

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

Date: 11 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	A3	A3	C4	C4	C5	F0	E6
Loci	L1219	L1219	L1233	L1215	L503	L567	L548
Baskets		2153	2155	2156	2151	2154	2152
Walls	W553, W1201, W1218, W1229, W1231						
Floors							

- Continued work in Square F0
 - Starting elevation = average level north side of wall = 130.553; average level south side of wall = 130.691; bottom of north floating wall = 130.888
 - Ending elevation = floor 1214 = 130.559; base for floor 1214 = 130.510; bench inside F0 = 130.928; bench inside E0 = 130.826.
 - Soil is horizon B south of wall.
 - Found what may be a drain channel (no ceramic pipe) at the north end of F1214 next to W553.
 - The step next to the wall (south side) is actually a bench that proceeds to the east through the balk. A small portion of it may be seen on the other side of the balk. The bench is 2.1m long.
 - A small piece of modern burlap was recovered at about floor level in the south part of the square.
 - Opened a 2x2m probe south of W553. At about 10cm down, a layer of stones appeared that are possibly the basis for the mud/plaster floor
- Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - Cleaning and drawing continue.
- Continued work in C5
 - Starting elevation = average level east side of W1229 = 131.504; average level west side of wall = 131.830
 - Ending elevation = level west of wall 1229 = 131.615
 - Soil is horizon A.
 - Clarified the exterior face of W1231.

- Cleared the top of W1231.
- Reset several stones to the top of the wall.
- Identified a piece of W1218 in the balk.
- Tomorrow we will clear the portion of the balk to expose the north side of W1231.
- Continued work in C4
 - Starting elevation = 130.743
 - Ending elevation = 130.675
 - Removed most Horizon C soil. No floor clearly visible yet in the small chamber.
 - Some plaster was found adhering to W1201.
 - Much pottery and a blue loom weight were recovered from the fill.
 - Many pottery shards were burnt (cooking?); although no ash pit or cooking area have been revealed.
- Continued work on Square A3
 - Starting elevation = 132.507
 - Ending elevation = 132.740 (in horizon A soil further east)
 - Soil is Horizon A.
 - Working to clear Horizon A layer from the entire square.
 - Although the exterior of the walls of the block building seem clear, interior lines are less so. More clearance is needed.
 - At the north side of the square, there may be a wall protruding at an angle from the curve of the apse toward the block building.
- Continued work in E6.
 - Removed about 2 m of fill from the road.
 - At present we are leaving a layer of 10-15cm of hard packed soil on the street
 - Excellent wall identification is possible on the west side of the street for the five meters. Most wall pieces seem to be ashlar. A 1.1 m section protrudes into the street by 15cm.
 - On the east side the walls are collapsed or tilting toward the street. Stone are less formed and so wall definition is less precise.

Observations

Daily Drawing

