

PKAP Stratigraphic Unit Form 2012

Area: V16LA Excavation Unit 16 Stratigraphic Unit 5505

Date (dd/mm/yy): 29 / 5 / 12 Recorder: DJD Supervisor: DJD

Summary: inner face to south scarp; dump-deposit

Elevation Min: <u>55.89</u> Max: <u>56.19</u>		Coordinates N <u>10.24</u> W <u>2.898</u> E <u>6.06</u> S <u>08.84</u>	
Harris matrix			
	<u>5505</u>	<u>5503</u>	
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Soil description

Munsell (wet): 7/5 YR 6/2 reddish yellow Stoniness (%): 20%
 Soil type: sandy clay loam Dominant clast size: pebble to cobble
 Consolidation: loose

Features

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Photographs and drawings

1. ~~p1 - p4 (bottom SU)~~
2. d1 (bottom SU)
3. p1 - p3 (working)
4. p4 - p7 (bottom)
- 5.

Procedure

Dry sieve Water sieve _____ If water sieve, # of bags: _____

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 45 Stone 1 Bone _____ Metal 1 Organic _____ Plaster _____ Other 1 (shell)
40 1 1 1 1 (charcoal flecks)
1 (mudbrick sample)
2 (flint frags)

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EU: 16

SU: 5505

Description:

SU 5505 begins along the south, inner face of the wall & extends the southern most extent of trench. There is, though, no distinct soil change between 5505 & 5503 - in some places the soil becomes finer, but this seems to be exclusively between large pottery frags, which one would expect, since the larger inclusions couldn't make their way into these spaces.

On 29/5 we pull large pottery fragments from SU 5505 consistently. No change at day's end. These are mainly storage vessels, w/ limited cooking & fine ware.

30/5: This afternoon I excavated several cm across the whole SU to gain a better sense of the whole of the SU (6# to bring it to a firmer level, since time yesterday didn't permit). The soil across the whole of it remains consistent - loose, sandy soil, reddish brown throughout. Context the same: large pottery fragments, but also sandstone, limestone frags*, some of which have been exposed to heat, & fragments of floors, possible (??) burned mudbrick, too. Some stone vessels have turned up too - another perianthion ~~is~~ rim. I also wanted to carefully look at the SE corner of the SU, to see if the proposed "foundation trench" line truly held - ultimately, I found 3 pot scatters in this ~~area~~ area, outside the neat line; plus, the soil is identical. Thus, the SU is certainly one context & the garbage dump hypothesis, w/ possibly several lenses, looks more likely.

* Some
system
too

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EU: 16

SU: 55/5

Description:

In the pit scatters we've found a good deal of highly fragmented, almost shattered pottery - these are often found under rocks & seem to be good evidence for the collapse of the wall on this deposit

Throughout this SU the soil has remained consistent - (very) loose sandy soil & the context (large ceramic deposits).

In any case, this led to an ash lens at day's end, which runs from ~~west~~ center of SU to eastern scarp. Doesn't seem to exist in western half. Charcoal flecks found around, sample taken. We close the SU here to extract ash as separate SU.

ELS

Bottom
W 55.89
C 55.95
E 55.96

Top
SE, SW SU 5503
bottom