic rocks weathering to aluminous earths.)

Lithological Variants in Tropics  
(Under free drainage).

1. Black weathering limestones
2. " " Shales
3. " " Tuffs
4. Black weathering igneous rocks  
diorites, hornblende schists etc.
5. Quartzose sands or sandstones.
6. (Mottled clays?)

Occurrences of lithological variants  
under poor to no drainage - sediments  
of course.

Rainfalls from 15" upwards!

Absences of Pedicels or very small areas of.  
(absence of loess - calc. glacial till)

Importance of varieties of red loams

Question of Desert Soils. (C.E. Nikiforoff etc)  
Where described?

Thoroughly well-developed red loams and  
earths.

= Sugarcane

Oil palm

Rubber

Robusta Coffee - Composition of Coffee beans

Pine-apples

Sisal

## Soils of Tropics.

1. Predominant soils Red loams over Crystalline and Sedimentary rocks with yellow-brown loams where relief provides less perfect drainage  
 — Relatively small areas of black to brown earths where lime-rich rocks (etc) occur — and pale yellow earths where sands and sandstones occur, also aluminous earths where basic and ultra basic rocks occur.
2. Considerable variation amongst sediments of poor drainage covering relatively small areas.
3. Great agricultural significance of well-drained lithological variants and of sediments with poor drainage  
 — Agricultural development predominantly on certain of these and not on red loams and earths!

'Sedimentary' Soils

Jamaica

Barbados

Puerto Rico

Central America

Trinidad

Antigua

Cuba

Guadeloupe - Martinique

B. Guiana

Ceylon?

Java -

Sumatra

India?

Igneous RocksRecent ashes and Tuffs

St. Kitts

Java

Central America

Cameroon

Rift Valley and  
East AfricaShallow juvenile  
volcanic rocks  
'solid'

## Relative Importance of Various kinds of Tropical Earths. (Under Good Drainage).

Red Earths occur over all but

1. Very siliceous rocks (ie. sands of <sup>Sandstones and</sup> Quartzites.
2. Siliceous limestones and marls
3. Certain high lime rocks giving rise to Montmorillonitic clay
4. (Soils with imperfect drainage (and/or aeration) - brown and yellow earths rather than red)

( 'Sedimentary' Black Earths  
alluvial Black Earths. )

### 'Alluvial' soils of poor drainage.

1. Grey sands, loams and clays  
Grey sub-hydric.
2. A. Grey and brown mottled sands, loams and clays Glei
- B. Grey and red mottled sands loams and clays
3. A. Grey ironstone soils  
Groundwater laterite
- B. Groundwater Pedzol  
Grey sand and transported humus as well as iron
4. Grey saline loams and clays.
5. Grey to brown loams and clays (calc) } Alluvial  
often Plano-salic } Alkaline
6. Grey to Black clays (calc)

Add also - neutral to Alkaline Peats  
Acid Peats.

## Calcification in Tropics.

1. Regions where rainfall is too high  
(i.e.  $> 80$  inches?)
2. Regions where bases accumulate in  
ex form ( $30-80''$ ?)
3. Regions where sporadic intense rainfalls  
are sufficient to support only xerophytic  
small-leaved shrubs - bases lost ( $10-30''$ )  
(These earths could have no ironstone)
4. [Regions where rainfall is insufficient for  
effective leaching and N.T. calcification  
takes place? ( $> 10-15''$ ?) ]

## Effects of degradation due to interference with the vegetation.

1. ? little change?
2. development of acidity - due loss of  
humus and bases.
3. ? little change?
4. ? little change

## Importance of lowland associates of red upland soils.

1. - Podzols - Peats?
2. - 'Forest' meadow soils  
(mottled soils etc.)
3. - Black calcareous earths.

Value of Gold Coast Soils.

Very Good	perhaps	1 or 2 %	
Good		10	10
Fair		30	33
Poor		30	33
Very Poor		<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
		90	98

Principles - for direction of policy and research

Techniques - day to day work

Agrology ? (hybrid)

Agronomy - Agronomists

Agriculture - Agriculturalists (Farmers)

Experimental field work

- not broader principles -
- practically techniques -

Question of Agricultural Institutes

1. Millet - Sorghum - Coarbo nut Zone
2. Middle Zone
3. Forest Zone

Coop Botany

- |              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1. Botany    | Physical Geography |
| 2. Zoology   | Plant Ecology      |
| 3. Chemistry | Soils.             |
| 4. Physics   |                    |

Agricultural Systems

1. ? Agriculture x
2. Land rotation x
3. Exploiting organic acc - detone o
4. (Volcanic Ash - farming)
5. Exploiting rich rocks or sediments } o
6. Manuring - Organic } x  
Mineral }
7. Mixed husbandry - without importation of fresh foods. //
8. Chinese method. //

NB 0. Shifting Cultivation

= A form of gathering as does 3 and 5

(Fig 16)

Query?

Is there a grain culture say on the thicket edge of the Savannah Woodland and the Savannah Woodland edge of the thicket?

1. Removal of competitors (weeds)
2. Maintenance of fertility

{ Exploitation Agric.  
 { Conservation Agric.

Lesser importance of Annual animals have to feed on plants.

Looked at dispassionately the  
Savannah Woodland (and thicket) areas  
are stockland (of types and underpast  
are got rid of)  
of great herds of wild game  
of watercattle of grass cover

Cereals	Association of Associations with grain
Pulses	
Roots and Tubers	Sorghums
Fruits (Nuts)	
Leaf crops	
Accessory food subsistence	

### Rice Cultures — Lowland Tropics

Tropics China, India, Burma, Indonesia, Siam  
Indo China, (Malaya?)  
(Japan).

### Cereals of to roots

1. Greater yield of dry matter per acre
2. Greater keeping power
3. Higher protein
4. Higher minerals
5. Transport.

Wheat 25-30 cwt per acre.

20 cwt @ 10% dry matter = 2 cwt

10 tons = 1 ton dry matter

Type of Carbohydrate too more starch less cellulose.  
of also pulses in this way.

Cereal Climate: low gentle rainfall

Cereal Soils: deep friable calcareous soils

Loess:

Rice:

(Very little below this in the tropics)

### Principles of Agriculture

1. General - type of crop, type of agriculture
  2. Water supply
  3. Nutrient supply
  4. Tillage and weed control
  5. Land form etc
  6. Pest and disease control
  7. Breeding
- } Soils
- } }

### Basic Information

1. Climate
2. Land forms
3. Vegetation
4. Soils
5. Present Use
6. Crops
  - (a) Morphological characteristics etc
  - (b) Climatic requirements
  - (c) Soil requirements
7. Agricultural Systems

### Maize in Tropics

Mostly a cereal of forest country cannot stand drought in early growing period - growth must be un-interrupted.

2 crops a year in 2 rainfall peak climates M.A.M.J.J.A // S.O.N.J.J.

low mineral content - high fat content (oil seeds)

(Types grown?) (High yield poor keeping qualities)

What is the climate of the U.S. grain belt?

? Prairie soils?

West Indies

Forest Regions

Central America

Savannah Woodland - No

South West Africa

?

- Cereals

Malaya

Cattle and

Ceylon

Pulses

Java - Indonesia

### Limiting factors

(a) Climate

(b) Soil depth

(c) Topography

(d) Fertility - (a) Presence or absence of nutrients  
(b) Presence or absence of harmful substance.

## Grain Producing Areas Tropics

- (a) Tropical climate  
 3-5 months growth  
 (roots etc mainly in forest)
- (b) Savannah Woodland and Thicket areas.  
 Sorghum - Pennisetum  
 (guinea corn) (millet)  
 Low ratio grain to straw?  
 Very open crops - insufficiently dense.

1. Area with climate suitable for cultivated crops (lower limits only)
2. Area with soil depth suitable for cultivated crops (lower limits only)
3. Area topographically suitable for cultivated crops (soil and water conservation to be considered here)

3 consecutive months = minimum

= Say 12" + growth water

Say 12" + 3" = 15"

4 consecutive months - Say 16" + 4" = 20"

Question of uncertainty of rain at lower

limits      6 @ 0      2 @ 2 = 4      24"

5 @ 0      3 @ 2 = 6      26"

This is determinable

Question of subsoil moisture }  
 and run off water }

## Cultivated crops.

1. Cross Morphology  
including root systems (depth + working depth)
2. Growing period
3. Climatic requirements :- (a) length (b) Rainfall Distribution requirements
4. Soil requirements : (a) Nutrients }  
(b) Cultural }
5. 'Landscape' requirements for landform economic production.

Areas dependent upon overhead properties.

Areas " " " subsoil moisture

Areas " " " run off moisture

(irrigable areas)

## General Principles -

(Types of crop-storage etc.)

1. Principles of water supply.
2. " " Weed control.
3. " " Nutrition.
4. " " Tillage.
5. " " Disease and pest control.
6. " " Breeding.
7. " " Land layout.

~~Title Page Please~~

A. MORPHOLOGY OF TROPICAL SOILS

(1952)<sup>3</sup>

C. E. Charter.

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Capitals**I** The Soil Series

The Soil Series comprises soils with similar profiles developed over similar parent materials and usually with similar relief and similar conditions of drainage that under natural conditions support similar vegetation.

Divided into subseries on basis of variations in the inherent characteristics:

- (a) texture of parent material } @ question on  
 (b) relief } depth rooting medium?

- Texture of soil material - unalterable
- Relief - do
- General soil profile structure - do (intrinsic homogeneously alterable)

Alterable - Structure of top soil ②  
 Drainage ③  
 Vegetation covered ④  
 Chemical nature of top soil.

Soil Series

Subseries

Phase

Variant

Normal subseries = the most extensive.

: American type/or phase

: American phase in restricted sense.

- A variation that occurs e.g either of a subseries or phase character but insufficiently extensive to be mapped on any scale.

Subdivisions of series must be agriculturally significant.

- Subseries:
- ① Must be mappable - at least by detailed surveys - e.g. must cover a significant area.
  - ② Differences from normal subseries must be definable
  - ③ And based on inherent characters only.

- Variants:
- ① Need not be mappable - recorded in individual soil pits.
  - ② Differences due to inherent characters only e.g. presence of stones etc - or transported cones
  - ③ Definable differences.

Soil Series:

- Aim .
- General form of Profile
  - Relief - or Topo site
  - Nature of soil material
  - Depth of rooting medium

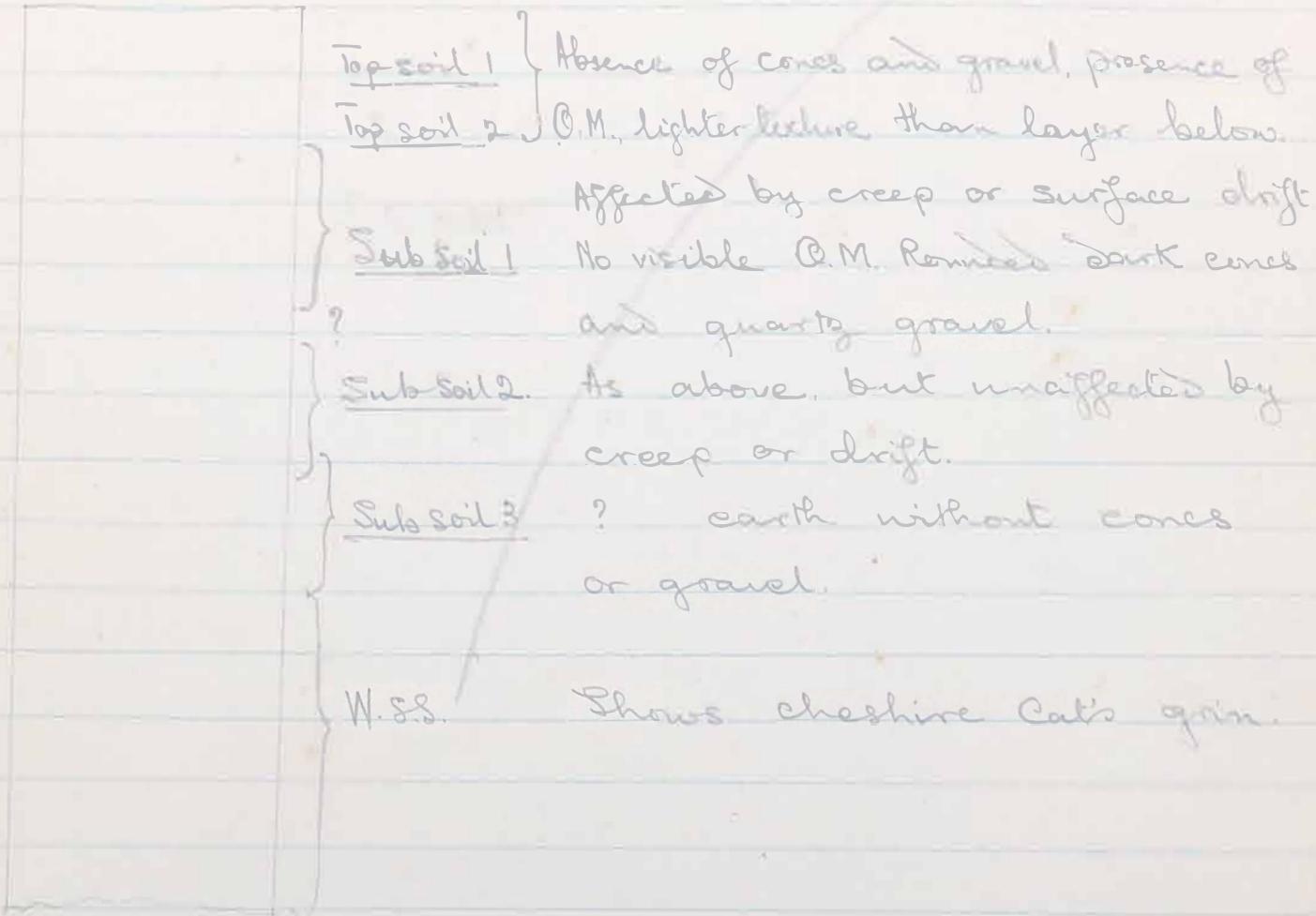
Soil Phases: Must be mappable on large scale surveys at least.

1. More or less ephemeral changes in soils produced. Mainly as a result of biotic, chiefly man's activities. If such activities ceased soil would return to its natural condition.
  - (a) Nature of vegetation.
  - (b) Structure of topsoil - including erosion.
  - (c) Chemical character of topsoil (Reaction etc).
  - (d) Drainage of upper horizons - at least.

NB if ~~eroded~~ <sup>eroded</sup> to subsoil - Soil sub-series -

## The Morphology of the Soil Profile.

This wants careful going into - especially subsoil.



Soil Series

- ① Restricted colour range.
- ② Restricted texture range. - sand loam clay
- ③ Restricted reaction range. -
  - a) Very acid to acid 4.0 - 5.0
  - b) Acid to slightly acid 5.0 - 6.5
  - c) Slightly acid to slightly alkaline 6.5 - 7.5
  - d) Slightly alkaline to alkaline 7.5 - 9.0
  - e) Alkaline to Very alkaline > 9.0
- ④ Restricted drainage range.
- ⑤ Restricted relief range.
- ⑥ Restricted vegetation range.
- ⑦ Restricted parent material range.

## Series Diff.

- |                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Same Profile type  | 2. Same Colour.                   |
| 2. Same pan           | 3. Same texture.                  |
| 3. Same soil material | 4. Same Reaction                  |
| 4. Same relief        | 5. Same Calc. concs.              |
| 5. Same drainage      | 6. Same content of soluble salts? |
| 6. Same vegetation    | 7. Same Fe concs                  |
|                       | 8. Same $MnO_2$ concs             |

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ | ⑧<sup>?</sup> ⑨<sup>x</sup> ⑩<sup>x</sup>

Subseries - part of the range (restricted) allowed in series.

Sandy Jaw Wulu?

Upper slope and bottom - Seges

↓  
Is depth to bedrock different?

## ~~Characteristics of Ofin and Demsa~~

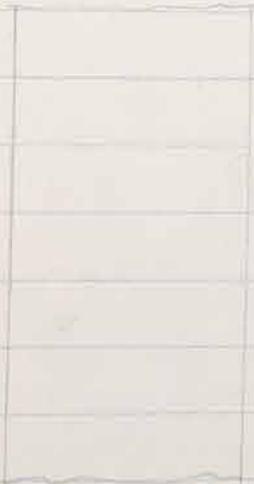
Jaw Wulu Topsoil - colour + texture - cf. Ofin + Demsa

Sege subsoil

Parent material

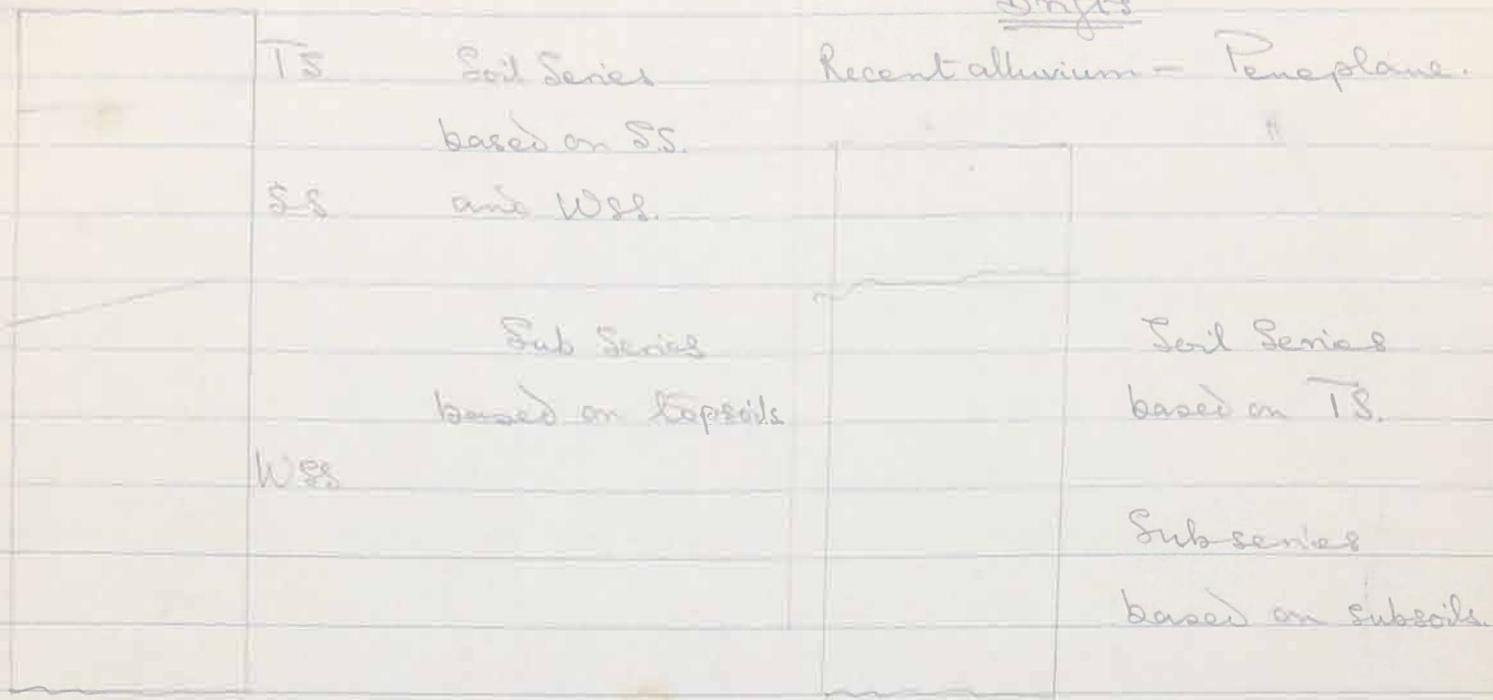
1. Ease of Surveying - Main rooting zone  
- Establishment zone.
2. Crop growth - May be affected spectacularly by subsoil conditions.

## Series and ~~Types~~ Types



Jaw Wulu - Sandy clay subseries

Sandy subsoil variant  
or Sandy sub series.

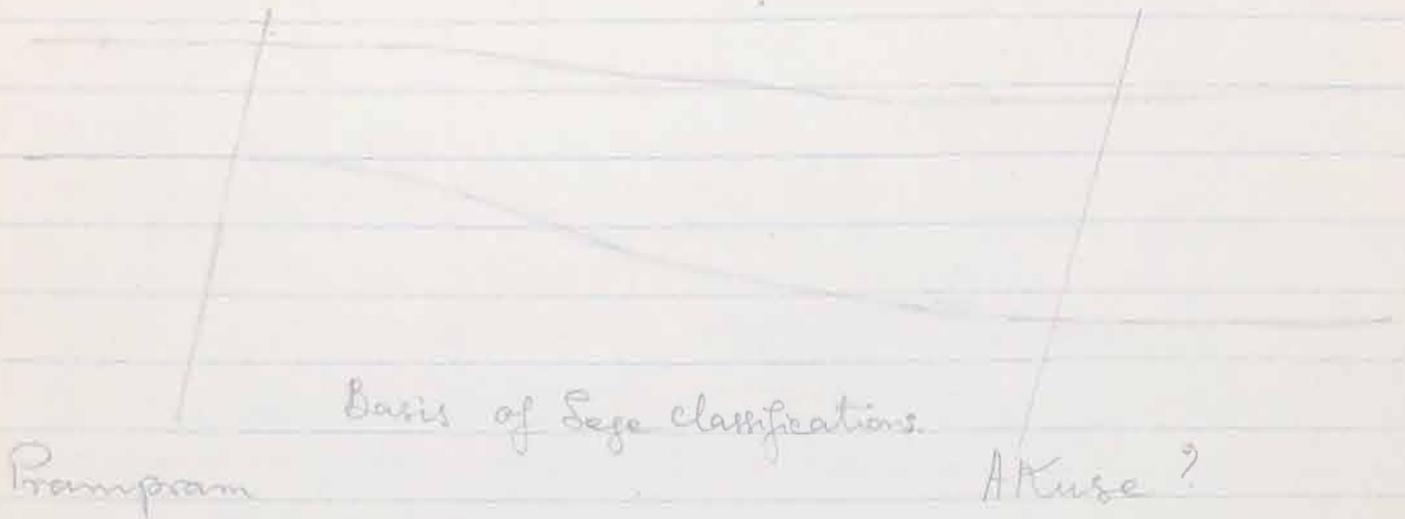
Sedimentary SoilsPicras Type?Drifts

Or is topsoil-typical - when combined with relief, drainage, texture colour and vegetation?

Sege.

Sege (II)? (Zenu?)

Sege I



Tau Wulu?

Shallow on steep slopes

Deep in flats and depressions?

## II Soil Classification Capitals

Soils are 3-dimensional objects - (see Milne on this)

Hence Geomorphology comes in - especially drainage regime

N.B. Richards suggestion that vegetation of the tropics is normal and temperate zones abnormal and not the other way round.

N.B. Goldsmith and - laterization in Norway also Polynov?

Soils as integral parts of landscape

(Relief & drainage)

1. Geomorphology
2. Climate
3. Lithology
4. Vegetation

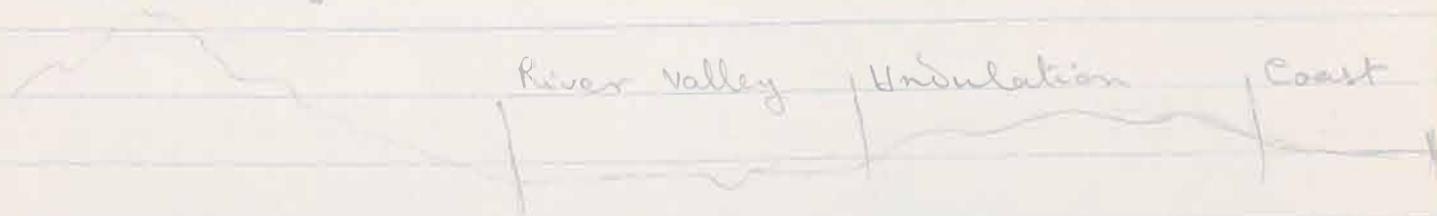
Mapping Soils -

Mapping landscape units.

(Age?)

Orcaical - Volcanic - Aridity?      Humid - Weathering

Mountains



Groups of minor land forms.

e.g.!    Upland    -    Valley    -    Lowland    -    Coast

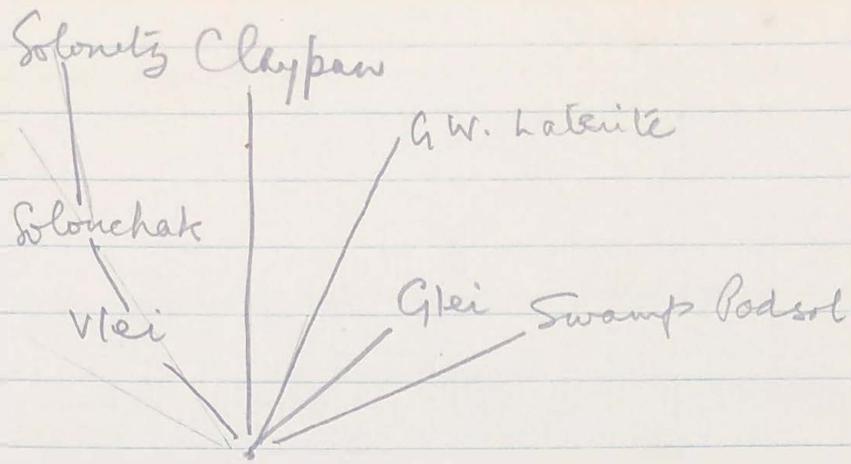
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Sub  
Tropical

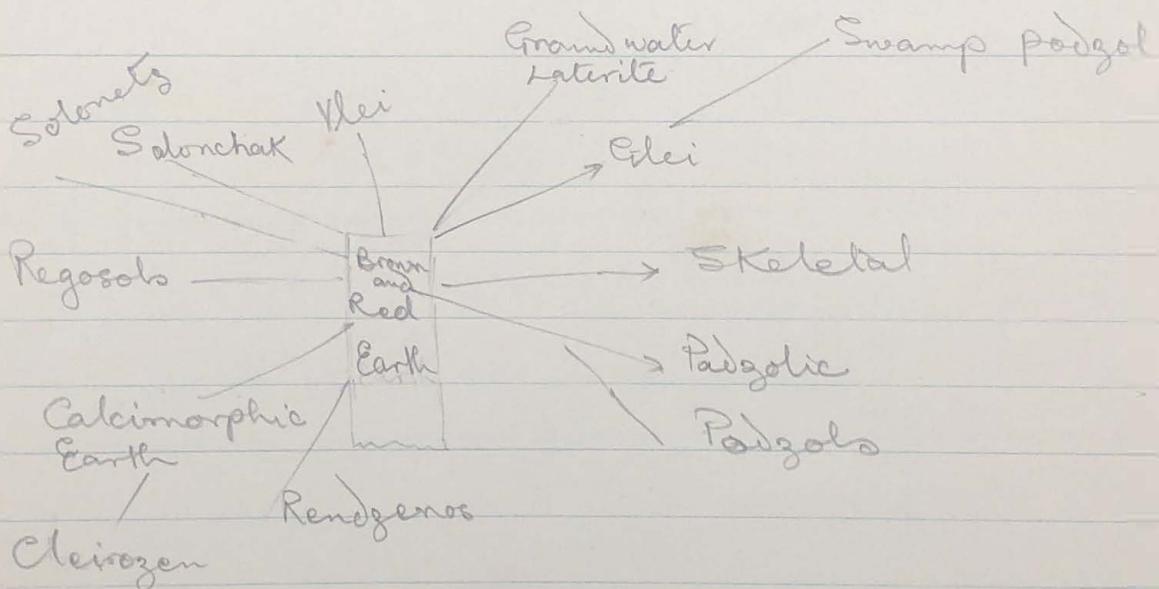
Tropical

Similar

Similar



Red Earths as the  
Modal Soils.



Chernozem



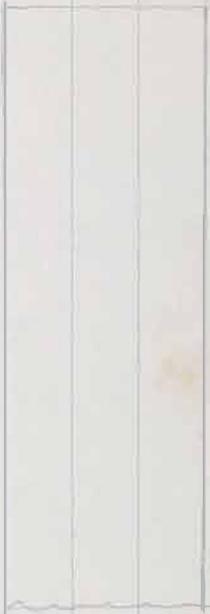
Calcemic



Red or Brown  
Earth



Podzolic Soils



Podzols



## Pedogenesis Capitals

Surface agencies affecting soil formation (Profile Form etc)

### Natural Erosive Agencies

- (a) Creep.
- (b) Slope solifluction + lateral eluviation (Slope wash)
- (c) Sheet flow.
- (d) Slip

### Vegetative Agencies (Biotic)

- (a) Effect on morphology of topsoil.
- (b) Effect on soil status

Capule's

## Great Soil Groups

1. Red, brown to yellow earths developed from underlying rock and occurring on moderate steep to gently undulating territory (would include Terra Rossas)
2. Rendzinas (Black or grey residual clays).
3. Red-brown - pale yellow earths of pediplanes (mottled Peneplane drifts).
4. Black Pediplane clays.
5. Skeletal or Brash earths.
6. Alluvial drifts (contemporary).
7. Aeolian drifts? (Dune soils)
8. Volcanic ash deposits.

### III Geomorphology: Landscapes and Soils

Capitals

#### ~~Geomorphology and Soils - Landscape and Soils~~

- ① Each land form has its destructive mantle of unconsolidated material - either of transported or of residual origin.
- ② These mantles associated with different land forms have each a characteristic morphology.
- ③ This destructive morphology may directly affect plant growth.
- ④ Since landscapes are largely determined by climate - the distribution of the mantles (and soils developed on them) are largely climatically determined.

Mantles of well-dissected landscapes - sedentary + creep.

1. Topsoil over solid rock TS/UR
2. Topsoil over brash TS/brash/UR
3. Topsoil over partially-weathered rock TS/WSS.
4. Topsoil/subsoil/weathered substratum { Shallow to TS/SS/WSS.  
Very deep

Although we have 1, 2 & 3 over granitic rocks in the forest region we should also get them over others.

Rock Types and Peneplanation.

- 1. Basic igneous (eg Basalt and Granite lava flows)
  - stepped topography and mesas.
- 2. Granites
  - domes of exfoliation and Inselberg 'tors'
- 3. Sandstone  
Clay shale
- 4. Unconsolidated

CapitalsTropical Soils on a Geomorphological Basis.~~Notes~~

1. Hilly and Mountainous Country

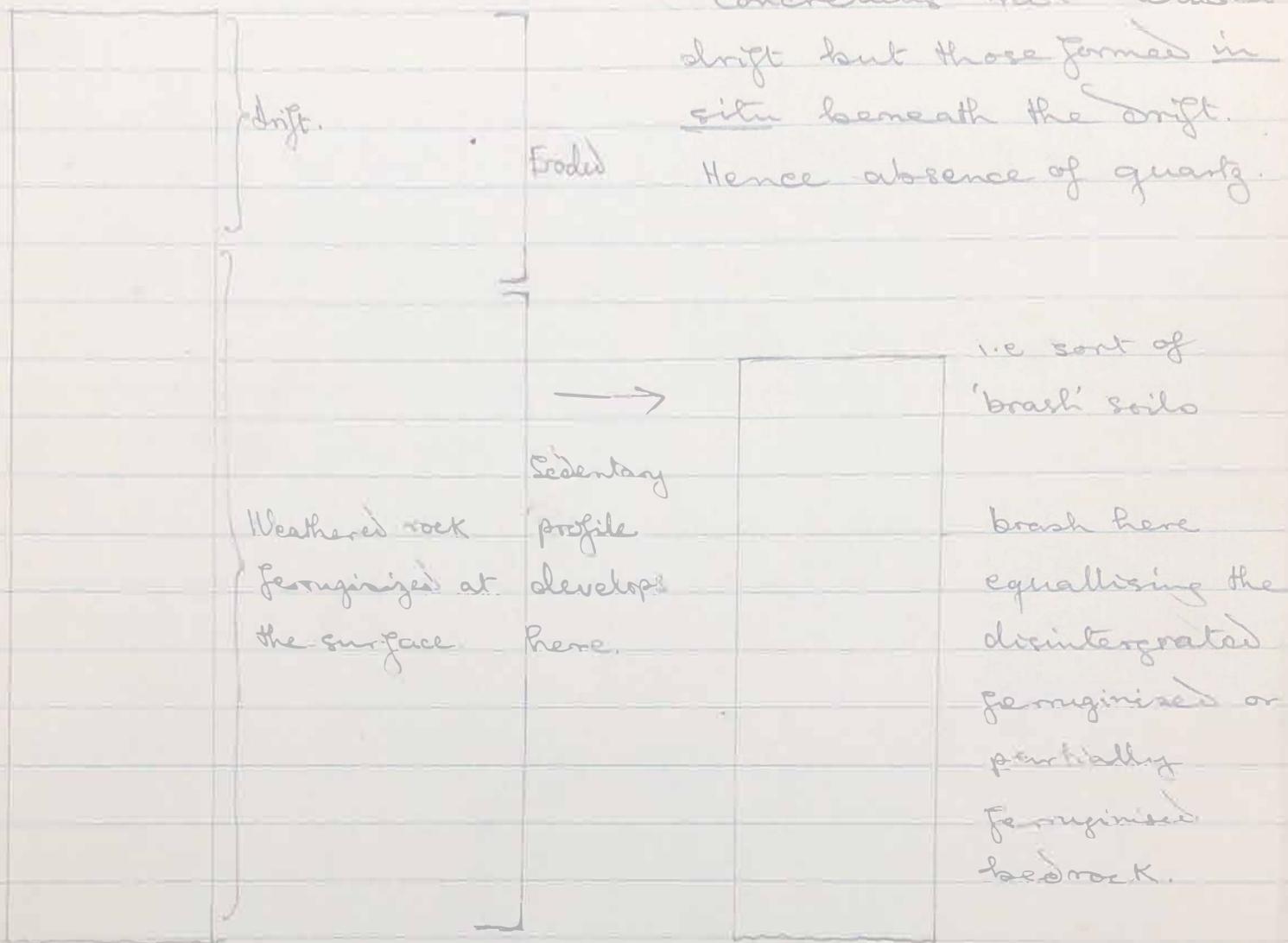
Residual upland soils	Non calc. rocks and
Transported valley soils	Calc. rocks.
  
2. Alluvial and Coastal Plains
  
3. Coastal Soils  
(Strand, Dune, Lagoons  
Deltas, Mangrove Swamps etc.)
  
4. Peneplane Drifts
  - a) "Red" loams to clays
  - b) Mottled clays.
  - c) Quartzose sands
  - d) Montmorillonitic clays
  - e) Aluminous
  
5. Volcanic Soils (recent-ash, pumice deposits).
  
6. Karst Country
  - White sands of B.C?
  - Coastal peats?
  - B.C, Malaya and Java

Missing ones.

1. Real desert soils - Sand & rock.
2. Interior Saline soils
3. Mountainous Tundra Soils.

Answers to Hotson's Queries - (Also answers questions of development of concretions in situ)

Concretions not included in drift but those formed in situ beneath the drift. Hence absence of quartz.



This may provide the key to the typing of 'Drift' soils to their parent rocks.

What about all Termitaria of forest?  
Formed under peneplane conditions and  
sank into their present positions?

N.B. Gravel zone peices beneath them

Query Termitaria in valleys - moved downhill?

Previous peneplane - covered with (conc) red drifts  
these stripped

Termite earths built up over weathered rock plain.

Objection, etc.

1. Idea not previously advanced - but compare Saracin and Alta cephalates in Bazil - quoted by Ghinka.
2. Working depths of Termites.
3. Necessary to check the widespread occurrence of a stoneline in such soils as

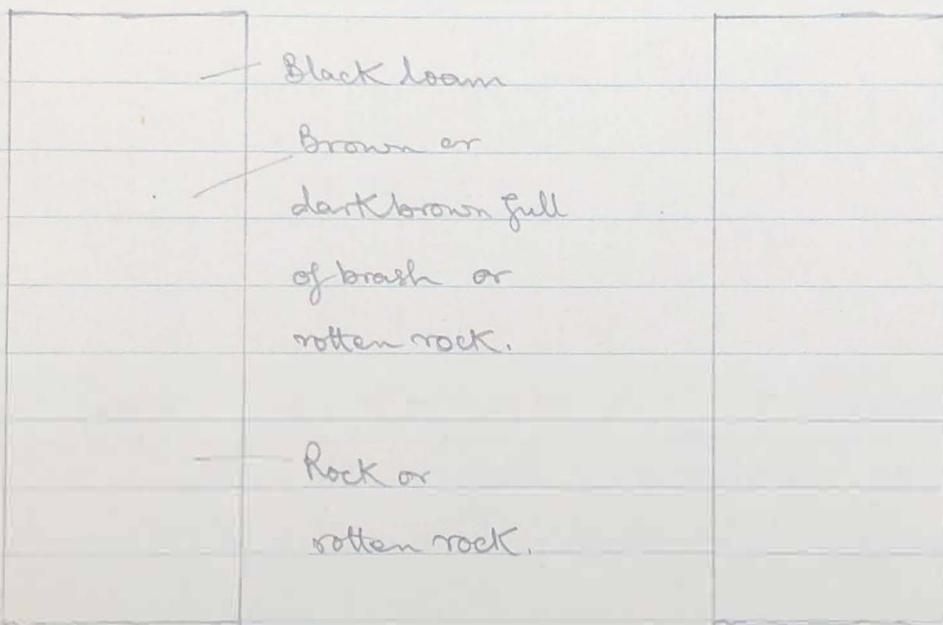
Agatawo	Fche	Sege
Simpa	Agbosome	Tan Wulu
Kenya	Jozum	
Kori		

4. What about other areas? Eg Transvaal, Deccan etc.

What would one expect?

Akuse Series

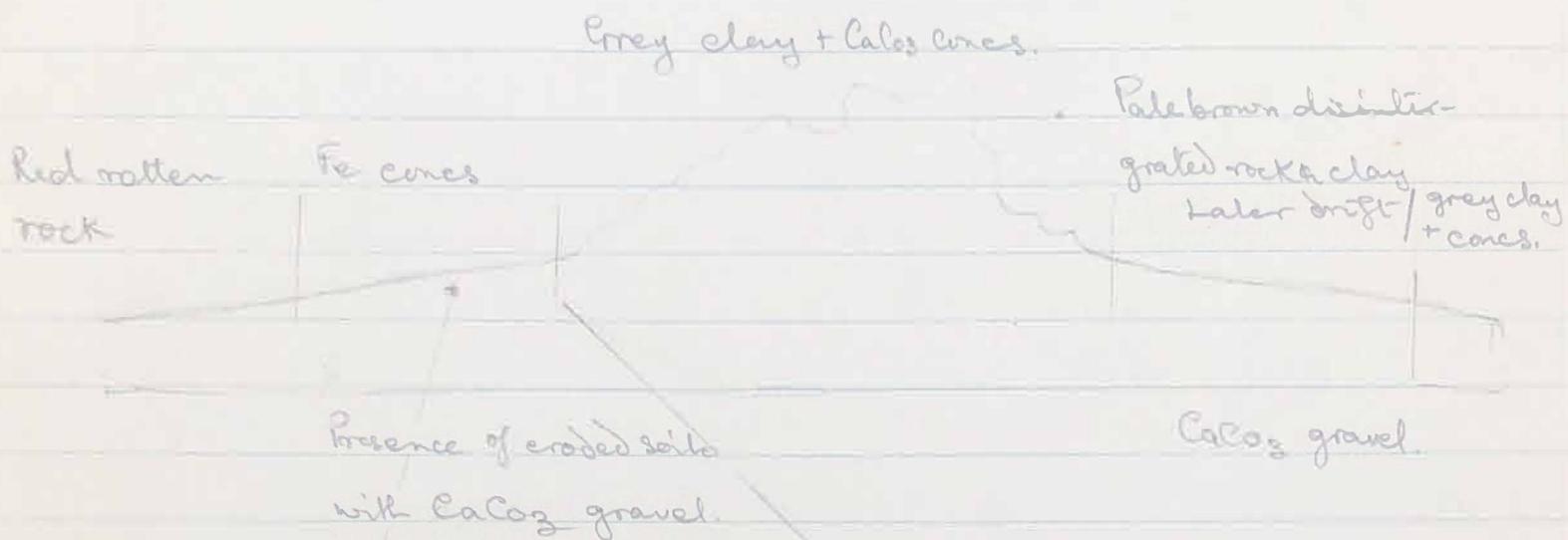
This is a typical  
'alluvial type of profile.'



ie low level Kroyo



Low level Koyo + gravel sand.



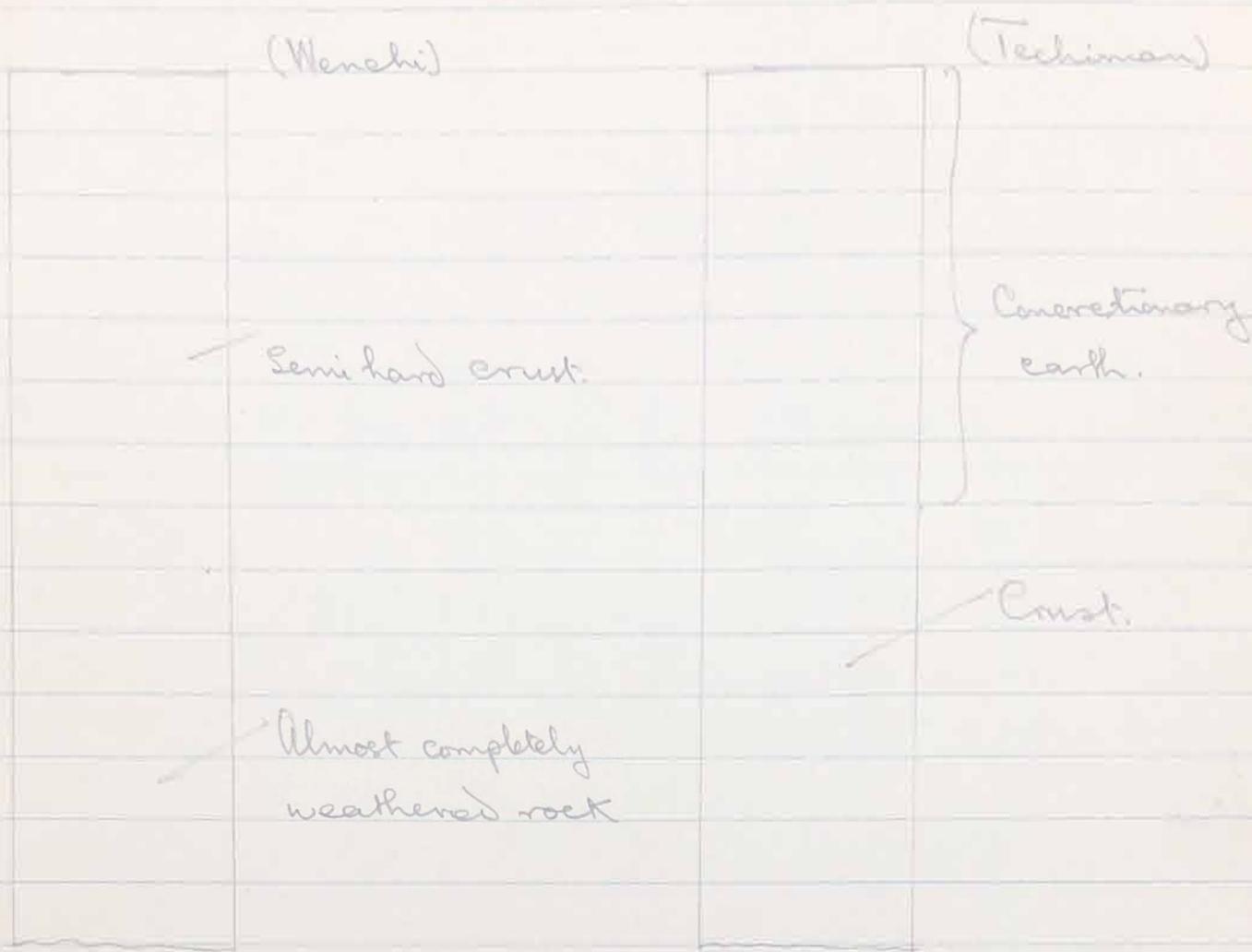
1. Shai hills.
2. Krobo
3. Tween Rocks?
4. Osoduku?

One can only imagine a deeper drift once covered the area and that this has been eroded exposing the calcareous zone.

Residual soil here one would expect to be low level Koyo

Subdrift:

Crust Soils



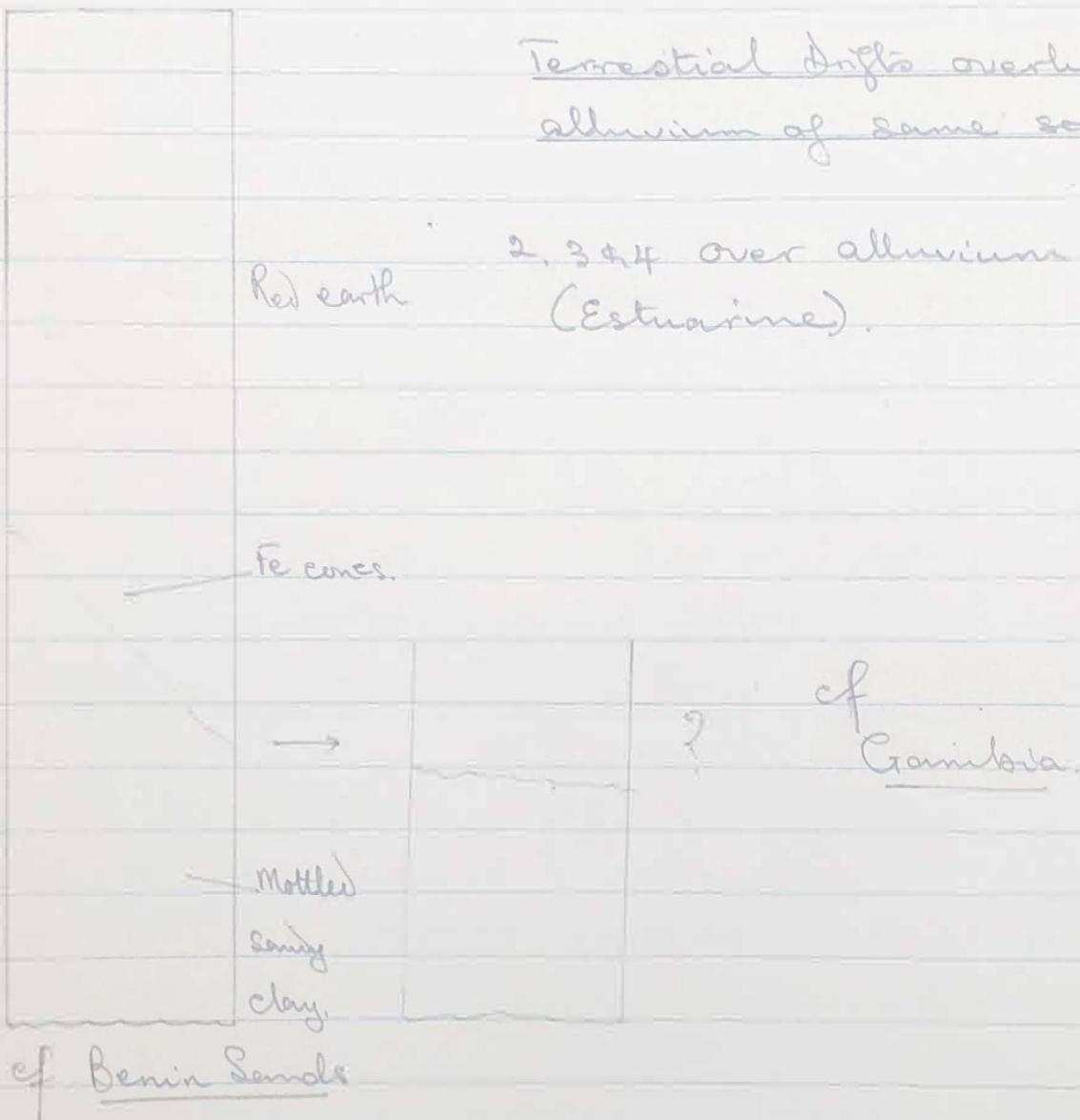
Crust Soils:

- Wenechi - Techiman - Over massive ironstone {Gravelly over massive ls.}
- Konongo - bouldery ironstone
- Damenasi - gravelly ironstone
- Swedru, Kumas, Betswai etc. - Fully developed profile

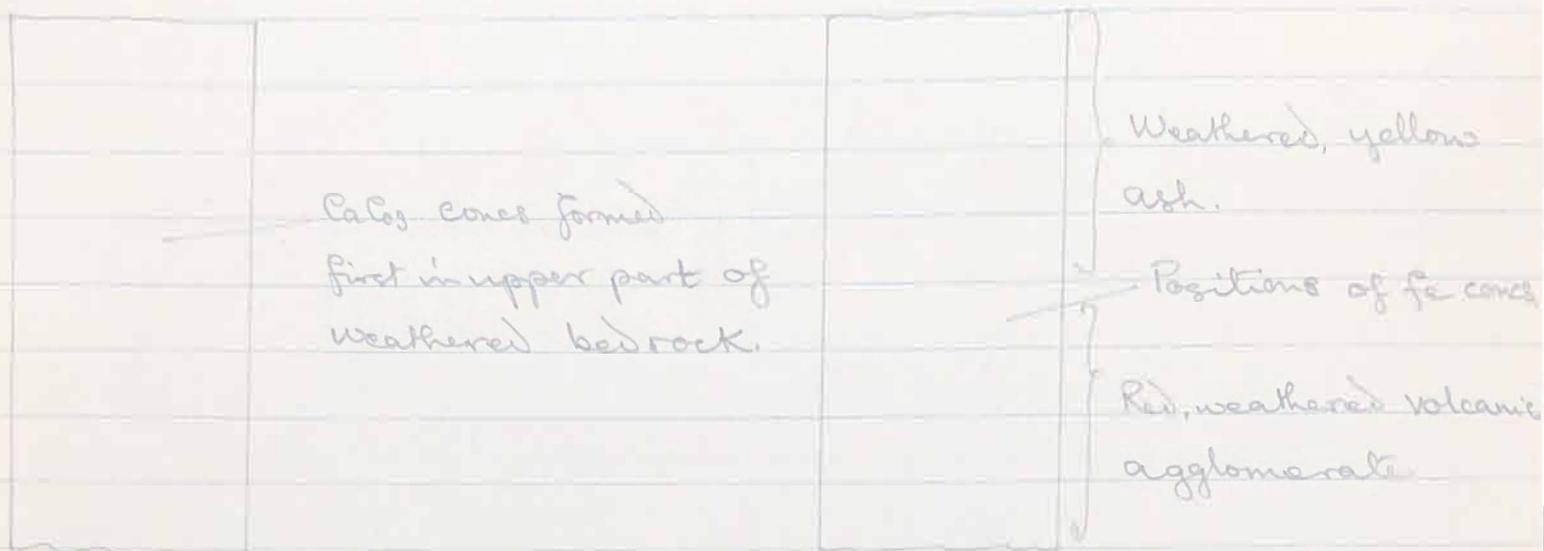
Need for information on drifts as distinct from crust soils!

1. Achimota Fuelwood Reserve
2. Bortom - Red tertiary sand
3. Southern Nigeria.
4. Cambodia.

Terrestrial drifts overlying  
alluvium of same sort.



Red Hillslope soils at Kungore  
Mountain of  $\text{CaO}_3$ .



East Africa.

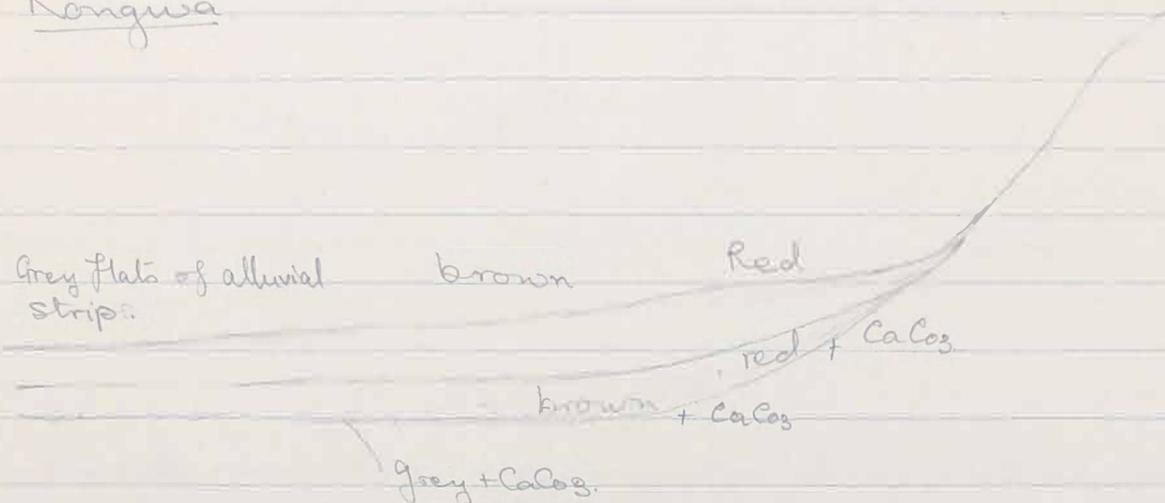
1st — Emphasis on development of cones, hardpan in upper part of weathered bedrock.

Certain soils different eg horizontally bedded sand and silt and clay shales.

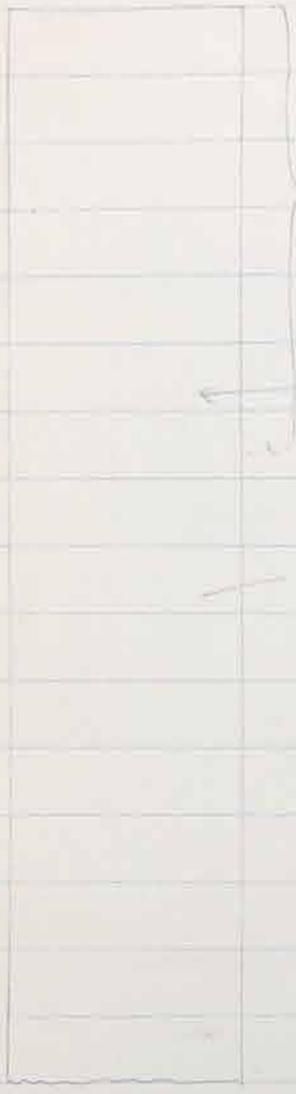
Important note is - types of parent material.

Soils developed in parent material consisting of weathered bed rock previously overlain by drift of Osonko Series.

Kangwa



Yungwa or Shai type of material.



loam or light clay  
+ much garnet sand

Non  
Calcareous.

Calos cones here second

in some  
places  
fe cones.

Calos cones here first

Were not sedentary earths  
consisting of grey clay + Calos cones  
found on upper part of pediment  
by side of road passing through Shai  
hills? (in gulleys roadside ditch?)

Calcareous sub drift soils.

## Profile in Achimota Firwood Plantation.



Red earth

of also soil near Ho with  
concretions over calcareous  
rotten clayey rock.

Grey clay.

This would account for  
Black earths being tied to  
particular bedrock and

Grey clay +  
Calcareous  
concretions.

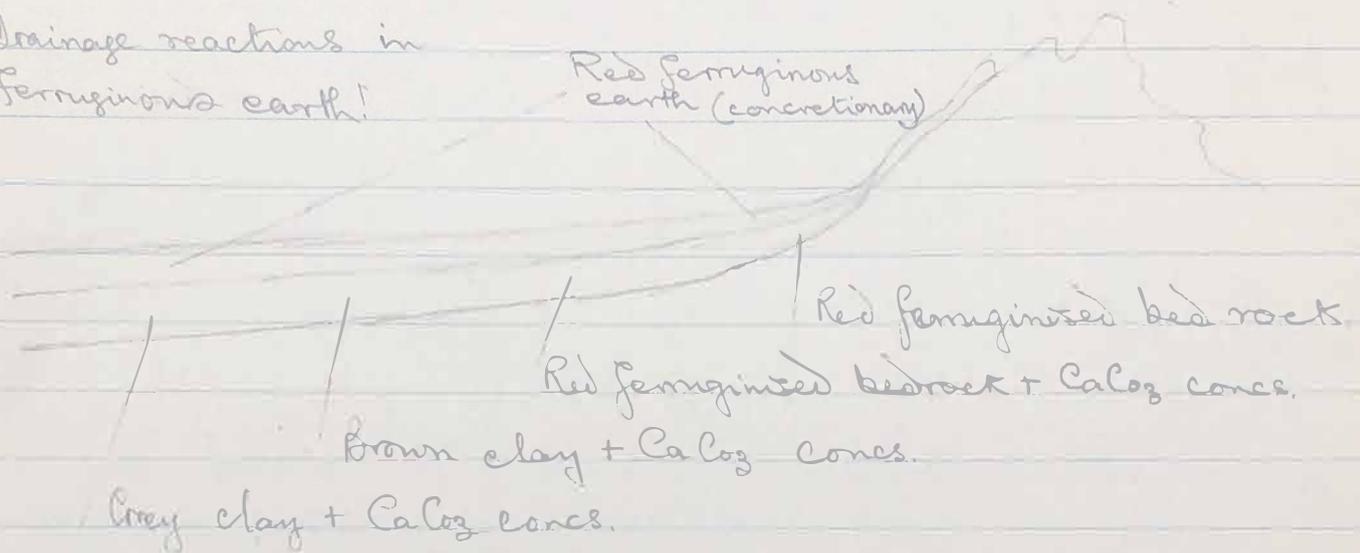
cf with Kogwa Succession:

Red earths around Inselbergs.

Fe concs soil over

calcareous soils uphill and down dale.

? Drainage reactions in  
ferruginous earth!



Expected straight forward residual + transported soils in depressions - No Fe Cones!

Non-calcareous soils



Akuse type



Neutral to slightly acid

Bumbi type

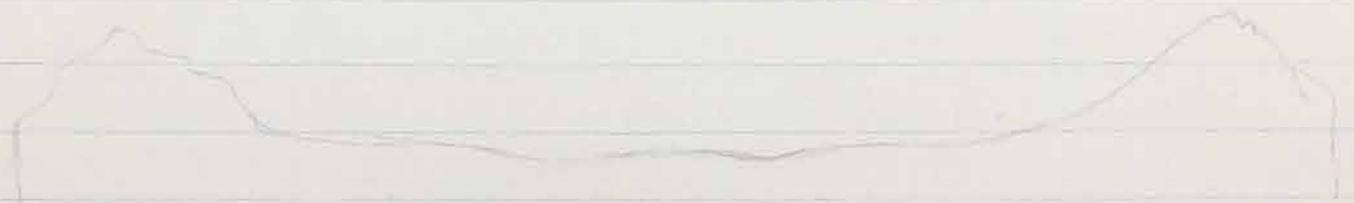


Slightly alkaline, but non-calcareous.

Low level

Koyo type

1. General character of bottom soil - but over all-  
and depressions.
2. Attachment to specific rock.
3. Red soils around inselbergs (weathered ferruginised  
rock)
4. Fe cones distributed all over area - concentrated  
in spots.



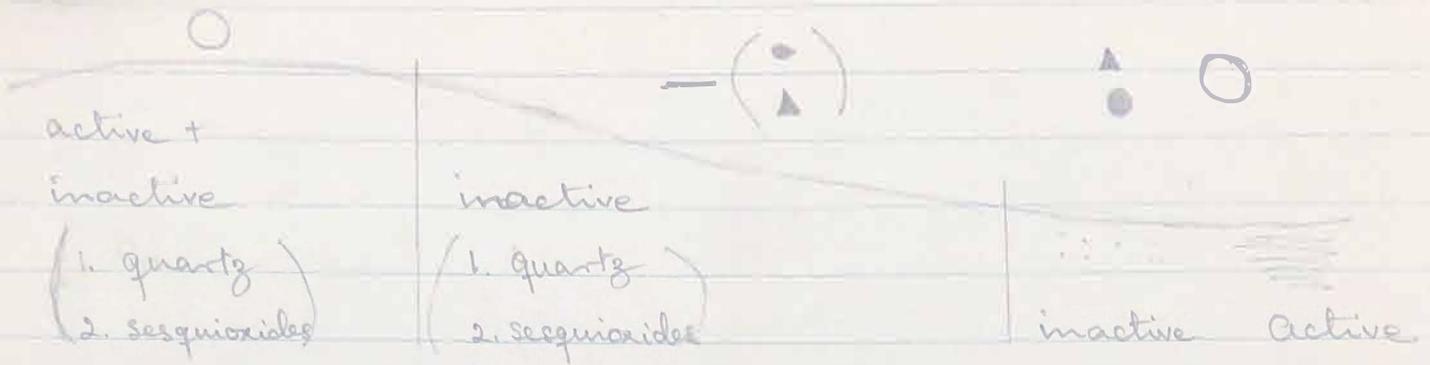
Red drifts + cones over uplands

Black calc drifts in depressions?

If present, proportions?

Erosional factors responsible for Earth formation  
formation of present material  
(drifts - moraines etc)

Biotic factors - responsible for soil formation  
within earths.



Kaolinite  
+  
Sesquioxides

Sesquioxides  
+  
Kaolinite

Kaolinite  
+  
Sesquioxides

Kaolin removed → Kaolin deposited here

Answer  
Akroso Types.

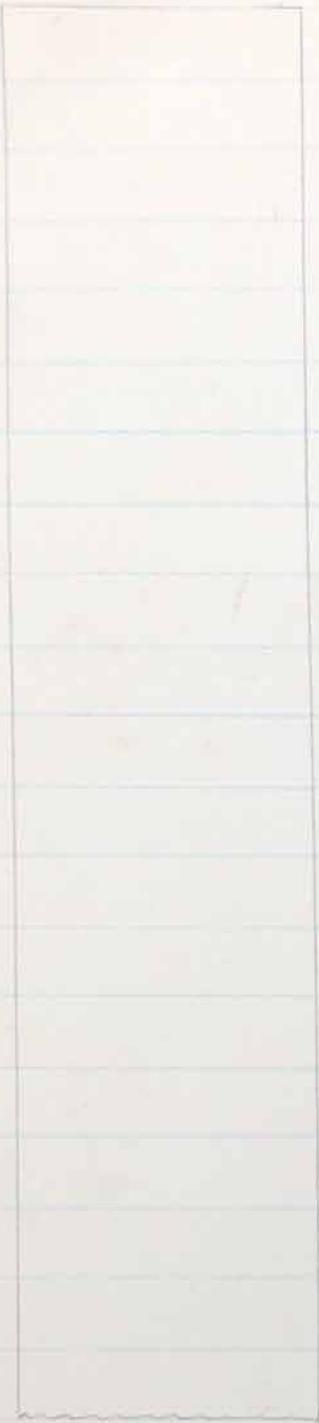
Types of Pediplain Soils.

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Types of Soil

1. Primary. Non concretionary red earth (or brown)  
Concretionary red earth (or brown)  
Quartzose and concretionary sand (upland palisades)  
(Quartzose gravel?)  
Bauxitic earths  
Kaolinitic red & white mottled clays & sandy clays  
(Caribbean)  
Montmorillonitic earths.
2. Secondary Red or brown concretionary Red earths  
Black, Montmorillonitic earths.

Schematic Pediplain drift profile (ferruginous type).



Homogeneous red earth

Red earth + ironstone  
concretions.

Vermicular ironstone

STONE LINE - Subangular  
gravel.

Ironstone

Concretionary red clay

Clay and rotten rock -  
perhaps mottled.

Partially weathered  
rock.

} Drift

} Ferruginised  
weathered  
bedrock

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after looking in capitals  
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Soils developed in drift.

Capitals

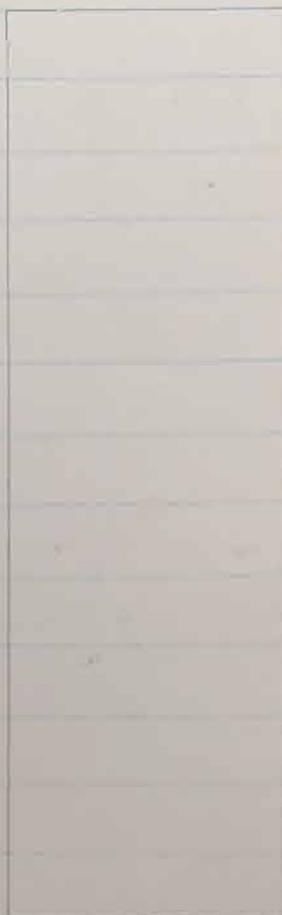
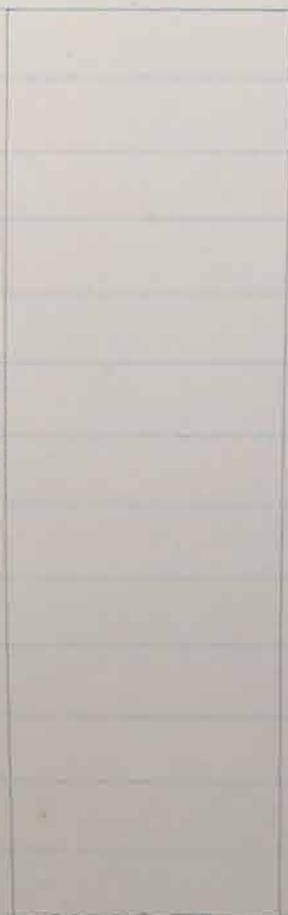
Damango Type



+ Irregular rough concretions formed and remaining in situ.

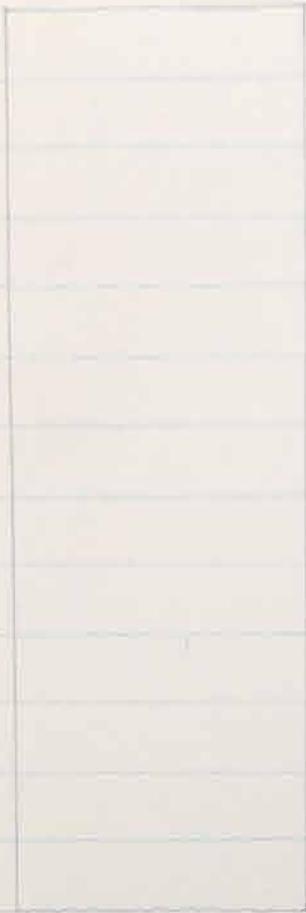
Techiman Type

Wenchi Type

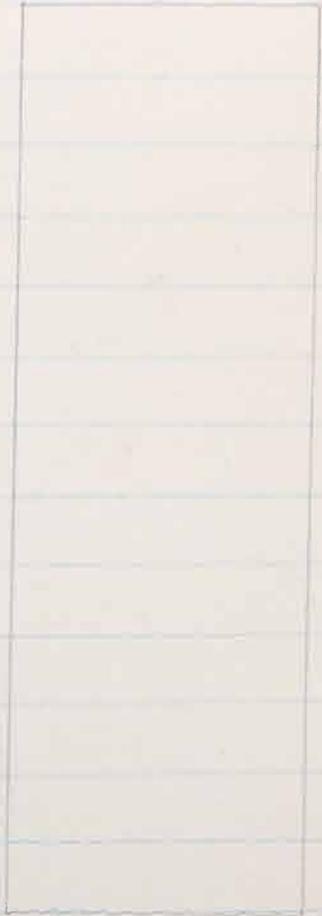


\* Smooth rounded concretions formed from + by local surface drift.

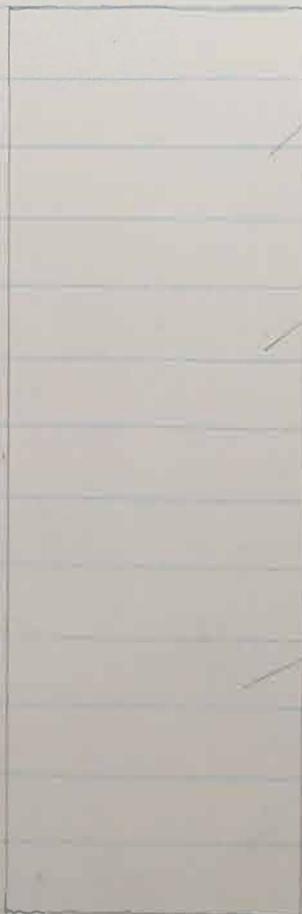
Soils derived from feruginized weathered bedrock  
after drift has been lost by Erosion.



Wenchi Type



'Konongo' Type



Drifted cones and  
quartz gravel.

Concretions formed  
in situ in residual  
clay from weathered  
bedrock

Matting may  
occur here.

'Osanko Type (Domenasi)

## The Ferruginized Weathered Bedrock

Ferruginization of the weathered bedrock, resulting in the formation of ironstone and manganese concretions (or even of massive ironpan) is a result of iron-bearing water accumulating in the lower part of the drift and seeping into the weathered material below where it comes general ferruginization or separates out as concretions.

This sort of thing has been observed in Martinique where volcanic ashes overlie weathered basaltic or andesitic rock.

Concretions do not develop in normal soils derived from weathering in situ.

Soils of the Osonto type are probably very common. The Sawku granite soils are probably of this type.

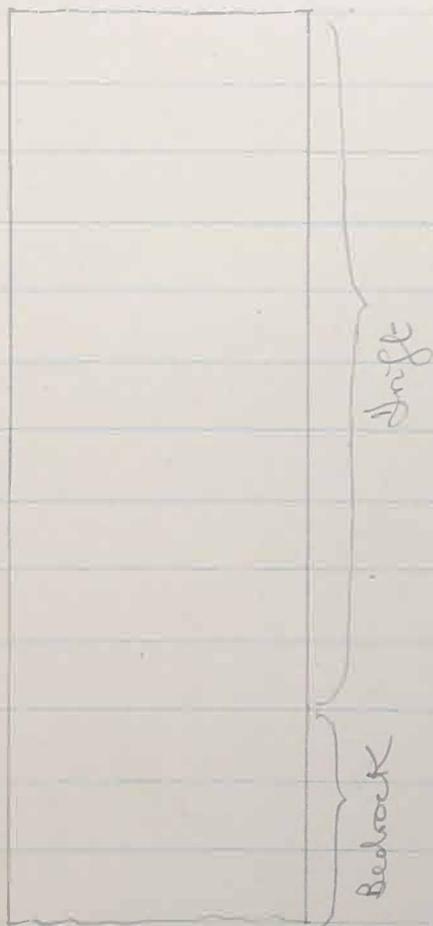
It is the Osonto type which eventually develops into the Koforidua type. This means that the concretions and quartz gravel have largely developed in situ and are not necessarily remnants of a former overlying drift - though these concretions owe their origin in situ to the fact that previously a drift did cover the area where Koforidua type soils now exist.

This explains why concretion zones are occasionally very deep. In this case the quartz gravel layer may consist of drift material.

~~Types of Drifts~~  
 1. Secondary Drifts

These have been derived from materials that include previous drifts of the ferruginized type.

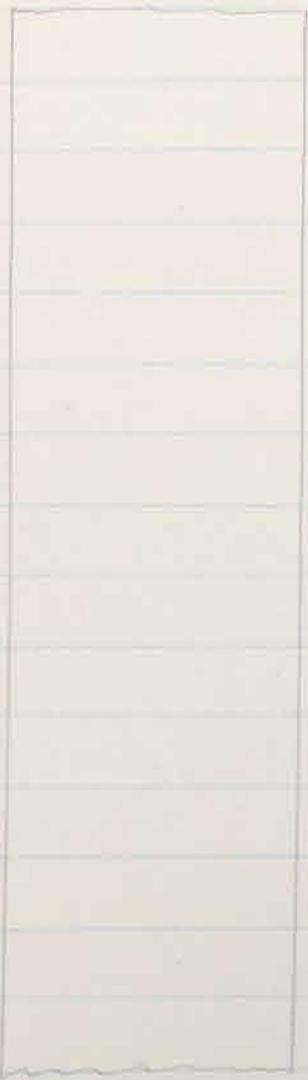
Tabular inselbergs



Concretions besides being formed in situ have been washed in. Contains rolled and rounded masses of ironstone varnished over with a layer of limonite (Pondletons 'cauliflower heads') also contains rounded fragments of rock other than that forming the bed rock. Such drifts closely resemble local superficial drift of recent date overlying drifts ferruginized in situ.

## Types of Permeable Drift.

2. Concretionless-Drift - overlying layered bedrock more or less on end and therefore good under-drainage.

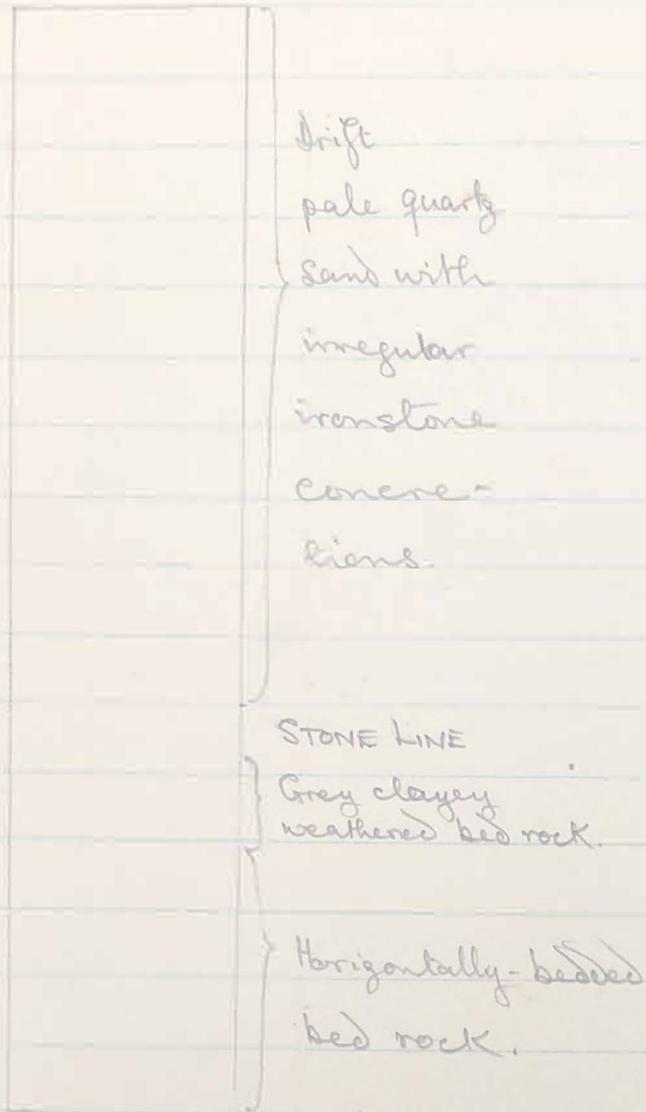


No impedance at the junction of drift and bed rock, no accumulation of iron-bearing drainage water and no formation of concretions or ironstone.

- Stone line may be present.

## Types of Pineplain drift.

### 3. Quartzose drifts



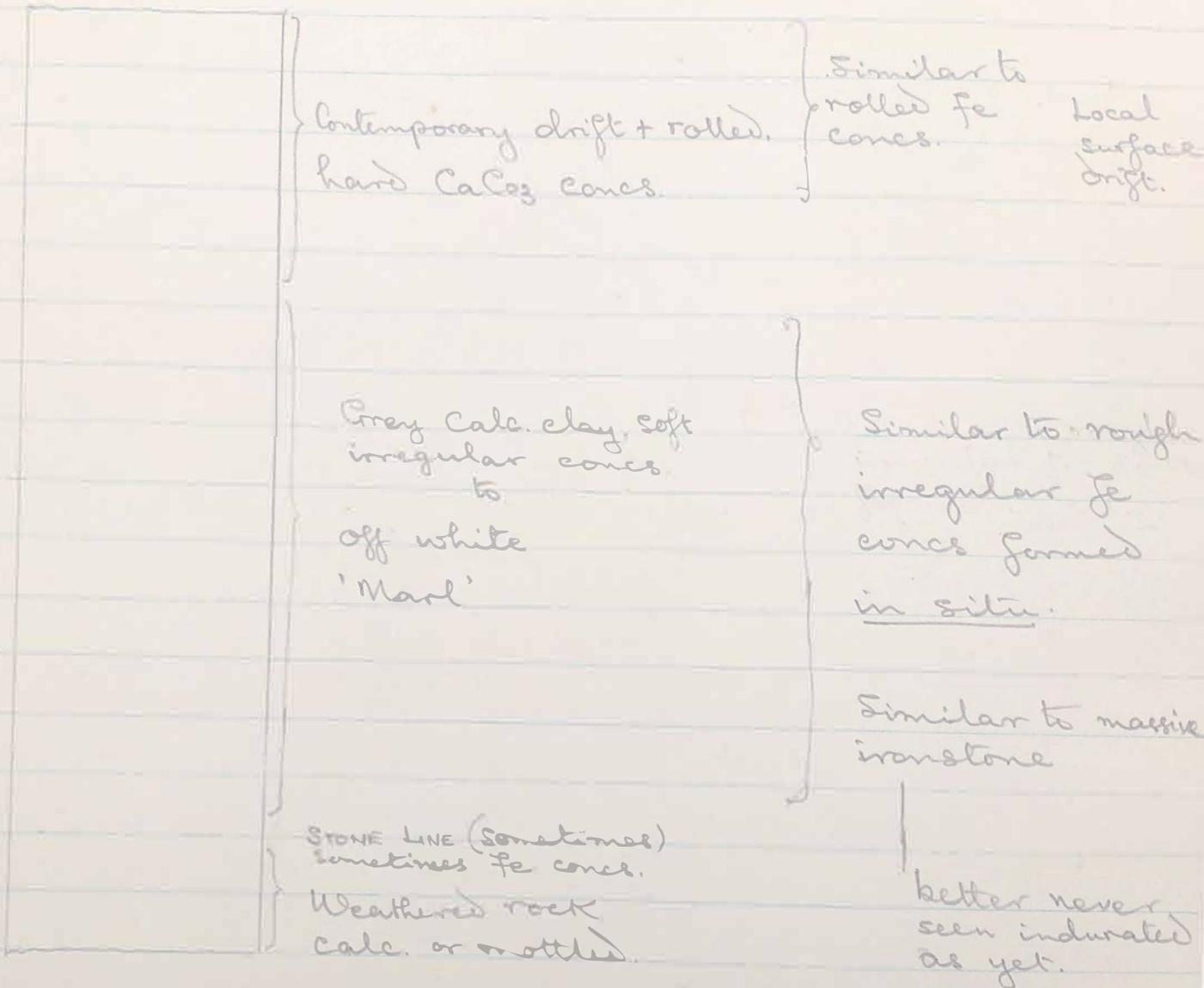
These drifts are presumed to have developed under the influence of perched groundwater held up by the horizontally-bedded or horizontally foliated bedrock. This has led to the concentration of the clay and iron into concretions leaving sand or pale clayey sand behind as a matrix.

Possibly some of the clay and iron have actually been washed out.

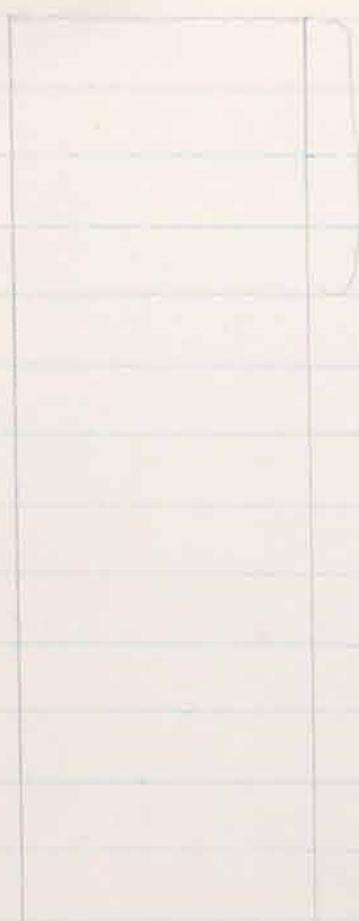
These are the upland plateaus of Kongwa and Nochingwea; the Jozum and Tehe series of the Accra plains. Possibly the quartzose sands of the mountain Pine Ridge, British Honduras, are similar.

~~Types of Fenestral drift.~~

4. Montmarillonitic drifts.



Say - what about a sort of Yongwa material.



Feruginous or other drift? → removed

Grey clay → This now weathers into block clay (+ old drift cones) overlying bedrock.

Sort of calcified weathered bedrock.

## ~~Types of Pediplane drift~~

### 4. Montmarillonitic drifts - continued.

Some of these maybe secondary drifts and resemble <sup>the</sup> in Morphology ①

NB No grey calc. clay.

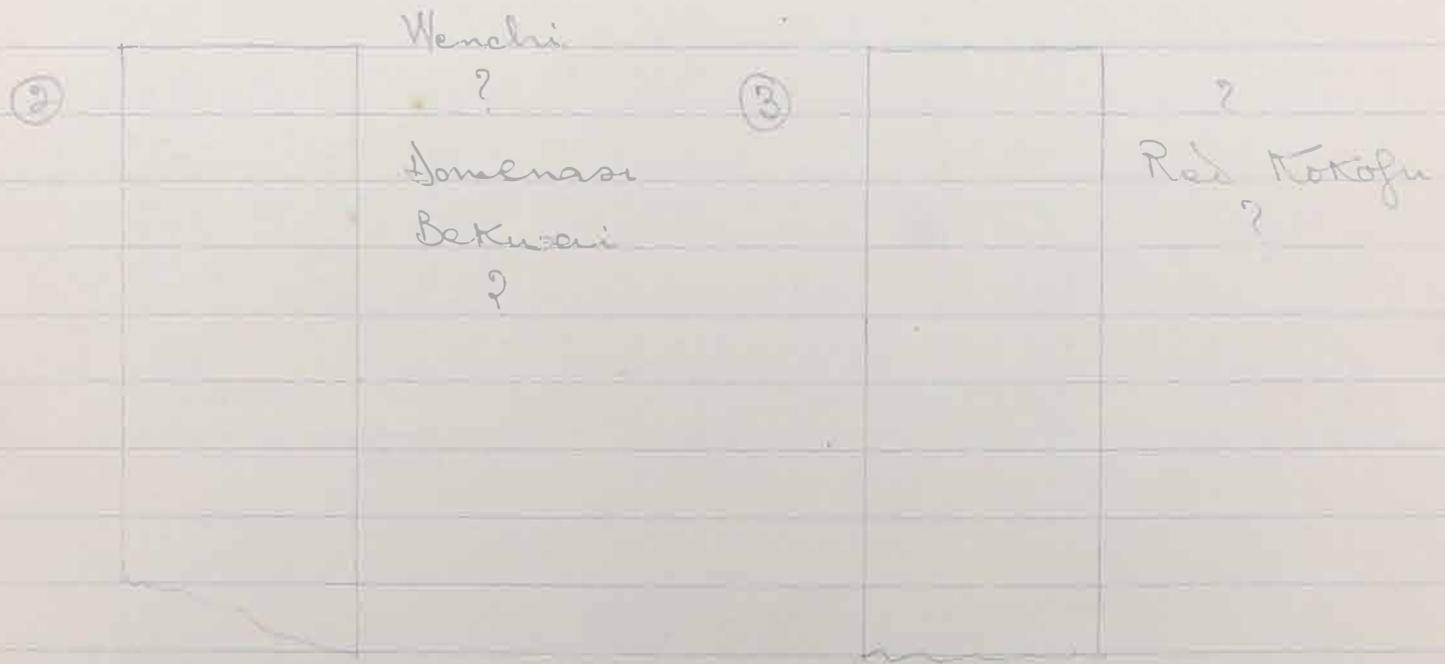


Block clay + hard cones  
also scattered rolled  
fe cones.

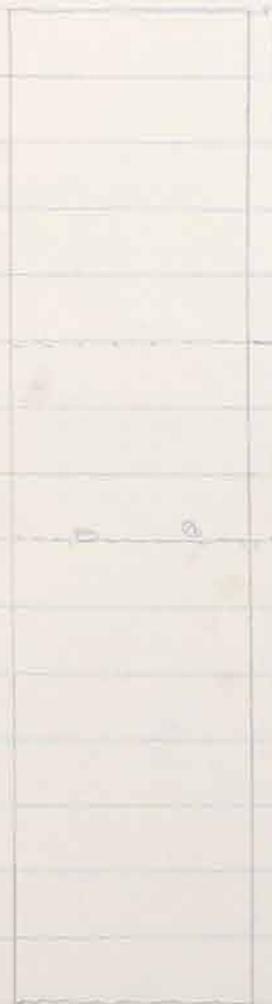
Calc. cones amidst rotten rock.

Perhaps it is in these types of drift  
that the stone line is absent.

Dissection of Rneplane AKUMADAN



Top of Mampang Scarp (Voltaian)



Drift

Stoneline one

Stoneline two

Weathered rock  
in situ

Apparently  
separate  
drifts.



loam

dark layer

Cone zone

Small quartz pebbles

Abosom sandstone

Further along.

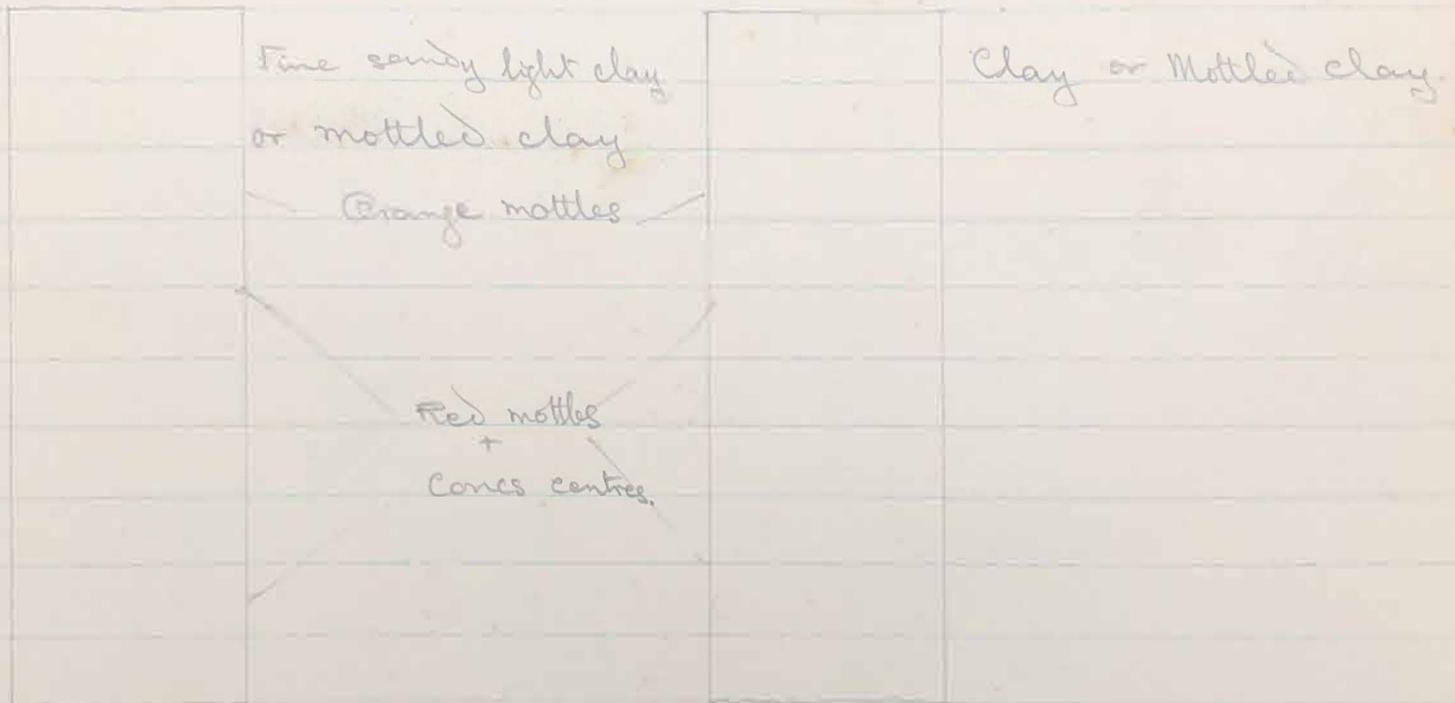
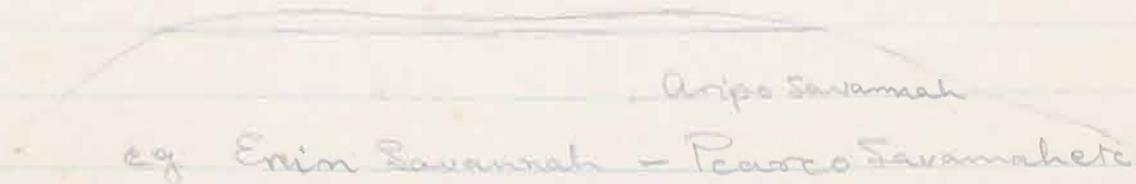
Foreign rocks in former  
ginans drift  
is just before Mampang

## Types of Pediplain Soils

Penplain Clays - Kaolinitic - non calc (also or coast-  
planes (e.g coastlines) then Coastal Plains.)

e.g Trinidad - Mottled Clays.

Derived from clay shales (Minara and pliocene)  
mica schists etc.



## Types of Pediplain Drift

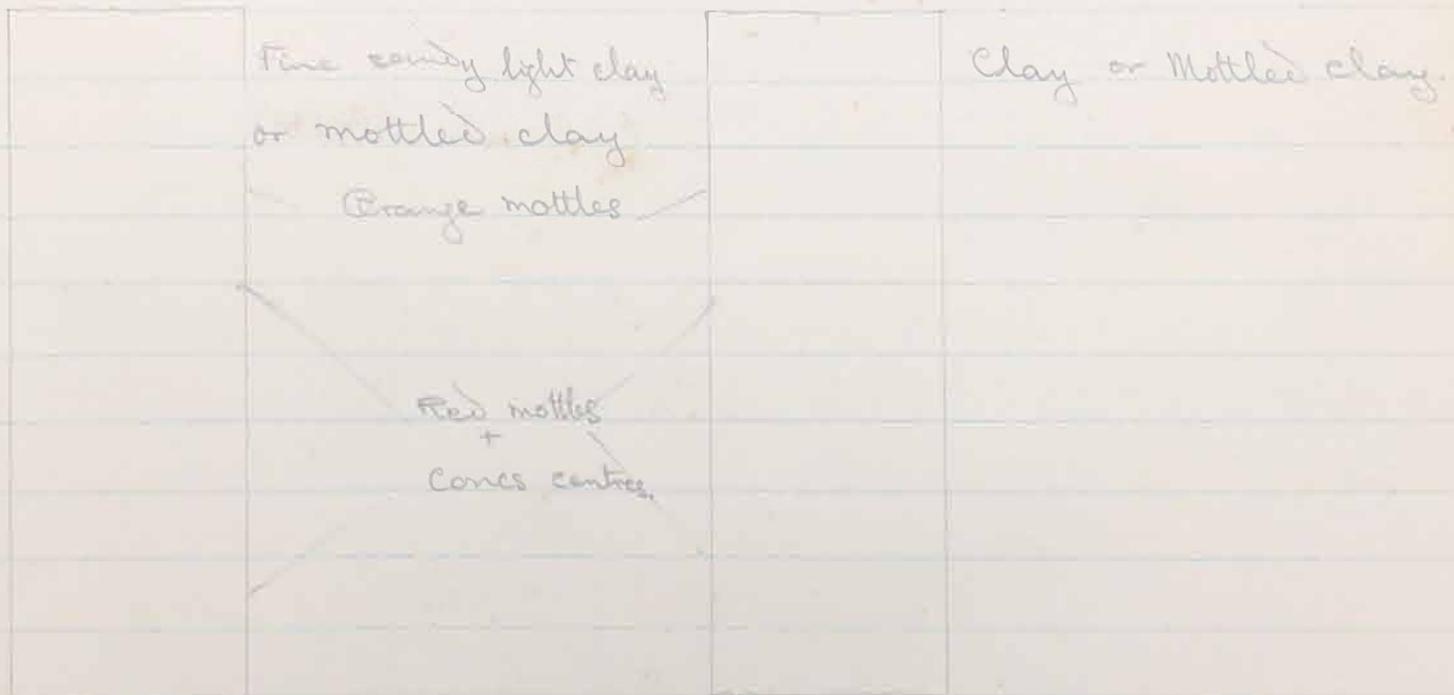
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Arjo Savannah

e.g. Erin Savannah - Piarco Savannah etc

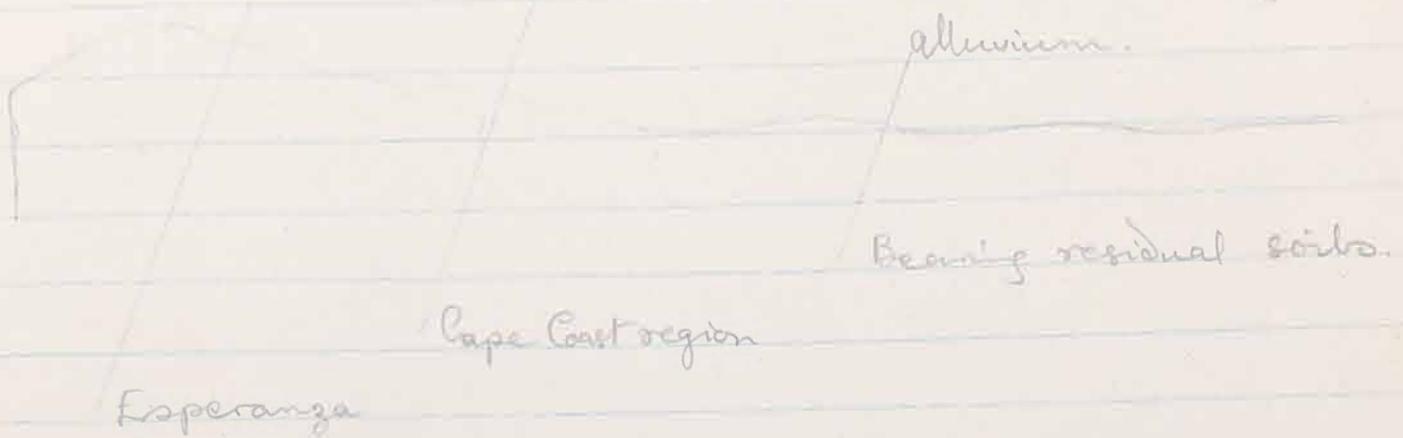


Coastal Peneplanes: Coastal Plains or Coast plains (eg Coastlines)

Eg Trinidad

Gold Coast

Small Knolls emerging from  
a thin cover of  
alluvium.



Bearing residual soils.

Cape Coast region

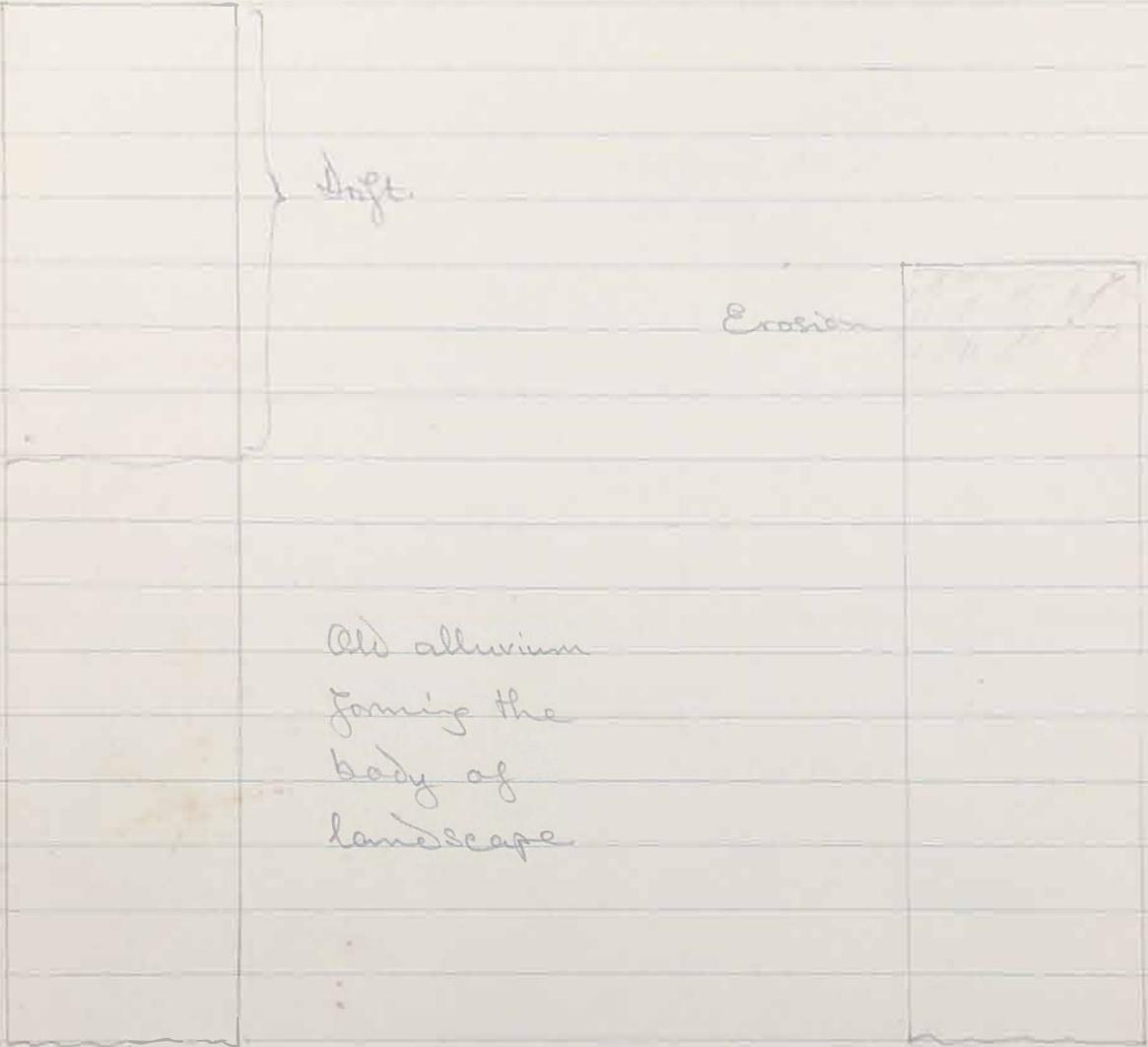
Esperanza

actually rock plains in the W.M. Davis scale.

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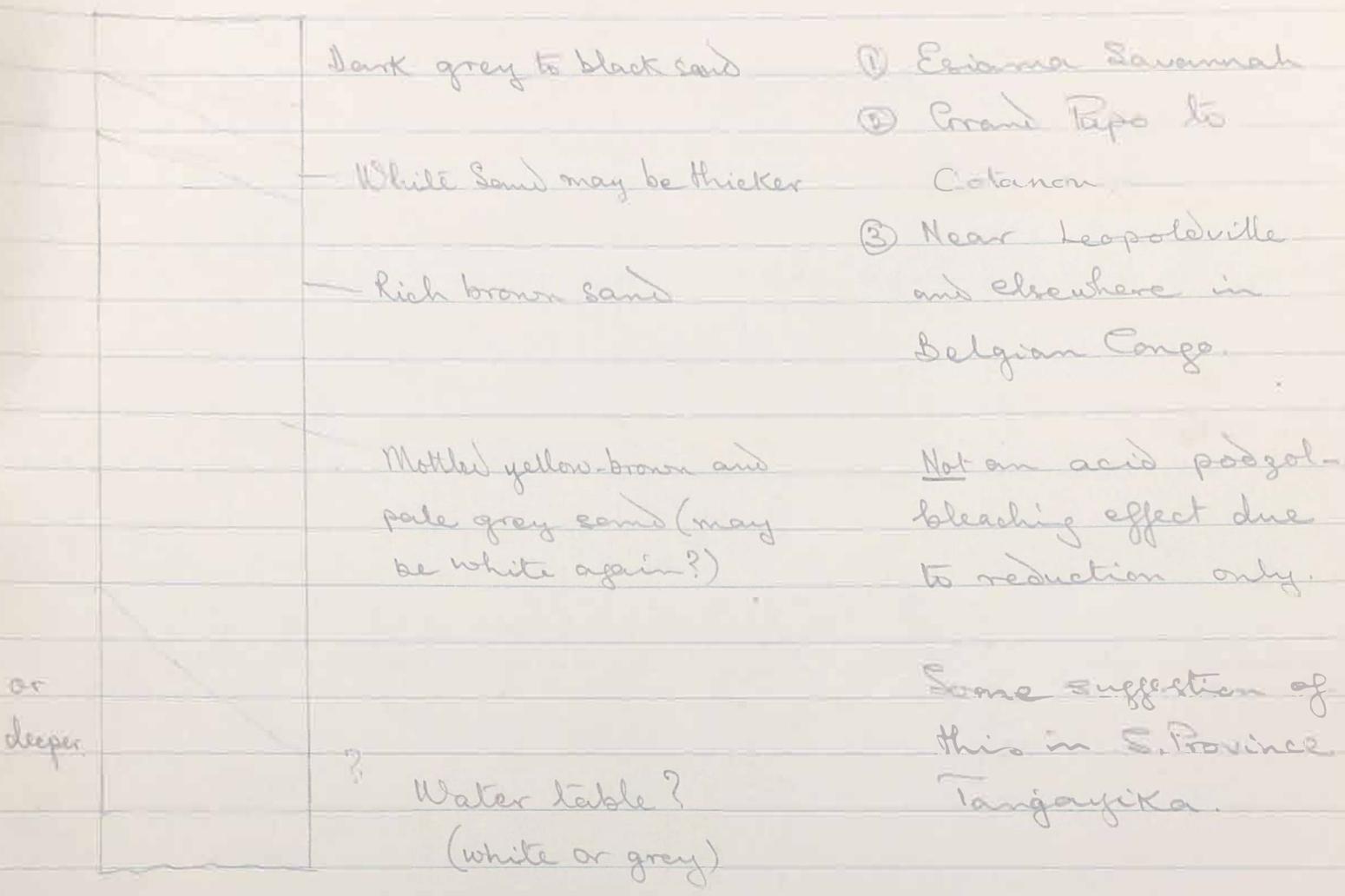
B. Peneplain deposits over unconsolidated deposits  
e.g. estuarine sands (cf also Gambia & S. Nigeria)

Adri's Eastern Tertiary Sands  
profile

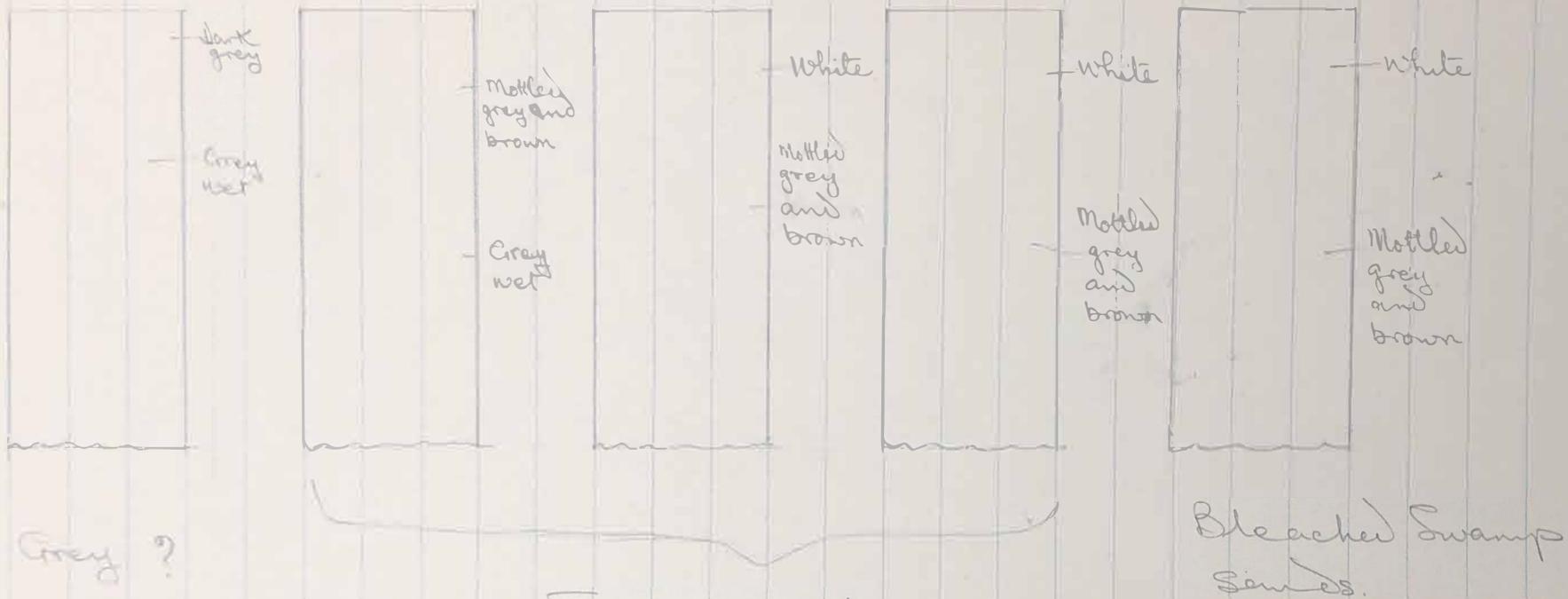


Old alluvium  
forming the  
body of  
landscape

Bleached Swamp Sands - (Related to Agbozome Series).



Bleached Swamp Sands. (cf. also Keta at Keta).



Grey ?

Transitional

Bleached Swamp Sands.

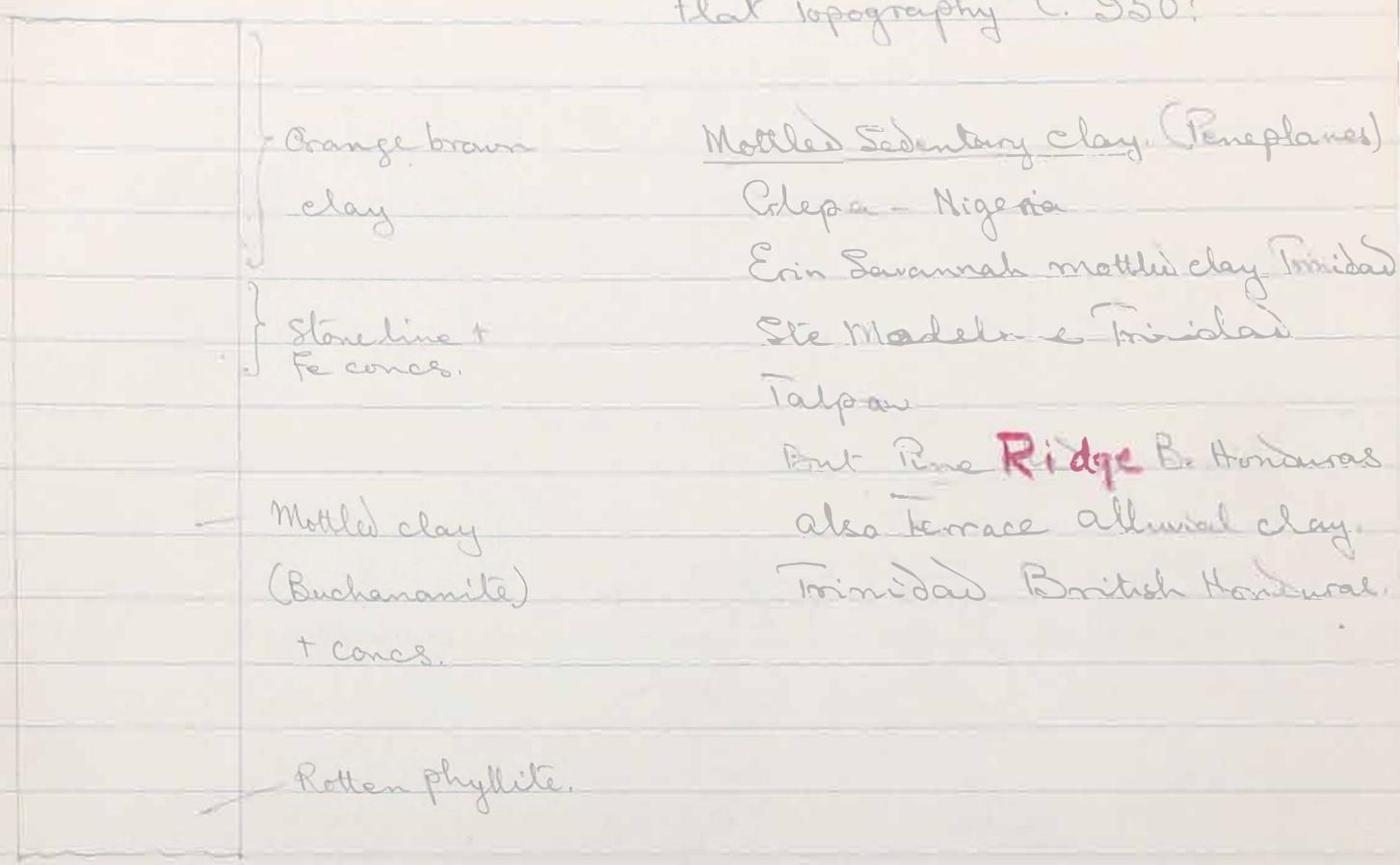
Grey clay

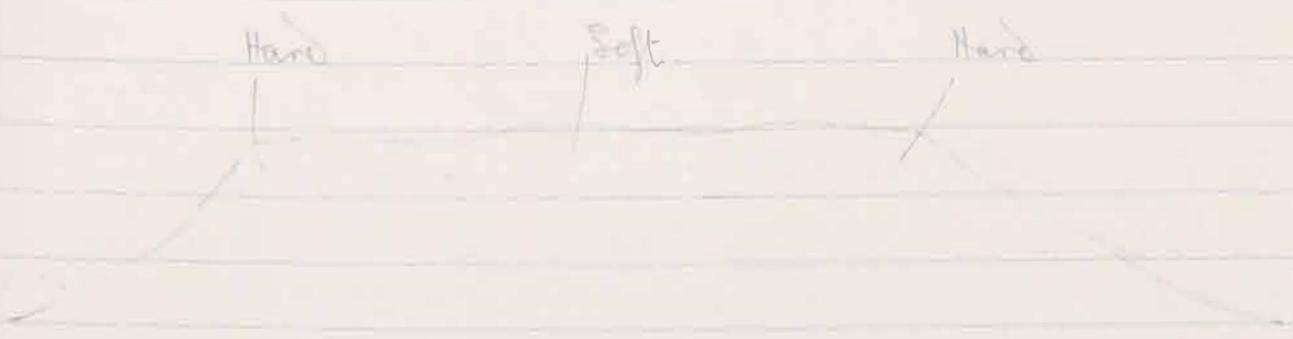


Analogous brown mottled clay //

Water Works, Kumasi

Flat Topography C. 950?





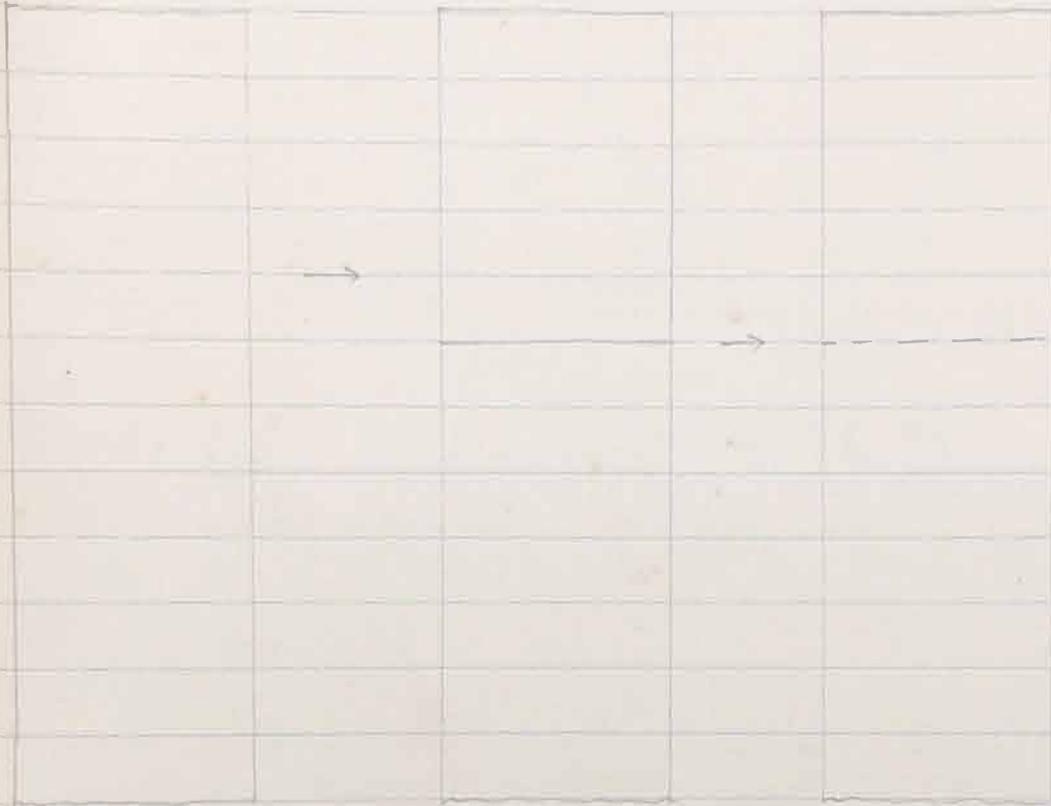
European Sheet erosion  
and then hardening of surface?  
due to impervious nature of  
substratum?

Drift soils over Red unconsolidated Tertiary Materials.

① Development of mottled clay.

② Erosion of overlying earth.

③ Deposition of fresh material over mottled earth.



May even  
pedicels - result in  
here. the formation  
of ironstone

Colony Series  
W. Nigeria

Sierra Leone.

# Capitola phase

C. ← Valley Soil Associations

	Nta	Qfm	Densu	Chickweed

	Nta
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Drainage groove ascending upland

	Nta
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Edge of Valley with stream

Nta  
Drainage groove

## NTA SERIES

Qfm

Loamy Sand

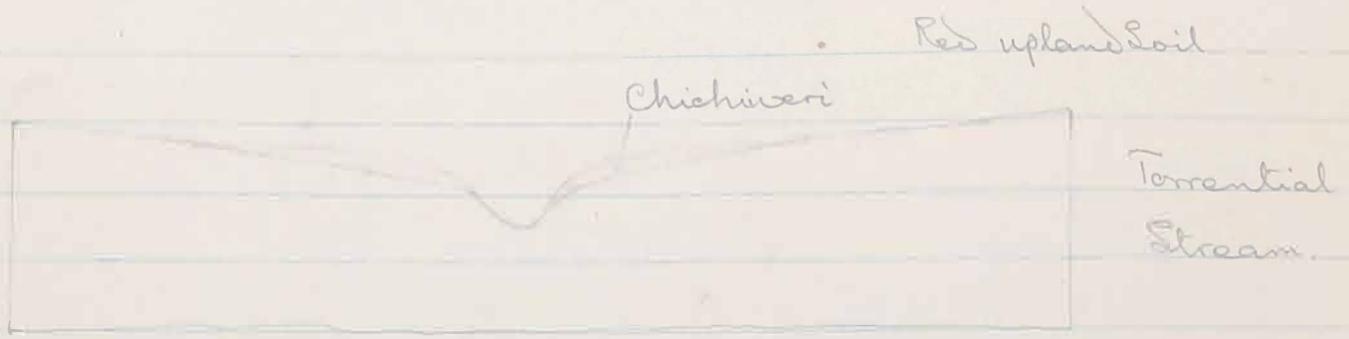
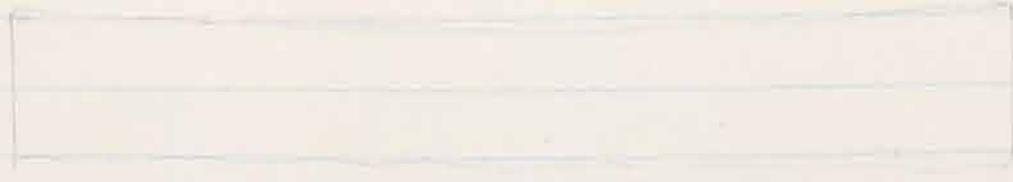
Densu

stone line + seepage here

Rotten rock

~~Very Soil Associations (cont)~~

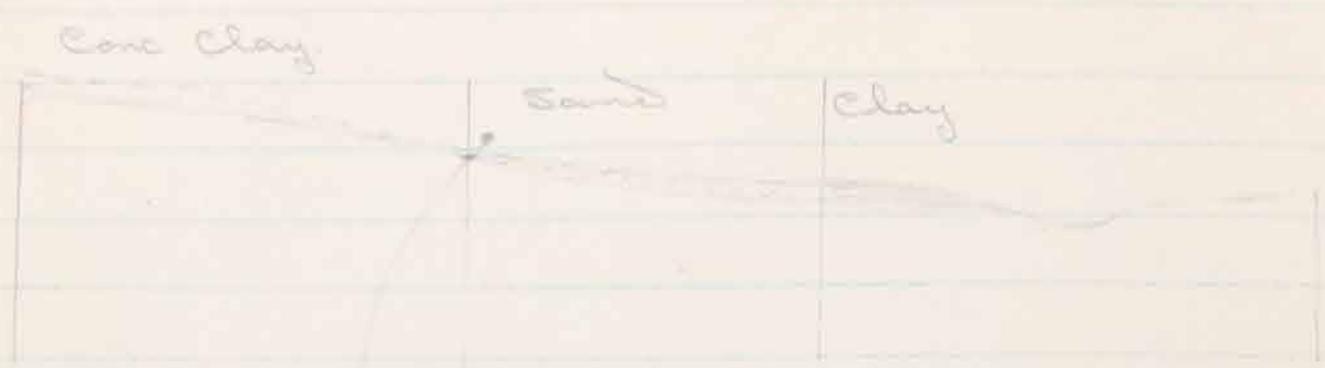
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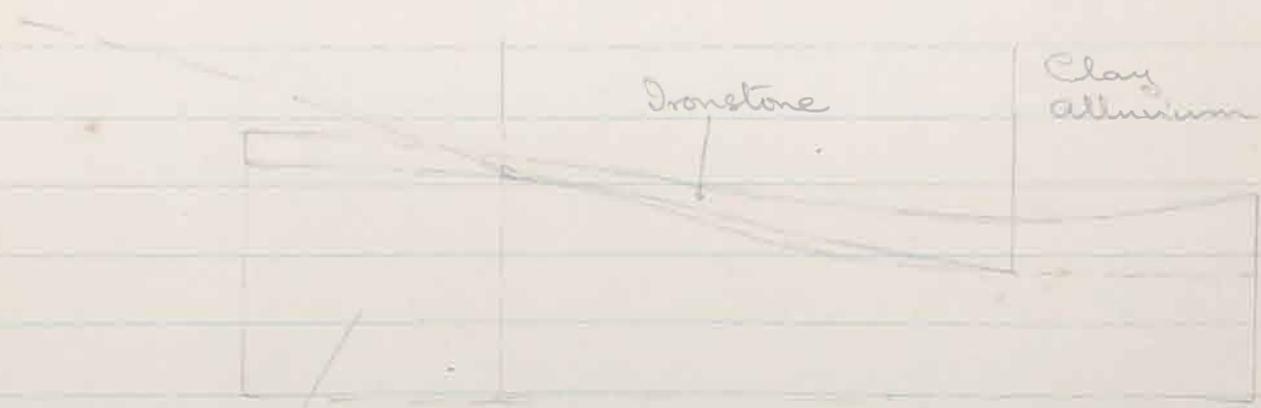
Suggestion ① Nta = Tropical Solifluction

" ② Nta = filled in torrent channel  
ie that NTA etc. fossil valley with sand

Bancku Sequence: Upland soils developed in ferruginized bedrock-drift cover eroded.



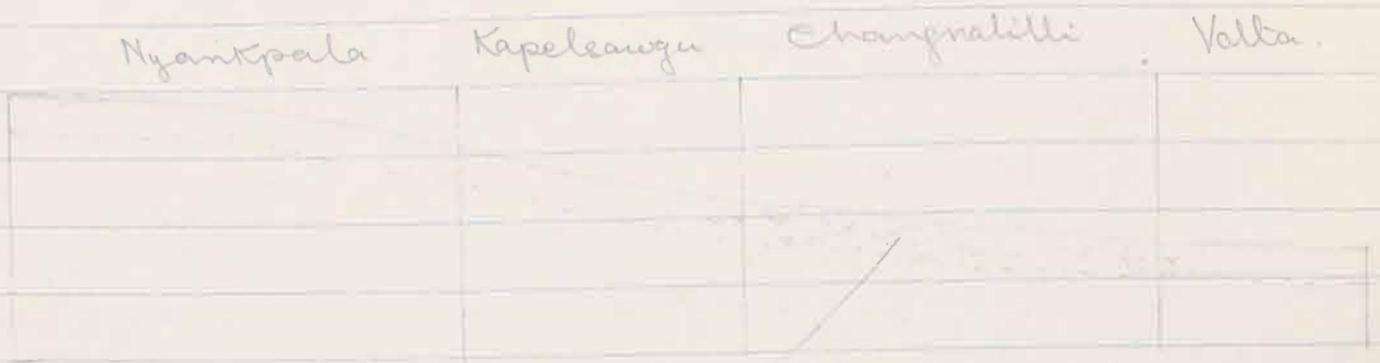
Could possibly have ironstone out cropping here



Sand/indicated and conc. clay of sedentary origin. Drift eroded.

Drift here preserved (ironstone: drift remnant).

Nyantpala Sequence: Ferruginized drift over silt shale.



Is this a **pediment**?

(equivalent to Parco or Ripso Series)

and are uplands remains of a  
previous peneplane - now rounded  
residual hills?

i.e. Sand / Mottled clay is equivalent to  
sand / ironstone.

## ~~The Valley Soil Association (cont.)~~

The Valley-alluvium Association has been more or less taken for granted to-date!

Points to Note:-

1. The Association is similar in both forest and Savannah Regions.  
( This in itself is remarkable? - Does this mean that the same causes had the same result?)
2. N.B. Greene had doubts about the verity of the succession Sweden - Nta - Ofin - Jensen when he was here!
3. ? Nta - Ofin - Jensen in the forest region is a relict of the time the forest region was a Savannah area covered with drift. Fossil drift-remnants occur in the quartz gravel and ferrous zone of upland soils - why not fossil remnants in the valleys?

## Valley Soil Conservation (cont.)

Can tropical humid solifluction or subsurface erosion carve valleys or grooves?

1. Evidence of movement of the sand in the groove.
2. Evidence that this movement causes scouring (or removal of clay, leaving sand of 'sedentary' origin behind which itself starts to flow.)

observable	heavier	} Path of water removing clay both	above
	lighter		below
is	heavier		
that	heavier still	Certainly accumulation of water at this level	

N.B. Drainage Grooves ascending hills practically undecernable by eye (at least under forest)

- (a) My own experience - Tutua, Koransang etc
- (b) Experience of soil conservation units in groundnut regions of Tanganyika country.

Query Radwanaki and his ferns?

Bryan - Gully Craving

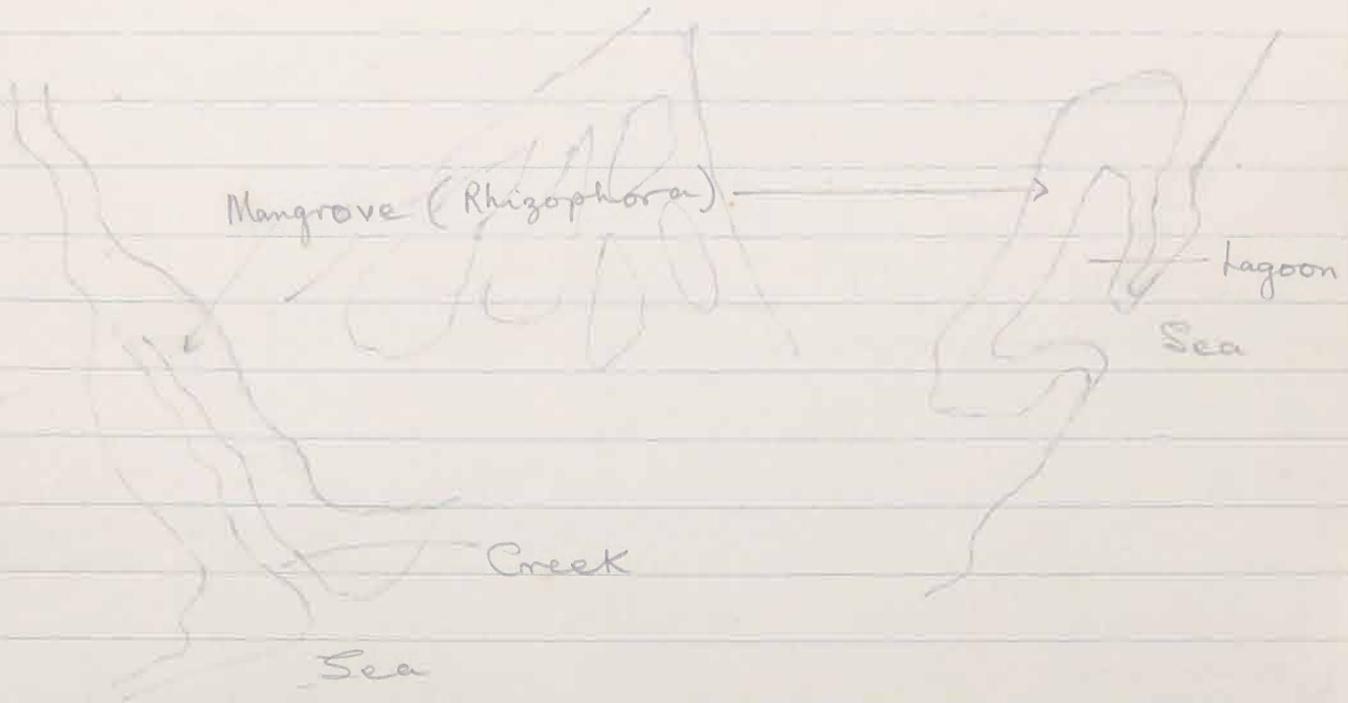
Nothing like this in West Indies!

Otherwise seen in Gold Coast, Nigeria, Cameroon

D. Mangrove Swamp Soils Capitals

Rhizophora mangle (or racemosa)

Found in shallow water of estuaries and deltas, or in lagoons open to the sea.



~~Mangrove Swamp Soils~~ -Rhizophora

Surface soft - one sinks in it.

	Mangrove Mat.	If Mangrove merely cut comes up to <i>Aerostichum aureum</i>
Mangrove Forest or Thicket	Dark bluish grey clay or black clay	Typically usually submerged.
	+ scattered mollusc shells Alkaline (pH 8.2)	

On artificial draining gives rise to Katterlei,  
streaked yellow, whitish and grey (mixed alluvium)  
extreme acidity

Avicennia nitida - Avicennia mud flats

Found (a) back of Rhizophora.

(b) in closed lagoons

(sea breaks over bar occasionally)

Very high salinities zones occur (salt deposited as hollow cubes).

Sometimes inundated with fresh water - runoff from adjacent land.

Typically dry from surface.

When cut Sesuvium comes up  
or *Phylloxera vermiciformis*.

Alternating reducing and oxidizing conditions?

(NB. Many lagoon beds here, no vegetation when dry, colonised by *Sesuvium-Phylloxera* if dry long enough.

Laguncularia racemosa - Streams running  
 where stream enters lagoon with lagoon and  
 also Cyperus articulatus deltas so built up.  
Typha australis?  
 also Phragmites?  
Paspalum vaginatum  
 also Hydrophila sp.

Grass Swamp  
 or Marsh

Perennially moist  
acid clays  $\pm$  gypsum.  
 with Conocarpus erectus  
 on drier parts  
 also Borhenix reclinata:  
 Possibly Pandanus spp. in  
 wet areas.

Ada Series - raised lagoon deposit?

Hence differs from the Laguncularia type which is leached with water containing poses or is built up over deltaic deposits. Fresh water.

- Chlorides driven off by  $H_2SO_4$  - sodium sulphate remaining?

