

# Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2004 – 5th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 9 Sept 04 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2a	C1	D2		
Loci	L537	L542	L501		
Baskets	1897	1898	1899		
Walls	W521, W511				
Floors	F538				

- Continued work in Square B2a
  - Starting elevation = work inside the limestone box
  - List of architectural items -- none
  - Attempted three tests to identify sex of skeleton
    - Diameter of head of femur – femur not loose yet, so test postponed
    - Subpubic angle – according to finger test (Bass, *Human Osteology*, p. 209) pelvis seems to be male
    - Sciatic notch – with a bone removed the field finger test (Bass, *Human Osteology*, p. 213) again seems male
  - Continued to remove dirt from around bones carefully
- Continued work in Square C1
  - Starting elevation = 130.65
  - Ending elevation = to west 130.47, to east 130.39 (both are levels of mosaic)
  - Soil is Horizon C
  - List of architectural items
    - 086 – chancel screen fragment
  - While removing some of the last cm of rubble west of the chancel screen base at the north end, we recovered a fragment of the chancel screen that had been at the head of the north aisle. It is made of a soft material similar to what was recovered from the channel of the chancel screen base last year.
  - While cleaning next to the bench, we discovered mosaic tile going under the bench.
    - Therefore the bench is from a secondary phase of the church, even as is the bench in the south aisle.

- The north bench is made of corbels identical to those used in the north wall (W521).
  - Therefore the wall repair is from the same secondary phase of the church
  - Perhaps the column bases North of W521 were part of an entrance closed in a secondary reconstruction. Such an entrance might explain the configuration of the column bases in the north aisle.
  - Excavation of Square C0 is recommended.
- Began work in Square D2
    - Starting elevation = from 131.28 in the west to 130.94 in the east.
    - Ending elevation = 103.64 (next to W511) to 130.59
    - Soil is Horizon B
    - List of architectural items
      - 085 – chancel screen fragment
    - Removed most of the destruction fill in the square. It was mostly soil with occasional stones, especially closer to W511.
    - Recovered a fragment of chancel screen with vine pattern similar to the first fragment.
    - After approaching W511, it is hard to discern from the inside if a door exists. The wall seems of very poor quality, if it is indeed a wall. Suggest a trench in E2 to clarify.

## Observations

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**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1897**

Locus: 537

Square: B2a

Opening elevation:

Closing elevation:

Weight:

Date: 9-Sep-04

Manager: Schuler

Loci type: burial

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ceramic             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Soil Sample  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Human Bones |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ceramic non-Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bulla        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Copper      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Tesserae            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Basalt       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Silver      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Glass               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lithic       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Iron        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Plaster/Fresco      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Coil/organic | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Bronze      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Architectural Item  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Inscription  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Lead        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Coin                | <input type="checkbox"/> | Flint        |                                     |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Lamp                | <input type="checkbox"/> | Worked Bone  |                                     |             |

## Remarks:

Plaster fragments: 4 yellow, 1 red  
tooth small animal

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim									
Handle									
Body Shard				1					

## Remarks:

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1898**

Locus: 542

Square: C1

Opening elevation: 130.65

Closing elevation: to west 130.47, to east 130.39  
(both are levels of mosaic)

Weight: 1.26 kg

Date: 9-Sep-04

Manager: Schuler

Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ceramic             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Soil Sample  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Human Bones |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ceramic non-Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bulla        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Copper      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tesserae            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Basalt       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Silver      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Glass               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lithic       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Iron        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Plaster/Fresco      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Coil/organic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bronze      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Architectural Item  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Inscription  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Coin                | <input type="checkbox"/> | Flint        |                          |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Lamp                | <input type="checkbox"/> | Worked Bone  |                          |             |

**Remarks:**

Glass: green glass stem, thin green fragment, thin clear fragment, thin blue-green fragment

Roof tile: 1

Bone: 3 animal fragments

Tesserae: 140 white, 26 black, 7 red, 4 yellow

Clusters 3 of 2 white

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim	2		1				1		
Handle			4				1		
Body Shard	2		49				25		

**Remarks:**

fineware plate rim 5% of 20cm

small fineware bowl rim

pot rim 3.5% of 11cm

jar rim: 4% of 8.5cm

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1899**

Locus: 501 Square: D2  
 Opening elevation: from 131.28 in the west to 130.94 Closing elevation: 103.64 (next to W511) to 130.59  
 in the east.  
 Weight: 4.0kg Date: 9-Sep-04  
 Manager: Schuler Loci type: Destruction Fill

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|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ceramic             | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Sample  | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Bones |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ceramic non-Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulla        | <input type="checkbox"/> Copper      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Item             | <input type="checkbox"/> Inscription  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Flint        |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Worked Bone  |                                      |

## Remarks:

Marble: 1 piece

Bones: 3 animal

Glass: green fragment, blue-green plate rim 4% of 13cm, blue-green plate rim 5% of 10cm

Tesserae: 304 white, 35 black, 19 red, 4 yellow

Clusters: 5 of 2 white, 1 of 2 black, 1 of 4 white, 1 of 2 red and 2 white

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base	1								
Rim	3		3		2		3		
Handle		1	4				1		
Body Shard	2		116				108		

## Remarks:

Fineware plate rim 2.5% of 19cm

Fineware plate rim 2.5% of 12.5cm

thick fineware bowl rim 4.5% of 13.5cm

pot rim 1% of 17cm

cooking bowl rim 3.5% of 14cm

cooking bowl rim 2.5% of 8.5cm

jar rim 17% of 1.5cm

widemouth jar rim 17.5% of 5cm

pink jar rim 10% of 4cm

pot rim 10% of 5cm

pot rim 15% of 5.5cm

brown bowl rim 5% of 8.5cm

Daily Drawing

