

# Hippos (Sussita) 2004 –5<sup>th</sup> Season

## Locus Card

Locus no. F544

### Archaeological Context

Locus status: open (conservation and cleaning incomplete)

Locus Type: floor

Field Manager: Schuler

Area: Northeast Church

Opening Date: 12- Sep-04

Opening Height: 130.55

Closing Date:

Closing Height:

### Locus Location

General Description of Borders:

nave

Loci

Below	Above	North	South	West	East	Identical
L501		stylobate	stylobate	W511	chancel	

	Northing	Easting
Northeast	607.34	516.76
Southwest	596.67	519.39

### General Description and Soil Analysis

Mosaic floor with two layers

### Chronology of Excavation

- 12 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.55
  - Ending elevation = 130.64 (mosaic), 130.57 (pebble base)
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - List of architectural items

- C1900 recovered from D2 next to south stylobate between CS3 and CS4. Entire nave was swept with a metal detector, although no excavation was done outside of C2
  - Began uncovering mosaic beginning from the chancel screen base and working in a westerly direction
  - Burned wood and nails from on west edge of square C2 are a modern intrusion (buried garbage) as a candy wrapper was found with them.
  - Next to the chancel screen base, most of the mosaic is gone. Only the pebble base and a few small areas remain.
- 13 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.64 (mosaic), 130.57 (pebble base)
  - Ending elevation = 130.50-130.53 (most mosaic), 130.63 (mosaic in SE corner of square)
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Continued to clear the floor
  - Mostly a cobble base
  - Some swirls (circles) in patches of remaining mosaic
  - Likely we are seeing two separate mosaic layers as there can be as much as 10 cm of difference in elevation and some mosaic is heavily coated with plaster.
  - In one section of C2 the two layers are clearly visible overlaying each other
    - Upper mosaic is at elevation 130.62
    - Lower mosaic is at elevation 130.57
- 14 Sept 04: Continued work in Square D2
  - Starting elevation = 103.64 (next to W511) to 130.59
  - Ending elevation = 130.58 (mosaic on north side near W511) to 130.65 (mosaic on south side near W511)
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - List of architectural items

- C1909 – coin recovered at floor level near north stylobate and W511
  - Swept the rest of the dirt from F544.
  - Two different layers of mosaic are visible in a fragmentary way as in C2.
  - The top layer has a fan pattern as in the NWC
  - Lower level has a guilloche (see the south aisle from last year) and some larger swirls
  - Condition of the floor in C2 and D2 is quite fragmentary. Major conservation is needed.
- 19 Sept 04: Continued work in Squares C2/D2
  - Starting elevation = 103.64 (next to W511) to 130.59
  - Ending elevation = 103.64 (next to W511) to 130.59
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Swept floor once more
- 26 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.59
  - Ending elevation = 130.59
  - Continued conservation work on F544
- 27 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.59
  - Ending elevation = 130.59
  - Continued conservation work on F544
- 28 Sept 04: Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.59
  - Ending elevation = 130.59
  - Continued conservation work on F544
- 3 Oct 04: Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.59
  - Ending elevation = 130.59
  - Continued conservation work on F544

- 4 Oct 04: Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.59
  - Ending elevation = 130.59
  - Continued conservation work on F544
- 5 Oct 04: Continued work in C1
  - Conservation of the edges of the mosaic remnants continued.

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1915**

Locus: F544 Square: C/D2  
 Opening elevation: 103.64 (next to W511) to 130.59 Closing elevation: same  
 Weight: .40kg Date: 19-Sep-04  
 Manager: Schuler 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 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:

Clusters:

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							1	1	
Body Shard			17				23		

Remarks:

cooking bowl rim 12.5% of 6cm

frying pan handle

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1940**

Locus: F544  
 Opening elevation: 130.59  
 Weight: 0.64kg  
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C2  
 Closing elevation: same  
 Date: 26-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 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: 137 white, 3 light brown, 10 brown, 38 black, 15 pink, 7 red, 6 yellow

Clusters: 1 of 2 white, 1 of 3 white, 1 of 2 white and 3 black

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				2		

Remarks:

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1945**

Locus: F544  
 Opening elevation: 130.59  
 Weight: 0.37  
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C2  
 Closing elevation: same  
 Date: 27-Sep-04  
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <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: 99 white, 5 grey, 18 black, 1 pink, 4 red, 7 yellow

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

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 # 1948**

Locus: F544  
 Opening elevation: 130.59  
 Weight:  
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C2  
 Closing elevation: same  
 Date: 28-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 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: 90 white, 7 grey/brown, 3 light brown, 20 black, 2 red, 3 yellow

Clusters: 1 of 1 white and 1 black

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 # 1952**

Locus: F544  
 Opening elevation: 130.59  
 Weight: 0.90kg  
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C2  
 Closing elevation: 130.59  
 Date: 3-Oct-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 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: 197 white, 77 black, 30 red, 9 pink, 7 yellow, 3 brown, 1 grey

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

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 # 1957**

Locus: F544  
 Opening elevation: 130.59  
 Weight: 0.7kg  
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C2  
 Closing elevation: same  
 Date: 4-Oct-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 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: 123 white, 6 red, 9 pink, 2 yellow, 30 black, 3 brown, 1 grey

Clusters: 3 of 2 white, 1 of 2 black and 3 dark brown and 3 medium brown

Other:

**Basket Analysis**

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

Remarks:

pot rim 7.5% of 4.5cm