

Plan 92: R-S-T, 19-20-21 - Overview

No remains of stratum 5 were uncovered.

Two rock-cut installations were uncovered which probably were hewn in stratum 4.

No remains specifically of strata 3, 2, or 1 were exposed. It may be that the two rock-cut installations continued in use into stratum 3, and beyond.

Evaluation -

Most of this area was left unexcavated. Only small parts: R19 in 1929, and T21 in 1932 were cleared. Two large rubble heaps cover most of R19-20-21, S19, and T19-20-21. Only a narrow space was left between them and this was left unexplored too. Only two rock-cut installations were uncovered; there are top and bottom levels for both. P 392 shows Si 179 and P 917 shows Si 287.

This would be an important area to excavate fully. The uninvestigated W portion of 4-Room building Building 93.03 should lie in R-S21; likewise, more of large public structure Building 74.01 should be found in R19, and perhaps to the S. There should also be structures connecting these two stratum 2 buildings. Depending on the height of bedrock, some even earlier remains might be found.

Excavated Features -

Si 179 lies just S of Rm 195 of Building 74.01. If the W wall of Rm 195 continued S it would cut the W portion Si 179; otherwise this

installation is quite isolated. There are no records of artifacts from it, but it may be a stratum 4 feature, like many of the similar installations to the W.

The S half of the S wall of Rm 195 also appears on this plan. For some unknown reason this wall did not make it on to the published Survey Map.

Si 287 is one of a series of rock-cut installation in T-V-W21, which in general are similar to those in Plan 73, Plan 74 and Plan 75. It is set in a depression in the bedrock and is isolated from any excavated built-up remains, though if any had existed here they may simply have not survived. The stratum 3C casemate-like wall probably passed nearby, perhaps just E of Si 287. This would allow the wall to curve down from the N in P20 and then follow parallel to the short scarp which runs from V21 to Z23.