

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

Date: 17 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	A4	D5	E7				
Loci	L1219	L1205	L548				
Baskets	2171	2174	2173				
Walls	W1221, W1231, W1236						
Floors							

- Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - Repair and drawing continue.
- Continued work in D5
 - Starting elevation = 130.670
 - Ending elevation = 130.640
 - Soil is horizon A/B.
 - Finished removing north balk and exposing top and north of W1231.
 - Leveling of the room is complete.
- Resumed work on Square A4
 - Starting elevation = 133.13 (unexcavated area)
 - Ending elevation = 132.897
 - Soil is Horizon A.
 - Removed the Horizon A d soil from the east 2 m of A4
 - Clarified the north side of an east/west wall moving east from W1221. This wall is identified as W1236. The south side of the wall is still being clarified.
 - A column drum in the center of the square may be an indicator of another east/west wall.
- Continued work in E7.
 - Finished square by removing about 1.5 m of fill from the road.
 - Excellent wall identification continues on the west side of the street, in some places as high as four courses. Most wall pieces seem to be ashlars.
 - On the east side the walls are collapsed or tilting toward the street. Stones are less formed and so wall definition is less precise.

- Toward the south end of the square, several large blocks sat on about 20cm of packed soil. Their alignment suggested a crude wall blocking the roadway. Of significance is the intact nature of the street north of the “blockage” and its poor condition (many pavers robbed out) south of the blockage. The blockage came quite late in the occupation of Hippos, relatively speaking. Not only did significant fill blow onto the street, but on the street level next to the east wall are major pieces of a Besan jar (Bucket #2169, 16 July, F548).
- Used the tractor to remove the top meter in E9 and E10

Daily Drawing

