

Hippos (Sussita) 2004 –5th Season

Locus Card

Locus no. 551

Archaeological Context

Locus status: closed

Locus Type: seal fill

Field Manager: Schuler

Area: Northeast Church

Opening Date: 27 Sept 04

Opening Height: 130.66

Closing Date: 3 Oct 04

Closing Height: 130.29

Locus Location

General Description of Borders:

North of cist tomb in chancel

Loci

Below	Above	North	South	West	East	Identical
L550		Plaster on line of stylobate	Cist tomb	Chancel screen base	W520	

	Northing	Easting
Northeast	610.15	516.93
Southwest	607.59	517.40

General Description and Soil Analysis

General fill/plaster . . . hard

Chronology of Excavation

- 27 Sept 04: Continued work in Square B2a
 - Starting elevation = 130.774
 - Ending elevation = 130.527
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Under the plaster of F517 was a base of flat stones at 130.64

- Under the flat stones was a base of pebbles
- The north line of the opening was plastered vertically . . . running east/west. Could this plaster have joined with the plaster that originally sealed the tomb? So, the foundation for the first building was bounded on the north by the line of the stylobate, on the east by the line of the apse, and on the west by the chancel screen base. The latter was not plastered, so the chancel screen base may have cut the line, even as the stones for F517 cut the plaster.
- 28 Sept 04: Continued work in Square B2a
 - Starting elevation = 130.527
 - Ending elevation = 130.36
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Very hard under two layers of sub flooring
 - Vertical plaster to north and east of the opening
 - Some sort of socket (canopy?) toward the west end, but no comparable one to the east end
 - Recovered some plaster – yellow background with black stripes
 - Little discernable structure (other than framing plaster). Some support stone to the north of the cist tomb wall on the east half of the opening.
- 3 Oct 04: Continued work in Square B2A
 - Starting elevation = 130.36
 - Ending elevation = 130.29
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Continued to excavate the area immediately north of the cist tomb
 - Revealed a Byzantine ionic capital with plaster on it as the foundation for the north corner of the apse. The reuse of this distinctively Byzantine form suggests borrowing from a previous church structure.

- Hard plaster/concrete made excavation difficult. There was no other discernable socket as in the westerly section of the small excavation area. Stopped further excavation.

Pottery and Small Finds

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1946**

Locus: 551
 Opening elevation: 130.774
 Weight: 0.51kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: B2
 Closing elevation: 130.527
 Date: 27-Sep-04
 Loci type: sealed context

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <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 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: blue-gree rim 10% of 4.5cm, blue-green frag.

Animal bones: 3 Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 9 white, 2 dark brown, 4 black

Clusters:

Other: plaster lump

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base					1				
Rim	1			1					
Handle			1				1	1	
Body Shard	1		19				43		

Remarks:

fineware bowl base/rim 2.5% of 8cm

casserole rim 3% of 14cm

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1949**

Locus: 551
 Opening elevation: 130.527
 Weight: 0.48kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: B2
 Closing elevation: 130.36
 Date: 28-Sep-04
 Loci type: sealed context

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <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 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: 1 dark glass bead
 Animal bones: 9 Roof tiles:
 Tesserae: 3 white, 1 yellow, 1 black
 Clusters:
 Other: 6 pcs white plaster, 5 pcs with brown paint, 2 pcs with yellow paint

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim			1				2		
Handle			1				1		
Body Shard	2		13				44		

Remarks:

pot rim 3% of 15cm
 jar rim 20% of 4cm
 thicker jar rim (cannot be measured)

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1951**

Locus: 551
 Opening elevation: 130.36
 Weight: 0.03kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: B2
 Closing elevation: 130.29
 Date: 3-Oct-04
 Loci type: sealed context

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <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									
Handle									
Body Shard	0		1				2		

Remarks: