

Harran Survey

The ruins at Harran had been explored in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries by various western visitors, but had never been the subject of an intensive survey. On 9 July 1950, Seton Lloyd and William Brice took over three weeks to survey Harran and its surrounding areas. A more detailed site plan was created, inscriptions were copied, and public buildings were identified, some of which had never been recorded previously. They were also able to examine and suggest dates for the construction of the castle. A nearby village, Aşağı Yarımca, was investigated briefly; it had been the site of a stele discovery in 1949 and was also presumed to have been connected to a Mesopotamian moon cult. Nuri Gökçe of the Hittite Museum in Ankara made a sounding here, and plans for future collaboration were discussed. Future seasons focused on Aşağı Yarımca and Sultantepe.