4 August, 1994 (continued)

Pottery:

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster, sample of ash?

At the same time in Trench 95C since we have more or less reached the level which had been reached around the column base we change pails to include this area in our digging.

PAIL: 95C/2:177; Under Pails: 95C/2:171 and 95C/3:82, 3:84; Levels and Location: see plan p. 194; Location Label: S10; Fill: same as above, compacted brown earth and clay, stones, plaster inclusions

Pottery: 112 sherds (1.285 kg) Latest Date: LM IA


Mostly MM II-III; heavily worn, broken up no joints; possible import.

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, plaster, clay lamp.

In Trench 95A, 2.5 m from the west bank the fill loses its distinctive red colour. A new pail is opened for the rest of the area.


Location Label: S10; Fill: brown/grey earth with some clay, rubble, plaster inclusions

Pottery: 11 sherds (1.700 kg) Latest Date: LM IA (2)

Range: MM II, MM III, LM IA (2)

Mostly MM III-LM IA

Inventoried Objects:

Also: charcoal, plaster
4 August, 1994 (continued)

With this fall we find rubble which seems to be fallen from Wall 1, with 5 courses visible, the stones cantled to the north. They appear to go quite deep below the surface of excavation. Photographs are taken of this time, since this area will be temporarily covered with sand tomorrow to allow access to the court area to the front loader.

Photographs: Trench 95A, Bottom of Pail 3; 178;
Wall spill from Wall 1, showing 5 courses, stones cantled to north
From NE; Roll 7, Fr. 4
see photographs p. 196
Excavation continues with Pails 95C/3:177 and 95A/3:174. We now prepare in Trench 95A to continue our sounding around the kiln. To this end we will open a 1m wide trench around the perimeter beginning from the previous sounding.

Location Label: SE; Fill: brown earth, some very light burning and ash. Increasing to the east; pottery water washed.

Pottery:

Inventoryed Objects:

Also: sample of ash?

With this pail we quickly came down on a more compact, slightly darker layer beneath.

Photography: Trench 95B, Pail 2:175, large pieces of plaster in situ among stones showing multiple layers. From N. Roll T, Fr. 5.
Fr. 6 close up of 1st patch, from NW
Fr. 7 close up of 2nd patch, from W. See photographs p.206

We open a new pail to continue our sounding to the east.

PAIL: 95A/5:180; Under Pail: 95A/3:152 and 95A/3:147; Levels and Location: see plan p.198.
Location Label: SE; Fill: brown/grey earth, ash.
Pottery: (water washed only)

Inventoryed Objects:

Also:
5 August, 1994 (continued)

Again we came down on this darker layer beneath. However, this layer rises sharply to the east until it becomes the rubble where it disappears. A new pail is opened to dig through this layer beginning to the SW.

PAIL: 95A/5:181; Under Pail: 95A/5:179;
Levels and Location: see plan p. 202; Location Label: SE; Fill: darker brown earth atop light colored hard packed surface, charcoal inclusions, gravel washed
Pottery: 68 sherds (0.673 kg) Latest Date: LM IA
Range: mm IB/II, mm III?; LM IA(2)
Almost pure LM IA(2)

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, plaster

We quickly came down on a hard packed surface which is marked by pebbles to the east. A new pail is opened for the area under Pail 5:180.

PAIL: 95A/5:182; Under Pail: 95A/5:180;
Levels and Location: see plan p. 202; Location Label: SE; Fill: same as Pail 5:181 without charcoal inclusions, but including much plaster, gravel washed pottery

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster

With this pail we find the pebbled surface continuing east although marked with fewer pebbles. We can see that in most places so far the kiln wall is not built directly upon this surface, but upon a small layer of earth above this. However, to the east it appears that some of the stones reach this surface, although they may more properly be...
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Foundation stones rather than integral parts of the kiln wall.

In Trench 95C we now beginning to reach the level of the pebbled floor. Since in the tiny area opened by pail 2:141 did not suggest that this surface extends to Wall 1, we are alert for a possible foundation trench and, although no difference is marked in the fill, clear a lm strip along Wall 1.

PAIL: 95C/3:183; Under Pail: 95C/3:177; Levels and Location: see plan p. 202; Location Label: SE; Fill: brown earth, some clay?, many plaster inclusions
Pottery: 101 sherds (0.705 kg) Latest Date: LM IA(I)
Range: mm II B/I, mm III, LM IA(I); mostly
- mm II-III; quite heavily worn, broken up.
- no identifiable kiln dump material

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, plaster

In Trench 95A we now intend to extend our sounding east through the rubble to determine upon which surface the rubble is resting and to determine whether the lower surface continues.

PAIL: 95A/5:184; Under Pail: 95A/8:148; Levels and Location: see plan p. 202; Location Label: SE
Fill: brown / grey earth, stones, pottery pieces; washed only
Pottery: 63 sherds (0.450 kg) Latest Date: LM IA(c)
Range: mm II A, mm III, LM IA; mixed
- heavily worn and fragmental; some possible kiln dump

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster

We quickly reach the surface upon which the upper layer of rubble rests, but find that stones alongside the kiln go further down, perhaps belonging to the kiln wall.
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PAIL: 95A/5.185; Under Pail: 95A/5.184;
Levels and Location: see plan p. 206; Location Label: SE
Fill: brown earth, plaster inclusions, water-washed
Pottery: 51 sherds (0.255 kg) Latest Date: LM IA
Range: MM II, MM III, LM IA; mixed
heavily worn and fragmented; no joins
no kiln dump material.

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, plaster, small clay lump

In Trench 95C, now pebbled surface was
detected near Wall 1. A new pail is opened to
trace the known pebbled surface through the
rest of the trench.

PAIL: 95C/3.186; Under Pail: 95C/3.177;
Levels and Location: see plan p. 204; Location Label: SE
Fill: brown/grey earth, plaster inclusions, few
large wall stones
Pottery: 91 sherds (0.496 kg) Latest Date: LM IA;
Range: MM II, MM III, LM IA(1), LM IA(2)
LMIB/LM IA, MM III A*; mixed
heavily worn and fragmented

Inventoried Objects:

Also: painted plaster, charcoal, shells, plaster

With this pail we find that the pebbled surface
does extend further east around the large wall stones
which appear to be resting on this surface.

In Trench 95A we now extend our sifting
north to the eastern column base hoping to clarify
the relationship of the pebbled surface to the
column bases.
TRENCH 95A

PAIL 5:187
PAIL 5:185
PAIL 5:187

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PAIL: 95A/5:187; Under Pail: 95A/3:147, 3:148, 3:150. Location: Area A; Location label: AE. Fill material: grey/brown earth, some reddish earth and clay; pottery water-washed only.

Pottery: 154 sherds (2.343 kg). Latest Pot: LM II - III.


Possible CP Frag LM II - III date?

Inscribed Object: C1024 - CP CC type C

Also: plaster.

With the first pass we uncover a circular sub-base beneath the column base and a pebbled surface running up to this sub-base. Elevations will be measured Monday.
Excavation continues with Pails 95B/2:178 and 95C/3:186. In Trench 95A a new pail is opened to continue our excavation to the middle column base, searching for the stone floor.

Pail: 95A/5:188; Under Pail: 95A/3:153 and 3:152; Levels and Location: see plan p. 208; Location label: N F.11: reddish earth and clay, stone pieces
Pottery:

Inventoryed Objects:

Also: plaster, clay

We seem to be still removing the reddish klin dump material with this pail. By the middle column we reach a patch of pebbles which rises up to cover the sub-base which we uncover beneath. Another pail is opened to continue to the south.

Pail: 95A/5:189; Under Pail: 95A/3:153 and 3:152; Levels and Location: see plan p. 208; Location label: 540; Fill: reddish earth and clay, small stone pieces
Pottery:

Inventoryed Objects:

Also: plaster, clay

In Trench 95C we are clearing down to the level of the pebble floor which is much better preserved than had been suspected. 2m from the northern back we decide to clear the top surface with a separate pail in case we discover a court surface at a higher level meeting the column base from the north.
Trench 95C

Pail 3:192

Wall 4

+2.58 +2.66

Wall 3

+2.69

Wall 2

Wall 1

1m

Scale: 1:100

Δ Elevations in m ASL

Pail 3:192

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Pail: 95C/3:190; Under Pail: 95C/3:177; Levels and Location: see plan p. 210; Location Label: NE;

Fill: compacted brown earth and clay, small stones, some plaster inclusions

Pottery: 11 sherds (0.080 kg) Latest Date: MM III

Range: MM III, MM III

too small for meaningful comment

not too warm, but very fragmented

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster, shells

In Trench 95A as we move south towards the wall the fill begins to lose the distinctive reddish colour of kiln dump. For this reason we open a new pail.


Levels and Location: see plan p. 210; Location Label: SW;

Fill: loose reddish earth and clay with some brown earth, small stone pieces

Pottery:

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster

In Trench 95C we do not find any upper layer of debries except for a very small apparently isolated patch on the east side of the column base. We have opened a new pail to clear down to the floor to determine its relationship to the column base.

Pail: 95C/3:192; Under Pail: 95C/3:177 and 3:190;

Levels and Location: see plan p. 210; Location Label: N;

Fill: brown earth with plaster inclusions, some stones

Pottery: 56 sherds (0.340 kg) Latest Date: LM I?

Range: MM IB/II, LM I?

Too small for meaningful comment.
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Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, plaster

In Trench 95A once we have reached the wall we begin to move west towards the rubble. There is no redearth.

PAIL: 95A/5:193; Under Pail: 95A/3:176; Levels and Location: see plan p. 212; Location Label: SW;
Fill: brown earth, small stones
Pottery:

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster

As we move north we find small amounts of reddish earth entering the fill.

PAIL: 95A/5:194; Under Pail: 95A/3:176 and 3:160; Levels and Location: see plan p. 212; Location Label: SW; Fill: brown earth with small amounts of reddish earth, small stones, pebbles
Pottery:

Inventoried Objects:

Also: bronze, painted plaster, plaster

As we continue to move north we find a number of pebbles in the fill and small patches of what appears to be a pebbled surface. We also notice that the brown earth seems to disappear from the fill.
Photography
Roll 6, Fr. 3-6, see description p. 159.

Roll 11, Fr. 1, S2265 and subbase, from SW

Roll 11, Fr. 2-3, S2266 and subbase, from SE

Roll 11, Fr. 4-5, S2267 and subbase, from SW

Roll 11, Fr. 7, Fr. 95A, kiln exterior wall, from W

Roll 11, Fr. 8-10, Fr. 95A, oversep kiln and T, from S

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Pail: 95A/5195; Under Pail: 95A/3160.
Levels and location: see plan p. 212; location label: NW; Fill: reddish earth and clay, small stones, pebbles.

Pottery:

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster.
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Excavation continues with Pails 95B/2:195 and 95C/3:192. A new pail is opened to continue excavation in Trench 95C when the floor is reached up to the column base. We now turn to removing the 2m strip between Trenches 95A and C.

Pail: 95C/2:196; Surface Pail; Levels and Location: see plan p. 216; Location Label: E; Fill: compact sandy brown earth, some clay, small stones

Pottery: 187 sherds (3.315 kg); Latest Date: LM III B


mostly LM III A 2 - B

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells

In Trench 95A we open a new pail to excavate a small strip to the west scoop.

Pail: 95A/5:197; Under Pail: 95A/3:160 and 95A/3:163; Levels and Location: see plan p. 215; Location Label: W; Fill: some reddish earth, but mostly brown earth and clay, some small stones

Pottery:

Inventoried Objects:

Also: impets, plaster

We find as we move west that the reddish earth quickly disappears and is replaced by brown earth. This becomes rockier as we reach the west baffle and is mixed with medium-sized stones. To the south we will remove the different fills with different pails. A new pail is opened to begin this.