

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

Date: 10 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	A3	A3	C4	C5	F0	F0	
Loci	L1219	L1226	L1215	L503	L563	L1228	
Baskets	2147	2150	2146	2145	2148	2149	
Walls	W553, W1232, W594, W1224, W1229, W1230, W1231						
Floors							

- Continued work in Square F0
 - Starting elevation = average level south of wall = 130.994; step level south side of wall = 130.908; wall (W553) = 131.318; average level northeast side of wall = 130.819; average level northwest side of wall = 130.849
 - Ending elevation = average level north side of wall = 130.553; average level south side of wall = 130.691; bottom of north floating wall = 130.888
 - Soil is horizon A south of wall and B north of wall.
 - North/south walls at the west side of the square seem unlikely. Rubble removed north of W553. Some still remains to the south.
 - A 2.5 x .8 m line of stones at the south side of the square were removed, as they were floating.
 - Some metals were recovered from the Horizon A soil south of W553. One piece was modern tin. The area seems to be worked over and to have served as a dump.
 - The bottom of the floating wall (W1232) is about 25cm above the stylobate. W594 floats at a similar height. But the base of W1232 is about 44cm above the base of the floating wall in F2.
 - Over the last two days, three small fragments of the leaves of a Corinthian capital or similar carving on a frieze have been found in the fill (Items 216, 218, 219).
- Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - Cleaning and drawing continue.
- Continued work in C5

- Starting elevation = average level east of W1229 = 131.778; average level west of W1229 = 132.049
- Ending elevation = average level east side of W1229 = 131.504; average level west side of wall = 131.830
- Soil is horizon A
- Identified the western end of W1224 where it abuts W1229. It does not seem to proceed further to the west.
- Began to articulate W1231—an east/west wall that is an extension of W554 and may be the south wall of the “Great Hall.”
- Resumed work in C4
 - Starting elevation = 130.913
 - Ending elevation = 130.743
 - Only fill recovered.
 - Soil seems to be changing at the level of the top of the threshold is W1217
 - One piece of painted plaster recovered (red “v” on white background). Also one piece of plaster is still adhering to the north side of W1201
- Continued work on Square A3
 - Starting elevation = 132.879 in excavated area
 - Ending elevation = 132.507
 - Soil is Horizon A.
 - The west wall of a building emerged. Its southwest corner is 2m from the west line of the square and .5m from the south line of the square. The wall (W1230) runs north and then turns east some 30cm from the exterior apse of the church. Little room for passage is allowed. The wall is on the same line as W1221 and allow for the requisite space for Cardo 3N.
 - Began to expose Horizon B soil in the square.
- Began work in E6 and E7.
 - The tractor removed about 1 meter of top fill from the line of Cordo 2N
 - The ending elevation in E6 is 130.457.
 - The goal is to excavate the street in E6 and E7 by the end of week three.

Observations

Daily Drawing

