

Locus L 3879	Dor 19 913	Fld G1	Sq A633	Loc. type FLR MAKEUP AND FILL TO FLR
Open	Date 15/07/93	High at 1.9.93	Low at 1.9.91	Seals: 39321
Close	21/07/93	1.9.92	1.9.96	Sealed by: N/A
Floor: type	CID	1.9.83	1.9.86	Locl above
Length	0.9M	Width	0.8M	Locl below
Value	VI	Remove	/ / /	
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Written by:	GSC	Checked by:	JRZ	

Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
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Summary

Opened: AS FLOOR MAKEUP OF F3853 AND FILL BELOW.

Limits (N) UN-NUMBERED PEDESTAL OF W3560  
 (S) L3901  
 (E) EAST BULK  
 (W) L3871 AND T<sub>3</sub> OF L3890

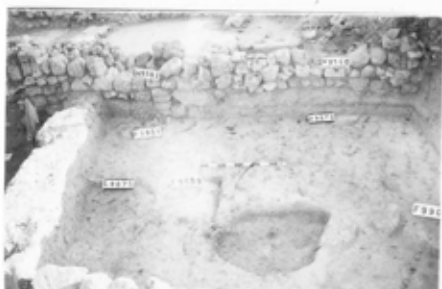
Closed: CAME DOWN UPON F9870. IN GENERAL, FLOOR PATCHES EMERGED THROUGHOUT A633 AT THE SAME AVERAGE LEVEL.

Matrix: F3853 CONSISTED OF A THIN, FAINT LAYER OF CRUSHED KURKAR W/ POTTERY INCLUSIONS. FILL BELOW F3853 WAS MED BRN TO GREY SOIL W/ ASH + INDRACK DEBRIS. DIRECTLY ABOVE (F3870) SOIL WAS HARD-PACKED, DARK CHOCOLATE BRN COLOR WITH NO INCLUSIONS AT ALL. \* THESE MATRICES DIFFER FROM THOSE SURROUNDING: TO THE W, L3871 CONSISTED OF SANDY GREY SOIL, AND TO THE S, L3901 CONSISTED OF REDDISH BROWN SOIL.

Relations: L3870 WAS COVERED, BUT NOT SEALED, BY L/F 3853. F3853 WAS TOO PATCHY TO SEAL THE MATERIAL BELOW. L3870 CONT INTO THE UN-NUMBERED PEDESTAL OF W3560 AND THE E BULK. TO THE W, L3890 IS CUT BY L3871: L3871 IS AN IRON AGE PIT, UNLIKE L3870 WHICH IS A FILL. ALSO, F3870 IS NOT CLEARLY DEFINED AT ITS WESTERN EDGE. RATHER, THE FLOOR IS PATCHY AND FIDES INTO THE SOIL MATRIX, PROBABLY DISTURBED BY F990. TO THE SOUTH, L3901 ALSO CAME DOWN ON A FLOOR (F990) AT THE SAME LEVEL AS F3870. BOTH FLRS & LOCIS WERE PROBABLY CONTEMPORARY BECAUSE OF THEIR LEVELS AND BOTH FILLS ABOVE YIELDED IR1 AND IR2a SHERD MATERIAL. ONLY THE FACT THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE SOIL MATRICES WERE DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT CONTRADICTS THIS HYPOTHESIS: L3870 COVERS, BUT DOES NOT SEAL, THE NORTHEASTERN SECTION OF L9932(c), ALTHOUGH F3870 COVERS & SEALS L9932(a) [see below]. F3870 APPROACHES, BUT DOES NOT REACH, THE UN-NUMBERED PEDESTAL BELOW W3560. F3870 REACHES THE EAST BULK AND EXTENDS THROUGHOUT THE WIDTH OF L3870 BUT ONLY HALFWAY TO THE SOUTH (30 CM LONG). UPON EXCAVATING THE VERY SOUTHERN END OF L3870, WHILE LOOKING FOR A NORTHERLY CONTINUATION OF F990, WE ENCOUNTERED THE SAME HARD-PACKED DARK CHOCOLATE BROWN SOIL THAT WAS DIRECTLY ABOVE F3870, BUT NO FLOOR BENEATH.

\* IF3870'S MATRIX WAS A WELL-PACKED, THICK CRUSHED KURKAR, WITH POTTERY INCLUSIONS. A PATCH OF GREY-WHITE RESURFACING WAS AT THE NW CORNER (SEE SKETCH). \* F3870 APPEARS TO BE CONTEMPORARY WITH NUMEROUS OTHER FLOOR PATCHES IN THE SQUARE. IT IS THE BEST PRESERVED FLOOR AT THIS LEVEL; THEREFORE IT COVERS AND SEALS THE AREA BELOW, L9932(a).

Additional Observations/Value: HIGH VALUE IRON AGE FLOOR. MATERIAL BELOW IS SEALED.  
 ADDITIONAL PHOTOS = 101482-484



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