

Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2003 – 4th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 7 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B1	C3
Loci	L501	L501
Baskets	PC1827	PC1828
Walls	W510, W520, W521	
Floors		

- Continued work in Square B1
 - Starting elevation = 131.89
 - Ending elevation = 131.59
 - The soil is Horizon B – 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.
 - List of architectural items . . .
 - 034 limestone doorjamb
 - 035 small marble cornice fragment with two incisions (part of an altar or chancel screen?)
 - 038 limestone doorjamb with one boring for a pivot
 - 039 limestone doorjamb
 - 040 limestone doorjamb
 - 041 limestone doorjamb
 - 042 limestone cornice 68x21x42

Basket 1827	Area NEC	Locus L501	Square B1	Opening elevation 131.892
Closing Elevation 131.592	Weight 1.81	Date 07-Jul-03	Manager Schuler	Loci Type destruction fill
Yes Ceramic	Yes Plaster	No Human Bones		
Yes Ceramic non-pottery	Yes Architectural Item	No Iron		
Yes Tessera	No Lamp	No Lead		
No Glass	No Inscription	No Inscription		
Remarks 1827A -- Byzantine jar				
FW Bowl/Plate Base 0	FW Bowl/Plate Rim 0	FW Bowl/Plate Handle 0	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard 0	
FW Juglet Base 0	FW Juglet Rim 0	FW Juglet Handle 0	FW Juglet Body Shard 0	CCW Pot Base 0
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim

1	0	34	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	1	0
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard	Lamp Base
0	0	0	0	23
Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard		
0	0	0		

Analysis

Plaster: w 2-4mm pebbles, 1 piece with ridges approximately 1cm apart, some non-painted, some painted yellow with red markings, 1 less fibrous piece with pottery shard inside, one with narrow band of red (.4cm)

4 light colored roof tile fragments

tesserae:

1 cm -- 2 white, 1 red
1.5 cm -- 1 white

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- Removed destruction debris from inside of church walls. The exact line of the walls (W520 and W521) in the NE corner seems to be coming into focus, as an east to west line of stones in the anticipated location of W521 is appearing
 - Again, several doorjambs were in the debris. There were wedged pieces worked in several sides (evidence of arches), a small marble cornice, and a few loose tesserae
 - Continued work in Square C3
 - Starting elevation = 131.48
 - Ending elevation = 131.32
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - List of architectural items . . .
 - 033 doorjamb with two square borings – limestone
 - 036 large concave cornice
 - 037 doorjamb

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1828	NEC	L501	C3	131.482
Closing Elevation		Weight	Date	Manager
131.312		1.31	07-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes Ceramic		No Plaster		No Human Bones
Yes Ceramic non-pottery		Yes Architectural Item		No Iron
Yes Tessera		No Lamp		No Lead
Yes Glass		No Inscription		No Inscription
Remarks				
1828A -- window frame				
FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
0	0	0	0	
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base

BBBBB

0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>CCW Pot Rim</i>	<i>CCW Pot Handle</i>	<i>CCW Body Shard</i>	<i>CCW Casserole Base</i>	<i>CCW Casserole Rim</i>	
0	0	25	0	0	0
<i>CCW Casserole Handle</i>	<i>CCW Bowl Base</i>	<i>CCW Bowl Rim</i>	<i>CCW Bowl Handle</i>	<i>CCW Lid Base</i>	
0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>CCW Lid Rim</i>	<i>CCW Lid Handle</i>	<i>OCW Jar Base</i>	<i>OCW Jar Rim</i>	<i>OCW Jar Handle</i>	<i>OCW Jar Body Shard</i>
0	0	0	0	1	13
<i>OCW Other Base</i>	<i>OCW Other Rim</i>	<i>OCW Other Handle</i>	<i>OCW Other Body Shard</i>	<i>Lamp Base</i>	
0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lamp Rim</i>	<i>Lamp Handle</i>	<i>Lamp Body Shard</i>			
0	0	0			

Analysis

5 roof tiles

1 piece of glass

- Removed debris from within the church. Clear pieces of W510 may be appearing. A carefully worked limestone cornice (042) stands on end in the debris next to the wall. Perhaps at a higher level the wall had a decorative cornice.

Observations

- Destruction fill is similar in both squares. However, the blocks in B1 fell in parallel to the southwest, on a somewhat similar line to the fall of the pillars in the cathedral. The church does not display the heavy destruction of the cathedral or the NWC. Perhaps it was already in disrepair in the 8th century. The earthquake then would have done additional damage to the NEC.

Daily Drawing 7 July

