

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

Date: 24 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2B	D3	B3
Loci	L530	F526	L535
Baskets	PC1867	PC1868	PC1870
Walls	W520		
Floors	F517, F526		

- Continued work in Square B3
 - No change in elevation (work in small area between tomb and W509 from elevation 130.44 to elevation 103.39)

Basket 1870	Area NEC	Locus L535	Square B3	Opening elevation 130.44	
Closing Elevation 130.39		Weight 0.04	Date 24-Jul-03	Manager Schuler	Loci Type sealed under floor
Yes Ceramic	No Ceramic non-pottery	No Plaster	No Human Bones	No Iron	No Lead
No Tessera	No Lamp	No Inscription	No Inscription		
No Glass					

Remarks
final reading incomplete

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
0	0	0	0
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base
0	0	6	0
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle
0	0	0	0
CCW Lid Base	CCW Lid Rim	CCW Lid Handle	OCW Jar Base
0	0	0	0
OCW Jar Rim	OCW Jar Handle	OCW Jar Body Shard	
0	0	0	
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard
0	0	0	0
Lamp Base	Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard
0	0	0	0

Analysis
from phase 2 plaster behind sarcophagus

shard are from the same piece of pottery as they fit together

- Documentation of sarcophagus box
 - Width 61.5cm (at west end) and 64 cm at east end
 - Length 2m on center
 - North wall is 11.5cm thick at east end and 10cm thick at the start of the curve

- South wall is 12 cm thick at east end and 21cm thick at the start of the curve
- Depth
 - North wall is 36-39 cm west to east
 - South wall is 35-39 cm west to east
 - Center is 36-39 west to east
 - Slight slope to east
- Curve at west end
 - Wall thickness at west end is 12cm
 - North side curve begins 33cm from west
 - South side curve begins 32cm from west
- Strokes on north side angle down from east to west at about 60 degrees
- On south side, there are some discernable stokes down from west to east
- There is a single inscribed line on the south side of the sarcophagus 60 cm from top of box
- The lid
 - 23cm high
 - 197cm long
 - 59 cm wide
 - was held up on the west by stones plastered in place to create 2-3cm gap.
- Comparative measurements to sarcophagoi on the surface east of the gate at Hippos

	Length	Width	Depth
#1	191	63	48
#2	198	66	49
#3	196	67	71
#4	212	89	(unclear – stuck in ground)

NEC	200	62	39+12=51
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- Continued work in Square B2B
 - Starting elevation = 130.88
 - Ending elevation = 130.396
 - Below the floor in square B2B, the soil was redder in color and more compacted. It appeared to be more developed but not enough was observed to make a detailed examination. The lighter colored C horizon lies on the floor of the church. The lower soil dug more easily.

Basket 1867	Area NEC	Locus L530	Square B2B	Opening elevation 130.88	
Closing Elevation 130.396	Weight 0.14	Date 24-Jul-03	Manager Schuler	Loci Type sealed under floor	
Yes Ceramic	No Plaster	No Human Bones			
No Ceramic non-pottery	No Architectural Item	No Iron			
Yes Tessera	No Lamp	No Lead			
No Glass	No Inscription	No Inscription			
Remarks					
final reading incomplete					
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	
0	0	0	0	0	
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim	
0	0	7	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	OCW Jar Body Shard
0	0	0	1	0	7
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					
1 piece of bone					
tesserae:					
1.5 cm -- 2 white					

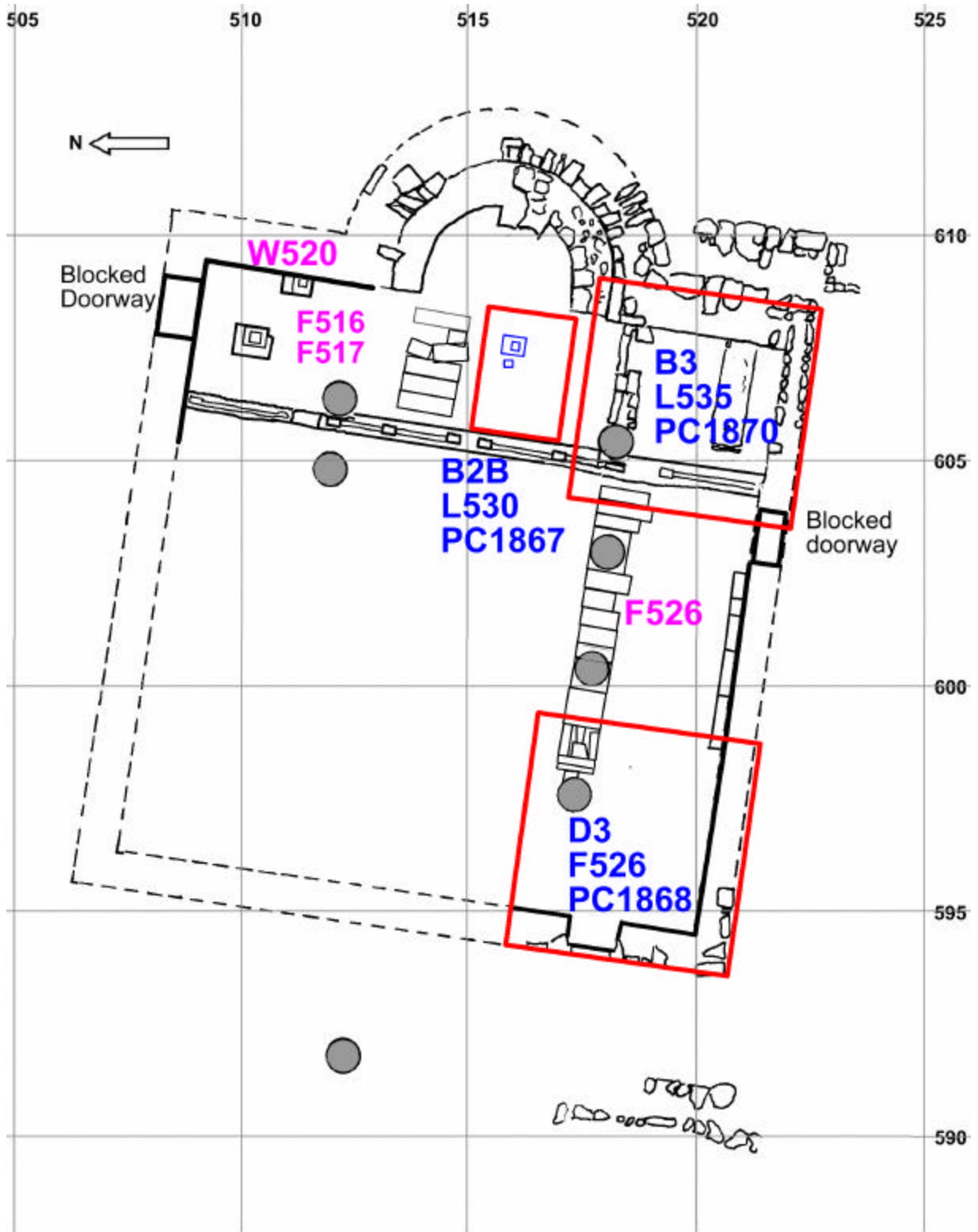
- Revealed one clear reliquary locus. The box is of limestone and is badly deteriorated (exterior is 38x45cm; interior is 16x26cm; north wall is 13cm, west wall is 11cm; south wall is 9cm; east wall is 8cm) Two marble slabs cited earlier may have been part of the upper level of this reliquary as they align with the likely lid location

- A second possible reliquary locus is directly west. Four stones provide a border (internal dimensions are approx 19x8cm). Another stone serves as a base. It is of similar quality to the reliquary locus against W520 in the north aisle.
- The plaster base for F517 seems to have been cut to accommodate these later reliquaries.
- Continued work in Square D3
 - Starting elevation = 130.78
 - Ending elevation = 130.68
 - Soil was 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).

Basket 1868	Area NEC	Locus F526	Square D3	Opening elevation 130.78
Closing Elevation 130.68		Weight 1.56	Date 24-Jul-03	Manager Schuler
Yes Ceramic		Yes Plaster	No Human Bones	Loci Type mosaic floor
Yes Ceramic non-pottery		No Architectural Item	No Iron	
Yes Tessera		No Lamp	No Lead	
No Glass		No Inscription	No Inscription	
Remarks				
some sections of floor missing; final reading incomplete				
FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
1	0	0	2	
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	19	0	1
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 Jar Body Shard
				44
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		
1	0	0		
Analysis				
plaster, small amount, small piece with red paint				
1 roof tile				
tesserae:				
2 cm -- 1 red, 1 yellow, 6 white				
1.5 cm -- 2 yellow, 8 white				
1 cm -- 4 red, 11 yellow, 54 white, 7 black				

- Finished clearing F526
- Original mosaic floor made of small tesserae (average about 1cm square or smaller). There is a white band of 4-7 tesserae next to W510, a back band of two tesserae, and white band of three tesserae and then a woven section (get name) .
- The black border turns to the north 3.17m from W511.
- White repair mosaic (average tesserae size is 1.5x1.5cm) is visible in the SW corner and along the stylobate at CS2 and CS4. Repair mosaic can also be seen under the fallen capital and the cross, suggesting that the repaired floor still existed when the church came down.

Daily Drawing 24 July



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