

Hippos (Sussita) 2004 –5th Season

Locus Card

Locus no. F538

Archaeological Context

Locus status: closed

Locus Type: floor

Field Manager: Schuler

Opening Date: 12 Sept 04

Closing Date: 6 Oct 04

Area: Northeast Church

Opening Height: 130.55 (mosaic), 130.52 (pebble base)

Closing Height: same

Locus Location

General Description of Borders:

North aisle of nave

Loci

Below	Above	North	South	West	East	Identical
L542		W521	Stylobate	W511	chancel	

	Northing	Easting
Northeast	608.01	512.88
Southwest	598.91	514.05

General Description and Soil Analysis

Mosaic floor on pebble base

Chronology of Excavation

- 12 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = to west 130.47, to east 130.39 (both are levels of mosaic)
 - Ending elevation = 130.55 (mosaic), 130.52 (pebble base)
 - Soil is Horizon C

- Started to reveal floor (F538) working from the chancel screen base. Red and black tile are discernable in places
- A nail was recovered from the fill
- Sieving applied to all dirt from the square. Some to be sent off for floral/faunal analysis.
- 13 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55 (mosaic), 130.52 (pebble base)
 - Ending elevation = 130.55 (mosaic)
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - List of architectural items
 - Small fragment of marble tray recovered from area near bench
 - Continued the cleaning of last fill above the mosaic.
- 14 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55 (mosaic)
 - Ending elevation = 130.55 (mosaic)
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Finished clearing remainder of dirt covering mosaic floor (F538)
 - The mosaic floor is in fragmentary condition with only the pebble base still visible in spots.
 - One section of mosaic was partially cleaned revealing a square pattern. The central square has stair-step lines of mosaic tiles running diagonally: brown, black, white, yellow, white, black, pink, cream, and black. The square is outlined in black. Smaller squares are at each point of the original square. They are outlined in black. On one side the field color is pink. On the other side the field color is yellow. Black-trimmed rectangles complete the pattern on each of the four sides. The field color is white.
- 19 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55
 - Ending elevation = 130.55

- Began conservation work on F538
- 20 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55
 - Ending elevation = 130.55
 - Continued conservation work on F538
- 21 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55
 - Ending elevation = 130.55
 - Continued conservation work on F538
- 22 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55
 - Ending elevation = 130.55
 - Continued conservation work on F538
- 23 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55
 - Ending elevation = 130.55
 - Continued conservation work on F538
- 26 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55
 - Ending elevation = 130.55
 - Continued conservation work on F538
- 4 Oct 04: Resumed work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55 (mosaic)
 - Ending elevation = 130.50 (pebble base)
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Finished conservation of the edges of the mosaic and began cleaning.
 - Revealed some guilloche, five-square patterns, and ancient repair, and four crosses next to the base for the chancel screen, roughly centered.
- 5 Oct 05: Continued work in Square C2

- Conservation of the edges of the mosaic remnants continued.
- 6 Oct 04: Continued work in Square C1
 - Cleaned mosaic surface of fragments of floor F538.
 - Revealed four red crosses next to base of chancel screen
 - A guilloche pattern identical to that in the south aisle ran parallel with the stylobate.

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1916**

Locus: F538
 Opening elevation: 130.55
 Weight: 0.39kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C1
 Closing elevation: same
 Date: 19-Sep-04
 Loci type: Floor

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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 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:

Animal bones: Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 43 white, 33 black, 3 light brown, 5 brown, 10 red, 7 pink, 1 dark red, 1 yellow

Clusters: 1 of 2 yellow (hard)

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		3				5		

Remarks:

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1921**

Locus: F538
 Opening elevation: 130.55
 Weight: 0.37kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C1
 Closing elevation: sme
 Date: 20-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: 72 white, 13 black, 6 dark green, 12 brown, 3 light green, 2 pink, 8 yellow

Clusters: 2 of 2 white, 1 of 3 white, 1 of 4 white

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									

Remarks:

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1926**

Locus: F538
 Opening elevation: 130.55
 Weight: 0.56
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C1
 Closing elevation: same
 Date: 21-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 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:

Animal bones: Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 84 white, 23 black, 1 dark brown, 12 light brown, 5 pink, 2 red, 10 yellow

Clusters: 1 of 2 white

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					

Remarks:

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1929**

Locus: F538
 Opening elevation: 130.55
 Weight: 0.50kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C1
 Closing elevation: same
 Date: 22-Sep-04
 Loci type: Floor

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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 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:

Glass:

Animal bones: Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 119 white, 15 black, 5 dark brown, 5 brown, 5 light brown, 3 pink, 2 pink/orange, 3 red, 4 yellow

Clusters:

Other: small fragment of red painted plaster

Basket Analysis

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

Remarks:

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 # 1939**

Locus: F538
 Opening elevation: 130.55
 Weight: 0.09
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C1
 Closing elevation: same
 Date: 26-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: 16 white, 5 black, 9 pink, 2 pink/orange, 1 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									

Remarks:

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1959**

Locus: F538
 Opening elevation: 130.55
 Weight: 0.19kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C1
 Closing elevation: 130.55
 Date: 4-Oct-05
 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: 37 white, 4 brown, 8 dark brown, 18 black

Clusters: 1 of 2 white, 1 of 4 white

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									

Remarks: