

Lamp Rim **Lamp Handle** **Lamp Body Shard**
 0 0 0

Analysis

1 bone fragment

2 roof tiles

1 pc glass

tesserae:

1cm -- 3 white

1.5cm -- 5 white

2cm -- 4 white, 1 black

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1878	NEC	L542	D1	130.63
Closing Elevation	Weight	Date	Manager	Loci Type
130.49	2.37	28-Jul-03	Schuler	destruction fill
Yes Ceramic	No Plaster	No Human Bones		
Yes 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**
 1 5 34 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** **OCW Jar Body Shard**
 0 0 0 5 0 23

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

5 roof tiles

1 bone

tesserae:

1 cm -- block with 16 white

2cm -- 10 white

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- Began to expose mosaic floor and stylobate.
 - A raised ridge of stones (3-4cm wide) runs parallel to the west wall (2.16m to the east). It runs from the west edge of the stylobate toward the bench, turning to the east and connecting with the front of the bench.
 - To the east of this ridge is white mosaic (average 1.5cm²). The raised ridge is 5-7cm above the mosaic. This mosaic is identical to the repair mosaic in the south aisle. As the raised ridge clearly connects the mosaic to the bench, we

therefore identify the mosaic repairs and benches in both aisles as common secondary features (possibly also in common with F516 in the chancel).

- At the edge of the balk, some of the mosaic forms the beginnings of a curved or circular pattern.
- Other sections of white (repair) mosaic are visible next to the west wall (W511) and south of the cistern head.
- The cistern head sits on one flat stone that extends 16cm to the south and two flat stones extending 82cm to the east
- There is no door to the north aisle of the church
- Exposed a column base of distinctly different style. It is a base only (no column)
- Opened Square C0 outside of W521
 - Starting elevation = 131.68
 - Ending elevation = 131.13
 - Soil is Horizon B

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1876	NEC	L536	C0	131.68
Closing Elevation		Weight	Date	Manager
131.13		0.79	28-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes Ceramic		No Plaster	No Human Bones	
Yes Ceramic non-pottery		No Architectural Item	No Iron	
No 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	2	5	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	1
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard	Lamp Base
0	1	0	0	0
Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard		
0	0	0		
Analysis				
3 roof tiles				

- Opened a trench about a meter wide and a half meter deep following the exterior line of W521 in square C1.

- Cleared to a corner 7.7m east of the NW corner of the church. There W539 runs to the north. The trench was continued to the north.
- Two column bases were identified in the trench: an easterly one of 37cm diameter and a westerly one of 46cm diameter.
- The center of the westerly one is 63cm from W521 and 2.0m from W539. The center of the easterly one is 65cm from W521 and 40cm from W539
- A doorway in W539 begins 1.56m north of the corner of W539 and W521. The doorway would close from the east. This doorway and the blocked doorway (closing from the north) at the east end of W521 perhaps indicate the presence of a side room or rooms (prothesis or pastophory). The room would require another exit.
- To the north of W521 is a complex of possibly two or more rooms.
- Continued work in Square B2A
 - Starting elevation = 130.2
 - Ending elevation = 129.96
 - The soil is redder in color and more compacted than other horizons. It digs easily.

Basket 1877	Area NEC	Locus L532	Square B2A	Opening elevation 130.2	
Closing Elevation 129.96	Weight 4.54	Date 28-Jul-03	Manager Schuler	Loci Type destruction fill	
Yes Ceramic	Yes Plaster	No Human Bones			
Yes Ceramic non-pottery	No Architectural Item	No Iron			
Yes Tessera	No Lamp	No Lead			
Yes 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	2	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	0	78	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	0	1	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			
0	0	0			
Analysis					
7 pieces of glass					
1 piece of marble					

.75kg of plaster: reds, yellow, browns, bands; one larger piece with four fingers of left hand

8 roof tile pieces

tesserae:

1 cm -- 22 black, 3 yellow, 8 red, 72 white

1.5cm -- 3 white

- Excavated about 60cm below the stones covering the north tomb. The soil is soft, mixed with pottery, a few bones, and many pieces of painted plaster.
- The side walls are two runs of nicely laid stones. The top run is 18-27cm deep and the bottom run is 34-44cm deep.
- At elevation 102.33 is a limestone sarcophagus box of identical orientation and construction to the box in the south burial. It however was covered by six stones 4-9cm thick (secondary use; two were marble). Between the second and third stones from the west, two triangular stones and plaster connected the lead pipe to the burial below. The fifth stone from the west (a piece of marble in secondary use) broke during excavation revealing the tomb below.
- One larger piece of painted plaster (in several sections) showed a dark band, yellow background and the four fingers of a left hand (outlined in red) on a parallel line to and below the dark band was recovered just above the stones covering the sarcophagus. Both the stones covering the sarcophagus and the side walls show bits of plaster adhering, so the hand was likely part of a fresco in the area above the sarcophagus but below the original covering stones that were just below floor level.
- The lead pipe is rolled, not melted. It was not meant to guarantee delivery of all the oil to the burial. Its top was hammered into a funnel. The pipe is 72cm long (partly broken at 16 and 35cm from the top). The exterior diameter of the pipe is 2.44cm. The thickness of the lead is .37cm. The funnel end has a diameter of 4.58cm.

Observations

- The tomb covering (reused marble and stone slabs) does not seem to be consistent with the walls that demark the area for the sarcophagus nor with the fine work of the

sarcophagus box. But if the tomb were hastily covered, there would not be time for plastering and the painting of a fresco.

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