

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2006 – 7th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 26 July Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	C/D2	B4	C/D4
Loci			L557 L1215
Baskets			2112 2113
Walls	W510, W559, W1201, W1217		
Floors	F544, F589		

- Continued conservation work in Square C/D2 (Nave)
 - Finished covering the floor for the season. Place plastic on cleared mosaic, then dirt, then felt, and then another layer of dirt.
- Continued work in Square C/D4
 - Starting elevation = 130.700 (due to taking down balk); 131.19 in C4
 - Ending elevation = 130.89 in hall; 130.75 (threshold of NE room) 131.30 (NE room)
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Removed rest of W593
 - Identified a threshold in a north/south wall (W1217) between W1201 and W510. Its east face is 4.87m from the street. W1217 was tied in with W510 and constructed at the same time.
 - Since W1201 is tied in to W559 of the South Vaulted Chamber and since W1217 is tied in to W510, we now conclude that these southern chambers were constructed at the same time as was the *domus* of the church. The NEC is part of a complex with at least two sets of rooms to the north and at least four chambers to the south.
- Continued work in square B4
 - Documented a profile of the cistern (2.7m deep)
 - Extracted samples of plaster. The top layer is soft, pinkish, with larger agate. The bottom layer is very hard, grey, with fine agate.
 - Examination of the cistern shows that it was dug in earth perhaps to bedrock (bedrock in the masonry tomb is at 129.09; the bottom of the cistern is

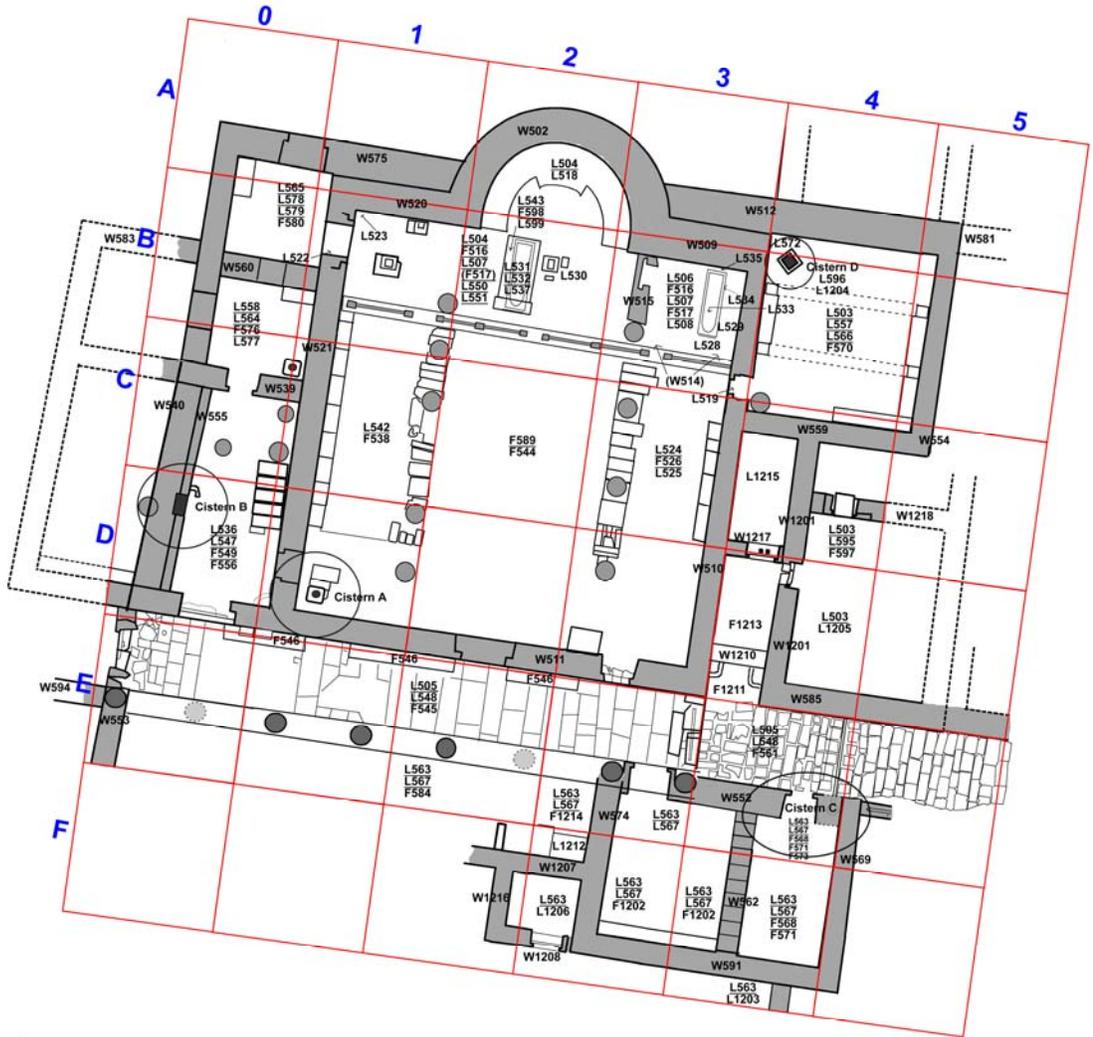
128.26). The sidewalls of the cistern are stones stacked in a circle and then narrowing to form a neck. Two layers of plaster sealed the cistern.

Subsequently two large cracks developed on the east and west faces of the cistern.

- After documentation, the head of the cistern was replaced on top of the neck.

Observations

Daily Drawing



2m

Northeast Church Complex
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