

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2003 – 4th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 14 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2	C3
Loci	L504	L524
Baskets	PC1840	PC1841
Walls	W510	
Floors		

- Continued work in Square B2
 - Starting elevation = 131.23
 - Ending elevation = 131.09
 - The soil is Horizon B: grayish brown (10YR 5/2) dry, very stony sandy loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist; very weak, coarse subangular blocky structure; 10 percent pebbles, 15 percent cobbles, 35 percent stones; irregular boundary.
 - List of architectural items
 - 061 limestone doorjamb
 - 062 massive corner cornice (basalt) L50xW48xH38

Basket 1840 **Area** NEC **Locus** L504 **Square** B2 **Opening elevation** 131.232
Closing Elevation 131.092 **Weight** 1.43 **Date** 14-Jul-03 **Manager** Schuler **Loci Type** destruction fill

Yes **Ceramic** Yes **Plaster** No **Human Bones**
 No **Ceramic non-pottery** Yes **Architectural Item** No **Iron**
 Yes **Tessera** No **Lamp** No **Lead**
 No **Glass** No **Inscription** No **Inscription**

Remarks

1840A -- Late Roman C rim of Plate

FW Bowl/Plate Base 0 **FW Bowl/Plate Rim** 4 **FW Bowl/Plate Handle** 0 **FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard** 2
FW Juglet Base 0 **FW Juglet Rim** 0 **FW Juglet Handle** 0 **FW Juglet Body Shard** 0 **CCW Pot Base** 0
CCW Pot Rim 1 **CCW Pot Handle** 3 **CCW Body Shard** 86 **CCW Casserole Base** 0 **CCW Casserole Rim** 0
CCW Casserole Handle 0 **CCW Bowl Base** 0 **CCW Bowl Rim** 2 **CCW Bowl Handle** 0 **CCW Lid Base** 0
CCW Lid Rim 0 **CCW Lid Handle** 0 **OCW Jar Base** 0 **OCW Jar Rim** 0 **OCW Jar Handle** 2 **OCW Jar Body Shard** 18
OCW Other Base 0 **OCW Other Rim** 0 **OCW Other Handle** 0 **OCW Other Body Shard** 0 **Lamp Base** 0
Lamp Rim 0 **Lamp Handle** 0 **Lamp Body Shard** 0

Analysis

tesserae:

1 cm -- 35 white, 6 black
2 cm -- 3 white

3 plaster fragments

- Removed a portion of unremarkable destruction fill. At this elevation, other squares were 10 YR 8/2
- Continued work in Square C3
 - Starting elevation = 130.68
 - Ending elevation = 130.63
 - The soil is Horizon C – light gray (10YR 7/2) dry, very stony sandy loam, grayish brown (10YR 5/2) moist; massive; firm, hard in places near the floor; 10 percent pebbles, 10 percent cobbles, 20 percent stones; assumed to be calcareous (by color).

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1841	NEC	L524	C3	130.682
Closing Elevation		Weight	Date	Manager
130.632		1.61	14-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes Ceramic		Yes Plaster	No Human Bones	
Yes Ceramic non-pottery		No Architectural Item	No Iron	
Yes Tessera		No Lamp	No Lead	
Yes Glass		No Inscription	No Inscription	

Remarks

pebble base for floor

1841A -- Base late Roam C

1841B -- Late Roman C Plate rim

1841C -- Casserole lid (cp 1842A)

1841D -- rim of bowl

FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard
1	2	0	0
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard
0	0	0	0
CCW Pot Base	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base
0	0	65	0
CCW Casserole Rim	CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim
0	0	0	1
CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base	CCW Lid Rim	CCW Lid Handle
0	0	1	0
OCW Jar Base	OCW Jar Rim	OCW Jar Handle	OCW Jar Body Shard
0	0	0	12
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard
0	0	0	0
Lamp Base	Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard
0	0	0	0

Analysis

1 roof tile, 1 roof cap

5 glass fragments

tesserae:

1 cm -- 9 black, 1 red, 42 white

plaster fragments

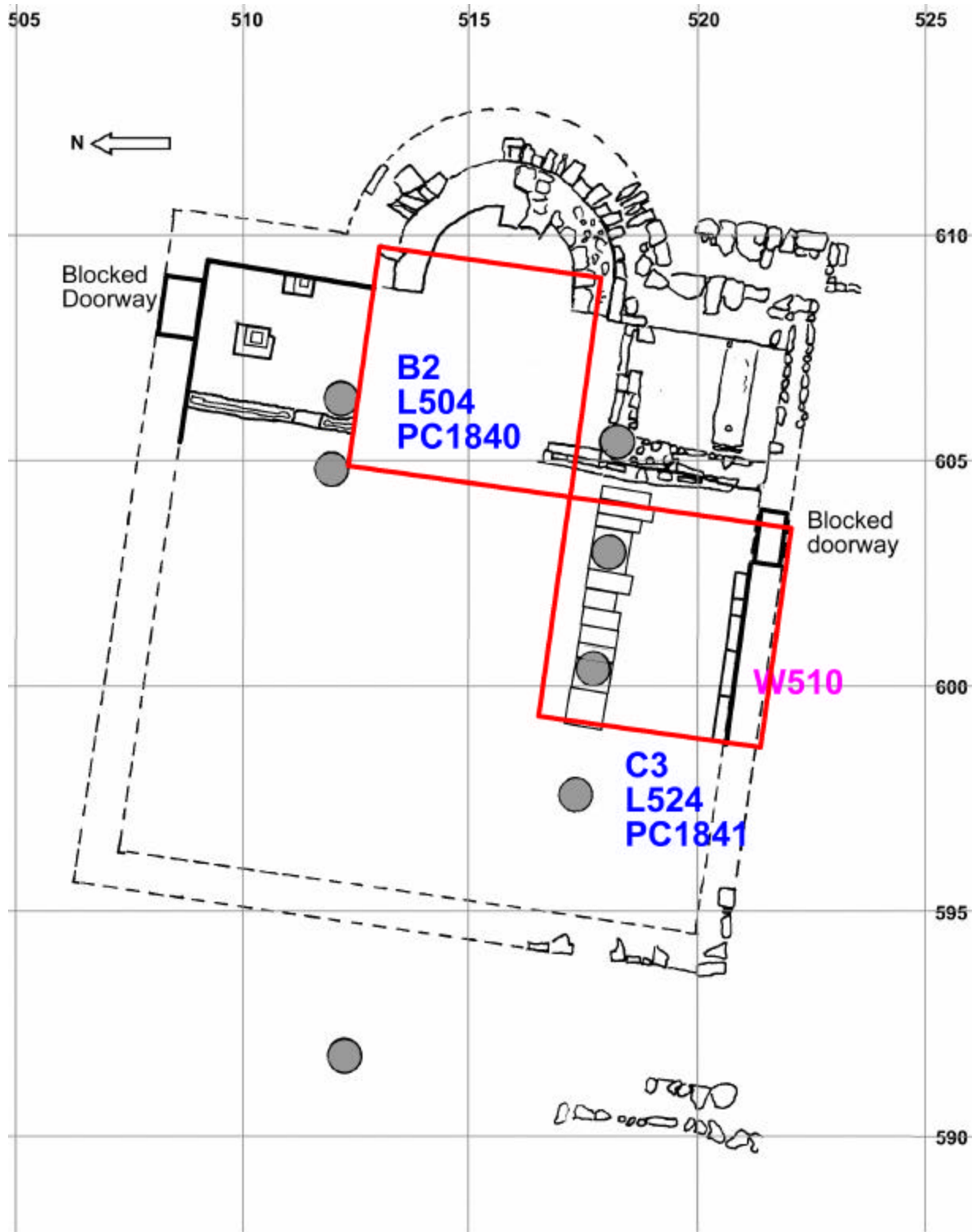
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- Carefully removed last centimeters of soil to reveal pebble base of previous mosaic floor. Part of the floor completed. It is possible that a dirt floor server in the later years of the church.
 - Small sections of mosaic appear along the east end of the shelf and along the north edge. Some fragments appear under the south doorway. Two other fragments occur, one slightly north of the bench and one near CS2. Mosaic tiles are 1 cm square in white, with some reds and blacks.
 - The shelf sits on top of the mosaic.
 - Jolanta viewed the fragments and identified them as the same pattern in the first phase of the NWC and in the baptistery (late sixth century).

Observations

- A portion of the bench should be raised later in the season to reveal the border pattern of the mosaic. Research required into the date of the mosaic and dating by mosaics.

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