

# Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2006 – 7th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 12 July Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	C/D2	D4	E5	F3	F4	B4
Loci		L557	L548	L563	L657 L1203	L596
Baskets		2074	2077	2078	2075 2079	2076
Walls	W510, W552, W562, W569, W574, W585, W591, W1202					
Floors	F544, F568, F571, F589, F1202					

- Documentation of the stylobate from south to north measuring column diameters and intercolumniation
  - Column 1 0.52
  - Intercolumniation 1.74
  - Column 2 0.54
  - Intercolumniation 4.73
    - If we subtract the diameter of a missing column (0.55) and split the remaining intercolumniation, we arrive at an intercolumniation 2.09 between Column 2 and the missing Column 3, and between the missing Column 3 and Column 4.
  - Column 4 0.55
  - Intercolumniation 1.94
  - Column 5 0.53
  - Intercolumniation 2.05
  - Column 6 0.52
  - Intercolumniation 4.38
    - If we subtract the diameter of a missing column (0.55) and split the remaining intercolumniation, we arrive at an intercolumniation of 1.91 between Column 6 and the missing Column 7, and between the missing Column 7 and Column 8.
  - Column 8 0.53

- Total length 18.03
  - Continued conservation work in Square C/D2 (Nave)
    - Cleaning of nave continued.
  - Continued work in Square D4
    - Starting elevation = 131.639 (south of W1201); 131.055 (north of W1201)
    - Ending elevation = 131.545 (south of W1201); 131.145 (north of W1201)
    - Soil is Horizon B
    - Lowered areas on both sides of W1201, and took out what may have been the wall of an animal pen between W510 and W1201.
    - Started to expose the south side of W510 and the east side of W585.
  - Continued work in Square E5
    - Ending elevation = 130.584 (street north end); 131.389 (street south end) ; 130.771 (trench south of W569); 131.415 (top of W569)
    - Soil is Horizon B
    - While waiting for the tractor to remove IDF fill, we exposed 2 meters of W569. It is a clean corner with no continuation to the south.
    - Observation of E4 and E5 suggests the following relationship:
      - Phase 1: drain channel and cistern c, as the source of the drainage is cut off and a section of the drain to the south is also cut off.
      - Phase 2: six meter masonry building to the south of the gate (W585), as the street (F561) abuts the courses of W585.
      - Phase 3: the paving of the street and the building of a gate.
      - Phase 4: the building of the two atrium rooms straddling the line of the gate, as some stones of W552 overlay pavers of the street
      - We can at this point offer no statement about the amount of time between the phases.
  - Continued work in Square F4
    - Starting elevation = 130.567 (F568 north end), 130.543 (F568 south end); 130.633 (section north of W562)
    - Ending elevation = 130.425 (stone floor F571); west of W591
    - Soil is Horizon B
-

- Removed plaster floor (F568) to the south of W562, and cleared to the level of the stone floor (F571). The floor is made of flat basalt stones with a limestone frame on the north and the west.
- On the north side of W562, we came to the level of a plaster floor (F1202). Last year in E4 no such floor had been identified (possibly due to the inexperience of the excavation team).
- Next to W591 there is a bench north of W562. It is 47 cm wide and 37 cm high.
- High volumes of domestic pottery continue to be recovered.
- Began work in square F3
  - Starting elevation = 131.48
  - Ending elevation = 131.444 (W ); 131.070 (south section); 130.960 (north section)
  - Soil is Horizon A
  - Parts of W574 and W591 are emerging.
  - There is possibly a wall going northwest from W574.
- Continued work on cistern D in Square B4
  - Starting elevation = 128.59 (reference point 131.061)
  - Ending elevation = 128.441
  - Soil is Horizon B (destruction fill)
  - Additional small items were recovered including a coin (at 6:45am)

## Observations

---

