

Locus W 3885	Dor 19 313	Fld 4	Sq A 633	Loc. type Rubble Wall
Open Date 12/07/93	High at 1.5' 2.5 N	Low at 1.5' 1.8 S	Seals: 3885	_____
Close Date 20/07/93	1.5' 2.5 N	1.4' 3.0 SW	Sealed by: N/A	_____
Floor: N/A type	_____	_____	Locl 3864	_____
Length 1.0 m	Width 0.7 m	Vol _____	above	_____
Value \$1	Remove 20/07/93	Drawn? YES	Locl 3889	_____
Photo #(1) 101156	Photo #(2) 101162	Locl 3889	More likely 99132	_____
Written by: GISC	Checked by: JRZ	below	_____	_____

Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
Summary				

Opened: L3864 came down on W3885.

Limits (N) Northern section of L3864.

(S) Unnumbered pedestal of W9278.

(E) L3863 and L3890.

(W) L3864

Closed: Removed wall. JRZ 98 Multi-Flars 9932 probably began below this wall 9889 + 9890 are to either side, but not below

Matrix: Rubble wall only 1 course high, consisting of double fist size stones, head size and double head size stones. The soil in the wall make-up was fine/sandy and grey, w/ a small collection of pottery sherds, bone and iron slag. This differs from L3864's soil (which was reddish brown w/ mud brick debris, charcoal flecks, pottery, bone and occasional iron slag pieces).

Relations: L3864 was excavated down around W3885 on the N and W to define the wall's limits. In so doing, it was discovered that W3885 was one course thick. Therefore, since W3885 is probably a foundation, it cuts the lower part of L3864. L3864 above covers, but does not seal W3885.

To the south, it is uncertain whether or not the unnumbered pedestal of W9278 cut W3885. Small rock faces are visible within the pedestal, but are not close enough to W3885 to determine with certainty that W3885 continues below W9278. However, if W3885 originally had had upper courses, then it is possible that W9278 might have cut W3885.

To the east, pits L3863/L3890 probably reach W3885. This is so because (1) L3863/L3890 are Persian pits and thus later than Iron Age W3885, and (2) W3885 shows no indication of having been robbed of stones from the eastern side. Therefore these pits were probably dug right up to W3885.

W3885, since it was probably foundational, most likely cut the very upper part of the fill below, L3889.

No foundation trench was visible, although we did excavate a twilight zone as a possible trench around W3885.

Additional Observations/Value: High value. Wall make-up yielded IR/IR2a sherds.

Additional photos = 101158-62

