SECTION LOOKING SOUTH OF STONES OF WALL 86 REMOVED WITH PAIL 48

We prepare to remove the last stones of wall 86 and trace the slab pavement south of room 48 as far as the south. See section 92 p. 86 for levels of these stones which we remove in pail 48. See p. 82 for plan.

Pail 48: Level 3
Under pail 32
From depth: 9.9 - 10.06
Type soil: Sandy brown soil with stones
Pottery: 8,500 gr.

Other: shell

Inventoried:

Pail 48 consists of the last stones of wall 86 and the south to the south of them. See diagram on p. 74. These stones came from the east side of wall 83 east to the line of stones projecting south of wall 74 (see p. 53). These are now designated as wall 87. See diagram on p. 82 for location of the new. So far it only seems to run south from wall 74 to wall 86.
We finish pail 47 and come upon two little parallel walls in the southeastern section of the trench. They seem to be only 3 courses deep, but may continue further to the east. Also another upright slab at a lower level appears to be connected with an enigmatic stone pill in the NE corner of the trench.

We change pails and make another pass.

Pail 49 (level 1)
under pail 47
Norm depth: 9.60 - 9.8
Type of soil: hard packed sandy brown soil with stones
Pottery: LMIIIA (3 buckets) c. 14850

Other: 10om weight, 2 shells
Inventory: 16093 loom weight

We take another pail and clean the rubble from around the enigmatic structure in the NE of the trench.

Pail 50 (level 2)
under pails 35, 36 + 29
Norm depth: 10.54
Type of soil: hardpacked packing in piled slab structure
Pottery: 4, 810
LMIIIA
Trench 48A.1

Fill SO cont'd

Other: shell

Inventoriated:

We finished fill 49 (see opposite page) and began a new pass

Fill 51 (level 1)

Under fill 49 from depth: 9.57 - 9.74

Type: soil: hard packed sandy brown earth
Pottery: 2.6750g
1MM12

Other: -

Inventoriated.
We begin to clean down to the stone pavement south of our original pass. All earth from this pass is sieved.

Pail 52 (Level 3)
Under pail 48
From depth: 9.57-9.9
Type: red hard packed green grey clay with chert

Pottery: c. 13030 yr
LMIIIa
joins with pail 41

Other: obsidian, shell, stone, bone

Undescribed: C6107 Figurine fragment with horns of consecration motif
Two parallel rows of stones in the SE corner of the trench (see plan on p. 93) are drawn on the 1:20 scale plan and are then removed. They may possibly have formed a channel of some sort.

Pail 53 (level 1)

Under pails 47
From depth: 9.68 - 9.97
Type of soil: artefact stones with sandy soil earth

Pottery: 750 gr. LM, but more 7th century cup frequent

Other:

Inventoried.

We begin to remove the rubble south of the northern line of the trench (see plan p. 93).

Pail 54 (level 2)

Under pails 35, 36 and 39
From depth: 9.8 - 10.35
Type of soil: large and small stone rubble with brown earth

Pottery: 7 buckets c. 30,000 gr.
LM IIIa

Other: Orange fragment

Inventoried: CG09 coarse stoneware top
In cleaning the rubble it looks like wall 10 corners intersect the southern edge of trench 48A. There is a gap of about 4.5m with what looks like a later blocking before meeting what looks like the southern wall of space K. This is only a little east west projection from wall 83. The blocking wall is not evident at all to the north in Space K. This suggests that it may have been built against the rubble which filled Space K. Mona Shaw suggested this explanation and I find it convincing.

Therefore rubble is sitting on a layer of earth so we change pails and make another pass.

Pail 55 (level 2)
under pail 54
Min depth:  9.5 - 9.8
Type of soil:  sandy brown earth with stones
Pottery:  c. G. 1000 BC
    MM III/LM I

Other: shell chalk, unidentified substance in geolab

Inverted

We take this earth down to the level of pail 51 in the southern portion of the trench.
We start a new pad for a chamber among the rubble in the eastern part of the trench.

Pail 56 (level 3)
Under pails 52, 46, and 40

Walls:
Typical soil: sandy brown soil around stone rubble
Pottery: c. 1,400gr. AMIII

Other: Shell

Inventoried.

We poke around the stones and fail to find any eastern corner to the "platform" defined on the west by wall 87. Also, the southern limit of the "platform" is not convincing as a "wall" but looks like a stone rubble.
At the bottom of pillar 55 we come down upon the top of an E-W wall which defines the southern limit of Space K. We designate this new wall as wall 88. For the time being we are leaving the blocking wall and will concentrate on taking down the area outside of the wall in trench 45A.1. There are no walls likely we will find another slab pavement.

Pillar 57 (Level 3)
Under pillar 55 and 51
From depth: 9.4 - 9.5
Type of soil: Brown earth
Pottery: MMIII/LMI

Other: plaster, grey bloom impressions, shell
Bone: unused, art. coelobones (2)

Inventoried: 51520 stone vessels.

No slab pavement. We stop with the picks at the base of the wall and begin to take a hard surface.

Pillar 58 (Level 3)
Under pillar 57
From depth: 9.35 - 9.4
Type of soil: hard packed green-gray clay
Pottery: c.5,950 gr.

MMIII

Other: plaster
We prepare to remove the pots by pausing upon the "platform" in the eastern section of the trench. It becomes clear that this is a dump and this is neither a floor nor a surface, but a spill dump. Most pots turn up at a lower level. One possible explanation is that these pots were on a shelf in a cupboard inside room 49 and that when the wall collapsed to the south the pots fell outside the house proper. Wall 87 may have been built along the eastern edge of the slab floor and then when wall 74 collapsed to the east, wall 87 may have functioned as a sort of a retaining wall for the rubble.

Since the pottery seems to be all a jumble we continued to dig carefully and try to find a surface. We still use pot 46.

It looks like a surface appears on a level with the floor in space 49. Wall 87 has an inner face which would argue against the platform theory. Also there seem to be some intact stones to the east which probably form a hearth. There is a doorway into this area through wall 74.
We scraped down to what seems to be the surface south of wall 88. In the western part of the trench I have some stones removed before we take levels. This may have been a mistake because a lot of pottery was found around the stones. We take a separate part, but some of this pottery already has gotten mixed in with part 58.

Paul 59 (Level 3)
Under part 58
Foundation: 9.32 - 9.38
Type of soil: green grey clay with stones
Pottery: c. 3050 gr.

Other: shell
Fragmented: C 6123 Keros frag?

We now remove the blocking wall built over wall 88 with a new Paul.

Paul 60 (Level 3)
Under Paul 54
Foundation: 9.48 - 10.18
Type of soil: rough rubble retaining wall with sandy brown earth
Pottery c. 370 gr. MM III

Other: stone, shell