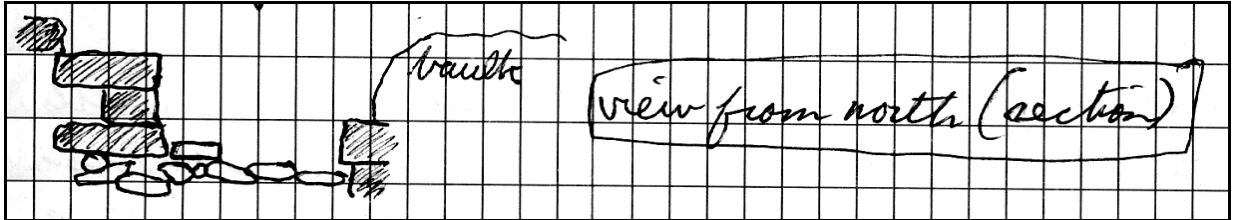


Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2010 – 11th Season Daily Log + Drawing

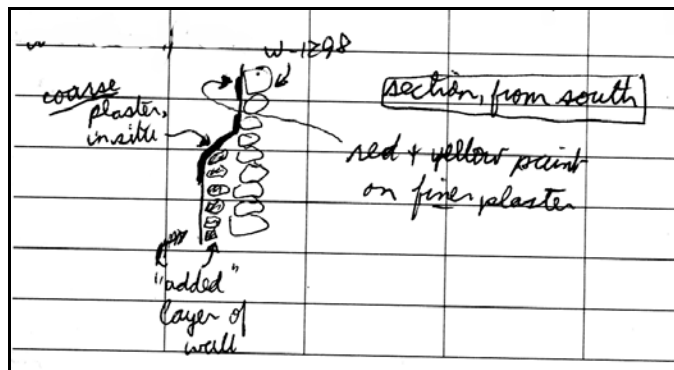
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| Squares | XX99/0 | YY/ZZ1/2 | YY/ZZ4 | ZZ99 | |
| Loci | 1226 | 1226 | 1226 | 1901 | |
| Baskets | 2324 | 2325 | 2326 | 2323 | |
| Walls | W1261, W1266, W1288, W1236, W1297, W1298 | | | | |
| Floors | F1294 | | | | |

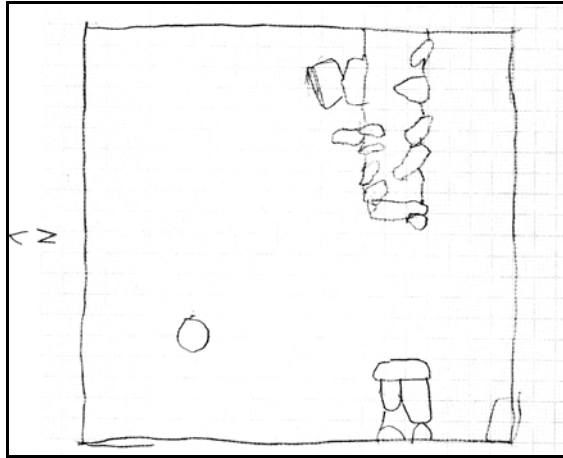
- Continued work in Square XX99/0
 - Goal = Searching for intersection between W1266 and north to south wall on west side of putative street.
 - Starting elevation = 130.868 (average NW), 130.969 (average SW)
 - Ending elevation = 130.647 (average NW), 130.862 (average SW)
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - There appears to be a doorway (no door jamb) in W1266 similar to the one in ZZ99
 - Measured north colonnaded building. We project 6 columns (40-42cm diameter) with 1.30m intercolumniation. 2 meters remain on each end between end column and pilaster.
 - Ceased excavating the alley.
 - W1226 seems to have a facing on the north side with 12cm of stones covered with plaster. Plastering is heavier on the north side of W1266 and on the west side of W1298.
 - Doorway (98cm) in W1226 seems to be blocked intentionally as part of the plastering project (modification to room? later structure?) by a surface of smaller stones and plaster 20cm thick. On the north side of W1266, the later blocking surface has at least two layers of plaster. The outer layer is 6cm thick.



- On W1298, thicker coarse plaster covers the narrow stone addition. Above it, some fragments of the painted plaster are still in situ (red and yellow).



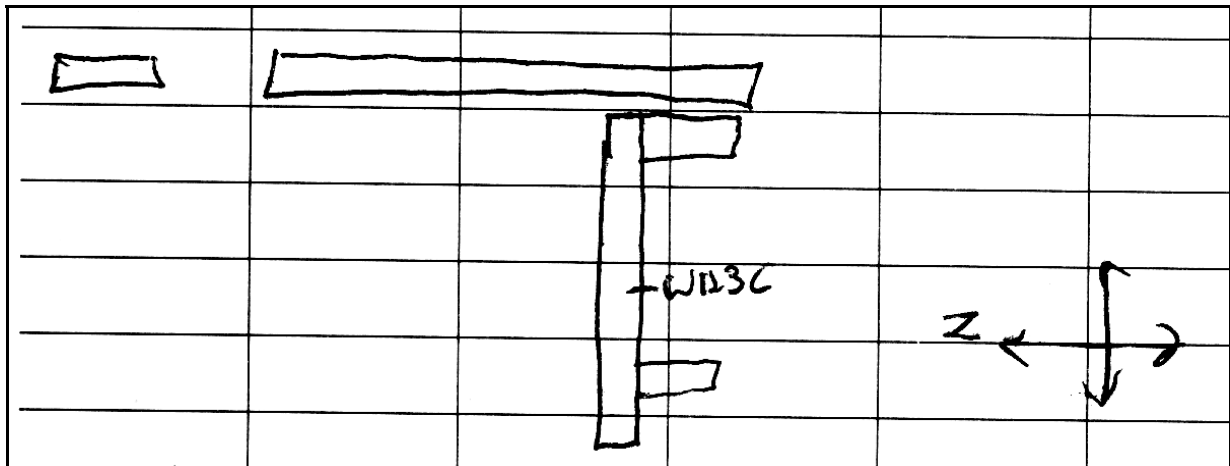
- Basket 2324 is from Locus 1226. That locus is fill below the topsoil L1219. In general, the contents are mixed material, various periods, fragments of ROM and Beisan jars, dating from 500 AD until 700 AD. Indicative types are ESA (?).
- Item: 414. Description: grinding stone. A smooth, egg-shaped stone, possibly used as a pestal found 40 cm from south balk, 76 cm from west balk, 108 cm from surface.
- Item: 432. Description: smoothed stone cylindrical pestal recovered 248 cm from south balk, 66 cm from west balk, 149 cm from surface.
- Continued work in Square YY/ZZ1/2
 - Goal = Follow W1261 and south stylobate of paved plaza to the east.
 - Starting elevation = 131.198 (average fill), 131.179 (column), 131.599 (fixture? Pilaster?)
 - Ending elevation = 130.912
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Continue to meet heavy destruction fill.



- Basket 2325 is from Locus 1226. That locus is below the level of L1219 in squares YY/ZZ1/2. In general, the contents are fragments of Beisan jars and late ROM fine wares, dating from 500 AD until 700 AD. Indicative types are LRC. Residual types are 1 ROM (?).
- Item: 417. Description: Marble cornice with a larger concave groove and a small v-shaped groove (length 25.5cm, width 6cm, height 8cm) located 157cm from the north balk, 260 cm from the east balk, 97 cm below the surface.
- Item: 418. Description: marble cornice with two grooves, one narrow and one wide (length 11 cm, width 8.5 cm, height 8.5 cm) found 196 cm from north balk, 300 cm from east balk, 100 cm from surface.
- Item: 419. Description: marble cornice with one groove and one rib (length 16 cm, width 6 cm, height 8 cm) found 150 cm from north of w1261, 210 cm from east balk, 90 cm from surface.
- Item: 420. Description: nail 11 cm long slightly bent from 120 cm from south of w1261, 441 cm from east balk, 99 cm from surface.
- Item: 421. Description: marble cornice having two v-shaped grooves (length 22.5 cm, width 5 cm, height .9 cm) from 53 cm from north of w1261, 307 cm from east balk, 103 cm from surface.
- Item: 422. Description: marble cornice with two v-shaped grooves (length 27 cm, width 6 cm, height 9 cm) recovered 156 cm from north balk, 260 cm from east balk, 89 cm from surface.

- Item: 423. Description: marble cornice (length 9 cm, width 5.5 cm, height 4 cm) found 258 cm north of w1261, 224 cm from east balk, 78 cm from surface.
- Item: 424. Description: marble cornice with one concave groove and one v-shaped groove (length 26 cm, width 6.5 cm, height 11.5 cm) found 125 cm north of w1261, 160 cm from east balk, 86 cm from surface.
- Item: 425. Description: marble cornice with two v-shaped grooves (length 28.5 cm, width 6.5 cm, height 11.5 cm) recovered 125 cm north of w1261, 180 cm from east balk, 80 cm from surface.
- Item: 426. Description: marble cornice with one rib and one groove (length 8 cm, width 5 cm, height 10 cm) discovered 125 cm north of w1261, 180 cm from east balk, 80 cm from surface.
- Item: 427. Description: marble cornice with four grooves (length 19 cm, width 7 cm, height 10.5 cm) excavated 223 cm north of w1261, 236 cm from east balk, 84 cm from surface.
- Item: 428. Description: marble cornice with two grooves (length 29 cm, width 4.5 cm, height 9 cm) retrieved 175 cm north of w1261, 235 cm from east balk, 80 cm from surface.
- Item: 429. Description: marble cornice with four grooves (length 13 cm, width 7 cm, height 10 cm) found 239 cm north of w1261, 226 cm from east balk, 90 cm from surface.
- Item: 430. Description: marble cornice with two rounded grooves (length 35 cm, width 5 cm, height 8.5 cm) recovered 269 cm north of w1261, 274 cm from east balk, 94 cm from surface.
- Item: 433. Description: Marble cornice with one rib and two grooves (Length 15 cm, Width 5 cm, height 10 cm) from 73 cm from north balk, 207 cm from east balk, 93 cm from surface.
- Continued work in Square YY/ZZ4
 - Goal = Follow W1288 and W1236 to east and clarify temporal relationship.
 - Starting elevation = 132.334 (north average), 132.412 (south average)
 - Ending elevation = 131.958 (east), 131.966 (west)
 - Soil is Horizon B

- Continued clarifying walls.
- A newly visible wall seems to run parallel with and adjoin the east wall of the Umayyad building. The wall proceeds 90cm from the south line of the square to the southerly edge of W1226 and then another 180cm where it ends in a door?



- Basket 2326 is from Locus 1226. That locus is below the topsoil of L1219 in square YY/ZZ 4. In general, the contents are fragments of Beisan jars with some Chalcolithic and ROM residual pieces, dating from 500 AD until 700 AD. Indicative types are ARS; LRC. Residual types are 1 Chalcolithic and few ROM.
- Item: 415. Description: possible clothing pin. Approximately 6 cm long. A finer spike than what could be used as a nail. Retrieved 220 cm from north balk, 360 cm from east balk, 110 cm from surface.
- Continued work in Square ZZ99
 - Goal = Expose rest of square to see stylobate and perhaps a bit of the floor to the north of the stylobate.
 - Starting elevation = 128.539 (floor below step), 128.495 (west end of stylobate), 128.667 (east column base)
 - Ending elevation = same
 - Soil is ashy grey
 - Removed large stones with tractor.

- Identified a column base in the balk at the approximate top level of the masonry pedestal.
- Benches on the north side of W1226 suggest that the wall continues to the east. Rebuilt the bench in the SE quadrant next to W1266.
- To the east of the line of the two columns, the floor is stone pavement (not opus sectile) with some of the stone intruding into the line of the stylobate. Existence of a stylobate is becoming more questionable. The opus sectile is missing east of the second column.
- There is a slightly raised platform under the masonry pedestal.
- There is a plastered fixture in the north balk going 1.35m west of the pedestal platform. It is 35cm tall.
- The fixture sits on the stone floor (later!) and turns south to the pedestal.
- There is one step up to the fixture on the west side, north of the pedestal. The step goes under the fixture.
- Flooring is missing to the south and east of the second column from the west. The opus sectile may have been arrayed only in front of the two columns.
- Basket 2323 is from Locus 1901. That locus is fill above F1294. In general, the contents are Beisan jars looking restorable, dating from 500 AD until 700 AD.
- Item: 416. Description: partial grinding bowl. Porous basalt bowl. 5.5 cm thick at rim, 4.0 cm lower edge, 6.0 cm at the center, 4.0 cm width at the rim, 18.5 cm from rim to center. Retrieved 239 cm from north of w1266, 405 cm from east of w1267, 310 cm from surface.
- Item: 431. Description: 2 pieces of the same nail. Placed together they are 11.5 cm long. Piece 1: 6.5 cm long, 1.7 - 2 cm wide. Piece 2: 5 cm long, 1.75 cm wide. Recovered 322 cm north of w1266, 420 cm east of w1267, 343 cm from surface.