



Fig. 50. Casa di Pansa. The column with indications of sampling areas.

VI 6, Casa di Pansa

“House of Pansa VI 6. Peristyle. Tufa columns. Date: Second century B.C. Comment. Here, as in the Sanctuary of Apollo, the tufa columns of the peristyle reveal a two-phase stucco treatment. The second is presumably post-62. The first is possibly original to the columns and therefore belongs to the second century B.C. If it is true, it should be different from the original coat on the Sanctuary of Apollo columns and would form a nice contrast to that sample.”

Casa di Pansa is situated near the Forum. It is one of the very early large atrium and peristyle houses, built at about the middle of the second century BC, contemporaneous with the Casa dei Capitelli Colorati and the Casa del Fauno.¹

Plasters and phases

Only one column in the peristyle was sampled. Three kinds of plasters were found; the original decoration of a plaster belonging to group A, the last decoration with a plaster belonging to group H, and a repair, plaster group H, with an even dirtier plaster.

Discussion and results

The original decoration was made with the same kind of plaster as found on the tufa column in the Sanctuary of Apollo. The plasters in group H belong to the final years of Pompeii.

Casa di Pansa, Plaster types, groups, locations

Plaster type P 1, group A.

This sample was taken from the original layer on the column. The filler has very small grains between few large and many long black crystals. The top layer has extremely fine grains, and the stucco consists of clean, slightly yellowish lime and very small uncoloured crystals. This plaster belongs to the same group as the plaster of the earliest decoration phase in the Temple of Apollo.

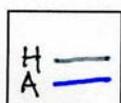
Plaster type P 2, group H.

The sample was taken from the last decoration on the column. This kind of plaster was used, e.g., for the 4th style decoration on the podium at the temple of Jupiter.

Plaster type P 4, group H.

This layer is most probably a repair.

The column



¹ Richardson 1988, 120-124.

List of examined plaster samples

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No	Sample location	Comments	Brief description, plaster	Stucco	Decoration	Type	Group
1	Peristyle. Column 2 from NE, at the middle of the shaft.	This plaster is very similar to TA1. It contains the same kind of particles as present in the plaster of the first phase at the tufa column at Temple of Apollo. <i>Same group: TJ3, TA1, TA2, B2, TV5, BI16, PS1, F1, A1, C1.</i>	Black and white. Small grains, mainly black. Some porous red and bright yellow particles. Long black, uncoloured, grey and olive green crystals. Much lime.	Clean lime, large crystals, uncoloured, yellow. Bright yellow grains. Same stucco as on Apollo columns.	1 st style	P 1	A
2a	Peristyle. Column 2 from NE, at the middle of the shaft.	Upper layer, last decoration. <i>Same group: TJ2, TA6, M3, E10, BI9, PS10, A8, A31.</i>	Sandy plaster, lots of red particles.	Grainy yellowish lime, small uncol and grey crystals. Few large		P 2	H
3	Peristyle. Column 2 from NE, slightly above torus	Plaster and stucco with yellow decoration. Similar to P 1.	Black and white. Black, grey, olive green crystals. Much lime.			CP 1	A
4	Peristyle, column 2 from NE, slightly above torus.	Layer covering yellow decoration at the lower part of the shaft. Similar to no 2 but more sandy. <i>Same group: TA11, M1, A2.</i>	Very dirty plaster.		repair	P 4	G
5	Peristyle. Column 2 from NE, at the middle of the shaft.	Layer covering yellow decoration at the top of the shaft. Same as no. 4.	Very dirty plaster.		repair	P 4	G
6	Peristyle. Column 2 from NE, at the torus.	First layer of plaster at the torus, covered by no. 4.	Black and white with small grains. Mainly black, some brown. Some porous red and bright yellow grains. Many long black and uncoloured crystals. Same as no. 1 with little lime.		Plaster group A	P 1	A