

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

Date: 29 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	D1	D0	C1	C0	B2A
Loci	F538	L536	L501	L536	L537
Baskets	PC1879	PC1881	PC1883	PC1880	PC1882
Walls	W539, W540, W521				
Floors	F538				

- Continued work in Square B2A
 - Starting elevation = 129.96
 - Ending elevation = 129.62
 - The soil is redder in color and more compacted than other horizons. It digs easily.

Basket 1882	Area NEC	Locus L537	Square B2A	Opening elevation 129.96
Closing Elevation 129.62	Weight 0.28	Date 29-Jul-03	Manager Schuler	Loci Type sealed in tomb
Yes Ceramic	Yes Plaster	Yes Human Bones		
No Ceramic non-pottery	No Architectural Item	No Iron		
Yes Tessera	No Lamp	No Lead		
Yes Glass	No Inscription	No Inscription		

Remarks
one cover stone broken during excavation; tomb resealed; 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	11	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	0	9
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
small animal bones and claw

Plaster fragments with red and yellow (vague stripes)

6 pieces of glass

tesserae:
1cm: 15 white, 5 black, 2 yellow, 2 red

- Drew the covering of the north tomb.

- Opening the tomb
- Visible was a seemingly complete, undisturbed skeleton. The sarcophagus was approximately 1/3 full of dirt, some of which had come in during antiquity and some of which entered as a result of the current excavation.
- Removed sifted dirt to the top level of the bones. Skull (broken), shoulders and arms seem in natural burial position.
- As approximately 7cm of tightly packed dirt remain about the remaining bones. As only two days remained in the season, the final excavation of the remains was postponed to the following season.
- Continued work in Square D1
 - Starting elevation = 130.49
 - Ending elevation = 130.49
 - 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
 - List of architectural items
 - 072 large basalt doorjamb with square boring.

Basket 1879	Area NEC	Locus F538	Square D1	Opening elevation 130.49	
Closing Elevation 130.49	Weight 22	Date 29-Jul-03	Manager Schuler	Loci Type mosaic floor	
Yes Ceramic	No Plaster	No Human Bones			
No Ceramic non-pottery	Yes 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	1	13	0	0	
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base	
1	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	0	5
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard	Lamp Base	
0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard			
0	0	0			
Analysis					
Tesserae:					
1.5cm -- 1 yellow, 1 white					

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- Cleaned and repaired interior of W511 and W521
 - Repaired collapsed area around cistern head with stones and concrete/plaster mix.
 - Finished cleaning F538 in D1
 - Continued work in Square D0 (outside of W521 to north of D1)
 - Starting elevation = 131.53
 - Ending elevation = 131.13
 - 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
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Basket 1881	Area NEC	Locus L536	Square D0	Opening elevation 131.53	
Closing Elevation 131.13	Weight 0.7	Date 29-Jul-03	Manager Schuler	Loci Type 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	1	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	3	9	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	0	4
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 roof tile					
tesserae: 1.5cm -- 1 white					

- Attempted to find the exterior of the NW corner by trenches along W521 and W511
- Corner is unclear.
- Continued work in Square C0 (outside of W521 to north of C1)
 - Starting elevation = 131.53

- o Ending elevation = 131.13
- o Soil is Horizon B.

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1880	NEC	L536	C0	131.53
Closing Elevation	Weight	Date	Manager	Loci Type
131.13	3.03	29-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	3	0	0	
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base
0	0	0	0	1
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim
7	4	42	0	0
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base
6	0	0	0	0
CCW Lid Rim	CCW Lid Handle	OCW Jar Base	OCW Jar Rim	OCW Jar Handle
0	0	1	0	3
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				
2 roof tiles				
4 pieces of glass				
tesserae:				
1 cm -- 4 white, 1 red, 1 grey				
1.5 cm -- 2 white				
2 cm -- 5 white				

- o Followed W539 to the north to a corner (W540). The interior length of W539 (west side) is 2.87m. The wall consists of a 1.51m stretch from W521, a .74m doorway (closes from the east), and a .62m stretch.
- o W540 goes west roughly parallel with W521. It is 1.25m thick!
- Started work in Square C1 to the south of W521
 - o Starting elevation = 131.13
 - o Ending elevation = 130.68 (in places)
 - o Soil is Horizon B.

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1883	NEC	L501	C1	131.13
Closing Elevation	Weight	Date	Manager	Loci Type
130.68	0.3	29-Jul-03	Schuler	destruction fill
Yes Ceramic	No Plaster	No Human Bones		

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No **Ceramic non-pottery** Yes **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	
1	1	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	15	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	0
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard	Lamp Base
0	0	0	0	7
Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard		
0	0	0		

Analysis

Tesserae:

1 cm -- 5 white, 1 black

1.5 cm -- 2 white, 1 black

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- o Opened the south side of C1 in an attempt to expose the complete stylobate and run of column bases before the end of the season.
 - o Exposed part of the stylobate east of CN4 along with the top of CN3. The column bases do not display the uniformity of the four in the south aisle. In the north aisle there are five bases. The gaps from east to west (measured on the center) are: 1.8, 1.8, 3.55, and 1.76. CN5 is 1.65 from the west wall. It seems as if a column base is missing between CN3 and CN4. In the rubble between CN3 and CN4 is a column drum 76cm tall and a capital of similar design to the one in the south aisle between CS4 and W511.

Observations

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Daily Drawing July 29

