

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

Date: 24 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	C5	A3-5					
Loci	L1205	L1226					
Baskets	2188	2189					
Walls	W510, W512, W554W1221, W1223, W1225, W1230, W1236						
Floors							

- Continued conservation work on the nave.
  - Repair and drawing continue.
- Continued work on Square A4
  - Starting elevation = average level east of W1230 = 132.382; average level street area = 131.961
  - Ending elevation = W1230 under W1221 = 131.858; average street level = 131.698
  - Soil is Horizon B.
  - Worked area of Cardo3N only
  - The discrepancy in alignment between W1221 and W1230 is clarified by the realization that the builder of W1221 and W1236 cut the corner of W1230 and used it plus its east/west perpendicular wall as the foundation its building. A pottery reading of the material from L1225 and L1223 show Umayyad shards. The latest pottery in L1226 is Byzantine. Consequently, we identify the building created by W1221 and W1236 as a Umayyad structure (farmhouse) and suggest that the many poorly constructed floating walls in the area of the NEC may be part of its agricultural complex built employing the ruins of the site after its abandonment and after the earthquake of C.E. 748.
  - Two additional seams were discovered in W512b. These form the outline of a door that was cleanly blocked on both the exterior and interior when the wall was used to construct the diakonikon of the NEC. The doorway begins 2.93 m from the south line of W510 and it about 90cm wide (a standard size). We

conclude the W512b and perhaps part of W554 were from a pre-existing structure that was incorporated into the church. Both W512b and the stylobate of the portico come from structures earlier than the church.

- Continued work on Square C5
  - Starting elevation = average level north of W1234 = 131.473; average level south of W1234 = 131.071; average level west of W1229 = 131.447
  - Ending elevation = average level west of W1229 = 130.962
  - Soil is Horizon B.
  - Worked west side of W1229. It contained destruction fill only.
- Finished work in E9-10.
  - Final sweeping of Cardo 2N was accomplished. For fun, we had a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Observations

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Daily Drawing

