

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

Date: 9 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B1	C3
Loci	L504	L501
Baskets	PC1831	PC1832
Walls	W510, W520, W521	
Floors		

- Continued work in Square B1
  - Starting elevation = 131.28
  - Ending elevation = 131.07
  - Soil analysis – There is a distinct change in soil color. Therefore the locus number 504 was used. The soil is Horizon C: 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).
  - List of architectural items . . .
    - 053 partial doorjamb
    - 054 doorjamb broken

<b>Basket</b> 1831	<b>Area</b> NEC	<b>Locus</b> L504	<b>Square</b> B1	<b>Opening elevation</b> 131.282
<b>Closing Elevation</b> 131.072		<b>Weight</b> 1.76	<b>Date</b> 09-Jul-03	<b>Manager</b> Schuler
Yes <b>Ceramic</b>		Yes <b>Plaster</b>	No <b>Human Bones</b>	<b>Loci Type</b> destruction fill
No <b>Ceramic non-pottery</b>		Yes <b>Architectural Item</b>	No <b>Iron</b>	
Yes <b>Tessera</b>		No <b>Lamp</b>	No <b>Lead</b>	
No <b>Glass</b>		No <b>Inscription</b>	No <b>Inscription</b>	

**Remarks**  
1831A/B Late Roman C Form 3 bowl rim  
1831C Umayyad lamp base

<b>FW Bowl/Plate Base</b>	<b>FW Bowl/Plate Rim</b>	<b>FW Bowl/Plate Handle</b>	<b>FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard</b>
0	2	0	0
<b>FW Juglet Base</b>	<b>FW Juglet Rim</b>	<b>FW Juglet Handle</b>	<b>FW Juglet Body Shard</b>
0	0	0	0
<b>CCW Pot Rim</b>	<b>CCW Pot Handle</b>	<b>CCW Body Shard</b>	<b>CCW Casserole Base</b>
0	0	59	0
<b>CCW Casserole Handle</b>	<b>CCW Bowl Base</b>	<b>CCW Bowl Rim</b>	<b>CCW Bowl Handle</b>
0	0	1	1
<b>CCW Lid Rim</b>	<b>CCW Lid Handle</b>	<b>OCW Jar Base</b>	<b>OCW Jar Rim</b>
0	0	0	0
<b>OCW Other Base</b>	<b>OCW Other Rim</b>	<b>OCW Other Handle</b>	<b>OCW Other Body Shard</b>
0	0	0	1
<b>Lamp Rim</b>	<b>Lamp Handle</b>	<b>Lamp Body Shard</b>	
			31
			0

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**Analysis**

Plaster: 12 pieces; 3 red, one w yellow and thin red line, one with pottery sherd attached

marble piece (altar table? Part of reliquary?)

tesserae:

1 cm -- 13 white

2cm -- 3 white

bones sent for analysis

LOC.	BONE	SIDE	SP.	B	NOTE	
504	PC1831	Ilium	Acetabulum	Capra/Ovis	-	Possible cut-mark
		Rib	Proximal	Capra/Ovis	-	
		Rib	Shaft	Capra/Ovis	-	
		Long bone	Shaft	Capra/Ovis	-	
		Long bone	Shaft	Capra/Ovis	-	

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- The pattern of debris in the destruction fill is to the southwest. Larger stones and blocks in the rubble are oriented that way. There were no large stones next to the north wall. It seems that the Northwest Church was destroyed at the same time as was the cathedral, the collapsed pillars of which point in the same direction.
  - Most of the east wall (W520) is collapsed at this elevation. For safety and stability, some of the fill above it was removed.
  - One to two courses of well-worked stone are visible in the north wall.
  - Several more stones cut on angles were removed from the debris. Likely they were part of the arches between the pillars.
  - Continued work in Square C3
    - Starting elevation = 131.21
    - Ending elevation = 130.85 (low) to 131.15 (high)
    - 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 . . .
      - 048 limestone doorjamb
      - 049 limestone doorjamb – heavily plastered even in the jamb
      - 050 basalt doorjamb with some plaster inside the jamb

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- 051 limestone doorjamb
- 052 limestone doorjamb with two borings
- 055 limestone doorjamb with protrusion

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<b>Basket</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Locus</b>	<b>Square</b>	<b>Opening elevation</b>
1832	NEC	L501	C3	131.212
<b>Closing Elevation</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Loci Type</b>
130.852	1	09-Jul-03	Schuler	destruction fill
Yes <b>Ceramic</b>	Yes <b>Plaster</b>	No <b>Human Bones</b>		
Yes <b>Ceramic non-pottery</b>	Yes <b>Architectural Item</b>	No <b>Iron</b>		
Yes <b>Tessera</b>	No <b>Lamp</b>	No <b>Lead</b>		
No <b>Glass</b>	No <b>Inscription</b>	No <b>Inscription</b>		
<b>Remarks</b>				
<b>FW Bowl/Plate Base</b>	<b>FW Bowl/Plate Rim</b>	<b>FW Bowl/Plate Handle</b>	<b>FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard</b>	
0	1	0	0	
<b>FW Juglet Base</b>	<b>FW Juglet Rim</b>	<b>FW Juglet Handle</b>	<b>FW Juglet Body Shard</b>	<b>CCW Pot Base</b>
0	0	0	0	0
<b>CCW Pot Rim</b>	<b>CCW Pot Handle</b>	<b>CCW Body Shard</b>	<b>CCW Casserole Base</b>	<b>CCW Casserole Rim</b>
0	0	46	0	0
<b>CCW Casserole Handle</b>	<b>CCW Bowl Base</b>	<b>CCW Bowl Rim</b>	<b>CCW Bowl Handle</b>	<b>CCW Lid Base</b>
0	0	0	0	0
<b>CCW Lid Rim</b>	<b>CCW Lid Handle</b>	<b>OCW Jar Base</b>	<b>OCW Jar Rim</b>	<b>OCW Jar Handle</b>
0	0	0	0	0
<b>OCW Other Base</b>	<b>OCW Other Rim</b>	<b>OCW Other Handle</b>	<b>OCW Other Body Shard</b>	<b>Lamp Base</b>
0	0	0	0	25
<b>Lamp Rim</b>	<b>Lamp Handle</b>	<b>Lamp Body Shard</b>		
0	0	0		0
<b>Analysis</b>				
plaster attached to inside of pottery shard				
possible fossil				
tesserae:				
1 cm – 59 white, 9 red, 9 black				
1.5 cm – 5 white				
1 roof tile ridge piece				

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- A nicely plastered door jamb was unearthed (AI049)
- Part of a chancel screen post (2 sections joined) is visible, but as yet has not been removed.
- The visible wall is of relatively poor quality, except for the door jambs.

#### Observations

- The plastering on the doorjamb fragments suggests that the relatively poor grade of construction of the church was covered by heavy use of plaster. The south

doorway with its decorative lintel (recovered last year) may be a entrance from the church to something (room? hall? Diakonikon?) to the south.

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