

Locus L 9910	Dor 1993	Fld G _L	Sq A2311	Loc. type Ash Deposit
Open 14/07/93	High 13.74	at NE	Low 13.73	at NW
Close 03/08/93	High 13.34	at NW	Low 13.16	at NE
Floor: type				
Length 0.6	Width 1.6		Vol	
Value u ₁	Remove		Drawn?	
Photo # (1)	Photo # (2)			Locl L9894
Written by: SGO	Checked by: JRZ			above
				Locl L9991
				below
Unil	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
Summary				
Opened: An area of grey ashy material was encountered in the NW corner of A231.				
Limits (N) Bank between A231 and A232.				
(S) L9911 to the SE, L9945 to the SW				
(E) L9912				
(W) recessed underneath L9025, the Roman drain feature.				
Closed: The base of the ash deposit was found.				
Matrix: Ashy grey, with flecks of charcoal, much lighter grey than the adjacent L9911. Higher density of sherds + bones than in L9912 and L9966.				
Relations: L9910 is covered, but not sealed by, L9894. To the E, L9912 above, and L9966 below, both reach L9910. To the S, L9945 in the SW, and L9911 in the SE both reach L9910. L9965 beneath L9945 and L9911 also reaches L9910. The continuation of the line of W9964 also reaches L9910, but W9964 itself probably bears no relation to L9910. The lack of clarity in this relation is due to the fact that the almost extent of W9964 was not determined by the end of the '93 season. If W9964 proves to end at W9952, W9964 will definitely bear no relation to L9910. L9910 covers, and basically seals, L9991 below, since the interface between these two loci is clearly defined: L9910 is a soft ashy-grey deposit which ends on a thin layer of mudbrick at the top of L9991, which continues into the destruction layer with vivid colors. In section, L9910 has the shape of a "pile" or mound of ash. Thus, L9910 slopes underneath L9912, L9966, and L9945 somewhat.				
INTERPRETATION: L9910 appears to represent a pile of "midden" type material, perhaps sweepings from a hearth, fireplace, or taburn, laid on top of a surface of mudbrick material (L9991). The concentration of pottery sherds, charcoal, and animal bones found mixed in with the ash may provide additional evidence for this interpretation, especially if widespread evidence for burning is found on the animal bones + potsherds. The surface on which this mound of ash was laid is probably related to F9965 or the mudbrick "pavement" noticed at the base of L9984 and L9966. The latter two loci are better candidates, since the mudbrick material included at the top of L9991 appears to be a continuation of these mudbrick surfaces.				
Additional Observations/Value: The value of this locus for stratigraphic analysis is high.				

