

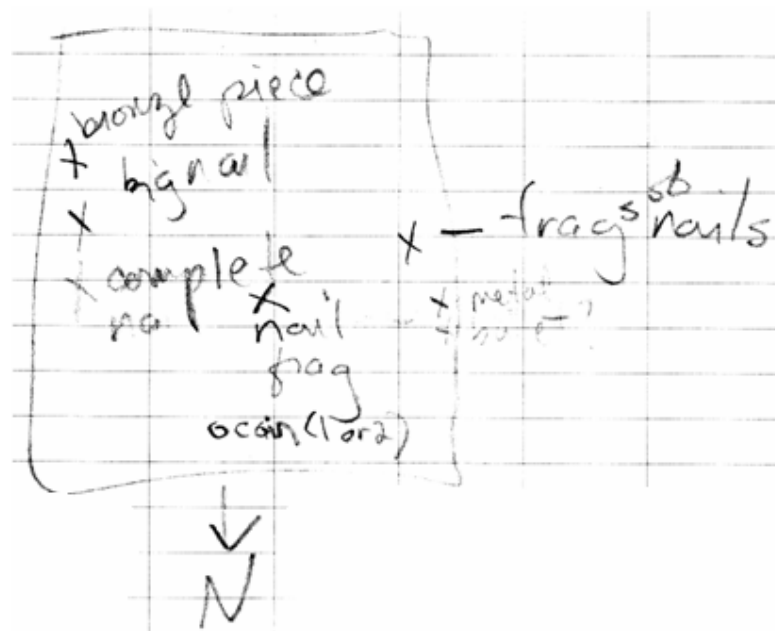
Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2007 – 8th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 3 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	F2	F2	E8	A5	A5	Nave
Loci	F1214	Balk L563 L567	L548	L1223	L1222	
Baskets	2122	2125	2121	2123	2124	
Walls	W1220, W1221, W1224					
Floors	F1214					

- Continued work in Square F2
 - Starting elevation = 130.61
 - Ending elevation = 130.58
 - The third step is at the level of a mud and plaster floor. We tentatively identify it with F1214 from F3 (see discussion in 2006 report). It seems to be consistent with a general layer of mud/plaster west of the stylobate, perhaps some sort of courtyard.
 - At floor level we recovered part of a copper chain of a polycandelon. The medallion had four l-shaped slots cut in it forming a cross. Through the use of a metal detector, numerous other metals were recovered from the floor, including:
 - Nail bent over to 8cm length (wood thickness is 7 cm) from east side of square
 - Second copper piece of polycandelon
 - Nail fragments from the middle and from the west central part of square

- Portion of bullet (central west part of square)



- In addition, many tesserae were recovered including some elongated pieces of limestone from which small cubes were being broken off or cut.
- An animal skull was recovered from the east balk near the stairs.
- A coin or two fused discovered on floor central north end (Item 209)
- Began to remove the balk to the south and to the east of the square so as to reveal all of the fixture and the wall between F2 and F3.
- Continued work in Square E8
 - Starting elevation = 130.50
 - Ending elevation = 130.22 (average) 129.88 (lowest)
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Continued to remove fill.
 - Cut the square in half to allow concentration on the "street side" of the square.
 - Error in the calculation of yesterday's level means the team still has .6-1.2m to go to reach the street.
- Continued conservation work on the nave
 - Almost all dirt has been removed from the final layer of covering. Most of the mosaic is undamaged.
- Continued work on Square A5

- Starting elevation = 133.07
- Ending elevations = southeast room average 132.658; northeast room average 132.224; cardo 132.539; W1221 133.028
- Soil is Horizon A
- Over the course of the day, several walls became visible in A5. A large (.90 m) east-west wall (W1220) is perpendicular to a large W1221 (.90 M width). W1221 runs parallel to W512 and W518 1.35m to the east. The gap is identical to that of the entrance of cardo 3N. W1224 is .5m wide and continued the line of W1220, blocking Cardo Three North. W1224 is also on a line with the wall predicted to be found at the south end of the "Great Hall."

Observations

It seems that W1221 and W1220 predated the church and formed the east side of Cardo 3 North. Later the church complex was built and the Cardo was blocked by W1224. The surveyor checked the cardines two and three north and found both to be 88° perpendicular to the Decumanus.

Daily Drawing

