

interesting find in A1400 was the bronze attachment or handle to a vessel found along A1205.

### **A1600**

Trench A1600 was excavated from 11 July to 15 July, 2002, by trench master Peter Vanaria and his assistant Nichole Doub with Manolis Dantes, Athanasios Syritoules, Yiorgos Kanitakis, Michaelis Kofinakis, Ioannis Panadakis, Nikoles Spiliarotis, and Kostas Lionoudakis. Benchmark R3 (Elevation 364.24) was used throughout excavation here.

#### Architecture and Trench Boundaries:

A1600 was bounded by A1504 to the east, A1206 to the north, and A607 to the south. No western wall has yet to be identified. The trench ran 5.3m west of A1504.

#### Loci and Strata:

The brief run of this trench revealed only wall tumble in the many passes of A1601. Excavation of the topsoil was conducted by SZP, while a surface collection was completed by MSE.

### **A1601 – Tumble**

#### Interpretations:

It is obvious that more excavation is required in this area in order to define this space. The level of the floor has yet to be reached, since even more wall tumble remains. Large amounts of pottery, mostly pithoi sherds, were collected in the

tumble. Already, the level of the tumble is beneath the level of the floor surface in A1200, which has access to A1600 by a doorway in A1206. Transition between the two trenches still needs to be determined. A transition between A1500 and A1600 has been somewhat defined by the appearance of a step in the doorway of A1504. The absence as of yet of a western wall may suggest exterior space, but it is also as likely that the western wall has suffered extreme erosion. Erosion and water damage is seen clearly in A1504, where the wall has slipped forward considerably and large pockets of space have replaced the soil mortar. Access to A600 and A1400 may also be determined by further excavation in this area.





Year 02 Trench/Locus A1601 Excavator PAV

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

11 July - This pass, which included pottery pails A1601.1 → A1601.3, was removing tumble in the area near A1504. Due to the size of some of the stones, which ranged from ~~3cm~~ in diameter to a 6m x .3m, the pass was very deep. There was also a good amount of soil to clear due to the use of this area as a wheelbarrow path. The soil became much more hard-packed as we got deeper.

- A stone object was found near the ~~NE~~ NE corner of the locus. It was named Object 1

- One pass was basically finished today. Some cleaning of wall A1504 is required, but the slippage of the wall makes the work ~~harder~~ harder. Also, the pass did not extend the length of the trench to Wall A607, due to the small hill of tumble on the N side and the dip in the ground, that results from the hill, on the S side. The pass today tried to even out the soil.

- There were ~~three~~ pottery pails found due to the volume of pottery sherds. Some bones + shells were also found.

12 July - 2<sup>nd</sup> pass started to clear off underneath A1504 and to complete the evening off of the ground level. More medium-sized to small-sized stones were removed. Elevations taken before 2<sup>nd</sup> pass due to the depth of the 1<sup>st</sup> pass. This pass was named A1601.4.

- A large amount of pottery sherds removed during this pass, mostly large pithe sherds. A good number of pieces of bone were found near the wall A1504.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> pass of wall tumble removal started w/ A1601.5. The pass collected so much pottery that another bag was required (A1601.6). Many more bone fragments were also found. Due to the number of bone fragments found, screening was begun during this pass. The pass was ended .7m from the wall A1504, due to the unstable nature of the wall.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> pass was completed and 4<sup>th</sup> pass begun w/ pottery pail A1601.7. Still more wall tumble remains to be removed. Near the N wall, however, (A1206) a patch of ~~brownish~~ reddish brown soil began to appear and an intensive soil sample was taken. Screening was done in this pass as well.

- The 4<sup>th</sup> pass was completed ~~when~~ when it became clear that the wall tumble might be coming to an end in the N section of the trench. Some prunice was found in the 4<sup>th</sup> screen.

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

12 July - A 1<sup>st</sup> pass was begun in the southern part of the trench, the part which has not been included in the previous passes. This section starts 2.5 m north of the southern wall of the trench A607. This section was not able to be excavated due to its use as a wheelbarrow path and because it was lower than the northern section. Now it was decided to remove the wall tumble from this section. The strata is the same here as in the northern section. A new pottery pail was named (A1601.08)

- This pass revealed ~~many~~ many more pottery sherds, but not as much bone as in the northern section. Some sea stones were found. Due to the lack of funds, screening was stopped during this pass.

- Pass was completed, but there still remains some wall tumble to be removed, especially by A1504.

11  
2 - 955

4 - 1.032

7 - 1.024

screen -

~~sample~~

6 - 1.008

8 - 1.353

R3 loc - 1.685

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DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

15 July - Another pass was taken near A1504 now that the wall has been down. Pair will be 1601.9. The pass went from S to N. For the entire locus.

- The soil by the wall A1504, especially in the NE corner, was especially moist. There are also gaps in the rubble and in the wall itself, probably caused by moisture creeping down the hillside.

- A stair was found in the doorway of A1504. The level of this room is much lower than A1500, and the stairway gives us a transition from one room to the next.

- Pass completed. Multisectures to see.

Final

RB 4.100

2 - 3.318

4 - 3.359

7 - 3.390

6 - 3.203

(NE corner) 9 - 2.948

10 - 2.995

11 - 2.970

- Soil in the NE corner and ~~near~~ under the doorway has turned a light brown color, much different than the darker brown/grey of the previous soil. This might be due to the runoff from the other rooms (A1600 + A1500). Still, there is still more wall rubble and should be equal w/ the other passes. Some carbon was also found underneath the doorway + stair. Still more large pithoi sherds + some fine pottery + bone.