

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2003 – 4th Season

Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 6 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B1	C3	C3
Loci	L501	L501	L519
Baskets	PC1825	PC1826	
Walls	W510		
Floors			

- Laid out 15 x 20 meter grid over church
- Cleared weeds from grid area
- Opened Square B1
 - Starting elevation = 133.5 (at highest point)
 - Ending elevation = 131.89
 - Soil analysis
 - A brief description of the dominant soil profile in this area is as follows:
 - A horizon - 0 to 15 cm; dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) dry, very stony sandy loam, very dark brown (10YR 2/2) moist; weak fine granular structure; friable; 10 percent pebbles, 15 percent cobbles, 30 percent stones; clear wavy boundary. (Range in thickness 5 to 20 cm)
 - B horizon - 15 to 55 cm; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) dry, very stony sandy loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist; very weak, coarse subangular blocky structure; 10 percent pebbles, 15 percent cobbles, 35 percent stones; irregular boundary. (Range in thickness 25 to 65 cm)
 - C horizon - 55 to 150 cm; light gray (10YR 7/2) dry, very stony sandy loam, grayish brown (10YR 5/2) moist; massive; firm, hard in places near the floor; 10 percent pebbles, 10 percent cobbles, 20 percent stones; assumed to be calcareous (by color).
 - Floor of church (depth to floor varies depending upon location)

- The soil in B1 was primarily Horizon A and some Horizon B
 - List of architectural items:
 - 029 limestone doorjamb 46x46x19; two drillings on the back side (earlier attempt/mistake?)
 - 030 keystone for an arch
 - 031 limestone doorjamb with boring for pivot
 - 032 basalt door jamb

Basket 1825	Area NEC	Locus L501	Square B1	Opening elevation 133.532
Closing Elevation 131.892		Weight 1.5	Date 06-Jul-03	Manager Schuler
Yes Ceramic		Yes Plaster	No Human Bones	Locl Type destruction fill
Yes Ceramic non-pottery		Yes Architectural Item	No Iron	
No Tessera		No Lamp	No Lead	
No Glass		No Inscription	No Inscription	
Remarks				
1825A – Rim Late Roman C Bowl				
1825B – base				
FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
1	1			
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim
		32		
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base
1				
CCW Lid Rim	CCW Lid Handle	OCW Jar Base	OCW Jar Rim	OCW Jar Handle
Shard				OCW Jar Body
			1	24
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard	Lamp Base
Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard		
Analysis				
7 roof tiles (3 with lips)				

- Removed destruction debris from inside of church walls. The exact line of the walls on the NE corner is unclear
- Several doorjambs were in the debris. There were also wedged pieces worked in several sides (evidence of arches).
- Opened Square C3
 - Starting elevation = 132.0
 - Ending elevation = 131.48
 - Soil is Horizon A and some Horizon B
 - List of AI items
 - 028 rectangular piece (36x65) with notched corner

Basket 1826	Area NEC	Locus L501	Square C3	Opening elevation 132.032
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Closing Elevation	Weight	Date	Manager	Loci Type
131.482	0.45	06-Jul-03	Schuler	destruction fill
Yes Ceramic	Yes Plaster	No Human Bones		
Yes Ceramic non-pottery	Yes Architectural Item	No Iron		
No Tessera	No Lamp	No Lead		
No Glass	No Inscription	No Inscription		
Remarks				
3-4cm piece of unpainted white plaster non-fibrous				
FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
0	0	0	1	
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base
0	0	0	0	0
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim
0	1	14	0	0
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base
0	0	0	0	0
CCW Lid Rim	CCW Lid Handle	OCW Jar Base	OCW Jar Rim	OCW Jar Handle
0	0	0	0	0
OCW Jar Body Shard				10
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard	Lamp Base
0	0	0	0	0
Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard		
0	0	0		
Analysis				
3 fragments of roof tile				

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- A doorway (new Locus 519) on the south wall just west of the chancel screen was partially uncovered. The doorway has been stopped (secondary remodeling of church?). The original doorway was closed from outside the church, suggesting that there is a room to the south.

Observations

- The southern doorway is similar to the location of the dikonicon in the NWC and the monastic church at Kursi.

Daily drawing 6 July

