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Locus L 9758	Dor 19 912	Fld G1	Sq AG33	Loc. type POSSIBLE ROBBERS TRENCH
Open 1A/07/912	Date 1A/07/912	High at L16.016 W1	Low at L15.917 E1	Seals: _____
Close 22/07/912		High at L15.777 W1	Low at L15.777 E1	Sealed by: _____
Floor: type				Locl A#27
Length 4.5	Width 0.8		Vol	above _____
Value d1	Remove 22/07/912		Drawn? No	below _____
Photo #(1)		Photo #(2)		Locl A#27
Written by: SSR		Checked by: JIR		below _____

Unit	Phase	Stage	Stratum	PoM
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Summary

Opened: OPENED AT BEGINNING OF SEASON AFTER REMOVAL OF WINTER WASH. Opened as the loc of a possible E-W robber trench of L/W 9426 between 9757 and 9772.

- Limits (N)** BOUNDED BY L9757
(S) BOUNDED BY L9772
(E) BOUNDED BY L/W9426
(W) BOUNDED BY WESTERN BANK

Closed: TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE PERSIAN PITS WHERE CONCENTRATIONS OF SHELL AND POTTERY SHERDS WERE DISCOVERED IN SOFTER SOIL.

Matrix: LOOSE TO MODERATELY COMPACT SOIL WITH SMALL TO MEDIUM COBBLES THROUGHOUT. SOIL COLOR WAS A MEDIUM GREY BROWN WITH HIGH AMOUNTS OF SHELL AND POTTERY SHERDS, WITH SOME TESSERAE, CHUNKS OF TABUN DEBRIS, AND FLECKS OF CHARCOAL. IT IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM L9757, L9772, OR L9427. POTTERY SHERDS RANGED IN TIME FROM IR2C TO RM.

Relations: L9758 IS COMPLETELY COVERED BY L9427. IT REACHES THE WEST FACE OF L/W9426. IT COVERS L9796. L9758 CONTINUES INTO L9757 AND L9772 - THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE MATRIX, THE POTTERY SHERDS FROM ALL AREAS ARE MIXED, RANGING IN TIME FROM IR2C TO RM. THIS INDICATES THAT THE ROBBERS TRENCH DESIGNATION FOR L9758 MAY BE INCORRECT. L9758 DOES NOT SEEM TO CONTINUE INTO L9796. DUE TO THE LACK OF ROMAN POTTERY FROM L9796: IF L/W9426 IS IN FACT A PAVEMENT IT WOULD PERHAPS COVER ALL OR PART OF L9758; IF L/W9426 IS A FOUNDATION, IT WOULD CUT L9758. WITH EITHER POSSIBILITY, L/W9426 MAY HAVE BEEN ROBBED OUT, LEAVING A ROBBERS TRENCH WHICH EITHER CUTS L9758 OR IS L9758. THIS MAY ALSO BE TRUE FOR THE RELATIONS BETWEEN L/W9426 AND BOTH L9757 AND L9772.

Additional Observations/Value: THE WIDTH OF L9758 WAS DETERMINED BY THE WIDTH OF L9426, AS WERE THE BOUNDARIES OF L9757 AND L9772. L9758 IS OF LITTLE STRATIGRAPHIC VALUE.

