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

Date: <u>29 June 08</u> Area: <u>NEC</u> Manager: <u>Schuler</u>

Squares	A0	D5	E6	E8	F0	B0
Loci	L1219	L503	L1237	L1238	L563	L1240
Baskets				2193	2192	2194
Walls	W553, W560, W575, W586, W1231, W1239					
Floors	F580					

- Started work in Square A0
 - Starting elevation = 131.766
 - \circ Ending elevation = 131.690
 - o Soil is Horizon A
 - Clear surface debris and begin to level square.
- Began work in Square D5
 - Starting elevation = 131.282
 - \circ Ending elevation = 131.252
 - o Soil is Horizon A
 - Began to clear first 20+ cm of surface debris.
- Continued work in Square E6
 - Starting elevation = 131.063
 - Ending elevation = 130.970
 - o Soil is Horizon A
 - \circ Opened the western half of the square, west of W1239.
 - Removed about 10cm of surface debris.
- Continued work in Square E8
 - Starting elevation = 129.984
 - Ending elevation = 129.938
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Rolled back rubble pile and leveled square.
 - Several stones perpendicular to the street are beginning to emerge. They
 may be part of the north wall of the southern block building and form the south

side of the posited alley between the northern block building and the southern block building. These stones would indicate a wall with a thickness of 1.1 m.

- In the rock pile to the east, an east/west wall with doorway has been seen. It is not perpendicular to the street, but does run in an east to west direction.
- A fragment of a frieze? (Acanthus leaf), item 250, was recovered in the surface fill.
- Continued work in Square F0
 - Starting elevation = 130.524
 - Ending elevation = 130.180
 - o Soil is Horizon AB
 - o Removed the balk from the east side of F0
 - In the balk, a coin (Item 249) was recovered 1.8 m south of W553 and 0.35m from the east end of F0.
 - Three stones that abutted the floating W586 to the earlier W553 were removed.
 - With the balk (mostly) gone, the posited bench on the south side of W553 does not seem to be a bench, but just two stones that happen to rest next to the wall on either side of the balk.
- Conservation of floor in B0
 - Began clearing the covering dirt from F580 in the skeuophylakion.
 - Due to deterioration, we removed the blocked doorway in W560. We gave the doorway a new locus (L1240) and collected the shards it contained.

Observations

Final Drawing

