

Opened: Below the cleaning L18441 the mixed nature of the deposit was confusing, so this selective digging was an effort to clarify the relationships of the various deposits.
Limits (N) Subsidiary baulk - L18462
(S) Baulk under Roman cardo.
(E) Drop in elevation from 1999 excavations. (No comparable matrix described on locus cards).
(W) Baulk under current staircase.

Closed: Different loci identified in matrix.
Matrix: Shells of floor make-up and stones along N edge sitting above sandy grey layer with charcoal, above sand and clay layers along $S$ extent.
Relations: L18450 $=$ L18455 below, both sand and mud lenses in large pit / subsidence / disturbace; the very large sherds of predominantly later Iron Ia likely washed or slipped from Phase 10 above. Included in the wash were large chunks of originally horizontal stratigraphy now turned on edge.

Restore pottery with L18455 and L18501, all 3 loci contain material from the wash / subsidence. L18450 and L18455 and L18501 contained Iron Ia (Ph 10) pottery washed in mud and sand layers into an LB / Iron I context. Included in these loci are chunks of LB / Iron Ia multiple surfaces clearly displaced. Either the later material washed into a depression breaking off chunks of the early multiple surfaces as it flowed down, or in Iron Ia or later a subsidence slippage carried Iron Ia (Ph 10) material culture down the slope.

Importance: High value. Large and numerous sherds and bones from sand layers. LB / Iron Ia pottery to restoration (Phase 10) with L18455 and L18501.

## Images

d09Z3-1212
d03Z3-3059
d03Z3-3089
d03Z3-3136
d03Z3-3040
d13X-2027
p13X-3085

## L 18450

is_above
is_below
is_below
is_above
is_below
is_above

## Related loci:

18455
18441
18442
18485
18431
18475

## hocus

$41,8,4,5,0$


