

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

Date: 17 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	D3	B3	B3	B3
Loci	L501	W514	L527	L528
Baskets	PC1848	PC1849	PC1850	PC1851
Walls	W510, W511, W514			
Floors	F516			

- Continued work in Square B3
  - Starting elevation = 130.93
  - Ending elevation = 130.83
  - Soil in L528 is redder than others cited and compacted. It underlays the plaster base of F516
  - List of AI items . . .
    - 065 Inscription on marble slab (discussed below)

<b>Basket</b> 1849	<b>Area</b> NEC	<b>Locus</b> W514	<b>Square</b> B3	<b>Opening elevation</b> 130.932
<b>Closing Elevation</b> 130.832	<b>Weight</b> 1	<b>Date</b> 17-Jul-03	<b>Manager</b> Schuler	<b>Loci Type</b> Byzantine wall
Yes <b>Ceramic</b>	Yes <b>Plaster</b>	No <b>Human Bones</b>		
Yes <b>Ceramic non-pottery</b>	No <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**  
fill in wall, not sealed

<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	27	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>	<b>OCW Jar Body Shard</b>
0	0	1	0	0	17
<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>	
1	0	0	0	0	
<b>Lamp Rim</b>	<b>Lamp Handle</b>	<b>Lamp Body Shard</b>			
0	0	0			

**Analysis**  
FW BP rim is Roman Galilean Bowl (4-5c latest)

glass fragment

marble fragment

plaster fragments: green and red

2 roof tile (!!)

Tesserae:

1 cm -- 32 white, 4 red, 12 black;

6 blocks of white; 1 block of black and white

<b>Basket</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Locus</b>	<b>Square</b>	<b>Opening elevation</b>
1850	NEC	L527	B3	130.932
<b>Closing Elevation</b>		<b>Weight</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Manager</b>
130.932		0.06	17-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes <b>Ceramic</b>		Yes <b>Plaster</b>		No <b>Human Bones</b>
No <b>Ceramic non-pottery</b>		No <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**

<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	0	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	1	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>	<b>OCW Jar Body Shard</b>
0	0	0	0	0	1
<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	0	
<b>Lamp Rim</b>	<b>Lamp Handle</b>	<b>Lamp Body Shard</b>			
0	0	0			

**Analysis**

tesserae:

1cm -- 4 white, 1 black

very small plaster fragments

<b>Basket</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Locus</b>	<b>Square</b>	<b>Opening elevation</b>
1851	NEC	L528	B3	130.932
<b>Closing Elevation</b>		<b>Weight</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Manager</b>
130.832		0.005	17-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes <b>Ceramic</b>		No <b>Plaster</b>		No <b>Human Bones</b>
No <b>Ceramic non-pottery</b>		Yes <b>Architectural Item</b>		No <b>Iron</b>
No <b>Tessera</b>		No <b>Lamp</b>		No <b>Lead</b>
No <b>Glass</b>		Yes <b>Inscription</b>		Yes <b>Inscription</b>

**Remarks**

<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	0	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	1	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>	<b>OCW Jar Body Shard</b>
0	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	0	
<b>Lamp Rim</b>	<b>Lamp Handle</b>	<b>Lamp Body Shard</b>			
0	0	0			

**Analysis**

soil free of shards!!

- Removed W514 west of the tomb. The stone wall was set on the floor. The chancel screen channel and W514 were plastered together and over (chunks of plaster filled the channel and adhered to the stones of the wall)
- A marble facing for the sarcophagus on the west side was damaged and tilted away. Under the plaster covering it, a cross inscription was revealed. As with the cross inscription on the north face, the cross is “teutonic” in form, each of the arms flaring to points. Small disks or dots are inscribed just beyond each point.
- Some loose plaster on the NW corner of the sarcophagus was removed revealing a sarcophagus with a lid and box
  - Measurements
    - Cover is 23 cm thick
- Continued work on square D3
  - Starting elevation = 131.13
  - Ending elevation = 130.95
  - 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
    - Large basalt doorjamb (from west entrance to south aisle)

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<b>Basket</b> 1848	<b>Area</b> NEC	<b>Locus</b> L501	<b>Square</b> D3	<b>Opening elevation</b> 131.132
<b>Closing Elevation</b> 130.952		<b>Weight</b> 1.45	<b>Date</b> 17-Jul-03	<b>Manager</b> Schuler
Yes <b>Ceramic</b>		Yes <b>Plaster</b>	No <b>Human Bones</b>	
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>	
<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	3	0	2	
<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	5	65	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	2	6
				<b>OCW Jar Body Shard</b>
				26

<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
<i>Lamp Rim</i>	<i>Lamp Handle</i>	<i>Lamp Body Shard</i>		
0	0	0		

**Analysis**

FW BP Rims are Late Roman C Form 10

1 roof tile fragment

tesserae:

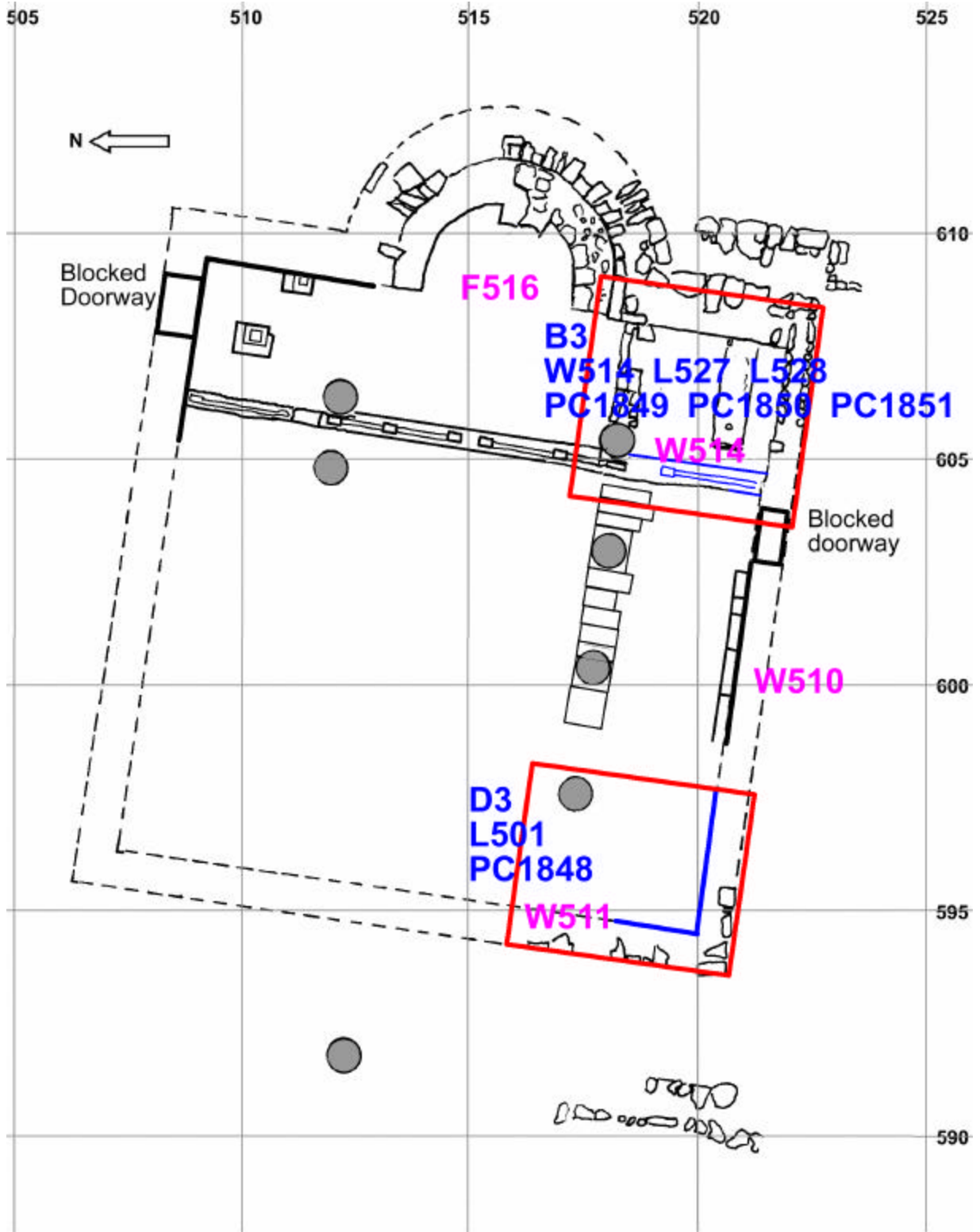
1 cm -- 17 white, 2 red

- Removed destruction fill.
- Identified a clear interior corner (sw) between W510 and W511.
- Basalt capital (**style**) resting on stylobate

**Observations**

- Opening of the tomb will be accomplished easily with pry bars and blocks

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