

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

Date: 20 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Square	D3	D3	B3	B3
Loci	L501	L524	L528	L529
Baskets	PC1852	PC1855	PC1853	PC1854
Walls	W510, W511			
Floors	F516, F517			

- Continued work in Square D3
 - Starting elevation = 130.95
 - Ending elevation = 130.76
 - The soil began as 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. Part way through the day it changed to Horizon C -- dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) dry, very stony sandy loam, very dark brown (10YR 2/2) moist; weak fine granular structure; friable; 10 percent pebbles, 15 percent cobbles, 30 percent stones; clear wavy boundary. The change in soil mandated a change in locus (L524)
 - List of architectural items
 - 066 stone cross (from peak of building?)
 - 067 small piece of cornice

Basket 1852	Area NEC	Locus L501	Square D3	Opening elevation 130.95
Closing Elevation 130.88		Weight 0.45	Date 20-Jul-03	Manager Schuler
Yes Ceramic		Yes Plaster	No Human Bones	Loci Type destruction fill
No Ceramic non-pottery		Yes Architectural Item	No Iron	
Yes Tessera		No Lamp	No Lead	
No Glass		No Inscription	No Inscription	

Remarks
final reading incomplete

FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
0	0	0	0	
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base
0	0	0	0	0
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim
0	1	25	0	0
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base
0	0	0	0	0

CCW Lid Rim **CCW Lid Handle** **OCW Jar Base** **OCW Jar Rim** **OCW Jar Handle** **OCW Jar Body Shard**
 0 0 0 0 1 14
OCW Other Base **OCW Other Rim** **OCW Other Handle** **OCW Other Body Shard** **Lamp Base**
 0 0 0 0 0
Lamp Rim **Lamp Handle** **Lamp Body Shard**
 0 0 0

Analysis

tesserae:

1 cm -- 2 white

1.5 cm -- 1 white

2 cm -- 1 white

1 piece of plaster with red paint

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1855	NEC	L524	D3	130.88
Closing Elevation	Weight	Date	Manager	Loci Type
130.76	2.4	20-Jul-03	Schuler	destruction fill
Yes Ceramic	No Plaster	No Human Bones		
Yes Ceramic non-pottery	Yes Architectural Item	Yes Iron		
Yes Tessera	No Lamp	No Lead		
No Glass	No Inscription	No Inscription		

Remarks

final reading incomplete

FW Bowl/Plate Base **FW Bowl/Plate Rim** **FW Bowl/Plate Handle** **FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard**
 0 0 0 1
FW Juglet Base **FW Juglet Rim** **FW Juglet Handle** **FW Juglet Body Shard** **CCW Pot Base**
 0 0 0 0 0
CCW Pot Rim **CCW Pot Handle** **CCW Body Shard** **CCW Casserole Base** **CCW Casserole Rim**
 0 0 37 0 0
CCW Casserole Handle **CCW Bowl Base** **CCW Bowl Rim** **CCW Bowl Handle** **CCW Lid Base**
 0 0 0 0 0
CCW Lid Rim **CCW Lid Handle** **OCW Jar Base** **OCW Jar Rim** **OCW Jar Handle** **OCW Jar Body Shard**
 0 0 0 2 1 48
OCW Other Base **OCW Other Rim** **OCW Other Handle** **OCW Other Body Shard** **Lamp Base**
 0 0 0 0 0
Lamp Rim **Lamp Handle** **Lamp Body Shard**
 0 0 0

Analysis

4 roof tiles

1 piece of plaster with red paint

tesserae:

1cm -- 9 red, 122 white, 20 black

1.5cm -- 101 white, 15 grey, 2 yellow

large -- 2@2.5cm, 1@2cm, 1@3.5x2cm

- Removed about 20 cm of soil and destruction debris.
- Revealed an intact threshold (one step down from the outside). An iron nail was wedged in the threshold.
- The stylobate seems to end at CS4.
- Uncovered a basalt cross that would have been at the peak of the roof. It lies on mosaic floor yet to be revealed. The vertical arms of the cross span 40cm, the horizontal arms span 37cm. The cross is 23-30cm thick. It is of teutonic

style with the ends of the arms 17-18cm wide. The cross has a base 22x22x56cm. The 56cm dimension extends back from the cross. The cross and base are carved from one stone. The extended base rises 8cm to meet the back of the cross. Plaster is visible on both sides of the base.

- Continued work in Square B3
 - Starting elevation = 130.93
 - Ending elevation = 130.73 (in parts)
 - Soil in L528 and L529 is redder than others cited and compacted. It underlays the plaster base of F516.

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1853	NEC	L528	B3	130.93
Closing Elevation		Weight	Date	Manager
130.73		0.25	20-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes Ceramic		Yes Plaster	No Human Bones	
No Ceramic non-pottery		No Architectural Item	No Iron	
Yes Tessera		No Lamp	No Lead	
No Glass		No Inscription	No Inscription	
Remarks				
final reading incomplete				
FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
0	0	0	0	
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base
0	0	0	0	0
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim
0	1	5	0	0
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base
0	0	0	0	0
CCW Lid Rim	CCW Lid Handle	OCW Jar Base	OCW Jar Rim	OCW Jar Handle
0	0	0	0	0
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard	Lamp Base
0	0	0	0	0
Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard		
0	0	0		
Analysis				
plaster: 1 fragment with red stripe, 1 all red fragment				
tesserae:				
1 cm -- 9 white, 5 black, 3 red				
1 block with 2 white and 2 black				

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1854	NEC	L529	B3	103.93
Closing Elevation		Weight	Date	Manager
130.73		1.25	06-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes Ceramic		Yes Plaster	No Human Bones	
No Ceramic non-pottery		No Architectural Item	No Iron	
Yes Tessera		No Lamp	No Lead	
Yes Glass		No Inscription	No Inscription	
Remarks				
final reading incomplete				
FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
0	0	0	1	
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base
0	0	0	0	0

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<i>CCW Pot Rim</i>	<i>CCW Pot Handle</i>	<i>CCW Body Shard</i>	<i>CCW Casserole Base</i>	<i>CCW Casserole Rim</i>	
0	2	32	0	0	
<i>CCW Casserole Handle</i>	<i>CCW Bowl Base</i>	<i>CCW Bowl Rim</i>	<i>CCW Bowl Handle</i>	<i>CCW Lid Base</i>	
0	0	0	0	0	
<i>CCW Lid Rim</i>	<i>CCW Lid Handle</i>	<i>OCW Jar Base</i>	<i>OCW Jar Rim</i>	<i>OCW Jar Handle</i>	<i>OCW Jar Body Shard</i>
0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>OCW Other Base</i>	<i>OCW Other Rim</i>	<i>OCW Other Handle</i>	<i>OCW Other Body Shard</i>	<i>Lamp Base</i>	
0	0	0	1	0	
<i>Lamp Rim</i>	<i>Lamp Handle</i>	<i>Lamp Body Shard</i>			
0	0	0			

Analysis

OCW shard has hole drilled in it

5 pieces of marble

tesserae

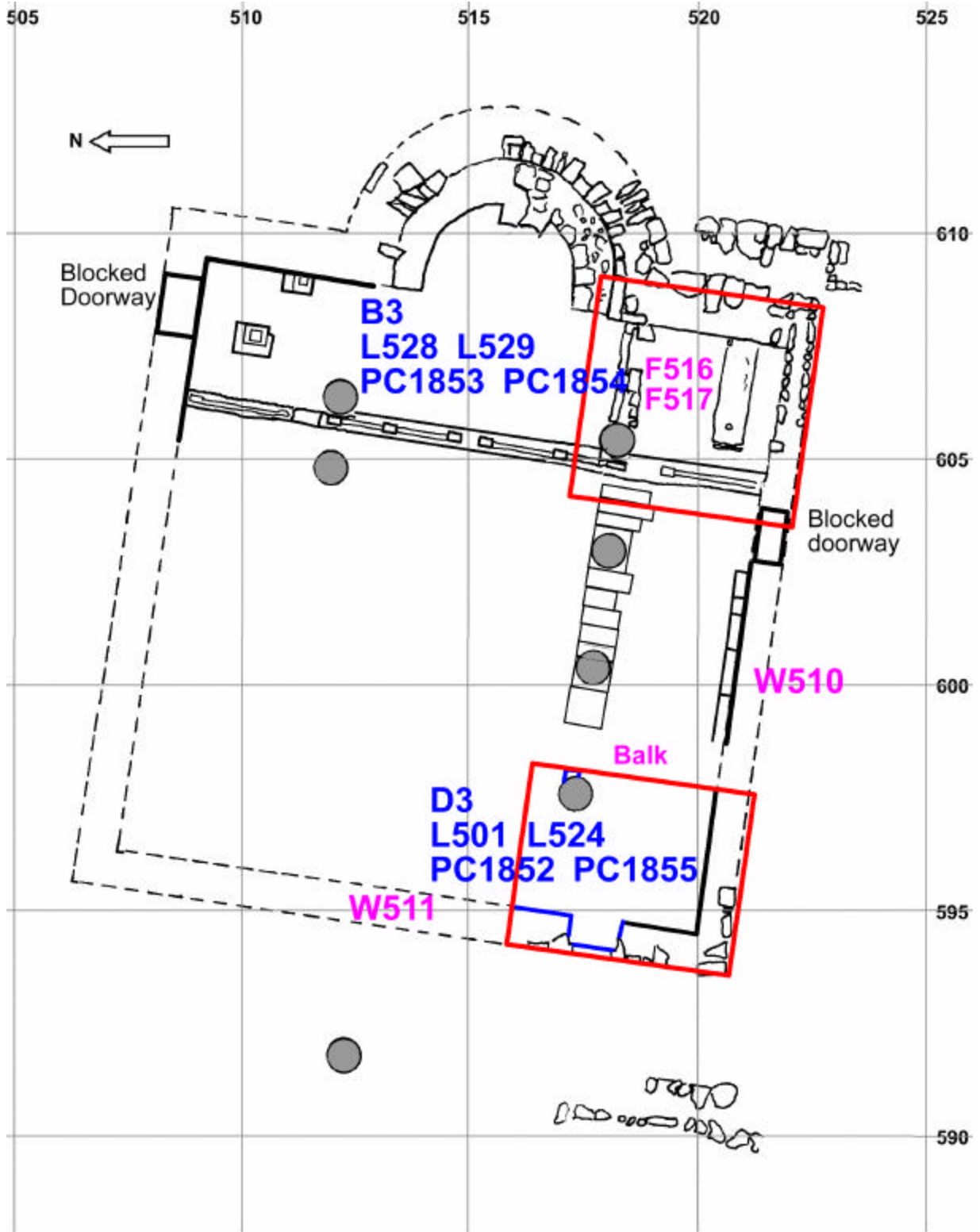
1cm -- 9 white, 1 red, 3 black

- Cleared L528 west of tomb to the level of F516
- Removed and numbered floor tiles of F516 to the south of the sarcophagus to W510.
 - One of the tiles continued on the east side of the sarcophagus.
- In L529 under F516 removed plaster and stone base. Then began to remove dirt fill to F517. Many triangular marble stone and other marble fragments were in the fill.

Observations

- Placement of tiles and plaster east and south of the tomb suggest three phases in the history of the tomb:
 - An original phase when F517 was laid.
 - A secondary phase when F516 was laid.
 - A final phase when plaster was used to repair damage to the tomb and filled above F516 east of the tomb to the top of the sarcophagus.

Daily Drawing 20 July



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