

Date (dd/mm/yy): 11/6/08 EU: 6 SU: 5605

Area: VIGLA Supervisor: MD Recorder: MD

Summary: A very distinct lens of white plaster separating the SUs of very similar soil type (5603 & 5606) abutting wall 5601-F1.

Chronology: _____ (to be filled out by RSM or MH)

Harris matrix

	<u>5603</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>5606</u>	<u>5605</u>	<u>5603</u>
	<u>5604</u>	<u>7</u>

Coordinates

N 515.9

W 479.80

E 480.45

S 514.3

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 10YR 8/2 (VERY PALE BROWN)

Soil type: Clay

Consolidation: Compact

Stoniness: 0 %

Dominant clast size: NA

Maximum top elevation: 54.59

Minimum bottom elevation: 54.46

(*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Slope: Flat

Features

- f1.
- f2.
- f3.
- f4.
- f5.

List all **photographs** of this SU (p1, p2, etc.):

5603 - P1, P2, P3, P4 (for shape and top level)
5605 - P1 (for bottom of SU)

List all **drawings** of this SU (d1, d2, etc.):

5603 - D1 (for shape & top levels)

Procedure

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

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 1 Stone _____ Bone _____ Metal _____ Organic _____ Plaster _____ Other _____

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Description: This SU consisted of an extremely homogeneous white plaster, in a somewhat amorphous ~~shape~~^{lens} extending over roughly 2/3 of the area bounded by walls 5601-F1 & 5601-F2 and wall S5604/5603-F1. The plaster abutted wall 5601-F1, suggesting that the plaster either slumped between the stones facing of this wall post-depositionally, or that it originally formed part of the facing of this wall. The plaster continues into the southern bank, but does not appear to abut mudbrick wall 5603-F1/S5604, nor does it abut wall 5601-F1. The SU appeared sterile of sherds during excavation, so it is highly likely that artefacts recovered during screening are from the interface between this & the next lowest level (5606). It is suggested that this plaster SU represents a collapse of plaster facing from an adjacent wall, dating to the same erosional episode/mudbrick collapse suggested in both the preceding (5603) & proceeding (5606) levels. As this lens of plaster is situated between two contiguous and identical layers (5606 & 5605) it follows that all three SUs represent the same episode of mudbrick ^{wall} and facing erosion/collapse. As such the three SUs have been grouped stratigraphically in the Harris Matrix as chronologically identical.