

Locus L 9698	Dor 19 9.1	Fld G	Sq A.134	Loc. type Drain wall and fill within
Open Date 2.2/07/91	High at 15.08 N.E	Low at 15.06 S.E	Seals: _____	
Close Date 0.16/08/91	High at 14.53 N.E	Low at 14.50 S.W	Sealed by: _____	
Floor: type _____	Width 0.6	Vol _____	Loci 9682 9695	
Length 2.2	Remove 1/1/1	Drawn? YES	above _____	
Value 9.1a			below _____	
Photo #(1) 71311	Photo #(2) 71312		Loci _____	
Written by: K.A.L	Checked by: J.R.Z		below _____	

Unit _____	Phase _____	Stage _____	Stratum _____	PoM _____
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Summary _____

Opened: Opened [L9698] when came down on ashlar walls of drain in 19682. Excavated [L9698] All within drain channel.

Limits (N) Northern half of A134

(S) L9681

(E) 3 ashlar east drainwall L9618

(W) 3 ashlar west drainwall L9682

Closed: Closed [L9698] when reached drain floor which was composed of 4 ashlar.

Matrix: [L9698]'s drainfill was dry, fine, light brown sediment containing plaster bits from drain facing and small shreds. The sediment was finer and lighter than any other soil in A134 and unique to the square in '91. The drain sediment was compact and contained within the drain walls to the drain floor.

W. drainwall has 2 courses, E. drain wall 3 courses extant. Ashlar's average dimensions: .65mx .50m

Relations: [L9698] was dissimilar to the fill/robber trench meeting area matrix L9682 and L9695

above it as this matrix contained medium brown loose soil with a mixture of shreds. Below L9698

lies the ashlar drain floor. The inside of the drain was probably plaster-covered as many plaster

bits were in the drain fill. North [L9698] ends in A134's northern bulk. East is three courses

of drainwall N. they material below possible ^{N5, W2282} robber trench L9618. [L9698]'s southern portion

ends unevenly without a face, a ^{cutting} pit L9681. There is Persian pit material/shreds entering the [L9698]'s southern

end. This uncertain relationship with pit L9681 may be explained if [L9698] connected with the

Roman drain system above, and to the east L9111 with a conduit no longer extant or perhaps

relating to the stone fall's reaching [L9698]'s SE wall. West is two course drain wall which

the unexcavated material below L9682 a disturbed meeting area for several robbing actions: NS (9616, 9652) robbing drain [L9698]

and EW (9617 and N. 9697) robbing W2282. [L9698] is too short and the material surrounding

it is unexcavated, thus it is difficult to draw conclusions. The later Roman drain L9111

may have dropped sharply and turned west to meet [L9698].

The areas east and west of drain [L9698] were unexcavated and the relationships are uncertain.

L9682 and L9695, the fill/robber trench disturbed matrix cut and rob drain [L9698]

The ashlar floor of drain 9698 does not quite reach the E wall of the drain. There is a ca. 5 cm gap which seems to

have been plastered over.

Additional Observations/Value: [L9698]'s material was screened to accurately date the feature. Relations to features in A134 and Area G uncertain. Tertiary photo #71313

Locus Basket List

L 9698

Bask. No.	Sq.	Beg. Ele.	Clc. Ele.	St Df	Lo St	Ob	Ma	R	C	Pi	P2	P3
97027	AI34	14.94	14.94	sa		sh	cr	0	u	rm		
Ribbed body sherds.												
97033	AI34				sa	sh	cr	i	u	rm		
SGL; LMP a few ribbed sherds, a few pr sherds.												
97042	AI34				sa	cn	br		u			
97056	AI34				sa	lm	cr		u			
Fragments.												
97062	AI34				sa	sh	gl		u			
97082	AI34	14.70	14.50		sa	sh	cr	2	u	pr	rm	
Mixed; latest material is 1 ribbed sherd; 2 tesserae.												
97087	AI34	14.58	14.58		sa	sh	gl		u			
97095	AI34	14.70	14.50		sa	sh	gl		u			
Glass sherds.												

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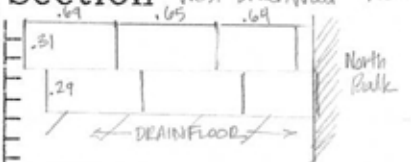
Sketch plan



Photo

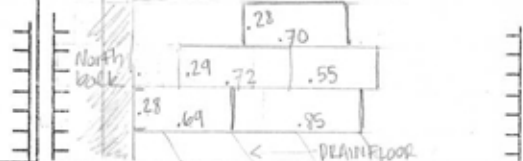
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Section West Drainwall 1:50



FACING WEST

Section East Drainwall



FACING EAST

(entered)

Locus L 9698	Dor 1992	Fld 6	Sq A134	Loc. type DRAIN (CONTINUATION)
Open 20/07/92	High 15.08	at NE	Low 15.06	at SE
Close 10/08/92	High 14.50	at S	Low 1.1	at 1.1
Floor: type 1	Width 1.1	Vol [diagram]	Drawn? YES	
Photo # (1) END OF SEASON	Photo # (2)			
Written by: SFB	Checked by: JRZ			

Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
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Summary

Opened: OPENED 9698 IN 1992 WHEN CLEANING REVEALED THAT SOUTHERNMOST BOTTOM ASHLAR HAD NOT BEEN EXCAVATED TO ITS SOUTHERN END

- Limits (N)** NOT EXCAVATED
(S) L9754 & ITS FLOOR
(E) UNEXCAVATED
(W) L9818, FLOOR L9754, PIT L9833

Closed: NOT CLOSED; MOST OF MATERIAL SURROUNDING L9698 REMAINS TO BE EXCAVATED

Matrix: LARGE, WELL-CUT ASHLARS AND FILL WITHIN (SEE CARD FOR 1991). 1992 REVEALED FIRST TO GRAPEFRUIT SIZE FIELD STONES AGAINST WEST SIDE OF UPPER PART OF NORTHERNMOST (2) ASHLARS ON WEST SIDE OF DRAIN (TRENCH PACKING). NO PACKING STONES EVIDENT ON SOUTHERNMOST

Relations: ONLY WEST AND SOUTH SIDES OF L9698 WERE EXCAVATED AGAINST IN 1992.
 WEST: L9698 CUTS PIT L9833, FILL L9818 AND ITS FLOOR L9754
 SOUTH: L9698 CUTS FILL L9754 AND FLOOR L9754

EXISTANCE OF FLOOR L9754 INDICATES THAT ASHLARS EXTANT REPRESENT EXTREME SOUTH END OF DRAIN, WHICH MUST HAVE RUN NORTH. PROXIMITY OF FLOOR L9754 INDICATES A VERY CLOSE FIT OF L9698 WITH ITS TRENCH IN THE S.W. EXAMINATION OF STONY MATERIAL TO S.E. (⊕) MAY REVEAL MORE INFORMATION ON INSTALLATION TECHNIQUE AND ENTRY OF FEEDER CHANNELS.

(⊕) (STONY MATERIAL CUTS FLOOR L9754)
 NOTE: 1 BASKET OF SHERDS (97686) WAS REMOVED IN TRACING SOUTH EDGE OF BOTTOM ASHLAR. ABOUT 10 CM OF DRAIN FILL WAS REMOVED.

(⊕) ASHLAR, WHICH IS WIDER AND MAY HAVE COME DIRECTLY AGAINST SIDE OF TRENCH.

Additional Observations/Value:

