

Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2008 – 9th Season Daily Log + Drawing

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Squares	A0	D5	E6	E8	F1	F2	B0	B5
Loci	L1226	L1205	L1238	L1243	L563	L563	L1241	L1205
Baskets	5412	5413 (empty)	5414	5415	5416	5417		
Walls	W575, W585, W586, W1231, W1239, W1267							
Floors	F580							

- Continued work in Square A0
 - Starting elevation = 130.812
 - Ending elevation = 130.633
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - W1267 is clearly visible. It spans the entire 5 m square with no attending walls or doorways. The wall is 72cm wide and tops at an elevation of 130.975. Its external face is to the east.
 - 2.3m from the north edge of the square, a fixture of finely hewn ashlar protrudes from the east side of the wall and penetrates into the wall. It protrudes .35m to the east and is .70m north to south. It could serve as a support (pilaster) for the wall, although its fine features (compared to the wall) suggest it predates the wall.
 - A 72 cm wall proceeds to the north from the NE corner of the church structure. As there is no clear NE corner, this wall is a continuation of W575
- Continued work in Square D5
 - Starting elevation = 130.880
 - Ending elevation = 130.482
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Removal of destruction fill continues. There have been no discernable walls in the square.
 - Frequency of pottery finds has declined significantly.
- Continued work in Square E6

- Starting elevation = 130.427
- Ending elevation = 130.196 (north of wall), 129.700 (south of wall)
- Soil is Horizon B
- Identifying the inside surface of the walls in E6 has been difficult and indeed unsuccessful. We are proceeding to a deeper level in order to approach the walls from the side.
- The east/west wall has been labeled W1244.
- Continued work in Square E8
 - Starting elevation = 129.038
 - Ending elevation = 129.375 (square extended to the south)
 - Soil is Horizon B/C
 - As the large fixture in the north east corner of the southern block building shows signs of being a staircase, we expanded the square to the east by one meter.
 - Assorted rough destruction fill was exposed, including the base of a column.
- Continued work in Square F1
 - Starting elevation = 130.473 (high), 130.230 (low)
 - Ending elevation = 130.186
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Occasional destruction fill and hard packed soil sit above the mud/plaster F1214.
 - Very little pottery was recovered from the fill.
- Opened B5
 - Discovered a north south wall (W1245) just inside the west line of B5. A slight collapse exposed it.
 - Cleared the wall on the side facing C5 to the level of C5. It is uncertain whether the wall abuts or penetrates W1234, although it is certainly of finer quality.
 - The discovery mandates the excavation of B5 this season.
- Conservation of floor in B0
 - Repair and cleaning continue, using tesserae collected in 2005.

Observations
