



Hippos (Sussita) 2003 – 4rd Season

Locus Card

Locus No. L536

Archaeological Context

Locus Status: open

Locus Type: top soil and destruction fill

Field Manager: Schuler

Area: Northeast Church:

Opening Date: 27 July

Opening Height: 131.68

Closing Date:

Closing Height: 131.13

Locus Location

General Description of Borders:

North of church

Loci

Below	Above	North	South	West	East	Identical
		W540	W521	Open	W539	

	X coordinate	Y coordinate
North East	507.52	606.08
South West	510.33	597.19

General Description and Soil Analysis

L536 is mostly Horizon A -- 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. At 10-15 cm, it changes to 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.

Chronology of Excavation

27 July

- In Square D1
 - Starting elevation = 131.59
 - Ending elevation = 131.03

- A trench about .75m wide and .5m deep exposed a portion of the exterior of W521 in square D1.
- The Exterior of W521 is somewhat more substantive than the interior.

28 July

- Square C0 outside of W521
 - Starting elevation = 131.68
 - Ending elevation = 131.13
 - Opened a trench about a meter wide and a half meter deep following the exterior line of W521.
 - Cleared to a corner 7.7m east of the NW corner of the church. There W539 runs to the north. The trench was continued to the north.
 - Two column bases were identified in the trench: an easterly one of 37cm diameter and a westerly one of 46cm diameter.
 - The center of the westerly one is 63cm from W521 and 2.0m from W539. The center of the easterly one is 65cm from W521 and 40cm from W539
 - A doorway in W539 begins 1.56m north of the corner of W539 and W521. The doorway would close from the east. This doorway and the blocked doorway (closing from the north) at the east end of W521 perhaps indicate the presence of a side room or rooms (prothesis or pastophory). The room would require another exit.
 - To the north of W521 is a complex of possibly two or more rooms.

29 July

- in Square D0
 - Starting elevation = 131.53
 - Ending elevation = 131.13
 - Attempted to find the exterior of the NW corner by trenches along W521 and W511
 - Corner is unclear.
- in Square C0
 - Starting elevation = 131.53
 - Ending elevation = 131.13
 - Followed W539 to the north to a corner (W540). The interior length of W539 (west side) is 2.87m. The wall consists of a 1.51m stretch from W521, a .74m doorway (closes from the east), and a .62m stretch.
 - W540 goes west roughly parallel with W521. It is 1.25m thick!

30 July

- In Square D0 and C0
 - Starting elevation = 131.53
 - Ending elevation = 130.63
 - Followed the exterior of W540 to west of junction with W539. W539 may continue north of W540. There was insufficient time to clear enough rubble to see.

- W540 seem to move slightly north as it proceeds west. At W539 its exterior is 4.1m from W521. At the NW corner of the church, the exterior of W540 is 4.65m away.
- At 4.94m from the junction with W539 a column base/drum (diameter. 52) in situ protrudes partially for the exterior wall line. The column has been incorporated into the wall.
- At the intersection of the N/S line of the exterior of W511 with W540, two column drums on their sides (laying north/south) seem to form a corner. Further excavation will clarify.
- 3.65m from the junction of W539 and W540, a wall (W541) that overlays W540 veers slightly to the WSW (1.1m south at the exterior line of W511). It may continue to the west.
- Whether W511 continues north of W521 is unclear at this stage. A small basin installation (3/4 circle) at the seeming continuance of W511 north of W521 is suggestive. But the basin aligns a bit too far west. W541 and the basin may be indicative of later agricultural use of the ruins of the NE church.

Pottery and Small Finds

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Concluding Remarks

W540 and W512 may both be exterior walls of an enclosure for the church.