Once again pails are changed

Room S
Pail 38  From 20.55 at E/28.49 at W
Under pail 36  N of wall 20  ...3
Brownish earth

Sheets: 500 gr.  Several frags from large jug (under)
Liddet: LMT A-8; small out; few datable pieces
Other stone tools; shells; bones
Ino. C-379 cup

Pail 39  From 20.55 at E/20.48 at W
Under pail 37  S of wall 20  ...2
Dark, soft fill
Sheets: 912 gr.  Liddet: LMT A-B
(spirals)  all LMT
Other bones
Ino. C-830 conical cup (part of C-816)

A saddle quern appears some 2.00 m west of the east edge of the trench in the south section (4.57 x 0.27 m wide). The collection of stones along the south edge of the trench (noted above) turns out to be a wall (H21) as we dig down. The other accumulation along the east edge is not yet defined.
Excavation continues north and south of wall 20, with yesterday’s finds. Two large sherds from a storage vessel are removed from the corner of walls 20 and 6a (found at the level of the top of pail 38). At this point several stones are missing from the north face of wall 20, just behind the sherds. So far this wall has no south face.

A short wall, roughly N-S, spans the space between walls 20 and 21(#22). We now limit our excavation in the south section to the small compartment created to the east of this wall (#22).

The topmost stone of wall 22 is at levels 20.54 m.

Pail 40 20.35 m at E/20.26 at W.

Day 7

Shovel under pail 39:

soft, darkish

Shards: Late date NMI (several sherds) 1260 gr.

Other: Bone: piece of black pt. plaster; bit of charcoal

Inv. P3: black painted plaster; C827; pitirakiri; 1 point; C831; cup fr.; C817; cot; dash

A piece of painted (black) plaster is found in the fill next to wall 20 (Pail 40). It is west of wall 20 and at a higher level. Cleaning of earth from the face of wall 21 reveals that there is here the north end of a N-S wall against which wall 21 abuts. At the moment it projects some 0.65 m beyond the south scarp (wall 23). A gap of some 0.75 m is left between it and wall 20 creating the impression of an entranceway into the space to the east.

Roughly along the line of wall 23 there is what seems like a N-S wall(#24) extending southeasterad from the north scarp of the trench. Some couple of pounders and sherds of a vase with spiral decoration are found part of pail “wall” and at level 20.62 m (group a, pail 38). The sherds may join with another group found here yesterday (pail 36(1)).

South of wall 20 the fill has changed somewhat. The earth is still soft and darkish, but with fine fragments of bone and other material.
Excavation with pail 40 brings us down to a level at which two flat slabs appear, occupying...
about the half of the space (east half) on
then one near wall 20 are three small
slabs which are left as found. Beyond the big
slab to the west the fill continues. The space
is a small one c. 0.85m N-S; 0.95m E-W
at the north side and 0.50m E-W at the
south side. The surface of the earth here is
at 20.15m.

Pail 42. From 20.15m N-S. A wall 20
under pail 40 - darkish soft earth 1.5
Sherd: c. 250gr.; 1 LMT; 1 LMJ; rest not
definitive. 1 conical cup (60gr.) undecor.
Other: bones, shells; white painted plaster.
Inw. C376: conical cup; P8: white painted plaster.

Several bits of koustouros in the fill.

In the area north of wall 20 we shift to
a new pail.

Pail 43. From c. 20.17m
under pail 41 - N. of wall 20 - brownish earth
Sherd: 3,610gr.; 1 LMT; A - undecorative
pottery both wetting worse and fine.
Other: stone tools, bones, shells, charcoal, faience.
Inw. F6: Faience bead.

A large rectangular block (c. 0.38 x 0.23 x 0.10m)
occurrs at the N.E. corner cutted and clearly
fallen.

A few pieces of glass occur in the fill of pail 42.
The earth now is more yellowish because of the
koustouros bits. One small conical cup and
three sherds of another pot in the main complete
pottery found here, next to the slab and
at the level of the top of pail 42. The
fill looks like floor packing. Soon we reach
the bottom of wall 22 at level 19.99m.

A few small slabs appear, flat, and
sherd; wall 22 seems to continue down, we
then return to the west wall.
Pail 44  From 19-99  Lev. 3
Sieved under pail 42  South of wall 20
Darkish with yellow hinge
Space
Shells 6,250 gms.: Good LH deposit.
Vessel: painted pottery, cap. coarse ware; conical cup
Offer: bones; charcoal
Inc.: PA, painted plaster
Sieving is applied
The fill here continues, as above, but with more small stones. The slab sits on earth. Extensive pottery turns up as we dig down

C 827; C 832 (rim sherd of cup [LH?])
C 833 for fr.  part of C 817; C 518 - conical cup
C 819 bowl  C 820 - conical cup
pair of C 816 (pot? pot)
We continue digging in the small compartment south of wall 20 (see sketch p.103) with pail 49 which is discontinued when we come upon a partially preserved surface at the north section of the space, sloping down gently towards the south (1975-1976). From here there is softer earth which must represent fill under the surface. Here and in the locations indicated in the sketch appear three vessels: a miniature lamp b = an LM1 olpechee

c = a conical cup.

In the area N of wall 20 we continue using pail 43. There is relatively little pottery, a few bones, a few lots of charcoal, everywhere and none. The large rectangular block is left as found in the NE corner. At level 1992m we assign a new pail to this area.

Pail 45 from 1992m.

Under pail 43 - brownish earth. N. of wall 20. Sherds: 1280g. Small unit, few sherdable sherd. Latest date 14C A 12 or later (gillet base) other: bones of stone tools Ind. C 398 = cup or bowl

Wall 20 is leaning down dangerously towards the north and it is decided that section 5 of it will be dismantled before they collapse. The wall is photographed from north and south before doing so. Its highest stone before dismantling is at level 21.97m. The east section is the least poorly constructed, just a pile-up of small irregular stones.

Photographs are of the point taken of the compartment south of wall 20. It is decided to tear the hard surface down and bring down the level. A small section (sketched in sketch p.103) of the surface is kept undug. The surface is clearly man-made, consists of bits of "toukoumas", earth, yellowish and whitish matter and an occasional shard. A sample of this floor packing is kept.
Numerals indicate walls as numbered a-d : single pots as found.

A : slab
B : hard-packed earth
B' (below) section of hard-packed layer left unexcavated
C : slab floor revealed at exc. of B.

In some of the chunks of the packing there are bits of what looks like red-painted plaster.
Under the packing is found a slab floor. The sherds from the packing go in Pail 46.

Pail 46
From 19.94/19.85m
Under pail 44 Packing 57 floor
n. hard packed earth w. bits of kerosene,
yellow matter, and 7 bits of red painted plaster: occasional charcoal
Sherds : 11 sherds total / 60 gr.

Removal of the packing exposes a slab floor which extends south of wall 20 for 0.55 m.
It about the extent of the floor packing above it. Beyond this point the soil is soft
again and we may well have a pit which went through both the hard-packed floor and
the earlier slab floor. This "pit" will be excavated with a new pail 47, after a
photograph is taken at this stage.

The slab floor is traced in the northern section of the trench. Wall 20 was built over this floor.
The hard-packed floor was there already and a shallow foundation trench was dug in it to
put the first course of slabs. This is deduced from the fact that the hard-packed layer stops just
short of the south "face" of wall 20, next to the slab. It is now clear that wall 20
consists of at least two sections, the east one came up to the east face of walls 22 to the south
and 24 to the north and went all the way
down to the slab floor. Walls 24 and 22 are a single wall which is curving 
like a segment of th a large circle. The west
extension of wall 20 was added when the curving wall was built. It seems superficial
at the moment but this will be determined
when we dig west of walls 22-24.
The latter walls sit on the slab floor just like...
Roll 18 Fr. 7 : fallen slabs N.E. of wall 20. This photo was overexposed & discarded.

Pail 47: @ miniature lamp C-382; @ LMIA jug C-383; 6 conical cups C-384; 6 sherds (20 gr.) MM/LMIA; 6 sherds (20 gr.) MM/LMIA.

C-385: fragment of conical cup.

C-384: conical cup; part of 817.

Pail 47: 17/6 gr. MM III/LMIA (All MM, but 1 ring scrap could be LMIA) see p. 104 for other policy.

Other: black-painted plaster; bones (260 g.); shells.

Invo. C-381 (conical cup); C-382 (miniature lamp).

LMIA jug C-383; 4 conical cups C-384; 6 cup C-385.

The fallen stones in the N.E. corner, north of wall 20 are photographed and then removed. The sherds from under them will go in Pail 48. Under fallen stones N. of wall 20:

Sherd: latest date MM III B (9,380 gr.) few decorative; all small; several LMIA A.

Other: shells, lots of bone, lots of charcoal, stone objects.

Invo.

A fourth whole pot (miniature!) has shown up in the fill of the pit. This will be labelled A under Pail 47. Bedrock is reached just south of the slabs. It slopes towards the south for some 0.20-0.30 m. and then dips down. Two pots are seen in the fill below, one complete small cup with a handle @ some 0.50 m. to the left of the slab and a fragmentary one some 0.70 m. away from the slab @, both against wall 21.

In the southeast corner of the space is a broken dark-coloured pounder. The earth is modern soft, with occasional bits of charcoal, small stone sherds.
The room north of wall 20a is cleared to floor level. Slabs, once of fair size, were mostly broken and occupy the western half of the room. They continue under the slope to the north, but, as preserved, they stop short some 0.10m - 0.35m from wall 20a. It is likely that when this wall was built the floor was already in a ruined condition. Along the north face (where tested) the wall reaches down below the level of the slabs and sits down on bedrock. The south "face" on the other hand sits over some slabs which might well be a southern extension of those found in the northern room. The sketch on p. 106 provides information for levels and dimensions in the northern room.

Excavation now continues west of this room i.e. west of the curving wall 24 and east of a small (1.70m long, 0.38m wide) line of stones which we speculated might be a retaining wall. This wall has already been photographed (see p. 106, bottom: wall A) and drawn by the architect and may be removed if it is found to be superficial. The space between the two walls is quite small (1.70 x 0.60m). We assign to it

Pail 48  From 20.40m 1.3
under pail 38
brownish earth
Sherds: Unfortunately N 48 was given twice mistakenly (p. 105) and the sherds put together. P. Baldacchi found the sherds of both pails to be the same before combining them

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In the southern section we continue using pail 47. Pots 85 and 94 are removed (sup.): where the bedrock dips there are some smallish stones. There seem to have been thrown in this hole in preparation of the building of wall 21 since some of the small stones are wedged under its narrow face. On this spot this seems
to be the bottom of wall 21. Pail 47 is discontinued.

Excavation south of wall 20 continues to the west of wall 22. It is a stratum of stone rubble type mainly which extends some 2.50 m west of this wall. Beyond that point there is an abrupt fall in level and here bedrock is visible in place, some 1.00 m below where we are digging now. The area being dug (50 cm x 50 cm trench) at this stage is as seen in the two photographs on p. 56. A pail is assigned here:

Pail 49 20.50 at c/20.58 at c. 8.3
below pail 49 stone surface, brownish each sherds; 220 gr. Latest date LM II A (spirals; other dark painted sherds)
Other: bones; bit of plaster
Inv. C 389 - Conical cup, dark painted

The "reclaiming wall" is shown to be about one course high and it is dismantled. The earth under it contains some sand.

In the southern section a second layer occurs under the top one. There is still rubble but also several cannoned thick, medium sized slabs, possibly material collapsed from south of the house. We move earth around the stones and remove the stones definitely fallen.

At level 20.04 m pail 48 is replaced by

Pail 50 6.3 From 20.04 m
under pail 48 brownish each sherds; LM - Nothing clearly datable; one shard? LM II A/B?; 1 complete conical cup
Other
Inv.

Under the line of the removed wall, but after an intermediate layer of dirt is a line of stones, lying flatly, but not
linked to each other. They are not a wall but at the moment we limit excavation to the narrow space between them and wall 24.

At level 20.19 at the east, 20.00m at the west pail 49 is replaced with:

Pail 57 From 20.19 at e / 20.00m at w under pail 49 stone layer + brown earth
- L 3.5 ft wall 20
- Sherd 440 gr. mostly fine buff. All sherds small - latest date MM
Other: bones, charcoal, ? stone tool
Inv.

The stones continue, some quite large and mostly caoted. Wall 20a is shown to have a fairly straight face on the south side. N-S wall 23 is also better defined. It projects some 0.65m beyond the south scarp and is 0.98m wide. Its north end has a face. A gap (entrance) exists between it and wall 20a, which was blocked up at some point (0.70m wide entrance).

In the North section (N of wall 20) we reach a couple of the slabs next to the NE part of wall 24. South of here slabs sit on the earlier pavement. We leave the falled stones mentioned earlier undug and we clean the earth beyond them to the west. Bedrock is traced at several spots and at some point it is found to have been dug to form a deep circular hole. The upper diameter of the hole is c. 0.50m. Its circle starts 0.25m south of the North scarp and c. 1.10m west of wall 24. The hole tapers as we go down and the bottom is reached some 0.45-0.50m from the top. In this hole were found several fragments of a potsherd. There are two fine flint blades with spiral designs in white and there are occasional clavey chunks of clay. Edges like burnt shells, two years.