

Locus L 9796	Dor 19 912	Fld 61	Sq A633	Loc. type PIT AND FILL DOWN TO FLOOR - #1
Open Date 22/07/92	High at 1.5.8.1 N/W	Low at 1.5.7.5 S/W	Seals: <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	
Close Date 11/08/92	1.5.2.1 N/W	1.5.2.2 C	Sealed by: <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	
Floor: type P	1.1	1.1	Locl 9757 9772 <u> </u> <u> </u>	
Length 3.3m	Width 4.4	Vol <u> </u>	above 9758 <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	
Value d1	Remove 11/08/92	Drawn? YES	Locl <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	
Photo #(1) 86978	Photo #(2) 86856	Locl <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	below <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	
Written by: SBR	Checked by: JRZ			

Unil	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
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Summary

Opened: TO INVESTIGATE A SERIES OF PIT-LIKE STRUCTURES NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE ROBBED TRENCH THEORY OF 1978.

Limits (N) BOUNDED BY NORTH BALK AND L9819, 19822, 19821, L9803, 19806, & L9560
(S) BOUNDED BY W9278, L9773, AND W9425
(E) BOUNDED BY EAST BALK, W9792, L9822, L9821, L9803, AND L9806
(W) BOUNDED BY WEST BALK

Closed: CAME DOWN UPON TWO SECTIONS OF FLOOR, ONE NORTH AND THE OTHER SOUTH IN THE WESTERN HALF OF THE LOCUS WITH PITS IN BETWEEN. ALSO, END OF SEASON

Matrix: MEDIUM GREY BROWN SOIL WITH MANY CHANGES IN SOIL DENSITY - SOME AREAS WERE HIGHLY COMPACT WHILE OTHER AREAS WERE LOOSE AND SANDY OR VERY ASHY. MANY STONES FROM 1/2-FIST SIZE TO HEAD SIZE A GREAT DEAL OF POTTERY, RANGING IN TIME FROM IR TO P, WITH NO CONCENTRATIONS OF ANY TYPE IN ANY SOIL TYPE. MUCH BONE WITH CONCENTRATIONS IN THE ASHIER AREAS MANY SMALL FINDS INCLUDING BONE NEEDLES, PAINTED POTTERY SHERDS, LAMP FRAGMENTS, BASALT GRINDING

Relations: STONES AND LUMPS OF IRON AND IRON SLAG. IT IS EITHER A SINGLE PERSIAN PIT WITH CONCENTRATIONS OF CERTAIN ITEMS WITHIN IT, OR A SERIES OF PITS WHICH CUT INTO EACH OTHER.

RELATIONS: L9796 IS COVERED BY BUT NOT SEALED BY L9757, L9758, AND L9772. IT CUTS L9788, WHICH HAS A MATRIX CONTAINING ONLY IR POTTERY, FAR MORE IRON PIECES AND IRON SLAG, AND FAR LESS SHELL AND BONE THAN L9796. L9796 IS CUT BY L9773, A ROBBED TRENCH. L9796, WITH ITS POTTERY RANGING FROM IR TO P, IS NOT A CONTINUATION OF L9757, L9758, OR L9772, ALL OF WHICH CONTAINED ROMAN POTTERY SHERDS AND TESSERAE. L9796 CUTS L9821, L9822, L9803, AND L9806, ALL OF WHICH HAVE MUCH FINER AND SANDIER SOIL OF A MEDIUM GOLD-BROWN COLOR, AND FAR FEWER POTTERY SHERDS, BONE, AND OTHER FINDS THAN L9796. L9796 IS CUT BY W9278, WHICH ALSO PARTIALLY FLOATS IN L9796. IT IS CUT BY W9425, WHICH SEEMS TO BE OF THE SAME CONSTRUCTION PHASE AS W9278. L9796 IS CUT BY THE STONE RING AND MATRIX OF THE SUMP/BIN L9819 (1/1/1)

THERE ARE TWO AREAS OF KUKAR FLOOR, BOTH OF WHICH ARE IN THE WESTERN HALF OF THE SQUARE - ONE TO THE NORTH AND ONE TO THE SOUTH. THE NORTHERN FLOOR REACHES W9282 IN A634 ALONG 3 ASHLARS WHICH ARE PROBABLY FOUNDATIONAL - THERE IS ANOTHER SMALL PATCH OF THIS FLOOR TO THE S/W WHICH

Additional Observations/Value: L9796 IS UNSEALED AND DISTURBED AND SO HAS LITTLE STRATIGRAPHIC VALUE. ADDITIONAL PHOTOS: 80684 - ASK PERA FOR OTHERS

Bones.						
97806	AG33	15.75	15.53	pt	ma	bn
Bones.						
97810	AG33	15.73	15.47	pt	sh	cr 2
Pottery. Pieces of basket handle jars, etc.						
97811	AG33	15.73	15.47	pt	ma	bn
Bone.						
97827	AG33	15.73	15.47	pt	lm	cr
Persian pinched lamp.						
97828	AG33	15.73	15.47	pt	sh	cr
EGR(?) painted pottery piece -- check with baskets						
97708.						
97831	AG33	15.64	15.53	tz	sh	cr 2
Pottery. Atc, 1 stopper?, basket handle jar fragment						
97840	AG33	15.79	15.55	tz	sh	cr 2
Pottery.						
97843	AG33	15.73	15.47	tz	tw	ib
Fragment of bone needle from outside pit.						



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Open	Date	High at	Low at	Seals:
Close				Sealed by:
Floor: type				Locl
Length	Width		Vol	above
Value	Remove		Drawn?	
Photo #(1) 8685g		Photo #(2)		Locl
Written by:		Checked by:		below

Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
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Summary

Opened:

Limits (N)
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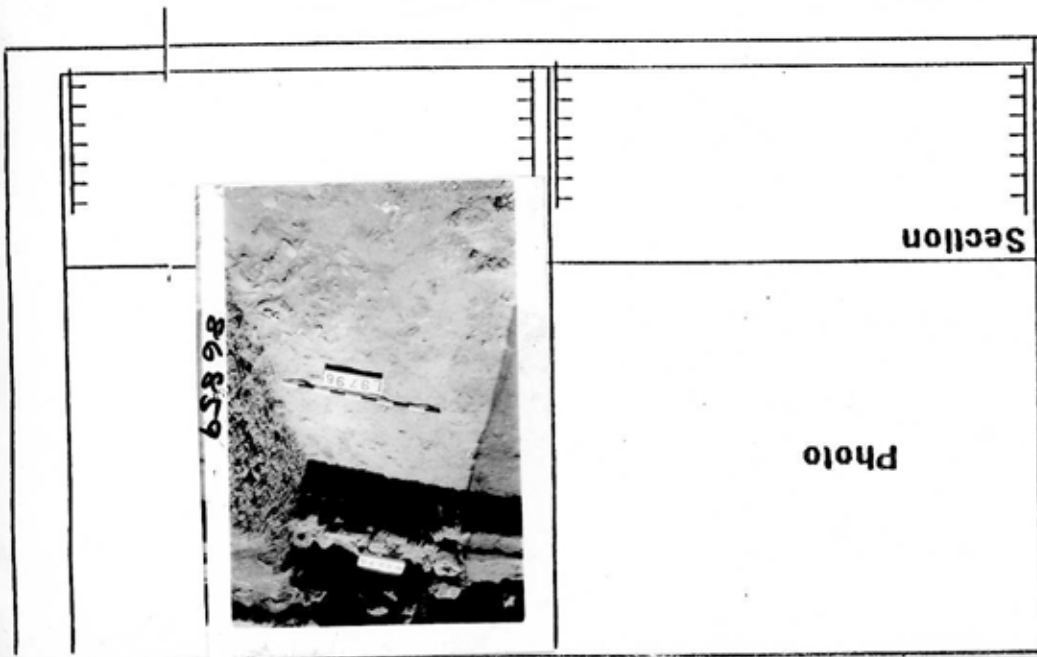
Closed:

Matrix:

Relations: DOES NOT REACH THE WALL. BOTH HAVE IRREGULAR, UNDULATING SURFACES BUT NEITHER IS PATCHY. THE LARGER OF THE NORTHERN FLOORS MEASURES 180 CM N/S BY 120 CM EW. THE SMALLER PATCH MEASURES 80 CM N/S BY 50 CM EW. THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF FLOOR L9796 REACHES W9278, FROM UNDER THE WEST BALK AND ALONG W9278 80 CM. IT EXTENDS N/S ~100 CM. IT HAS AN IRREGULAR AND UNDULATING SURFACE, WHICH IS NOT PATCHY BUT QUITE INTACT. THE IMPLICATION OF THESE TWO SECTIONS OF FLOOR AT THE SAME APPROXIMATE ELEVATION WHICH REACH WALLS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH, IS THAT THE TWO WALLS ARE OF THE SAME CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND POSSIBLY OF THE SAME BUILDING. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT THIS IS A SURFACING AND/OR RE-SURFACING OF AN AREA BETWEEN TWO PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED WALLS OF DIFFERENT PERIODS WHICH WERE RE-USED. L9796 CONTINUES INTO A634 WHERE IT IS CUT BY BOTH W9560 AND W9282. BOTH OF THESE WALLS ARE ONLY 2-3 COURSES HIGH AND FOUNDATIONAL. JRZ 92: Perhaps W9282 cut W F9796 and stones of wall were laid up against the trench wall so that F9796 appears to reach W9282. If 9282 is truly a foundation at this level this is the most likely possibility. However, in 4134 W9282 goes down an additional 2-3 courses, so maybe it is not a foundation here.

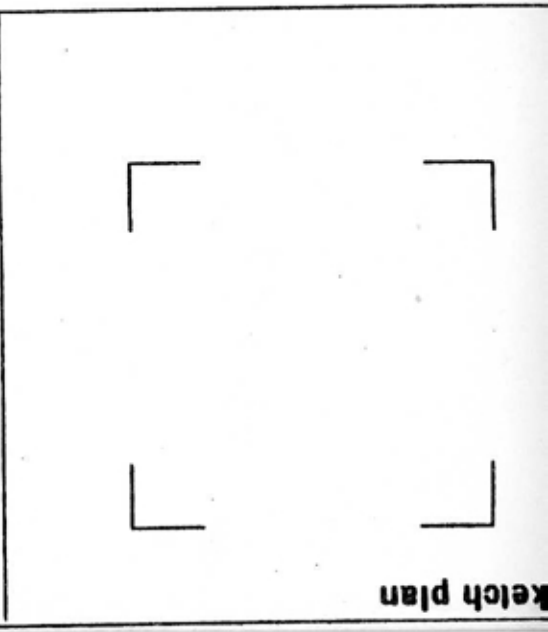
ANOTHER POSSIBILITY FOR THE SOUTHERN FLOOR OF L9796 IS THAT RATHER THAN REACHING W9278 THE FLOOR GOES UNDER IT. W9278, WHICH PARTIALLY FLATS AT THE BOTTOM OF L9796, COULD HAVE BEEN BUILT OVER THIS SOUTHER FLOOR.

Additional Observations/Value:



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Sketch plan