

Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2007 – 8th Season Daily Log + Drawing

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Squares	F2	F2	E8	A5	Nave
Loci	L563	L567	L505	L1219	
Baskets	2118	2120	2117	2119	
Walls	W512, W554				
Floors					

- Continued work in Square F2
 - Starting elevation = 131.071 (average elevation)
 - Ending elevation = 130.61
 - Soil is Horizon A/B, soil changed to all B at about 130.65
 - Three steps of a staircase have been revealed in the southeast corner of the square. The staircase is 80cm wide with stair depths of 30cm and rises of 15-18 cm. The bottom visible tread is 40cm wide.
 - Abutting the staircase to the east is a platform. It is 85 cm wide and about a meter deep. Its height is comparable to the top of the three steps.
 - Portions of the fixture are in the balk. Removal of the balk may be necessary to identify the function.
- Continued work in Square E8
 - Starting elevation = 130.60
 - Ending elevation = 130.50
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Recovered assorted tumble so far.
 - Comparison levels of the street in E5 (130.46) and the street at the decumanus (128.53) suggest that the average level of the square (129.84) is between 40 and 80 cm above the street.
- Continued conservation work on the nave
 - Finished removing the first layer of coverings, continued removing the second layer of coverings.
- Continued work on Square A5
 - Starting elevation = 133.45

- Ending elevation = 133.07
- Soil is Horizon A
- Work was devoted to leveling the square. As a result, two walls may be appearing. The first is an east/west wall about 80 cm in width that runs parallel to and to the south of W554. It may be on a line with and connect to the hypothesized wall on the south side of the great hall.
- Perpendicular may be a second wall. It runs parallel to W512 and a meter east of it.
- Both walls, if they prove to be walls, would be counter to the original hypothesis that Cordo Three North provides the eastern boundary to the church and structures related to it. Work in square C5 is even more necessary to clarify the possible connections.

Observations

Daily Drawing

