

THE PLASTER, MORTAR AND DAUB by S. Smithson

The total number of fragments discovered were as follows: faced plaster, 283+; mortar, 68+; daub, 3.

The Daub

The three fragments were found in the following contexts: F688, Phase 2; F1095, Phase 2; and F1210, Phase 1.

The Mortar

There were three areas with suspected floors of mortar:

1. A/13 (the pentice). A mortar floor with impressions of tiles. two tile fragments were found in situ (SF181 & 182, F589, Phase 4/2, Group 21).
2. A/1 (the hall). A hard mortar floor with no trace of tiles (F838, Phase 3/3, Group 8).
3. A/7 and A/11 (the later and earlier chapels). Tiles were discovered in layers within both the earlier structure, A/7 (F144, 214, 385), and the later structure, A/11 (F145, Phase 4/1, Group 26; F116 & 121, Phase 5, Group 23); a mortar floor was also associated with the latter (F169, Phase 4/1, Group 26).

The Plaster

Only three fragments were painted (red, no discernible design). These were found as follows: A/1 (F549, Phase 5) - 2 fragments A/11 (F125, Phase 5) - 1 fragment Faced plaster was also found in the rooms/structures shown in Table 1, which may indicate that walls were plastered in an earlier phase in the same room. The in situ plaster was on the inside faces of rooms at the east end of the hall, A/1.

Table 1. To show distribution of plaster within rooms, by phase.

Room	Layers	No. of plaster frags.	Plastered before phase:
A/1, A/3	"overlying" F63, 64	5	5
A/1	F542, 549, 588, 610	66+	5
A/1	F593, 622	13	4/2
A/1	F626	2	3/3
A/3	F582, 584	5	5

A/3	F554	10	3/3-4/2
A/4	F599	13	5
A/9	F500, 512	5	5
A/9	F536	in situ plaster	3/1
A/10	F19, 37, 132	99	5
A/10	F55	in situ plaster	3/1
A/11	F116, 125	10	5
A/14	F586	1	5
F	F616	2	5
H	F417	1	4/2
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