

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

Date: 5 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	A5	A5	F2 balk	E8	Nave
Loci	L1226	L1225	L563 L567	L548	
Baskets	2131	2132	2133	2134	
Walls	W1216, W1208, W553				
Floors	F1214				

- Continued work in Square F2
  - Starting elevation = lowest step 130.635; top stone of podium/fixture 131.119; floor area 130.531.
  - Ending elevation = threshold of west door 129.972; floor 129.958; excavation level next to threshold 129.783; base of floating wall 130.44; top middle of podium (L1212) 131.023; top of podium to northwest 130.973
  - Removed south balk
  - Determined that W1216 is a later floating wall with a base at or slightly above F1214. The wall has marked similarity to other floating walls on the site. It is essentially a loose pile of stones (no ashlar) likely used for agricultural purposes. A third broken trough was recovered from the fill next to it.
  - It seems then that the doorway to the west was not the entrance to a small cell or storage area. Rather it may have been a western entrance to the compound from a domestic area (recall the grinding mill west of W591).
  - We hypothesize that W1208 extended to the north. Due to the low level of the surface and frequent tractor work in the area, it is mostly destroyed.
  - We will next open F0, with the hope of finding the wall again. It may form a corner with W553.
  - We further hypothesize that the various floating walls (W513, W586, W541, and W1216) is some way relate to the F1214.
  - The exact function of the podium (L1212) is uncertain. It was approached by three stairs from the north and an L-shaped staircase from the south.

- Continued work in Square E8
  - Starting elevation = average north side 130.011; average south side 130.071
  - Ending elevation = 129.50
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Exposed portions of street paving on north end. Some pavers missing.
  - There is massive destruction on both sides of the street. At most one course of the facing walls will be visible.
  - Significant work remains on the south end
  - As the square shows little evidence of any buildings, we will use the tractor to remove one meter of fill above the remaining portions of the street.
- Continued conservation work on the nave.
  - Floor is completely uncovered.
  - We removed a capital from a section of floor west of the south stylobate, so it can be cleaned
- Continued work on Square A5
  - Starting elevation = northeast room (L1225) 132.786; cordo inside church area (L1226) 132.296
  - Ending elevations = northeast room (L1225) is 132.343; cordo area (L1226) inside the church boundaries is 132.078
  - Soil is Horizon B in L1225 ; Horizon B in L1222
  - In L1225 we are still having trouble identifying the north side of W1220. A collapse is likely.
  - In the cardo area (L1226), soil is horizon B and is relatively free of heavy stones.

Observations

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Daily Drawing

