TRENCH 94A

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description of trench 94a

trench 94a, as shown in plan 1, has the following coordinates and measurements:

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\begin{array}{cc}
A & NW \ 1001.39 \times \ 1097.11Y \\
B & NE \ 1009.11 \times \ 1098.43Y \\
C & SW \ 1003.17 \times \ 1085.06Y \\
D & SE \ 1010.29 \times \ 1086.91Y \\
\end{array}
\]

actual:

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\begin{array}{cc}
AB & 7.90 m \ * \\
BD & 12.30 m \\
AC & 12.07 m \\
CD & 7.00 m \\
\end{array}
\]

*These measurements correspond with TN plans.

the trench encompasses an area of unexcavated land that served as a north-south land bridge between two wooden bridges used in previous excavation seasons. the upper surface and edges of this land bridge or "hump" are packed and contaminated from its use as a pedestrian way.

the land bridge slopes from a higher level in the northern area of the trench to a lower level in the southern area. see plan 2, p 8. concrete re-inforces some of the edges of the land bridge as well as the joins between the two wooden bridges and the upper surface.
THE LAND BRIDGE MEETS THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF THE TRENCH AND IS APPROXIMATELY 0.5 M SOUTH OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY AND 1.0 M EAST OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY. SEE PLAN 2, P.8.

THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE TRENCH OVERLAPS THE EASTERN WALL OF ROOM 30, OF ARCHAIC BUILDING Q, EXCAVATED BY ELIZABETH FISHER AS T52B AND CONTINUED BY PROF. MARIA C. SHAW AS T516A.


A LARGE RECTANGULAR AREA TO THE EAST OF T94A HAS NOT BEEN EXCAVATED.

THE TRENCH WAS LAID OUT BY PROF. JOSEPH W. SHAW, GORDON NIXON AND AMY E. RAYMOND ON JUNE 28, 1994 AND WAS EXCAVATED BY AMY E. RAYMOND, NIKOS Zaimiáki, Χρήστος Βλαστής, Χρήστος Μεταμούριος, Νικολάος Κουτσούλης, Χρήστος Ροδούλης, NIKOS Zaimiáki.
Because of its location within the larger, excavated area with known levels and features, we anticipate the jagged E-W Hellenistic retaining wall to extend through T94A, as should the LM III E-W wall dividing galleries P1 and P2. We may further define the exterior face of the eastern wall of Room 30, in Building Q.

Wall 1 will refer to the northern wall of P1.

Wall 2 will refer to the eastern wall of Room 30, Building Q.

Wall 3 will refer to the northern wall of P3.
29 June, 1994

TRANSLIT LEVEL: +8.17 m ASL

MINIMAL ELEVATIONS ARE TAKEN ON A N-S LINE, APPROXIMATELY 2.0m. EAST OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE TRENCH. SEE PLAN 2, P. 8.

CLEANING OF THE SURFACE BEGINS WITH A 2.0m N AND A 1.3m S BAULK TO ACCOMODATE THE JOINS TO THE WOODEN BRIDGES. DIGGING STARTS IN THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE TRENCH AND MOVES SOUTH.

PAIL 94A/1:1 IS OPENED ON THE UPPER SURFACE OF THE CONTAMINATED PATHWAY (PACKED SAND, RUBBLE AND GRAY-BROWN EARTH).

PAIL LEVELS AND LOCATION:
LOCATION LABEL: FILL
POTTERY: (INVENTORIED POTTERY:)
INVENTORIED OBJECTS: SHELLS, PLASTER, CHARCOAL

THE MORNING IS SPENT SEPARATING THE FINE WARE FROM SARDINE TINS. ONE SHELL FRAGMENT WAS IDENTIFIED.
29 June, 1994, cont.

As Morex Trunculus, the pail remains open. The northern 4.0 m of the trench is cleared, exposing clean sand.
30 June, 1994

Transit level: +8.082m ASL
Pail 94A/1:1

The first pass continues to clear the contaminated upper surface of T94A. An area of clean sand appears in the northern area of the trench and is distinct from a mixture of sand, gray-brown earth and white stone to the south. 5.0m south of the northern boundary is cleared and elevations are taken.
Plan 3, p. 16.

A small area of burned earth appears N-S 1.4m x E-W 0.80m in the central, eastern area of the trench. Pail 94A/1:2 is opened.

Pail 94A/1:2

Under pail:

Levels & location: Plan 3, p. 16
Location label: Upper, E-central
Fill: Burned earth
Pottery:
95 grams (8 sherds)
MMII? - LMIII

Inventoried pottery:
Inventoried objects:
Charcoal, shells, plastic

Much of the plastic is below charcoal layers. Elevations are not taken but the charcoal appears between 0.01m and 0.12m below the surface.

Plan 3
T 94A
1:100 N

Pail 94A/2:3*
Pail 94A/1:2

* See plan 4 for reduced 2:3
JULY 1, 1994

TRANSIT LEVEL: +8.061 m ASL
PAIL 94A/1:1


PAIL 94A/2:3 IS OPENED FOR AN AREA OF CLEAN SAND IN THE N AREA OF THE TRENCH. A FEW SHERDS AND SHELLS WERE FOUND FROM THIS, WHAT MAY BE AN ANCIENT LEVEL.

PAIL 94A/2:3

UNDER PAIL: 1:1, N LEVELS AND LOCATION PLAN 4, P. 18
LOCATION LABEL: N
FILL: SAND
POTTERY: 0.150 KG. (13 SHERDS) 7TH CENT. - CLASSICAL CHIAN AMPHORA SHELL

INVENTORIED POTTERY:
INVENTORIED OBJECTS:
ALSO: SHELLS

AS A SAND LAYER APPEARS BENEATH THE UPPER LEVEL OF CONTAMINATED EARTH, SOUTH OF PAIL 94A/2:3, TOMORROW WE WILL OPEN PAIL 94A/1:4 TO CLEAR THIS UPPER SURFACE AND EXPOSE THE SAND LAYER BENEATH.
July 1, 1994

TRANSIT LEVEL: +8.012m ASL

PAIL 94A/1:4 IS OPENED FOR ANOTHER CONTAMINATED LAYER. IRON, OLD PLASTIC PAIL TAGS AND A 4TH CENTURY ROOF TILE ARE FOUND.

PAIL 94A/1:4

UNDEEP PAIL: '1:1, 1:2

LEVELS & LOCATION: PLAN 5, P. 20.

LOCATION LABEL: CENTRAL & SOUTHERN, UPPER FILL:

GRAY-BROWN EARTH, SAND, 5.466 KG. (424 SHEETS)

POTTERY:

MIXED, MM III - CLASSICAL

B4 CUP RIMS, ROOF TILES, C.G., LBA/1

INVENTORIED POTTERY: C905/6 IMPRT. AMPN. IA:

INVENTORIED OBJECTS: IRON, PLASTIC, SHELLS

PLAN 5

T 94A 1:100 N

ABCD PAIL 94A/2:3 BOTTOM LEVELS

CDEF PAIL 94A/1:4 TOP LEVELS
July, 1994

**Transit Level:** +8.09m A.S.L

**Pail 94A/1:4 →**

**Clearing the upper surface continues with Pail 94A/1:4.**

**Pail 94A/2:5** is opened to make another pass on the upper level. A stone within the area of Pail 94A/2:5 has a scratch mark from the front-end loader used in previous excavation seasons.

**Pail 94A/2:5**

**Under Pail:**

**Levels and Location:**

**Location Label:**

**Fill:**

**Pottery:**

**Inventoried Pottery:** 94A/2:5, c. 8999 (LM IIIAPictorial)

**Inventoried Objects:**

Also:

As plastic was found in Pail 2:5, we open Pail 94A/3:6 for another pass.
4 July, 1994, cont.

PAIL
UNDER PAIL:
LEVEL AND
LOCATION:
LOCATION LABEL:
FILL:
POTTERY:

INVENTORIED POTTERY:

INVENTORIED OBJECTS:
ALSO:

94A/3:6
2:5

PLAN 6, p. 22
5
SANDY EARTH
0.310 KG. (21 SHERDS)
MM II, 5th CENT.
MM C.C. & CLASSICAL BG

SHELLS
5 July, 1994

TRANSIT LEVEL: +8.14 m.ASL
PAIL 94A/3:6

AFTER CLOSING PAIL 94A/3:6, WE OPEN PAIL 94A/2:7 IN THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE TRENCH.

PAIL
UNDER PAILS: 1:4, 2:3
LEVEL & LOCATION: PLAN 7, p. 26
LOCATION LABEL: N
FILL: UPPER, N
SAND

POTTERY:
0.140 KG (7 SHARDS)
CLASSICAL?

INVENTORIED POTTERY:
INVENTORIED OBJECTS:
ALSO:

BENEATH THIS SAND IS A SANDY EARTH LEVEL, WE OPEN

PAIL
UNDER PAIL: 2:7
LEVEL & LOCATION: PLAN 7, p. 26
LOCATION LABEL: N
FILL: SAND, SANDY EARTH & STONE
4.2 KG (192 SHARDS)

LARGELY LATE CLASSICAL
BROAD RANGE OF TYPES, BG & PLAIN, RIM, BASES, JOIN W/4,9

INVENTORIED POTTERY:
C 9057 BG CUP, C 9058 RING HANDLE.
C 9059 MOLDED AITHOS RIM,
C 6150 - C 9061, BOLLS' LEGS, C 9062 TC FREG.

INVENTORIED OBJECTS:
ALSO:
SHELLS, BONE

PLAN 7
T 94A
1:100
N
ABCD - 94A/2:7, 94A/3:8
CDEF - 94A/3:6, BOTTOM LEVELS
6 July, 1994

TRANSIT LEVEL: +8.05 m ASL
PAIL 94A/3:8

With Pail 94A/3:8 now closed, we are below all contaminated levels. Large stones, not placed as in a wall, run E-W through the center of the trench, and a line of smaller stones, probably tumbled south from a northern wall, appear near the north baulk.

Pails 94A/4:9 and 94A/4:10 are opened in the N and S areas respectively. See plan B.

**Pail 94A/4:9**
- **UNDER PAIL:**
- **LEVELS AND LOCATION:** Plan 8. P.28
- **LOCATION LABEL:** N
- **FILL:** Sandy earth & stones
- **POTTERY:** 0.750 kg. (17 sherds) Classical, 77-05
- **INVENTORIED POTTERY:**
- **INVENTORIED OBJECTS:** Bone

**Pail 94A/4:10**
- **UNDER PAIL:**
- **LEVELS & LOCATION:** Plan 8. P.28
- **LOCATION LABEL:** 5
- **FILL:** Sand
- **POTTERY:** 130 g. (17 sherds)
- **INVENTORIED POTTERY:** 7th century?
- **INVENTORIED OBJECTS:**
- **ALSO:**

**Plan B**
- **94A**
- **1:100 N**
- **ABCD - 94A/4:9 (TOP)**
- **CDEF - 94A/4:10 (TOP)**
7 July, 1994

Transit level: +8.11 m ASL
Pails 94A/4:9, 94A/4:10

We close pails 94A/4:9 and 94A/4:10 having removed the stones near the N baulk. These stones probably tumbled from the wall still unexposed in the N baulk; the wall is thus not numbered nor included in plan A. The pails are closed although a surface was not reached; the fill remains the same with sandy earth in the N and sand in the S.

We remove the W and E baulk and scree. Plastic was laid across the trench to preserve the surface. For the E baulk, we open

Pail 94A/1:11
Levels & location plans 2 and 3, pp. 28, 28
Location label upper, E baulk
Fill contaminated earth
Pottery:
2.610 kg, (157 sherds)
mixed, MMII - 2nd cent
Inventoryed pottery:
C. 9285, bull's leg, shells, bone

Also: