

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

Date: 23 Sept 2004 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2a	C1	D0	E2	
Loci	L537	F538	L536	L548	
Baskets	1933	1932	1934	1931	
Walls	W511, W513, W521, W540, W541				
Floors	F538, F545				

- Continued work in Square B2a
 - Starting elevation = work inside the limestone box
 - List of architectural items -- none
 - Continued removing dirt from around bones.
 - Finished extraction of bones.
 - Did last of bones of the body and then extracted the skull and remains under it.
 - Discovered the remains of two additional skulls in the dirt and fragments on which the third skull sat.
 - Observations on the exhumation
 - The first two in the tomb died earlier (a generation) before the third
 - Although some bones are in approximate burial position, most bones showed significant disruption. For example, the head of a femur at the west end of the bone (opposite burial position).
 - There were concentrations of small animal bones at the head and foot of the box
 - No evidence of cloth, beads, or coins
 - Bits of plaster (some showing red or yellow painting) were retrieved.
 - Box seems to have settled to one side
 - West end had more moisture in the soil (condensation on the boards every morning)
- Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55
 - Ending elevation = 130.55

- List of architectural items -- none
- Continued conservation work on F538
- Continued work in Square E2
 - Starting elevation = 130.95 to 131.25
 - Ending elevation = 130.61
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - List of architectural items
 - 089 – corbel? (flat with angular cut)
 - Broken lintel stone from main entrance (not yet labeled or removed)
 - Completed most of the area in the square between W511 and W513
 - Work in square was interrupted when we began to remove the lintel stone. Upon turning it we discovered a painted plaster section face down on some earth on the floor. With the help of a conservationist, we hope to raise the plaster. There seems to be two layers.
 - We continue to recover a large number of pieces cut on angles. Probably used to construct arches/domes
- Resumed work in Square D0
 - Starting elevation = 131.582
 - Ending elevation = 130.982
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - List of architectural items
 - doorjamb
 - Typical top level destruction fill – stones and fill, and building stones.

Observations

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1931**

Locus: 548
 Opening elevation: 130.95
 Weight: 0.61kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: E2
 Closing elevation: 103.61
 Date: 23-Sep-04
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ceramic | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Sample | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Bones |
| <input 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: 1 green frag
 Animal bones: 3 frags Roof tiles:
 Tesserae: 10 white, 3 light brown, 2 brown, 2 black, 1 pink/orange
 Clusters: 1 of 2 white, 1 of 6 white
 Other:

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim					1				
Handle									
Body Shard	2		20				22		

Remarks:

shelf bowl rim 2.5% of 11.5cm

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1932**

Locus: F538
 Opening elevation: 130.55
 Weight: 1.00kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C1
 Closing elevation: same
 Date: 23-Sep-04
 Loci type: Floor

- Ceramic
- Ceramic non-Pottery
- Tesserae
- Glass
- Plaster/Fresco
- Architectural Item
- Coin
- Lamp

- Soil Sample
- Bulla
- Basalt
- Lithic
- Coil/organic
- Inscription
- Flint
- Worked Bone

- Human Bones
- Copper
- Silver
- Iron
- Bronze
- Lead

Remarks:

Glass:

Animal bones: Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 200 white, 93 black, 23 dark brown, 12 brown, 4 light brown, 18 pink, 8 pink/orange, 3 red, 23 yellow

Clusters:

Other:

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				1		

Remarks:

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1933**

Locus: 537

Square: B2a

Opening elevation:

Closing elevation:

Weight:

Date: 23-Sep-04

Manager: Schuler

Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Glass | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lithic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Iron |
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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:

Glass:

Animal bones: rodent Roof tiles:

Tesserae:

Clusters:

Other: 14 plaster fragments, 2 with red paint

Basket Analysis

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

Remarks:

rim 5% of 12cm

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1934**

Locus: 536
 Opening elevation: 131.582
 Weight: 1.36kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: D0
 Closing elevation: 130.982
 Date: 23-Sep-04
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input 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: blue rim 46% of 2.5cm, frags: 1 blue-green, 1 blue, 1 clear, 1 silvered

Animal bones: 2 frags Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 11 white, 4 light brown, 1 black, 1 red

Clusters:

Other:

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base	1								
Rim	2		1				1		
Handle			2	1			3		
Body Shard	2		45				27		

Remarks:

fineware body shard with cross imprint

fineware bowl rim 10% of 10.5cm

fineware plat rim 5% of 10 cm

pot rim 8% of 5.5cm

jar rim 17.5% of 5 cm

Daily Drawing

