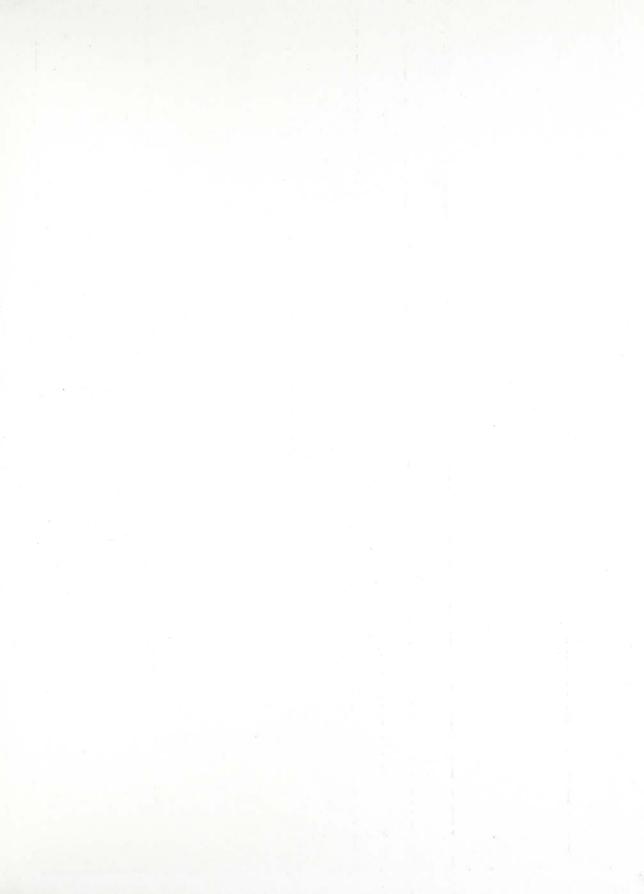
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In den folgenden Bänden des Corpus (mit Ausnahme von CMS. I, VII und VIII) wird eine einheitliche Transkription der griechischen Ortsnamen angestrebt. Die Ortsnamen werden daher in Anlehnung an die neugriechische Aussprache ins Deutsche transkribiert. Es gilt folgende Transkriptionstabelle:

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PREFACE

To be in a favoured position, to know the country intimately, to have official approval in making a collection of Cretan Seals, and to be able to acquire them whenever they are offered, fall to the lot of few men. It fell to Richard Seager, the larger part of whose collection is now in the Metropolitan Museum, New York, the remainder being in the University Museum, Philadelphia; it fell to Richard Macgillivray Dawkins and to Sir Arthur Evans. It also fell to two eminent amateur collectors: Dr. Stylianos Giamalakis, whose seals are already known by publication, and to Mr. Nicholaos Metaxas.

The Evans collection, now in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, probably the finest group of Great Seals extant, gives, because of its excellence, a slightly misleading account of Cretan Seal use. It is unlikely that the majority of Cretan Seals in use in the Bronze Age, possessed the quality of these pieces. Sir Arthur, like the founder of the Lewes House Collection, now for the most part in Boston, Massachusetts, like that of the late Captain E. Spencer-Churchill, aimed at excellence, even for artistic value.

This slightly misleading picture is corrected by the Seager Collection, which is far more representative of Cretan use as a whole, than for example, the magnificent group in Boston. Thus for the student of archaeology, the Seager and Dawkins Collections are in some ways more valuable in giving a more balanced picture of Cretan glyptic. Even the famous collection of Aegean seal stones in the Athens National Museum, with its seemingly inextricable mixture of Cretan and Helladic pieces, does not present a true picture of general seal use in the Late Bronze Age. The very quality of these stones and – except for Pylos – the paucity of sealings, suggests a noble kingly use, rather than one which belonged not only to the Court, but to farmers, craftsmen and merchants.

The seals from Lenda have redressed the imbalance caused by the magnificent ivories from Platanos, Koumassa, Ajia Triada and recently from Archanes. So the original Dawkins Collection and that of Seager, although comparatively deficient in ivories, are more representative of Cretan use, than those at Oxford and the British Museum.

The collection of Mr. Nicholaos Metaxas, at present as large as that of Richard Seager and of Sir Arthur Evans, is as representative of Cretan use, as the former, yet in two ways surpasses both collections, for it contains a large number of ivories from South Crete, and some outstanding examples, which by the evidence of the sealings from Ajia Triada, must be fine work from South Crete of the Late Minoan I period. Indeed a number of seals in the Metaxas Collection have such quality, that had they been discovered two or three generations ago, they would doubtless have now been housed in Oxford. Chief among them is an ivory seated duck (No. 5) of the end of the Early Minoan Age from South Crete. Its base is meticulously engraved, with orderly spaced vertical members in rows, which alternating in

direction, are framed by an interlocking rectangular pattern. The intricacy of this overall pattern is astonishing, and provides, as these early ivories often do, a perfect foil to the serene simplicity of the shape of the sitting bird.

Near in time to this beautiful theriomorph, but slightly earlier and, except for wear, in good condition, is a massive portion of a tusk just shaped for use (No. 1). Indeed one side, obliquely concave, is designed for the thumb to rest in during the making of the impression. This piece has in common with some of the finer seals datable to the end of the Early Minoan Age, a delicacy in its overall patterns of conjoined C- und S-spirals. In contrast with the meticulous precision of the motif on the base of the sitting duck, are two others related in precision, but of greater depth, namely Nos. 3 and 4, both great wedges of ivory, with rectangular interlocking patterns. No. 4, fractured completely through the line of the string hole, makes up for this loss by a perfect cross section, showing the string holes at their respective positions and angles. No. 3 has a deceptively simple pattern whose description demands an analytic treatment, since any other would blur the decorative mastery it reveals.

Then datable to the end of the First Transitional Phase, a theriomorphic shape of a lion's head in white steatite (No. 30), bearing on its base an overall lozenge pattern, alternatively plain and hatched. Comparable with the seated duck, in this case the elaboration belongs to the head itself, in contrast with the simplicity of its overall lozenge pattern. This work, by any standard of engraving or carving in the round, could take its place with the finest work of the Knossian Palace Period, nor would it be out of place with comparable pieces from Mesopotamia or classical Greece.

Near in time to the lion's head, is another theriomorph (No. 28) of white glazed steatite, of two monkeys in embrace, and as the former of the lion's head - although the monkeys have lost some of the fineness of the original engraving by wear - it shows a similar contrast of intricacy in the carving of the shape, with the simplicity of the motif on its elliptical base, diagonally quartered and correspondingly halved. The expression on the faces of the two monkeys, a minor masterpiece, is a trembling balance between humour and pathos, neither predominating. A number of ivory seals with ridged hooped handles (Nos. 16-18, 23-25), whose faces are generally engraved with plain cross hatching, almost exact parallels with those from Ajia Triada, like an equal number of epomion or shoulder shaped seals (Nos. 12-15, 19-22), also in ivory, and of quite plain conical signets of steatite and ivory in the Heraklion Museum, are reminders of more common uses and needs, with one of the finest double seals to advertize the genius of seal cutting in the early Palatial age. This, the section of a fine ivory tusk, or a reduced cylinder (No. 42), has been hollowed out (in the interest of economy, the interior of the tusk was in all probability cut out and made into another seal, since the width of the cut would not have allowed the perfect fit of the two ends), and fitted with ends of the same material, so closely and perfectly that the engraved design, continued without apparent break over the ends of the seal and its ivory caps. The motifs are germane, being on one cap a pattern of S-spirals with palmettes and on the other C-spirals with centred circles. There are other examples of this inventive joinery, few so perfectly fitted as this one, or graced by such an emphatic design - since usual for derived spiral form designs on the Syrian coast, but rare for the Cretan instances. In these two motifs in both S- and C-Spirals, multiple centred circles from the tubular drill have been used as a base for the execution. This piece belongs to the fine work of the end of the Middle Minoan I period, and the beginning of

Middle Minoan II, the time of a renaissance after much poor work in the south. No. 44, a fine elongated ivory pyramidal shaped, has a deep but beautifully cut motif of a spreading quatrefoil with cup-sinkings between the leaves.

There are many other shapes in ivory, smaller, intricate and, despite or perhaps because of their size, a microcosm of this early glyptic art.

A number of Middle Minoan I button shaped seals of steatite (Nos. 75, 77, 78, 80), using the tubular drill marks as a basis for the motifs, can be related to sealings from the Phästos deposit: for Middle Minoan II and perhaps its earlier part. They are discoids and rudimentary lenticular shapes. To the Middle Minoan III A should belong, first a green jasper signet (No. 141), which although badly damaged, retains enough of its original shape and motif of a running goat, to bridge the gap between the stiffer rendering of some animal forms at the end of Middle Minoan II and the beginning of Middle Minoan III, with the freer renderings associated with the Temple Repositories sealings, and a green jasper three-sided prism bead (No. 156) with hieroglyphs on two sides and a rampant or climbing goat on the third. In workmanship, this piece compares with British Museum 1934, 11-20-1 (CMS. VII No. 40), and with Metropolitan Museum, New York 26.31.155 (AJA. 68, 1964, Pl. 2 no. 2, Pl. 3 no. 18), to which in time, if not in workmanship, it must be closely related.

From an informative group of discoids bearing architectural and facade designs, No. 158, of mottled red, black and white agate, stands out as chief. It possesses an added distinction, because of its close relationship in style and technique - as also in material - with the discoid in the Colville Collection (CMS. VIII No. 105) which with those from the Ashmolean and Heraklion Museums, mark some of the most meticulous and beautiful engraving of the Bronze Age. No. 168 was a great find: a lentoid of black marble, since it is yet another study of a bull's head by the master of the Chanting Priest and with a Knossian provenience, as are the other related bovine studies (Festschrift für Friedrich Matz, 1962, p. 6). A discoid (No. 166) is believed to be unique. Of obsidian (Nos. 157, 195, 207 and another recently acquired from Vassilies are of the same material; four others are known to the authors in Switzerland and the USA, except those published in CMS. VIII No. 136 and Kret. Chron. 17, 1963, p. 352, pl. 18) it probably derives, as do the two in the Dawkins Collection (CMS. VIII. Nos. 39, 40) and two others in the British Museum, (CMS, VII, Nos. 37, 38) from the cores of obsidian vessels, since, like them, at least on one side, it retains the natural marks of its cleavage, yet with the added distinction that the reverse is discreetly and shallowly engraved with a running goat. The attitude of the hind leg links it with the slightly later studies of dogs scratching themselves (Cf. No. 185). This suggests the survival of an older shape, perhaps because of its material, into the Second Transitional Phase.

No. 233, of haematite, a lengthened amygdaloid, gives one of the most spirited accounts of a man fighting with a lion. Its shape assists the dramatic content of the theme, since the narrow field emphasizes infighting, and its length a lack of cover. Both desperation and strength are seen in this motif and the balance between them is precariously held.

A contemporary amygdaloid, also of haematite (No. 246) bears a beautiful study of two water fowl, one just about to fly. The unanimity of the motif is enhanced by the river plants being Cretan, and not of Egyptian species. An other amygdaloid (No. 232) of red and black mottled jasper, still leans expertly towards verisimilitude, in spite of the growing use of the shape for talimanic subjects. Its theme of four swimming fish is engagingly naturalistic; the

two bunches of weed in spry alternative positions at the edge of the stone, speak of the growing pressure of the talismanic class. The engraving is superlative.

Near in time is No. 236, an object lesson in the deployment of space within a glandular shaped field. A young *bucranium* is central to the field, the two branches as the portcullis above, emphasize both relationship and grades of symbolic meaning within a unity of the themes. The green jasper material is exactly the right background for it. For the deployment of objects in the field, with evidence of a great sensitiveness with regard to space, No. 224, a glandular red and white mottled agate, with opulent carination, ranks as high as No. 257. On it are engraved two *bucrania* inverted to each other. This at once recalls the sealing from Ajia Triada bearing a similar subject (*ASAtene* 8–9, 1925–26, 88, fig. 34). In complete contrast No. 257, although a later stone, this red jasper lentoid bears a study of two birds, a wind blown seed and papyrus. Here spatial relationship appears to be out of hand, until the erratic motion of the presumed flying seed is understood.

Matching this work in its technical virtuosity, although belonging to the very end of the Knossian Palace period, is the study of a lioness attacking a bull (No. 259). Its delicately mottled material appears to be a rare kind of mineral, since its colour, quite uniform, has a certain light tinge of brown. This engraving shows supreme mastery of technique, and must be a Palace period prototype of the more frequent studies technically related to it, but on a lower grade, of a number of lentoids datable to Late Minoan III A.

The Metaxas Collection has, in addition to the fine examples of seals proper, a fine number of talismanic pieces of the Second Transitional Phase and Late Minoan I period. Some of these show new motifs, others stylistic variations of motifs already known. All are of fine material and workmanship. Two of the most striking are No. 192, a grey sapphirine chalcedony cushion-shape¹, showing two jugs facing outwards and a great amygdaloid sardonyx (No. 226), on which is engraved a talismanic combination of a cantharos and a bucranium. Clear instances of the use of the silphium seed for this class of stone, occur on Nos. 174, 200, 210, 237. There is a new motif of what appears to be a seed pod set within a panel on No. 239, a fine variation of the panel theme, while another (No. 201) shows a cantharos set between two foliated horns of consecration. There are three striking variations of the cantharos fused with talismanic variations (Nos. 188, 226, 250). These in particular are of great value, since their metamorphosis stands in complete contrast with those stones which on grounds of style, subject and execution, are hybrids. Seal-talismans, perhaps indicating that the first clear distinction between the talismanic stone and the seal proper, which on present evidence occurred in the Second Transitional Phase, had already in Late Minoan IB become blurred. The Seager Collection has a good number of these fine and interesting stones. This number and the knowledge of this reactionary movement, is enhanced by No. 223, an amygdaloid stone of a sacral ivy leaf and an axe head with a single blade. It is, in this instance, the sprouting decoration on the axe blade, which betrays a talismanic leaning, as does the rash of crescents on a fine sard lentoid of a megalithic gate (No. 164). There are some seals with fine foreparts of fish, others with tapering and curved bundles, similarly arranged. There are examp-

¹ Since the conventional term "flattened cylinder" is a contradiction in terms, and has for Near Eastern scholars a confused meaning, the authors prefer the term "cushion-shape" to describe these rectangular shaped stones.

les of the more debased rendering of motifs, particulary in the case of the double axe (No. 191, 202, 255). In these examples of the talismanic class and the related hybrids, as regards material, cornelian and green jasper are naturally plentiful; yet there is a quota of finer and more colourful material, including a fine amethyst (No. 204) which although damaged, suggests a variation from a stereotyped use.

Stereotyped characteristics, however, are seen in the group Nos. 261–264. Close parallels in subject and style can be seen in a similar group in the British Museum (CMS. VII Nos. 139, 151–153²). Evidence of technique suggests the superlative skill of Late Minoan II; the stereotyped character, a probable manufacture for export. A number of examples of this class have been found on the mainland (CMS. I Nos. 55, 56, 143).

Apart from the aesthetic appeal of many of these pieces, which in itself can be regarded as archaeological evidence, the total effect greatly enhances the knowledge of Minoan seal use and Cretan glyptic. This is particularly true of the stones of the closing period of the Late Minoan age, whose comparative drabness may, like the excellence of the earlier pieces, disguise their archaeological value. The number of Late Minoan IIIB stones are for example of value as evidence for the character of the closing period of the Bronze Age in Crete. Many of them damaged, some later re-engraved, add to the tale of activity in the making of small carved stones in Crete at the end of the Bronze Age. A small but particularly valuable number, whose recorded provenience is the Messara, are so like many of the Late Minoan IIIB stones in material, subject and style found in the Knossos area, as to suggests that north central Crete was their origin and that probably in antiquity they were taken to the south of the island (Cf. Heraklion Museum Nos. 174, 1364 and No. 2136 [Rotassi]). These stones, which by style and typology can be dated to the end of the Bronze Age, do provide observable differences from those of the immediately prior period Late Minoan IIIA2, of which there are a sizable number in this collection. These earlier stones are of value, because stylistically, technically and even from the standpoint of material - serpentine and good marble being more frequent than steatites and slates - they are not only sometimes subtly, sometimes distinctively different from the last period, but provide a line between them and the finer stones of Late Minoan IIIA. So while not perhaps as exciting as the last experiments of Late Minoan IIIB, nor as traditionally satisfying as those of Late Minoan IIIA1, the Late Minoan IIIA2 in the Metaxas Collection, do strengthen the hitherto rather precarious link between Late Minoan IIIA and Late Minoan IIIB, and show the beginning of the recession from mainland influence observable in Late Minoan IIIA1.

The cost of making a collection of this importance is great, not only in effort, or even in acutal purchase, but in a fairly high percentage of waste, due to doubtful pieces and those which later were seen to be falsifications. But it is of value first to the collector, who is thus warned of his fallibility; then of value to the archaeologist, when he pits his knowledge and experience of ancient glyptic against an extensive trade and specialist technique, in reminding him forcibly that the sense of style is acquired and maintained by disciplined and unremitting study, lastly of a different and special kind of value to the collector, since these doubtful and fraudulent pieces are the necessary waste in the building of a fine collection.

² These stones should have been placed earlier.

The doubtful pieces are grouped together in the section entitled Dubitandae. If reference is made to one of these pieces elsewhere, the capital letter D will be placed after the number.

Costs of production prevent a publication of many of these pieces, nor would a collector desire it. Certain *Gemmae Dubitandae* are given in a special appendix, since this term – advisedly chosen in 1960 – signifies that, although on present evidence these pieces are not wholly related to the body of extant Cretan glyptic, yet on the available evidence, no decisive judgement on them can be given, since the crucial knowledge to regard them as falsifications or completely genuine, is absent.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AA. Archäologischer Anzeiger

AJA. American Journal of Archaeology

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Kret. Chron. Κοητικά Χοονικά

THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE SEALS

(All measurements in centimeters)

- B. breadth
- H. height
- L. length (in the case of the three-sided prism beads the measurement parallel with the string hole)
- SH. diameter of the string hole
- TH. thickness
- Ø diameter

CONCORDANCE OF INVENTORY AND CATALOGUE NUMBERS

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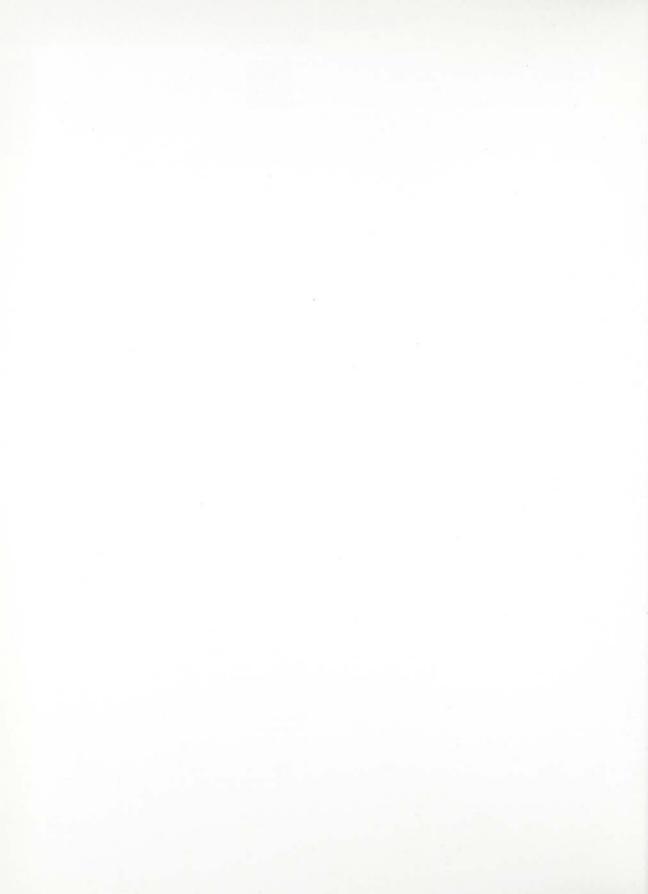
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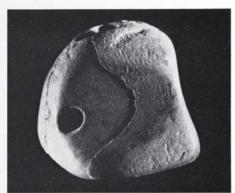
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CATALOGUE OF SEALS

EARLY MINOAN III Nos. 1–18









Ivory

Pyramidal; one of its sides is vertical, another hollowed for seal use; three parallel grooves around half of the body, obliquely disposed and two other smaller grooves near the string hole at the top, the other near the string hole at the side. There are three string holes; one diagonal to the base, two others bored down at an angle of 45 degrees to engage the first. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

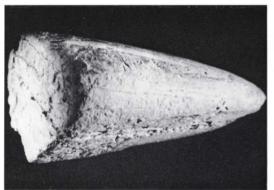
L. 2,34. B. 1,93. H. 1,62. SH. 0,3

Kali Limiones (51)

Within a frame an overall pattern of conjoined S- and C-spirals of double engraved lines.









Ivory

Pyramid reduced to triangular form with rounded corners. One horizontal string hole near the top. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

L. 4,3. B. 2,8. H. 5,75. SH. 0,25

Knossos (24)

At the base of the triangular field a S- and a C-spiral detached; above the C-spiral three truncated C-spirals vertically disposed; above the S-spiral two truncated S-spirals similarly disposed.









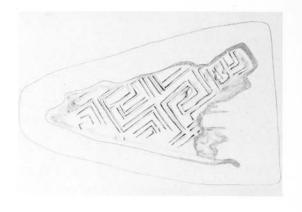
Ivory

Part of a tusk reduced by rounded corners and depressed top from which spring two grooves antithetically disposed; the sides have been made concave for seal use. There are three string holes, one horizontal above the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45 degrees to engage the first. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture. Worn

L. 2,35. B. 2,09. H. 1,80. SH. 0,26

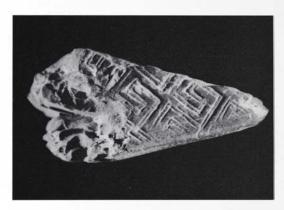
Kali Limiones (51)

A design of staggered crosses which, joined together, make a continuous pattern of swastikas.











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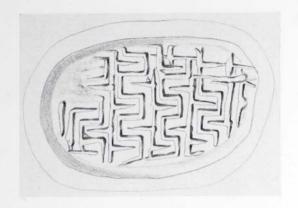
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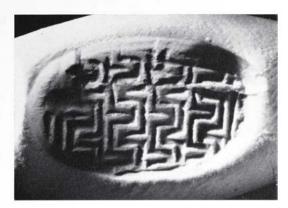
Portion of a wedge-shaped seal, grooved around the body; there are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45 degrees to engage the first. The greater part of the seal is lost by fracture

L. 3,05. B. 1,35. H. 2,45. SH. 0,25–0,30

Kali Limiones (51)

An overall pattern of interlocking rectangular forms.







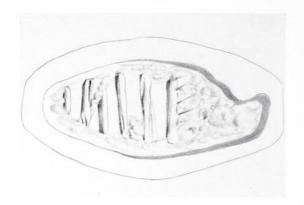


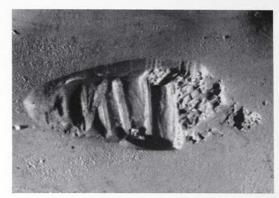
Ivory

Theriomorph; a duck seated on a base, regardant; the eyes are indicated by fine drill holes, the wings by grooving. A horizontal string hole through the neck. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost L. 1,75. B. 1,02. H. 1,95. SH. 0,22

Kali Limiones (51)

An overall pattern of upright members in alternating positions, springing from horizontal lines, within a rectangular frame.









6/Inv. No. 145
Ivory
Tongue-shaped; two incised lines around the base. One horizontal string hole at the tip. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture
L. 2,07. B. 0,74. H. 3,83. SH. 0,30
Messara

Vertical lines irregularly spaced.









Ivory

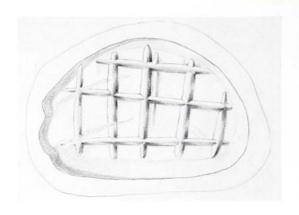
Reduced cylinder. Part of the seal is lost by fracture; much worn and decayed

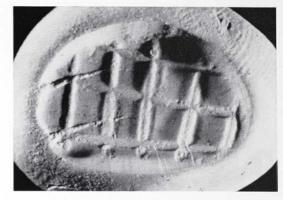
H. 2,65. ϕ 2,42–2,28

Kali Limiones (51)

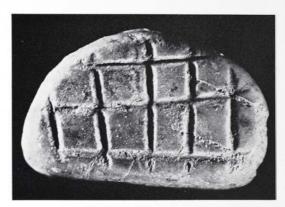
a) Four C-spirals alternatively conjoined with two C-spirals to make a cruciform design of torsional character.

b) Indistinguishable.









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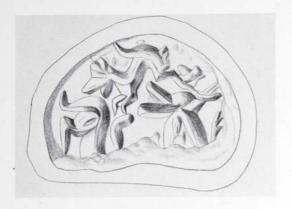
Ivory

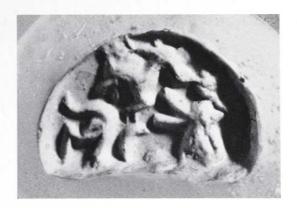
Hemicylinder with incurved sides. There are three string holes, one bored horizontally above the central axis, two others engage the first at an angle of 45 degrees, rising into two openings at the top. Small parts of the seal are lost by fracture

L. 1,95. B. 1,27. H. 2,38. SH. 0,22–0,32

Kali Limiones (51)

Cross-hatching.









9/Inv. No. 162

Green and grey steatite

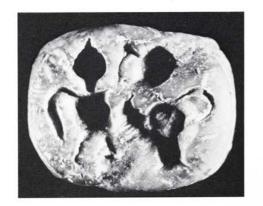
Truncated cone; incised oblique lines around the body and one horizontal around the base. There are three string-holes, one bored horizontally above the central axis, two others engage the first at an angle of 45 degrees, rising into two openings at the top. Part of the body and half of the field are lost by fracture H.1,28. ϕ 1,65. SH.0,28

Mallia (12)

Two goats moving to the right, and parts of the neck and the head of a larger animal.



















10/Inv. No. 1255
Brown steatite
Three-sided prism. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 1,38. B. 1,14. SH. 0,25
Mallia (12)

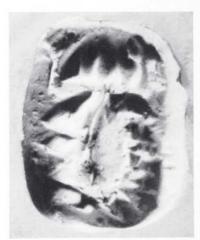
- a) A man to the left; before him two vases irregularly disposed.
- b) A goat moving to the right.
- c) A group of four vessels suspended by a pole; in the field two greater vases.















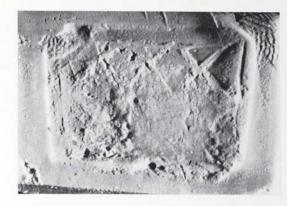




11/Inv. Nr. 184 Grey and brown steatite Three-sided prism L. 1,54. B. 1,16–1,21. SH. 1,34 Mallia (12)

- a) A man holding a pole with three suspended vessels.
- b) A scorpion.
- c) A bird and a fish.







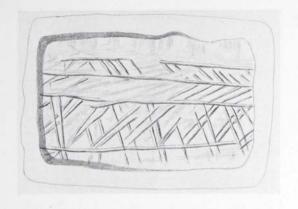


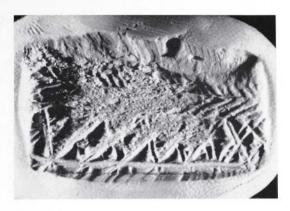
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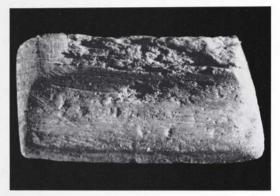
Shoulder (*epomion*)-shaped. Two string holes at the top. Small parts of the seal are lost by fracture

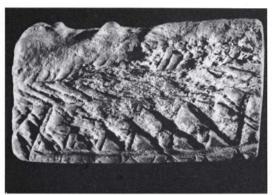
L. 2,49. B. 1,95. H. 2,0. SH. 0,24 Lenda (48)

The rectangular field is divided into two halves; in the upper three diagonal crosses; the lower is indistinguishable.









Ivory

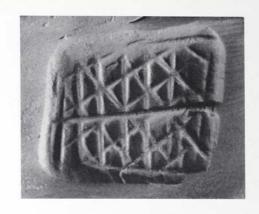
Shoulder (*epomion*)-shaped; vertical grooves scored on the lower part of the back. The top and parts of the field are lost by fracture L. 2,98. B. 1,68. H. 0,9

Kali Limiones (51)

The quadrangular field is divided into two halves; the upper contains a herring bone design, the lower a trellis pattern of double lines.



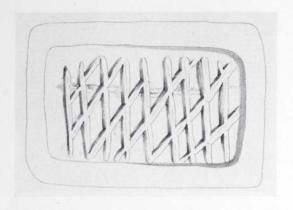


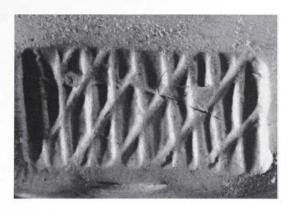




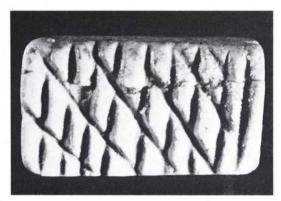
14/Inv. No. 142
Ivory
Shoulder (epomion)-shaped. The upper part is lost by fracture
L. 1,85. B. 1,65. H. 0,76
Lenda (48)

The quadrangular field is halved and filled with oblique and vertical hatching.



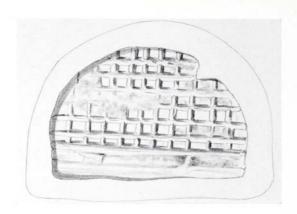


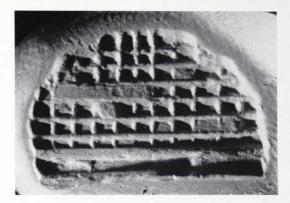


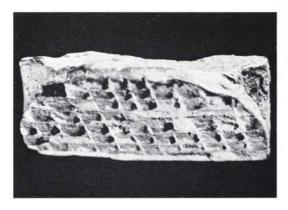


15/Inv. No. 141
Ivory
Shoulder (epomion)-shaped. There are two string holes at the top
L. 1,67. B. 0,95. H. 1,26. SH. 0,25
Lenda (48)

Diagonal cross-hatching.

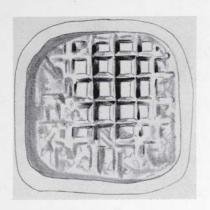








16/Inv. No. 1145 Ivory Ring-shaped signet. The ring and half of the field are lost by fracture H. 0,58. \oplus 1,70 Mallia (12)









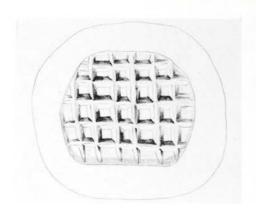
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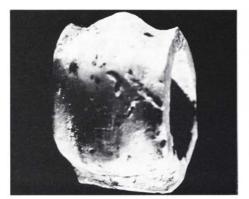
Ivory

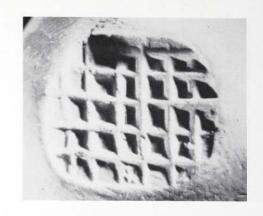
Ring-shaped signet with central ridge. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost.

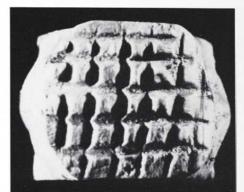
L. 1,45. B. 1,15. H. 1,51. SH. 0,75

Lenda (48)









Ivory

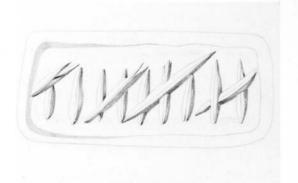
Ring-shaped signet with central ridge. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

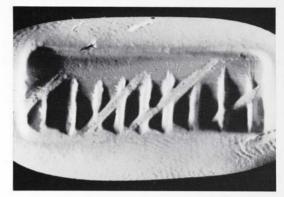
L. 1,42. B. 1,03. H. 1,51. SH. 0,85-0,95

Lenda (48)

FIRST TRANSITIONAL PHASE

Nos. 19-33

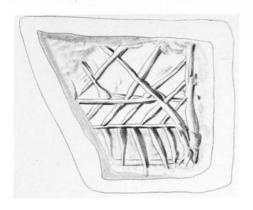








19/Inv. No. 1206
Bone
Shoulder (epomion)-shaped. Part of the top is lost by fracture
L. 2,23. B. 0,8. H. 0,58
Kali Limiones (51)





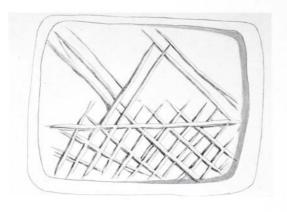


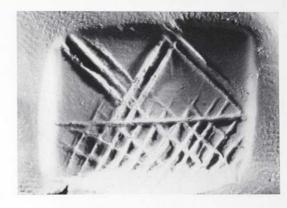
Ivory

Shoulder (*epomion*)-shaped. The top and the greater part of the field are lost by fracture L. 1,46. B. 1,25

Kali Limiones (51)

The quadrangular field is divided into three panels, one of which contains cross-hatching, the others plain angled hatching.









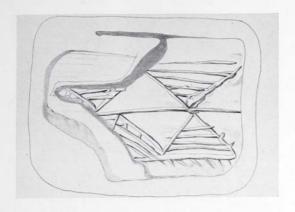
Ivory

Shoulder (epomion)-shaped; the back is grooved. There are two string holes at the top. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

L. 2,06. B. 1,75. H. 2,0. SH. 0,22

Kali Limiones (51)

The field is halved; in the upper register a double zig-zag line; in the lower cross-hatching, which overruns into the upper register.







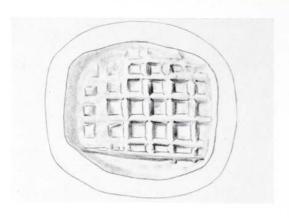


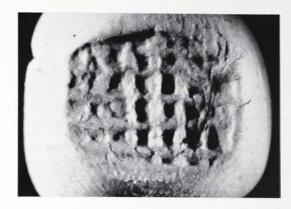
22/Inv. No. 1193
Ivory
Shoulder (epomion)-shaped. Part of the seal is lost by fracture

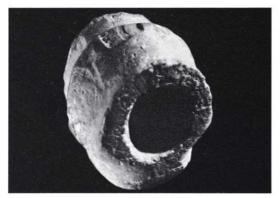
L. 2,3. B. 2,03. H. 1,32

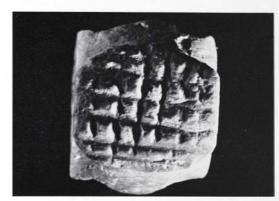
Kali Limiones (51)

The field is divided into two halves; each of them contains two hatched triangles in reverse position; below them a band of plain hatching.

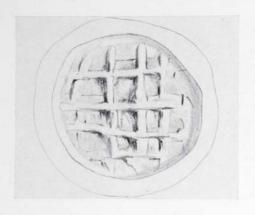








23/Inv. No. 1164
Ivory
Ring-shaped signet with central ridge. Small parts of the seal are lost by fracture
L. 0,90. B. 1,10. H. 1,18. SH. 0,5–0,6
Kali Limiones (51)









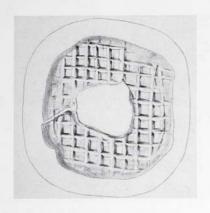
24/Inv. No. 1163
Ivory
Ring-shaped signet with central ridge. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost; much worn
L. 1,14. B. 1,11. H. 1,15. SH. 0,36–0,45
Kali Limiones (51)

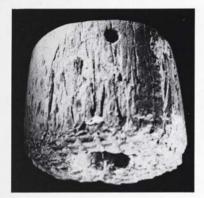




25/Inv. No. 540
Ivory
Ring-shaped signet with central ridge. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture
L. 1,16. B. 0,93. H. 1,38. SH. 0,42–0,50
Lenda (48)

The engraving is lost by fracture.









Ivory

Cylinder, pierced horizontally at the top; two smaller string holes at the bottom. The inside part is lost; other smaller parts are lost by fracture

H. 1,86. Ø 2,37. SH. 0,35–0,20

Lenda (48)















White faience

Reduced cylinder. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored at the side at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture showing the effects of fire L. 1,72. B. 1,50. H. 1,85. SH. 0,32–0,37 Kali Limiones (51)

- a) In the centre a quatrefoil design and one leaf, surrounded by six bifoliate forms.
- b) Three conjoined S-spirals.











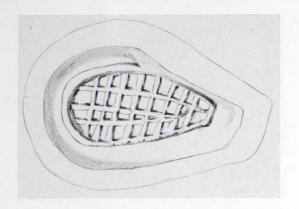
28/Inv. No. 1033 White faience

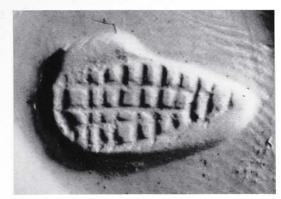
Theriomorph; two monkeys embracing. There are three string holes, one bored horizontally through the central axis, two others engage the first at an angle of 45°, rising into two openings at the top

L. 2,09. B. 1,56. H. 1,36. SH. 0,34

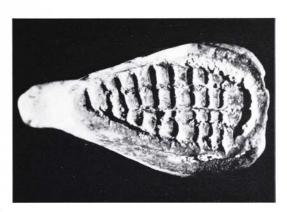
Kali Limiones (51)

The oval field is diagonally quartered and filled with chevrons.







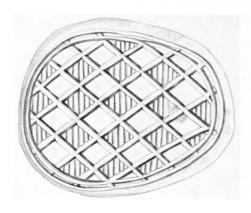


Ivory

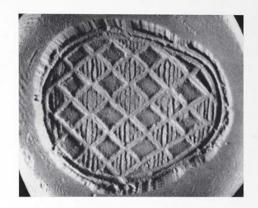
Theriomorph; seated animal. One horizontal string hole between the limbs. Part of the field is lost by fracture

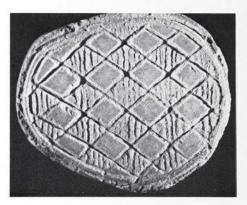
L. 1,38. B. 0,74. H. 0,69. SH. 0,25 Lenda (48)

The elliptical field is cross hatched.











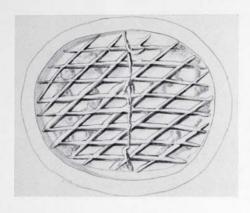
White steatite

Theriomorph; lion's head; ears, eyes and snout are in relief, the hair, nose and mouth are indicated by fine incised lines. There are three string holes, one lateral under the ears, two others bored down from the centre of the forehead at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Small parts of the seal are lost by fracture.

L. 1,93. B. 1,40. H. 2,30. SH. 0,24–0,26 Knossos (24)

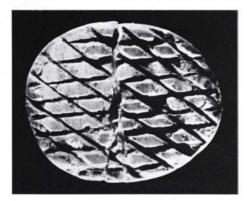
Within two border lines on the ellipsoidal face is an overall pattern of lozenges, which are plain and hatched in alternation.

Alexiou, Delt. 19 B₃, 1964, 438.







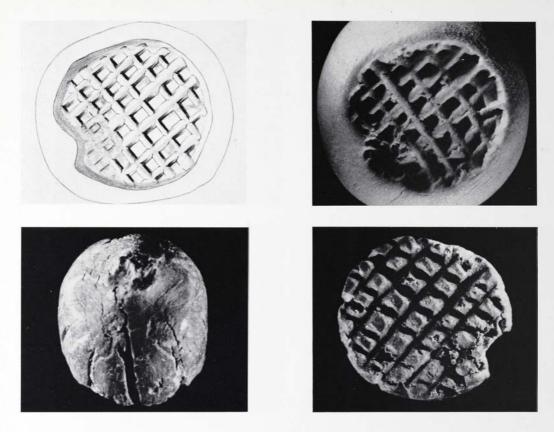


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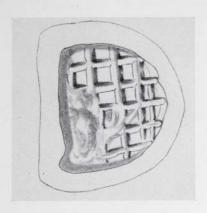
Theriomorph; remains of the foreparts of two animals antithetically disposed on an ovoid base. There is one horizontal string hole. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

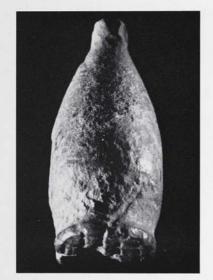
L. 2,06. B. 1,67. H. 1,05. SH. 0,28

Kali Limiones (51)



32/Inv. No. 1181 Ivory Calyx-shaped; the knob at the top is missing. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture H. 1,23. ϕ 1,28 Kali Limiones (51)









33/Inv. No. 1146 Ivory Poppy-shaped. The half of the seal and part of the field are lost by fracture H. 2,08. \varnothing 0,89 Kali Limiones (51)

MIDDLE MINOAN I

Nos. 34-113









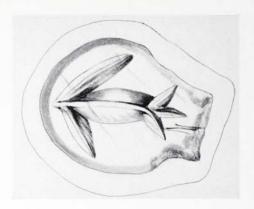
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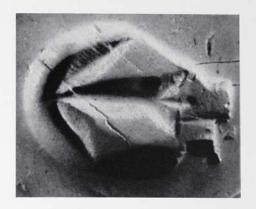
Remains of two ovoid cylinders conjoined. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored at the side at an angle of 45° to engage the first. One cylinder and part of the field at each end are lost by fracture

L. 1,29. B. 1,05. H. 1,78. SH. 0,21–0,33 Krotos (47)

Krotos (47)

a) Three S-spirals in quadrilateral combination.







Ivory

Remains of two ovoid cylinders conjoined. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored at the side at an angle of 45° to engage the first. One cylinder and part of the field at each end are lost by fracture

L. 1,29. B. 1,05. H. 1,78. SH. 0,21-0,33 Krotos (47)

b) An arrow-like form.









Black stone

Truncated cone; four bands are engraved obliquely on its surface, another continuously around the base. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of $45\,^{\circ}$ to engage the first. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture

H. 1,53. Ø 1,94–2,04. SH. 0,25

Kali Limiones (51)

A combination of a S- and three C-spirals within a circular border.









Black marble

Truncated cone; the body is grooved; incised line around the base; between the grooves cup-sinkings, some of which contain white stone filling. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Worn

H. 1,66. Ø 1,85. SH. 0,26

Apolychnos (57)

Four C-spirals conjoined to make a quadrilateral field in which there is one central cup-sinking.







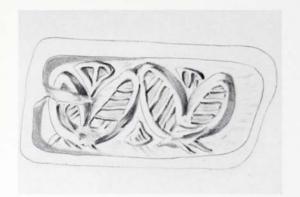


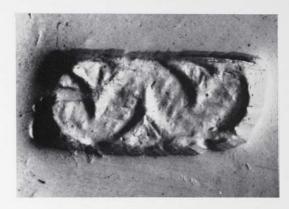
Green and brown steatite

Truncated cone; engraved oblique bands around the body and another around the base. There are three string holes, one horizontal above the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn H. 1,65. ϕ 1,66–1,78. SH. 0,27

Kali Limiones (51)

Four intersecting and divergent lines; sporadic marks in some segments.









Ivory

Pyramidal-shape, flattened, with rounded top. There are three string holes, one horizontal above the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

L. 1,6. B. 0,72. H. 3,04. SH. 0,15

Kali Limiones (51)

Two bifoliate patterns conjoined; three palmettes in the interstices.









39/Inv. No. 1266

Ivory

Section of a tusk. There are three string holes, one horizontal below the central axis, two others bored at the side at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture; much worn

L. 3,1. B. 2,48. H. 3,21. SH. 0,45

Knossos (24)

a) The field is diagonally quartered; in either quarter a quatrefoil design and chevrons alternatively.







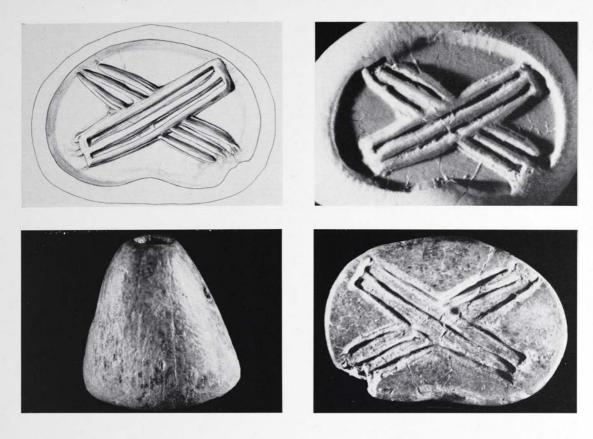
Ivory

Section of a tusk. There are three string holes, one horizontal below the central axis, two others bored at the side at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture; much worn

L. 3,1. B. 2,48. H. 3,21. SH. 0,45

Knossos (24)

b) Hardly distinguishable; perhaps motif similar as on a). Since there appears the remains of one diagonal with a trefoliate group beneath.



Ivory

Truncated and flattened conoid; a vertical groove on one of its long sides. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

L. 1,73. B. 1,23. H. 1,73. SH. 0,22

Kali Limiones (51)

Two triple lines diagonally disposed.

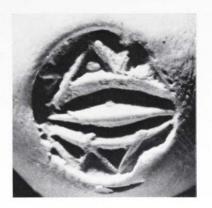














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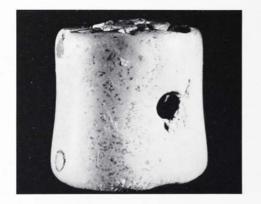
Reduced cylinder with incurved sides. One string hole on the central axis. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

H. 1,23. Ø 1,27–1,03. SH. 0,22–0,28

Kali Limiones (51)

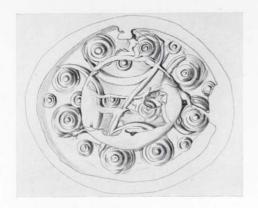
- a) Six C-spirals conjoined to make a whirling pattern.
- b) Two fish antithetically disposed.















Ivory

Reduced cylinder, elliptical in section; the interior has been worked to receive two covers to be secured by three ivory nails. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored at the side at an angle of 45° to engage the first. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

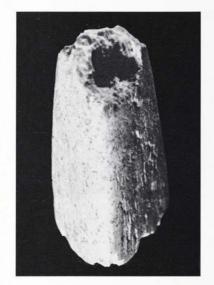
L. 2,36. B. 1,95. H. 2,15. SH. 0,35

Kali Limiones (51)

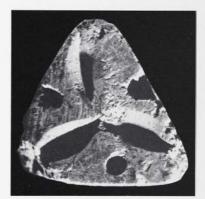
- a) Quadrilateral group of S-spirals with palmettes between.
- b) Quadrilateral group of C-spirals with centred circles between.

Centred circles are the basis of the spiral form design.









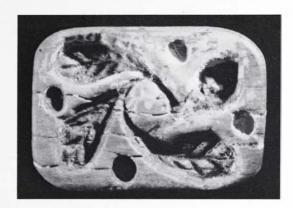
43/Inv. No. 1229
Ivory
Pyramidal-shaped, triangular in section. Parts
of the seal are lost by fracture
L. 1,34. B. 1,08. H. 2,4
Kali Limiones (51)

A trefoil design; three cup-sinkings at the edges of the seal.









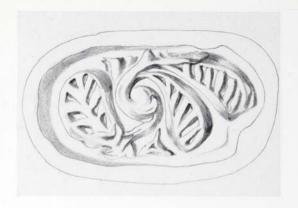
Ivory

Pyramidal-shaped, lengthened. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first. The top is lost by fracture

L. 1,23. B. 0,87. H. 1,87. SH. 0,21

Kali Limiones (51)

Two pairs of leaves combine to make a torquelike quatrefoil; four cup-sinkings diagonally disposed.





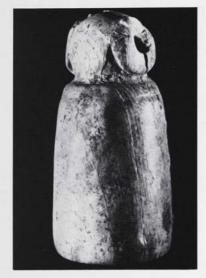




45/Inv. No. 1254
Ivory
Tusk section, flattened. The top of the seal and parts of the field are lost by fracture
L. 1,3. B. 0,66. H. 1,3
Pigaïdakia (52)

A trefoil design springing from a central cupsinking; two triangular quantities at the edge of the seal.









46/Inv. No. 1268

Ivory

Reduced cylinder with hammer-headed top; one engraved line on each side of the top. The string hole is bored horizontally through the head. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

H. 3,3. ϕ 1,75. SH. 0,29

Kali Limiones (51)

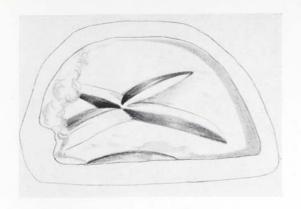
Three grubs circularly disposed.

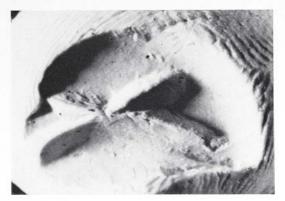














Ivory

Reduced cylinder. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored at the side at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Half of the seal is lost by fracture

H. 1,95. ϕ 1,65–1,3. SH. 0,27–0,46 Kali Limiones (51)

- a) Animal moving to the left.
- b) Two straight lines crossed and part of a third curved.









48/Inv. No. 1185
Ivory
Tusk section. Half of the body and part of the field are lost by fracture
L. 0,94. B. 0,93. H. 2,09
Kali Limiones (51)

A linear complex.









49/Inv. No. 1135
Ivory
Horn-shaped. One horizontal string hole at the top. Part of the seal is lost by fracture L. 0,80. B. 0,60. H. 2,15. SH. 0,21
Kali Limiones (51)

A group of marks or signs.









50/Inv. No. 151 Black steatite Pear-shaped signet with flanged conical top; incised line around the base H. 2,72. ϕ 1,80. SH. 0,23 Messara

A hatched triangle with fine segments above; below a bugle-shaped quantity, with triangular quantities to balance the design.









51/Inv. No. 486

Black steatite
Pear-shaped signet with flanged conical top; incised line around the base
H. 2,05. \$\phi\$ 1,65. SH. 0,3
Apessokari (53)

A whirling pattern.









Black steatite

Pear-shaped signet with flanged conical top; incised line around the base; the body of the seal has been engraved with two groups of two circular sinkings, in which some other material was inserted. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn

H. 2,12. \$\phi\$ 1,44. SH. 0,22

Vorisa (60)

A *triskeles* of truncated S-spirals; between them three spurred cup-sinkings.









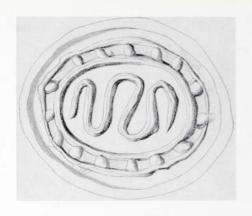
Black and green serpentine

Pear-shaped signet; incised line around the base; the body of the seal has been engraved with four rectangular sinkings, in which some other material was inserted. Worn

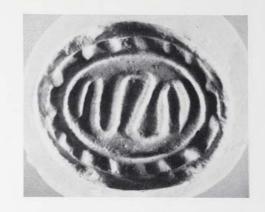
H. 1,95. φ 1,35. SH. 0,29

Kali Limiones (51)

A whirling pattern around a central cup-sinking.









Green serpentine

Flattened, truncated conoid; the sides are decorated with two groups of diagonal engraved bands; another band is engraved around the base. There are three string holes, one horizontal above the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first

L. 2,18. B. 1,80. H. 1,99. SH. 0,24

Kali Limiones (51)

A snake within a border, decorated with small rectangles.









Green and grey steatite

Truncated cone; extensive curved grooving on the body. There are three string holes, one horizontal above the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first

H. 1,20. ϕ 1,34. SH. 0,24

Kali Limiones (51)

Three centred circles, the outer of which is toothed.









56/Inv. No. 164 Grey marble Low conoid. Bored horizontally through the central axis. Worn H. 1,11. ϕ 1,35. SH. 0,36 Mallia (12)

The field is quartered; a chevron in each quarter.









57/Inv. No. 1177

Ivory

Conoid. Bored horizontally above the central axis. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

L. 0,85. B. 0,77. H. 1,27. SH. 0,13

Kali Limiones (51)

Two herring-bones joined by a vertical line.









58/Inv. No. 1186
Ivory
Cone with rounded top. Bored horizontally above the central axis. The seal has been fractured and repaired
L. 0,69. B. 0,6. H. 0,71. SH. 0,1–0,15
Kali Limiones (51)

Herring-bone and cross-hatching.









59/Inv. No. 144
Yellow clay, hard baked
Horn-shaped. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture
H. 2,37. \$\phi\$ 1,58
Sitia (7)

Three arched lines, the one above the other; from the higher spring radial lines, forming a shelllike pattern.









60/Inv. No. 1198

Brown, grey and yellow conglomerate Conoid. Bored horizontally near the top. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,54. B. 1,30. H. 2,01. SH. 0,35 Kali Limiones (51)

Six cup-sinkings within an irregularly disposed triangle, one of whose sides is rendered by a double line; below the triangle three cup-sinkings remain.









61/Inv. No. 163 Green steatite Signet shape with button characteristics; the knob is ridged. Bored horizontally at the top. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture. Worn H. 1,27. ϕ 1,56. SH. 0,23 Mallia (12)

Sheep's head surrounded with small radial lines.



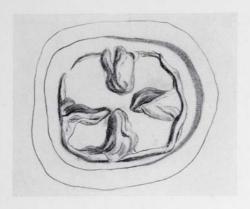




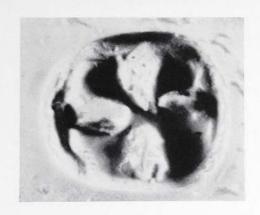


62/Inv. No. 1083 Black steatite Reduced cone. Bored horizontally at the top H. 1,33. ϕ 1,10. SH. 0,25 Messara

Linear design with central stem.









63/Inv. No. 1214

Brown and black steatite

Pyramidal shape, truncated with rounded corners. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first

L. 0,89. B. 0,75. H. 1,1. SH. 0,28-0,20

Kali Limiones (51)

Within the quadrilateral field a quatrefoil design.









Brown steatite

Signet; the knob bears two engraved lines.

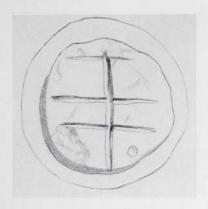
There is one horizontal string hole at the top.

Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

H. 1,76. Φ 1,1. SH. 0,33

Kali Limiones (51)

Two chevrons engaged and crossed by a horizontal line.









65/Inv. No. 1061

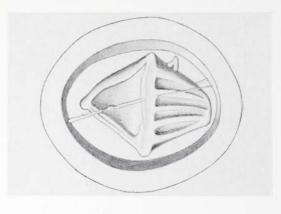
Green and brown steatite

Signet, consisting of a cylindrical body and a knob. There is one horizontal string hole at the top. Small parts of the field are lost by fracture

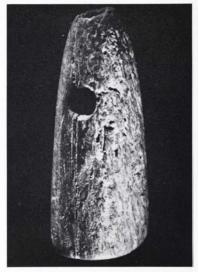
H. 1,50. ϕ 0,82. SH. 0,2

Kali Limiones (51)

An upright bar, off centre, crossed by three others.









Ivory

Tusk section. There are three string holes, one horizontal above the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first

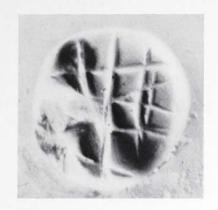
H. 0,21. φ 0,7–0,95. SH. 0,2

Kali Limiones (51)

A rhomboid halved; one half plain, the other barred.









67/Inv. No. 1223
Brown steatite
Horn-shaped. There is one horizontal string hole at the top. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture
H. 1,7. ϕ 1,03. SH. 0,25
Kali Limiones (51)

A linear complex.









Black marble

Horn-shaped; the body has been engraved with three groups of three circular sinkings, in which some other material was inserted. There are two oblique string holes at the top. The top is lost by fracture L. 0,84. B. 0,68. H. 2,30. SH. 0,23 Kali Limiones (51)

Four lines, parallel to each other.









Red and white veined marble

Truncated cone. There is one horizontal string hole at the top. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

H. 1,46. ϕ 1,48. SH. 0,4

Mallia (12)

Within an enclosed circular line are five cupsinkings, two of them spurred; between them an angular line and an arrow.

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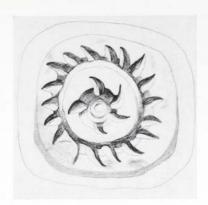
















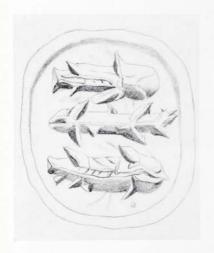
70/Inv. No. 169
White steatite
Three sided prism. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 1,30. B. 1,23–1,27. SH. 0,3
Sitia (7)

- a) Insect.
- b) Toothed swastika.
- c) Rayed star or sinking, surrounded by a rayed circle.



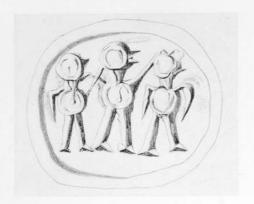












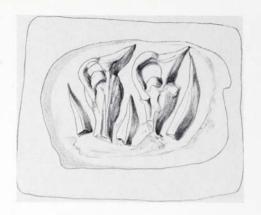


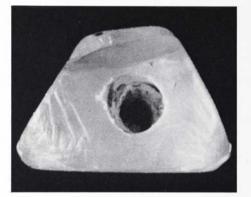


71/Inv. No. 170

Green and black steatite Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face on the edge of the stone L. 1,55. B. 1,29. SH. 0,27 Mallia (12)

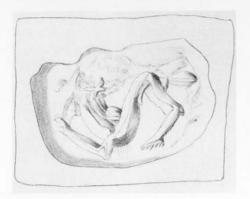
- a) Three goat's heads, divided by vertical lines.
- b) Three fish of different species; the middle is inverted to the others.
- c) Three men moving to the right; the second and third raise one of their hands.

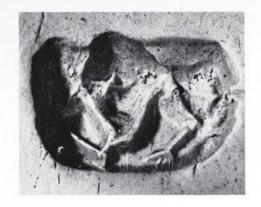














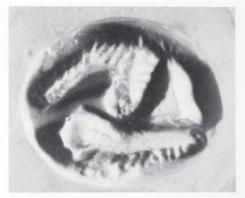
72/Inv. No. 1323

Yellow and brown steatite Three sided prism. Parts of two sides are lost by a fracture along the corner L. 1,19. B. 0,91. SH. 0,22 Mallia (12)

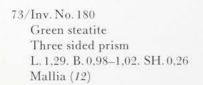
- a) Two jugs between three horn-shaped quantities.
- b) Dog running to the left, regardant.
- c) Unengraved.

The stone is unfinished.

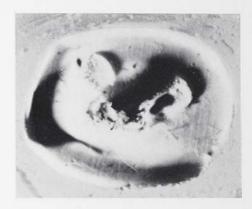










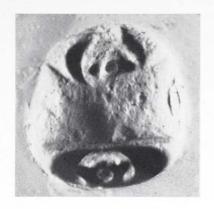




- a) Two toothed quantities and a pyramidal object.
- b) Part of an animal; unfinished.
- c) Unengraved.

The stone is unfinished.







74/Inv. No. 1257 Grey and black steatite Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,5. ϕ 1,13. SH. 0,29 Plati (17)

Two groups of centred circles divided by a horizontal and two oblique lines.







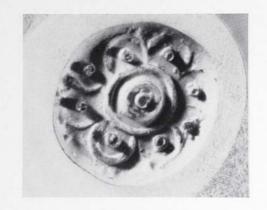


75/Inv. No. 1282
Grey and green steatite
Button-shape. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn
H. 0,83. φ 1,26. SH. 0,25
Vorisa (60)

A centred circle; around it a toothed circle, with inverted triangles in the interstices.









76/Inv. No. 182

Dark green steatite

Cone; decorated with two horizontal bands and two rows of centred circles. There is one horizontal string hole at the top; another one below is a modern engraving. The top is lost by fracture; much worn

H. 1,66. φ 1,37. SH. 0,3

Mallia (12)

In the centre a group of three concentric circles, surrounded by eight smaller centred circles.









77/Inv. No. 1335 Green steatite Button shape. The top and parts of the field are lost by fracture H. 0,7. ϕ 1,38. SH. 0,22 Kamilari (56)

One group of centred circles surrounded by fifteen cup-sinkings irregularly disposed.









78/Inv. No. 159 Grey and green steatite Button shape H. 0,85. ϕ 1,88. SH. 0,35 Mallia (12)

Three centred circles triangularly placed in the field; between them a leaf vertically disposed and two toothed arcs conjoined; four triangular quantities are used as filling ornaments.



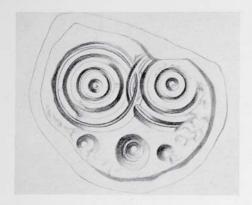






79/Inv. No. 1128
Black marble
Signet with a flanged top. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
H. 1,51. \$\phi\$ 1,48. SH. 0,27
Kamilari (56)

Trefoliate pattern with arrow heeds in linear form above a group of centred circles; remains of hatching in the leaves.









80/Inv. No. 1138

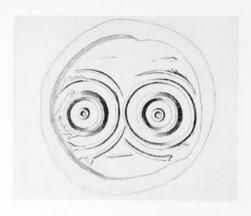
Black and brown steatite

Button shape. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

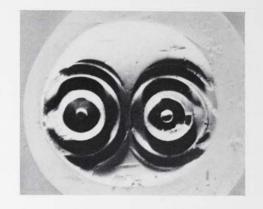
H. 1,05. ϕ 2,0. SH. 0,28

Miamou (49)

Two groups of centred circles; in the field three cup-sinkings.



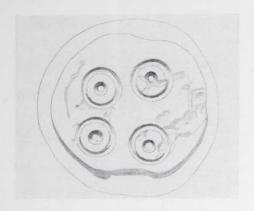




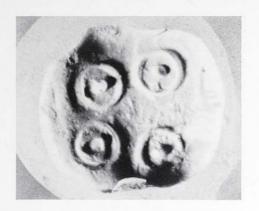


81/Inv. No. 1242 Green steatite Discoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 1,12. ϕ 1,43. SH. 0,24 Phästos (57)

Two groups of centred circles; some hatching above and below. On the reverse three great vertical lines and two smaller, probably a later addition.



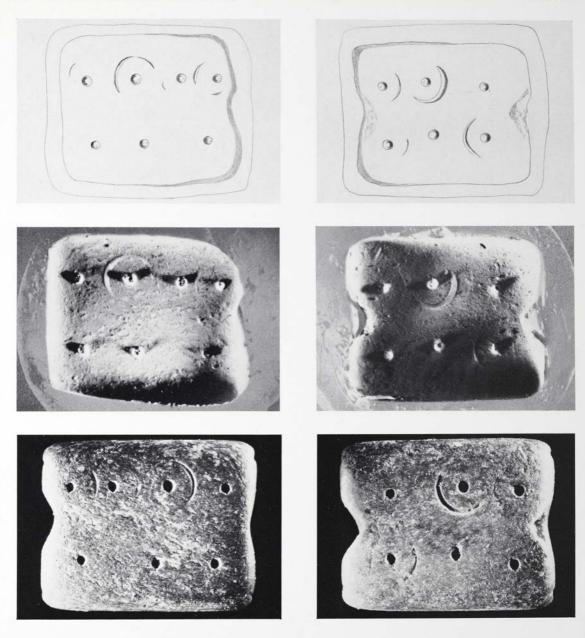






82/Inv. No. 167 Black and green steatite Discoid. Some surface scaling TH. 0,71. ϕ 1,58. SH. 0,34 Messara

Four circles with central cup-sinkings rectangularly disposed.



83/Inv. No. 309

Black and green steatite

Rectangular bead. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn

L. 1,65. B. 1,34. TH. 0,53. SH. 0,33

Sitia (7)

- a) Two rows of centred circles.
- b) Two rows of centred circles.



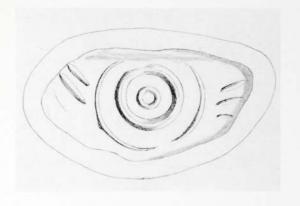


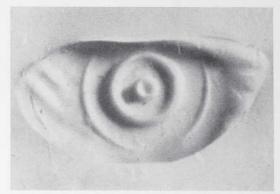




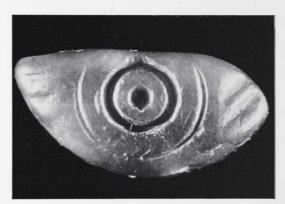
84/Inv. No. 209
Green steatite
Cushion-shape. Part of the stone is lost by fracture
L. 1,54. B. 1,26. TH. 0,7. SH. 0,35
Messara

Two centred circles; below a panel with plain hatching.









85/Inv. No. 1276 Green and brown steatite Lenticular; the greater part of the seal has been lost by fracture TH. 0,44. ϕ 1,3. SH. 0,2 Unknown

A group of centred circles with plain hatching.







86/Inv. No. 294 Black steatite Lenticular. Much worn TH. 0,46. ϕ 1,25. SH. 0,2 Sitia (7)

Three groups of centred circles divided by two quantities of angular hatching above two single parallel base lines; only one circle preserved.







87/Inv. No. 254
Black steatite
Lenticular. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0.65. ϕ 1.62. SH. 0.23Mallia (12)

Three groups of centred circles in triangular formation; some cross-hatching in the field; a foliate spray between two groups of the circumference is probably a later addition.

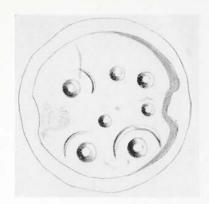


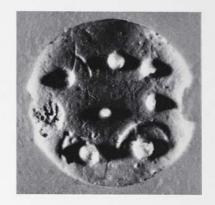




88/Inv. No. 242 Grey steatite Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,4. ϕ 1,13. SH. 0,24 Mallia (12)

Seven circles with central cup-sinkings around the circumference of the stone; in the centre the remains of another.







89/Inv. No. 273 Grey steatite Lenticular. Part of the field is lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,52. ϕ 1,15. SH. 0,26 Mallia (12)

Two groups of centred circles at the bottom of the field crowned by five smaller groups with a sixth in the centre.







 $90/Inv.\,No.\,285$

Black steatite with white patches Lenticular. Much worn TH. 0,44. ϕ 1,35. SH. 0,17–0,20 Phästos (57)

The field has been diagonally quartered with one group of centred circles in each quarter; only two circles preserved.









91/Inv. No. 1087

Black marble

Theriomorph; a bull's hoof; on each side of the hoof is a centred circle; the cleft is indicated by a vertical line between the circles. There is one horizontal string hole at the top. The top and parts of the stone are lost by fracture

L. 1,60. B. 1,33. H. 1,80. SH. 0,2 Kamilari (56)

A shape like a double axe, hatched, between four C-spirals and a triangular quantity.









92/Inv. No. 1084

Brown marble

Calyx-shaped, flattened. There are three string holes, one horizontal above the central and small axis, two others bored down at an angle of 75° to engage the first. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,89. B. 1,08. H. 2,10. SH. 0,25

Kali Limiones (51)

A S-spiral with two bifoliate quantities.



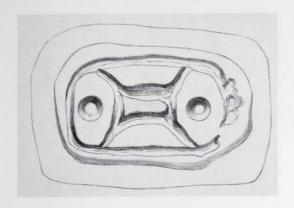






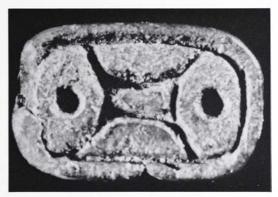
93/Inv. No. 1158 Black marble Conoid, vertically grooved, reduced at top for string loop. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture H. 1,15. ϕ 1,40. SH. 0,26–0,42 Kali Limiones (51)

The body grooving is repeated on the base to form the pattern of a rosette with a deep cupsinking in the middle.







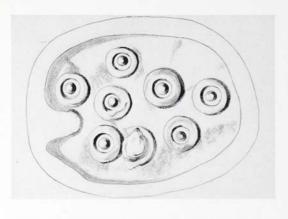


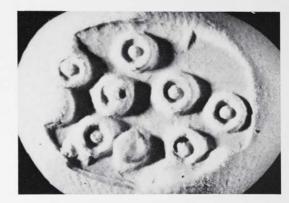
94/Inv. No. 1026 Black marble

Flattened pyramid with rounded corners; at the top a pierced disc. The stone has been fractured, during which parts have been lost L. 0,98. B. 0,64. H. 2,32. SH. 0,15

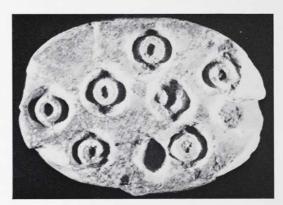
Kali Limiones (51)

Within a frame two cup-sinkings and linked crescents.







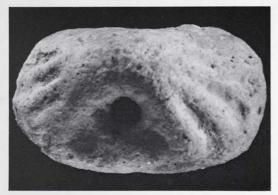


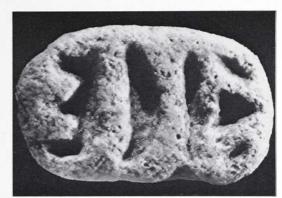
95/Inv. No. 1108 Yellow faience Scarab; parts of the seal are lost by fracture L. 1,55. B. 1,15. TH. 0,71. SH. 0,23 Unknown

Nine groups of centred circles irregularly disposed.









96/Inv. No. 478 Yellow faience, originally glazed Cowroid L. 2,05. B. 1,27. H. 0,9. SH. 0,24 Lastros (8)

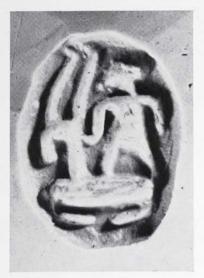
Bucranium and two unknown quantities, with Cretan rendering of Egyptian signs: That signifying objects with the earth, and that associated with the value ALL, EVERY, EVERYTHING.



97/Inv. No. 1068
White faience
Head of a man. There is one horizontal string hole above the ears. Much worn
L. 0,95. B. 0,85. TH. 0,57. SH. 0,13
Kali Limiones (51)

A stem with six leaves.



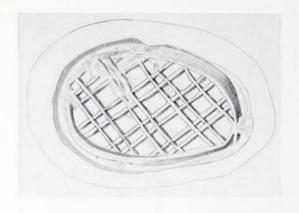


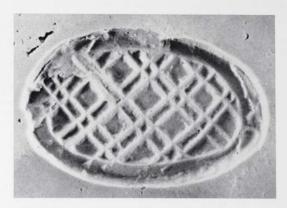




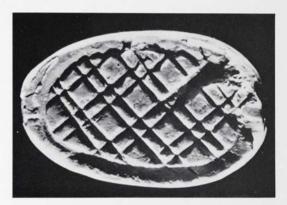
98/Inv. No. 506 White faience Scarab L. 1,03. B. 0,77. H. 0,33. SH. 0,2 Tsoutsouros (39)

Man in Egyptian dress standing on a long horned goat.



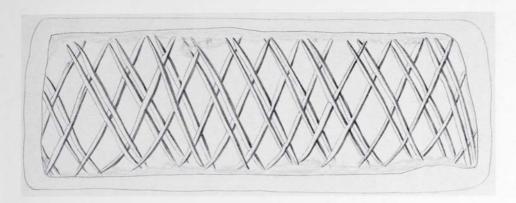




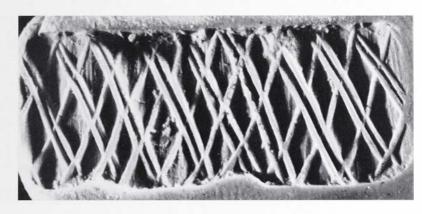


99/Inv. No. 1333
Bone
Scarab. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture
L. 1,44. B. 0,95. TH. 0,74. SH. 0,2
Andiskari (50)

Cross-hatching by double lines within a frame.



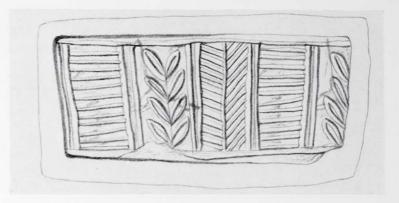




100/Inv. No. 1121 White steatite Cylinder. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture. Perhaps a bead H. 1,15. ϕ 0,78. SH. 0,2 Kali Limiones (51)

Cross-hatching.





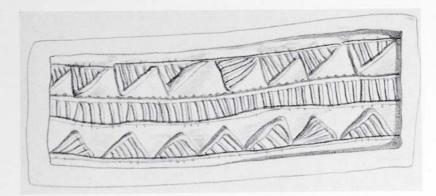




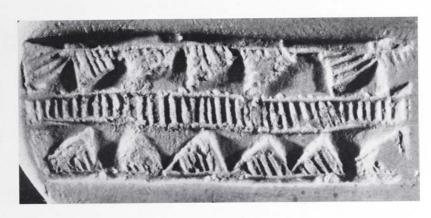
101/Inv. No. 1172
White steatite
Cylinder. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture. Perhaps a bead
H. 1,33. Φ 0,75. SH. 0,23
Lenda (48)

Three vertical bands divided by double lines, filled with horizontal hatching; an eight-leaved branch and a herring-bone.



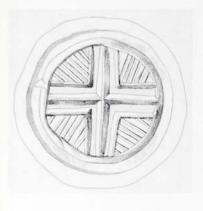


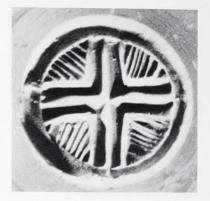


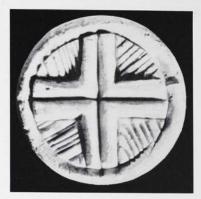


102/Inv. No. 1122 Yellow faience Cylinder. Worn. Perhaps a bead H. 1,28. ϕ 0,87. SH. 0,28 Kali Limiones (51)

Two registers divided by a vertically hatched band; in each register hatched triangles facing each other.









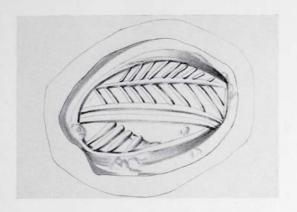


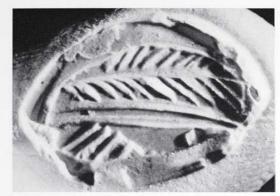




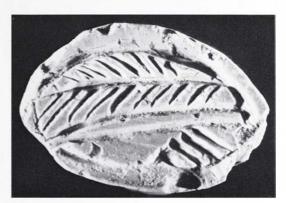
103/Inv. No. 1155
White steatite
Disc. Small parts of the seal are lost by fracture
TH. 0,53. ∅ 1,28. SH. 0,22
Kali Limiones (51)

- a) The circular field is quartered, each quarter filled with a triangle, radically hatched.
- b) The circular field is obliquely halved, each half filled with a leaf and two buds.









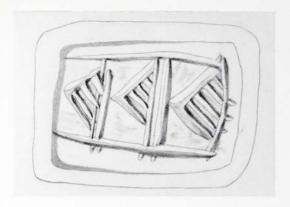
White faience

Scaraboid with a contoured back; half is striated. There is one horizontal string hole through the small axis. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

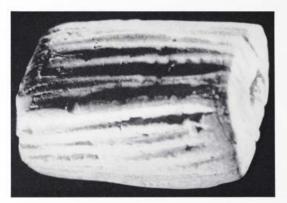
L. 1,28. B. 0,87. H. 0,69. SH. 0,29

Kali Limiones (51)

Within an elliptical frame two bands; in one a branch, in the other a hatched triangle.









105/Inv. No. 1200 White faience

Hemicylinder, striated along the back. There is one horizontal string hole through the long axis. Small parts of the seal are lost by fracture

L. 1,26. B. 0,86. H. 0,56. SH. 0,2

Kali Limiones (51)

Within a frame of double bars three triangles diagonally hatched.



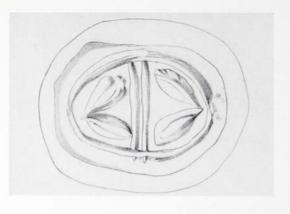


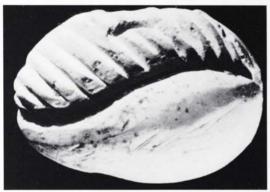


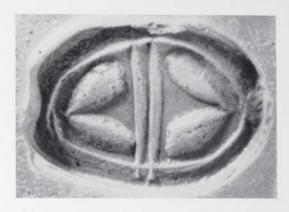


106/Inv. No. 1203 White faience Reduced scaraboid. Worn L. 1,2. B. 1,06. H. 0,43. SH. 0,2 Kali Limiones (51)

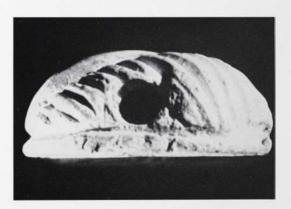
The ellipsoidal field is quartered; chevrons in each quarter covering triangles plain or hatched.











107/Inv. No. 1116

White faience

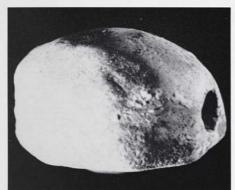
Two buds antithetically conjoined, one of which is hatched; an incised line around the base. There is one horizontal string hole through the central and small axis. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

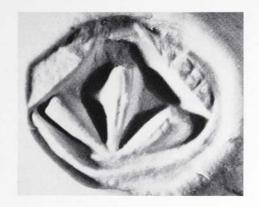
L. 1,1. B. 0,78. H. 0,47. SH. 0,2

Kali Limiones (51)

Within an elliptical frame divided by two lines two bifoliate groups.









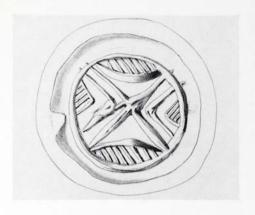
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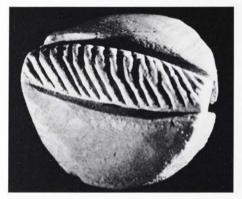
White faience

Barrel-shaped with flattened base. There is one horizontal string hole through the long axis. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture L. 1,02. B. 0,86. H. 0,64. SH. 0,32

Kali Limiones (51)

Within an elliptical frame a trefoil and two hatched quantities.









109/Inv. No. 1182 White faience

Cowroid; striated ridge at the back. There is one horizontal string hole. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

H. 0,52. Ø 1,17. SH. 0,22

Kali Limiones (51)

The circular field is quartered; two quarters contain a chevron and a hatched triangle, the others hatched segments.









White faience

Bud-shaped; three members diverging, the middle bearing incised lines. There is one horizontal string hole through the central and small axis. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

L. 1,28. B. 0,92. H. 0,58. SH. 0,25

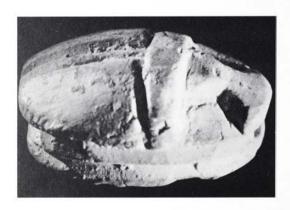
Messara

The ovoid field is divided into three irregular segments; the central contains a trefoil, the two others hatched segments.









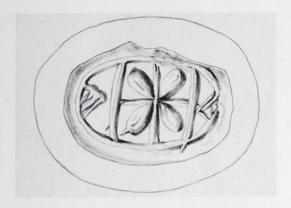
White faience

Scarab. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

L. 1,25. B. 0,84. H. 0,55. SH. 0,22

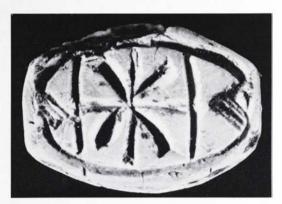
Kali Limiones (51)

Within the elliptical frame a spray of eight leaves.









White faience

Barrel-shaped with flattened base; incised line around the base. There is one horizontal string hole through the long axis. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture L. 1,10. B. 0,80. H. 0,60. SH. 0,25

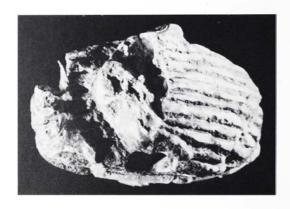
Lenda (48)

Within an elliptical frame a cruciform design with a leaf in each quarter; in the right and left segments triangles with plain hatching.









Yellow faience

Theriomorph; foreparts of a cat; fur markings are shown by parallel lines; incised line around the base. There is one horizontal string hole between the body of the animal and the base. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

L. 1,54. B. 0,94. H. 0,65. SH. 0,24-0,30

Lenda (48)

Within an elliptical frame a quatrefoil design above two barred lines; the exergue is plain hatched.

MIDDLE MINOAN IB-II Nos. 114–127















Ivory

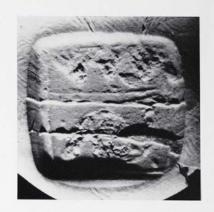
Prism, four sided; three horizontal grooves all around the body. There is one horizontal string hole through the central axis. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost; worn

L. 1,47. B. 0,92. TH. 0,97. SH. 0,3 Kali Limiones (51)

- a) Two groups of two centred circles obliquely disposed, alternatively with double lines.
- b) Two groups of two centred circles obliquely disposed between lines.









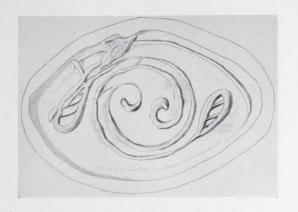
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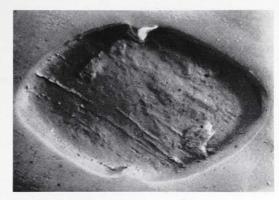
Hemicylinder. There is one horizontal string hole through the long axis. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

L. 1,42. B. 1,47. TH. 0,78. SH. 0,3

Lenda (48)

The quadrangular field is divided into two halves; in the upper are three hatched triangles inverted, in the lower two incurved leaves which engage each other to form a spiral complex with small cup-sinkings in the upper and lower corners.













116/Inv. No. 1205

Ivory

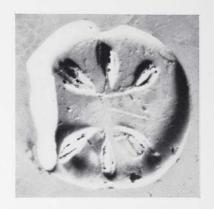
Flattened amygdaloid. There is one horizontal string hole through the central and small axis. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture; worn

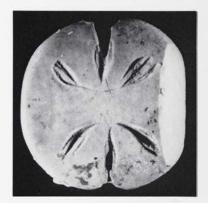
L. 2,23. B. 1,35. TH. 0,51. SH. 0,25 Kali Limiones (51)

- a) Within the ellipsoidal field two related spirals, emerging into great circles with leaf terminals.
- b) Undistinguishable; perhaps two leaves at the edges of the field.









117/Inv. No. 1248
Ivory
Discoid with carination. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0,47. ϕ 1,37. SH. 0,27
Kali Limiones (51)

Two groups of trefoil patterns in reverse position with an oblique line between.









Ivory

Flattened scaraboid without body markings, but incised groove around the base. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

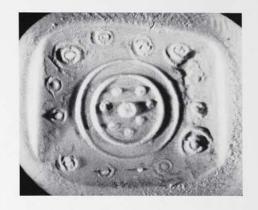
L. 1,57. B. 1,45. TH. 0,60. SH. 0,27

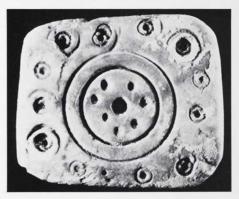
Knossos (24)

Within a frame a S-spiral between two hatched segments.







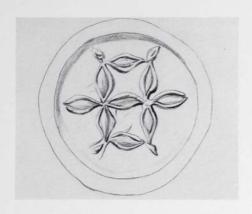


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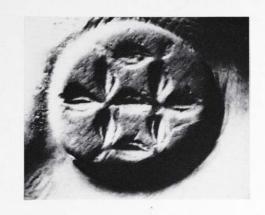
Theriomorph; animal seated on a flat irregular base. There are three string holes, one horizontal between the body of the animal and the base, through the small axis, two others bored down at an angle of 30° to engage the first. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture; worn

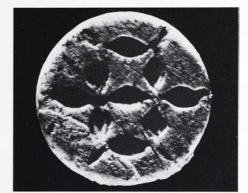
L. 1,59. B. 1,86. TH. 0,68. SH. 0,15 Kali Limiones (51)

In the centre a cup-sinking within seven smaller cup-sinkings and two circles; this rondel is surrounded by thirteen centred circles.









Ivory

Disc. Small parts of the seal are lost by

fracture

TH. 0,51. ϕ 1,25. SH. 0,18

Kali Limiones (51)

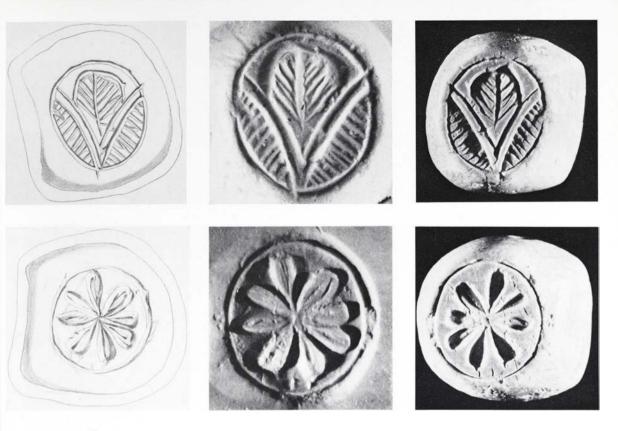
Two quatrefoils conjoined and flanked by two other leaves, spurred at both ends.











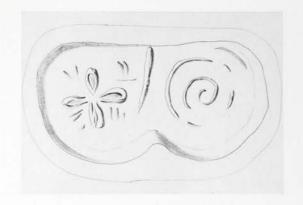
Ivory

Hemispheroid reduced to prismatic shape. There is one horizontal string hole through the central and small axis; parts of the seal are lost by fracture

L. 1,85. B. 1,59. TH. 0,94. SH. 0,24

Unknown

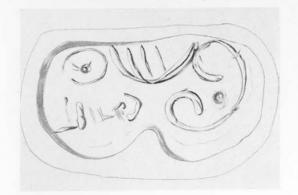
- a) Inside an ovoid frame of double lines and within three segments, two hatched triangles and two C-spirals conjoined, terminating into leaves.
- b) Within a circular frame divided into three segments by two curved lines, a palmette and two hatched segments.
- c) Within a circular frame an eight-petal rosette.

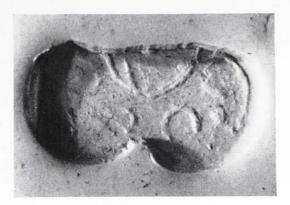


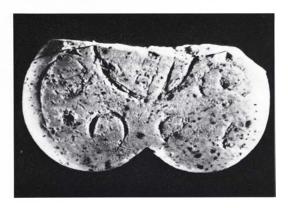












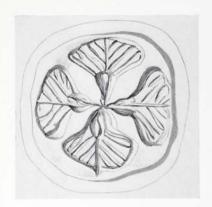
Ivory

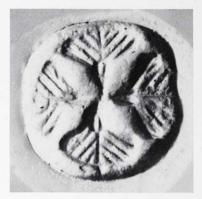
Quatrefoil-shaped, flattened. There is one horizontal string hole. The half of the seal is lost by fracture; much worn

L. 1,8. B. 0,93. TH. 0,52. SH. 0,25

Kali Limiones (51)

- a) A quatrefoil and a spiral; part of an engraved line on the field.
- b) Two C-spirals, one whose terminals are centred circles with some hatching, the other with a centred circle in the middle; in the field remains of a larger circle, hatched.







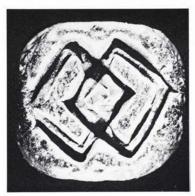










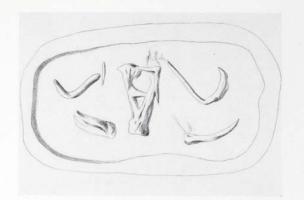


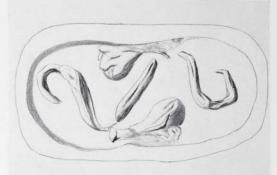
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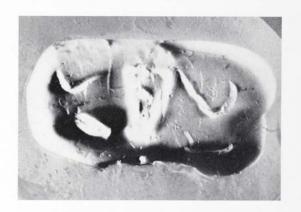
Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,7. B. 1,55–1,65. SH. 0,54 Ligortynos (42)

Four leaved cross

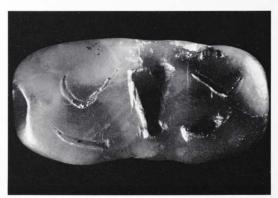
- a) Four leaved cross.
- b) Triple swastika.
- c) Two double lined lozenges which engage each other.



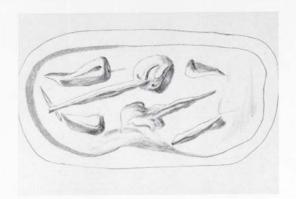
















Green and brown steatite Three sided prism. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 2,04. B. 0,89. 0,95. 1,0. SH. 0,36

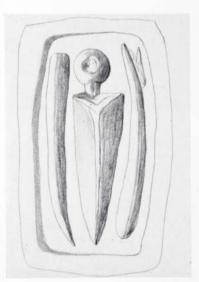
Aski (19)

- a) Bucranium flanked by two unknown quantities.
- b) Two spirals conjoined with an oblique line and two cup-sinkings.
- c) Two large headed pins and four smaller objects.



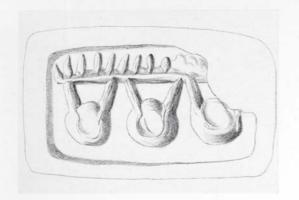


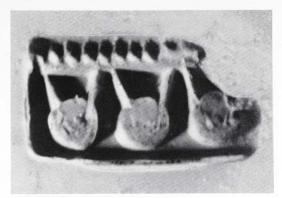


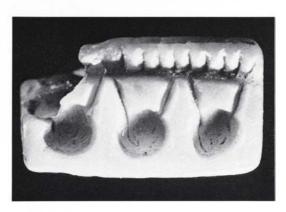






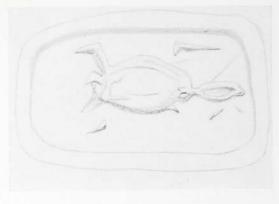




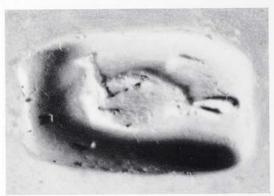


Brown steatite Three sided prism. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,32. B. 0,75. SH. 0,24 Mallia (12)

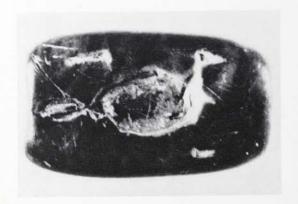
- a) A head of wild goat surrounded by two lines.
- b) A dagger supported by two curved lines.
- c) Three vessels suspended by a toothed pole.



















126/Inv. No. 177 Green and black steatite Three sided prism. Worn L. 1,24. B. 0,75–0,8. SH. 0,35 Lastros (8)

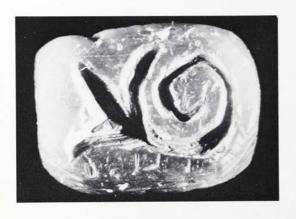
- a) Animal (?); this side appears to be re-engraved at a later period.
- b) Four S-spirals whose terminals are formed by a cup-sinking; two more cup-sinkings in opposite corners of the field.
- c) Remains of three birds.





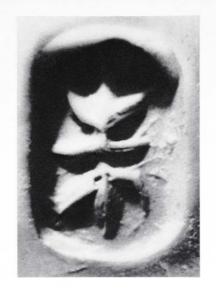












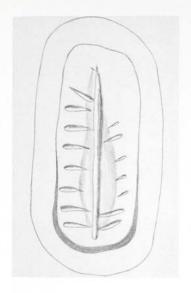


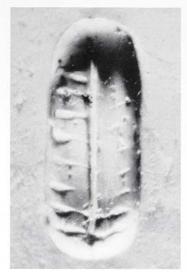
127/Inv. No. 185
Black and green steatite
Three sided prism
L. 1,06. B. 0,7–0,8. SH. 0,23
Mallia (12)

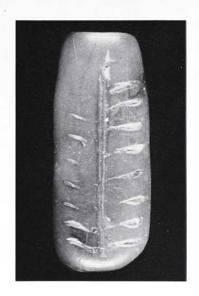
- a) Fleur-de-lis with spiral termination.
- b) Trumpet.
- c) Stylised insect.

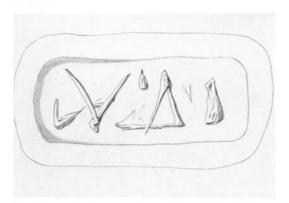
MIDDLE MINOAN II

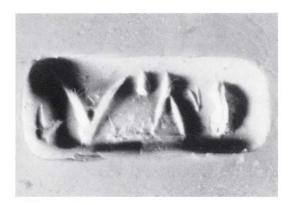
Nos. 128-129













128/Inv. No. 175
Brown steatite
Four sided prism
L. 1,42. B. 0,55–0,6. SH. 0,3
Mallia (12)

- a) Branch.
- b) Hieroglyphs; see CHIK.







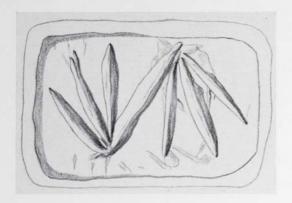


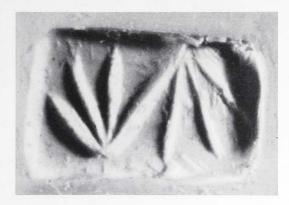




128/Inv. No. 175
Brown steatite
Four sided prism
L. 1,42. B. 0,55–0,6. SH. 0,3
Mallia (12)

- c) Two spirals in reverse position.
- d) Two spirals in inverse position from each of which appears a leaf.









129/Inv. No. 157

Green and brown steatite

Hemicylinder; lines diagonally engraved on the back suggest a convolution. There is one horizontal string hole through the long axis

L. 1,17. B. 0,78. H. 0,56. SH. 0,29 Mallia (12)

Two quatrefoils conjoined in reverse position.

MIDDLE MINOAN IIB-IIIA Nos. 130–141







130/Inv. No. 293 White and brown steatite Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,5. ϕ 0,12. SH. 0,32 Mallia (12)

Lion's mask.



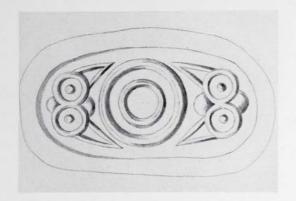


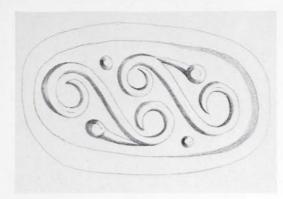




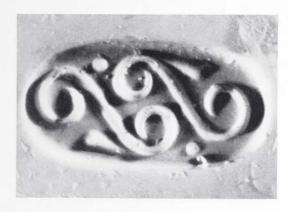
131/Inv. No. 1126 Speckled brown stone Signet; the top and the knob are hatched H. 1,12. ϕ 1,02. SH. 0,25 Messara

Hieroglyphs; see CHIK.













132/Inv. No. 1078

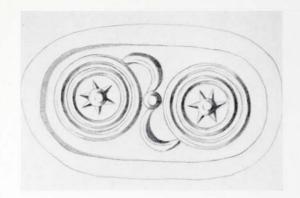
Brown jasper

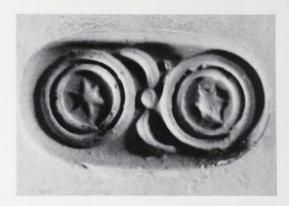
Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

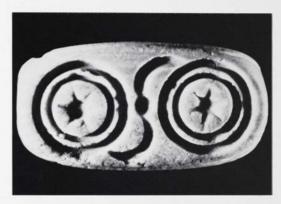
L. 1,72. B. 0,88. SH. 0,28

Elounda (10)

- a) Central group of two centred circles flanked by two cat's heads inverted to each other.
- b) Two S-spirals tufted with a leaf and a small cup-sinking.







132/Inv. No. 1078 Brown jasper

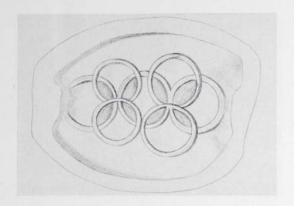
Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

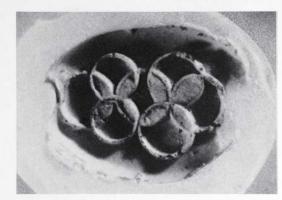
L. 1,72. B. 0,88. SH. 0,28

Elounda (10)

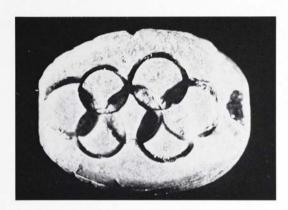
c) Two stars, each enframed in two centred circles and joined by a cup-sinking and crescents inverted to each other.

Grumach, Kadmos 6, 1967, 6 Taf. 1.







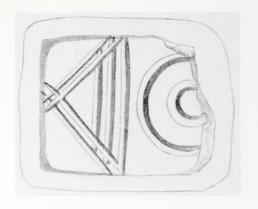


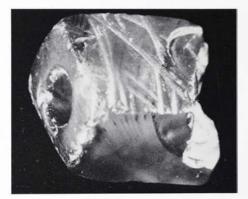
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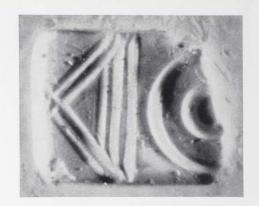
Brown and red mottled agate Scarab. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,52. B. 1,18. H. 0,73. SH. 0,3

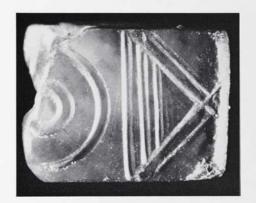
L. 1,52. B. 1,18. H. 0,73. SH. 0,3 Mallia (12)

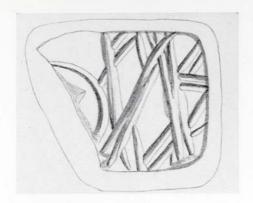
Seven conjoined circles, whose intersections form the bases for two quatrefoil patterns.



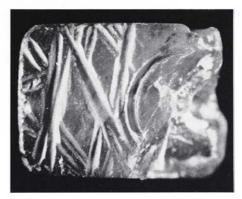










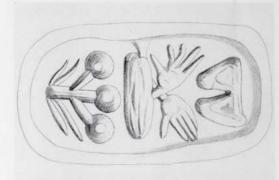


134/Inv. No. 1038

Red and black mottled cornelian Four sided prism. More than half of the stone is lost by fracture. Two sides are unengraved L. 0,98. B. 0,79. TH. 0,67. SH. 0,30 Sitia (7)

- a) A group of two centred circles flanked by hatched triangles.
- b) A circle flanked by three broad lines vertically and diagonally disposed; some hatching in the field.







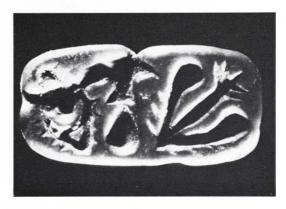












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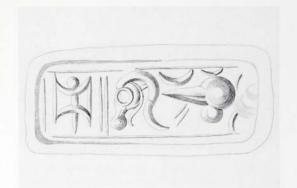
Brown steatite

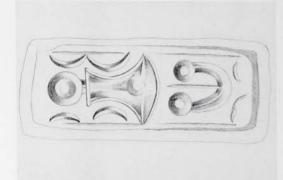
Three sided prism. The stone has been fractured, during which parts have been lost

L. 1,72. B. 0,85. SH. 0,28

Pinakiano (16)

a-c) Hieroglyphs; see *CHIK*. Grumach, *Kadmos* 6, 1967, 3 Taf. 2.

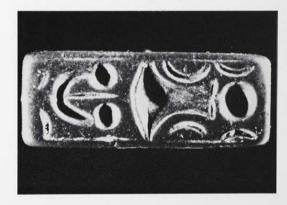
























136/Inv. No. 168

Green jasper

Four sided prism; each motif is contained within incised lines, some of which on the shorter sides are worn

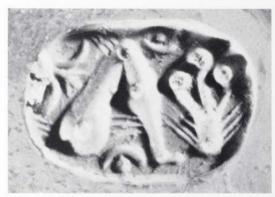
L. 1,82. B. 0,68. SH. 0,37

Lastros (8)

a–d) Hieroglyphs; see CHIK. Alexiou, Delt. 18 B₂, 1963, 310. Kadmos 2, 1963, 80 f., pl. 2.

















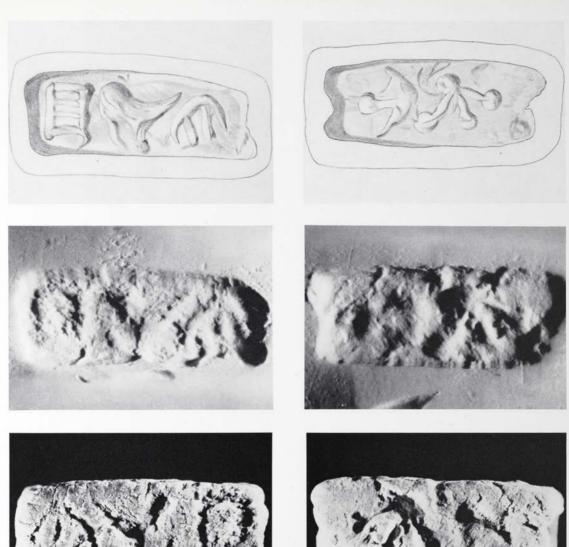


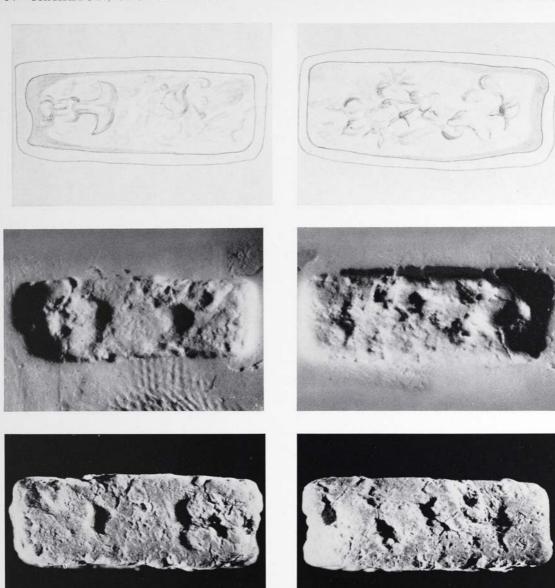
137/Inv. No. 181

Grey and brown jasper Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,4. B. 0,96. SH. 0,32 Unknown

a-c) Hieroglyphs; see CHIK.

Platon-Davaras, $Delt.\ 17\ B,\ 1961-62,\ 283,\ pl.\ 348\ a.$ Grumach, Kadmos 6, 1967, 10 ff. Taf. 6.





138/Inv. No. 186

White and grey marble, perhaps subject to fire

Four sided prism. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn

L. 1,5. B. 0,56. SH. 0,22 Sitia (7) a–d) Hieroglyphs; see *CHIK*.









139/Inv. No. 238 Rock crystal Stalk signet. The stalk and part of the field are lost by fracture H. 0,56. ϕ 1,26 Lastros (8)

A cross diagonally disposed; between the arms are branches and circles alternating.







140/Inv. No. 1332
Red and brown clay
Sealing of triangular shape without traces
of attachment
L. 1,4. B. 1,3. H. 0,74
Mallia (12)

Four S-spirals in quadrangular formation enclosing four buds; pendant buds are attached to the spiral heads to give a torsional quality to the motif.









141/Inv. No. 1127

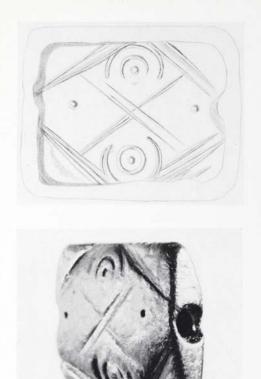
Green jasper

Signet; grooves around the knot and the base. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture H. 1,15. ϕ 1,04. SH. 0,27

Prässos (3)

Within a circular border a wild goat moving to the left, regardant.

MIDDLE MINOAN III Nos. 142–160







142/Inv. No. 219

Green steatite Cushion-shape. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn L. 1,68. B. 1,25. TH. 0,42. SH. 0,24 Mallia (12)

A quartered lozenge, containing groups of centred circles in each segment.

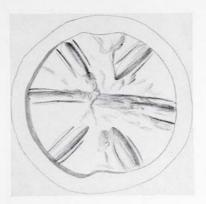




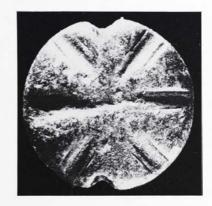


143/Inv. No. 243
Black steatite
Discoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0,5. ϕ 1,41. SH. 0,24
Aphrati (35)

The field is quartered by double lines with another bisecting two of the quarters.

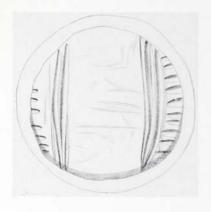






144/Inv. No. 528
Grey and green steatite
Discoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn
TH. 0,5. Φ 1,58. SH. 0,25
Unknown

The field is divided into six segments by two diagonal bands and a third which halves it.







145/Inv. No. 235
Black marble
Lentoid. Part of the back of the stone is lost by fracture; much worn
TH. 0,44. \$\phi\$ 1,38. SH. 0,2
Messara

Remains of an architectural design or wall façade.





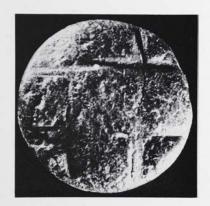


146/Inv. No. 1250 Green serpentine Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,56. ϕ 1,3. SH. 0,3 Kali Limiones (51)

A debased façade design, consisting of bands in triangular form and cup-sinkings.







147/Inv. No. 269 Black marble Discoid. Much worn TH. 0,57. ϕ 1,64. SH. 0,26 Sitia (7)

Architectural design or wall façade, consisting of two crossed bands.







Architectural design, consisting of two horizontal and three oblique bands; some hatching in the field.







149/Inv. No. 1222
Green and black steatite
Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn

TH. 0,7. φ 1,5. SH. 0,28

Skinias (37)

One central panel with horizontal band; the field is filled with groups of centred circles.







150/Inv. No. 234 Black steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,5. ϕ 1,33. SH. 0,25 Messara

A pattern of four C-spirals in torsion; cup-sinkings on the edge of the field.







151/Inv. No. 1053
Black serpentine
Discoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0,65. Φ 1,3. SH. 0,24
Sisses (65)

Architectural design or wall façade.







152/Inv. No. 241
Black and green marble
Discoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0,46. Φ 1,58. SH. 0,2 Messara

A debased architectural design, consisting of two horizontal and two oblique bands; some hatching in the field.

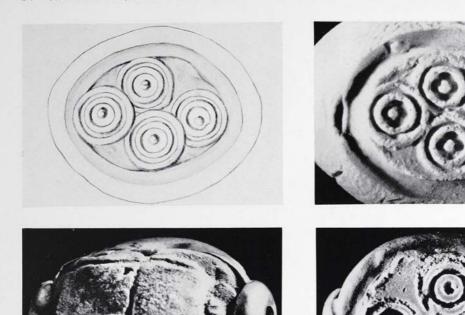






153/Inv. No. 1106 Red and yellow banded sard Discoid TH. 0,82. Φ 1,46. SH. 0,3 Aïmonas (64)

An axe with a single blade, hatched to the rear; plain and cross hatching surrounds a triangular space at the top and a rhomboidal space below.



154/Inv. No. 426
White faience and gold
Scarab, mounted in ancient gold, to be worn on a swivel ring
L. 1,4. B. 1,0. H. 0,56. SH. 0,15
Tsoutsouros (39)

Four groups of centred circles.









155/Inv. No. 196
Red and yellow mottled sard
Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by
fracture
L. 1,4. B. 1,31. TH. 0,86. SH. 0,34
Kamares (61)

Architectural design or wall façade.





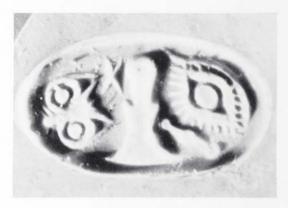


156/Inv. No. 190
Green jasper
Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone
L. 1,50. B. 0,84. SH. 0,89
Mallia (12)

a) A wild goat climbing to the right; behind it a branch and before a crescent and a toothed centred circle.







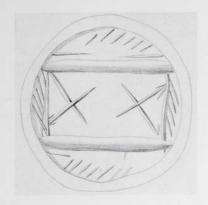






156/Inv. Nr. 190
Green jasper
Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone
L. 1,50. B. 0,84. SH. 0,89
Mallia (12)

b–c) Hieroglyphs; see *CHIK*. *Kadmos* 2, 1963, 79 pl. I 1.



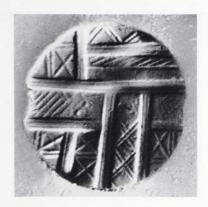




157/Inv. No. 198 Obsidian Discoid. Much worn TH. 0,78. ϕ 1,77. SH. 0,3–0,35 Messara

Architectural design or wall façade.







158/Inv. No. 276 Red, black and white mottled jasper Discoid. Worn TH. 0,72. ϕ 1,6. SH. 0,34 Phästos (57)

Architectural design or wall façade.







159/Inv. No. 1239 Rock crystal Discoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,66. ϕ 1,45. SH. 0,25 Asteri (66)

Architectural design or wall façade, at the top of which two palmettes.







160/Inv. No. 509
Green jasper
Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
TH. 0,7. Φ 1,53. SH. 0,19–0,28
Sitia (7)

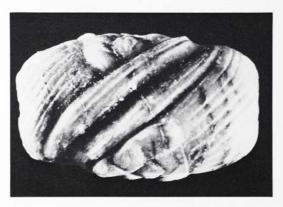
Seven hatched crescents arranged around one central circle.

SECOND TRANSITIONAL PHASE ${\bf Nos.\,161\text{--}174}$









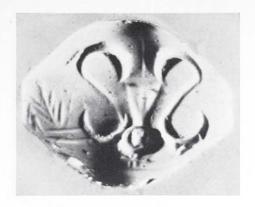


161/Inv. No. 150

Red, green and black banded agate Hemicylinder, consisting at the back of the foreparts of two lions diagonally joined by a groove; the manes are indicated by fine lines. There is one horizontal string hole through the central and long axis. Part of the stone is lost by fracture L. 1,43. B. 0,86. H. 0,55. SH. 0,18 Mallia (12)

A bird-man having the legs of an animal, moving to the right. The outline of the field runs over the ends of the stone. Traces of later engraving are apparent in the motif.







Red, white and black banded sardonyx Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,58. B. 1,21. SH. 0,18 Ierapetra (9)

Kantharos on a base line with a branch of talismanic character.







163/Inv. No. 278
Red and black mottled cornelian
Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by
fracture
L. 1,91. B. 1,36. TH. 0,73. SH. 0,15–0,23
Sitia (7)

A jug between two branches on a double ground line; in the field talismanic lines and above two vegetable sprays, growing towards the jug.







Red, black and yellow banded cornelian Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture.

TH. 0,07. ϕ 1,44. SH. 0,3 Sitia (7)

Architectural design of a gate or a doorway with talismanic markings of a star-like quantity, four crescents and cross-hatching.







Red and white banded sardonyx Lentoid. Part of the stone is lost by fracture TH. 0,75. ϕ 1,44. SH. 0,16–0,21 Malläs (*II*)

A jug on a base line; a branch and talismanic marks of a cross and two vegetable sprays at the edge of the field.







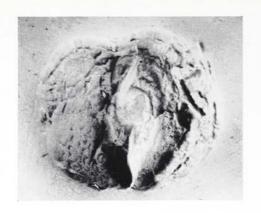




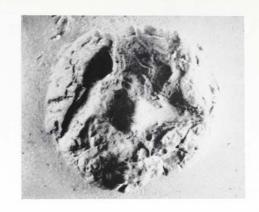


166/Inv. No. 1253
Obsidian
Discoid. Part of the stone is lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0,75. \$\phi\$ 1,6. SH. 0,26
Pombia (54)

- a) Wild goat running to the right.
- b) Natural fracture of the stone, of which the top cleft has been engraved with the likeness of a dolphin.









167/Inv. No. 1339 Bronze Disc. Much corroded TH. 0,66. ϕ 1,26. SH. 0,14 Messara

a-b) Indistinguishable.







168/Inv. No. 266 Black marble Lentoid. Much worn TH. 0,59. ϕ 1,87. SH. 0,25 Knossos (24)

Bull's head to the right.







169/Inv. No. 1076 White banded agate Lenticular. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,60. ϕ 1,30. SH. 0,16 Messara

Two flying fish antithetically disposed.



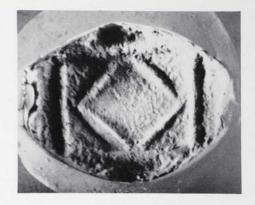


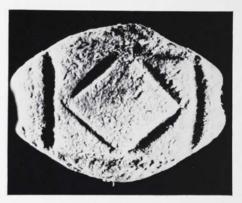


170/Inv. No. 246
Black marble
Glandular. Much worn
L. 1,8. B. 1,44. TH. 0,81. SH. 0,28
Messara

Architectural design of a doorway with a tympanon.







171/Inv. No. 316
Grey serpentine
Glandular. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture. The stone was subject to fire L. 1,72. B. 1,26. TH. 0,57. SH. 0,23
Lastros (8)

Architectural or façade design, consisting of a lozenge within a quadrangular.







172/Inv. No. 321 Pink and black banded sardonyx Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,66. ϕ 1,35. SH. 0,14–0,16 Messara

Two flying fish antithetically disposed.







173/Inv. No. 204 Red and grey banded jasper Cushion-shape, facetted back. Worn L. 1,08. B. 0,94. TH. 0,51. SH. 0,22 Knossos (24)

A plant motif; talismanic.







174/Inv. No. 239 Red and black mottled cornelian Lentoid. Part of the stone is lost by fracture TH. 0,45. ϕ 1,1. SH. 0,2 Lastros (8)

A silphium seed cross-hatched; at one side zigzag pattern of double lines. Talismanic.

LATE MINOAN IA Nos. 175–220







175/Inv. No. 250 Red, black and white mottled sard Lenticular TH. 0,67. ϕ 1,24. SH. 0,18 Sitia (7)

A foliate spray of talismanic character; engraved lines to the left and right may represent horns of consecration.







176/Inv. No. 257
Rock crystal
Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 2,0. B. 1,47. TH. 0,7. SH. 0,24

Sinda (33)

Two flying fish antithetically disposed with lines between them.

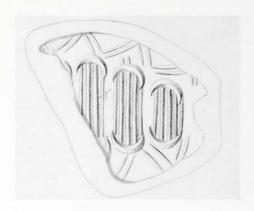






177/Inv. No. 262
Red and yellow banded sardonyx
Amygdaloid. The half is lost by fracture
L. 1,96. B. 1,83. TH. 0,92. SH. 0,25
Axos (63)

A branch and a headless scorpion; talismanic.







178/Inv. No. 264 Green jasper Amygdaloid. The half is lost by fracture L. 0,21. B. 1,51. TH. 0,81. SH. 0,28 Mallia (12)

Five(?) bundles of talismanic character with surrounding zig-zag patterns of double lines; two bundles missing by fracture.







 $179/Inv.\,No.\,205$

Green and brown banded agate Lentoid. Small parts of the stone scaled off TH. 0,66. ϕ 1,71. SH. 0,26 Messara

Kantharos; around the edge of the stone are four sprays and other marks of talismanic character.







Grey and white banded agate Amygdaloid, facetted back. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; the stone was subject to fire; much worn L. 2,45. B. 1,48. TH. 0,89. SH. 0,29 Sitia (7)

Lion's mask.







181/Inv. No. 495 Green jasper

Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

L. 1,9. B. 1,34. TH. 1,75. SH. 0,21.

Garipa (41)

A jug and a vegetable spray of talismanic character emerge from horns of consecration; terminal line at each end of the field.







182/Inv. No. 1044 Red and white mottled sard Amygdaloid L. 1,71. B. 1,3. TH. 0,64. SH. 0,17–0,23 Sisses (65)

A sepia with two vegetable sprays of talismanic character antithetically disposed.







Red and brown banded sardonyx Lentoid. Part of the stone is lost by fracture TH. 0,64. ϕ 1,35. SH. 0,28 Elounda (10)

A jug on a base line between branches; a vegetable spray of talismanic character and some cross-hatching in the field.



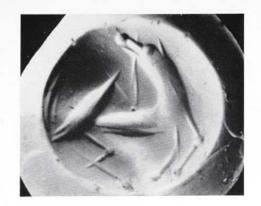




Grey stone, perhaps jasper Amygdaloid, facetted back. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; the stone was subject to fire; much worn L. 2,12. B. 1,17. TH. 0,68. SH. 0,25 Lastros (8)

Remains of a design with talismanic character; probable representation of a star and a fish.







185/Inv. No. 1244 Grey jasper Lentoid TH. 0,8. ϕ 1,65. SH. 0,2 Kastelliana (38)

Dog to the right scratching its ear.







186/Inv. No. 213 Rock crystal Lentoid TH. 0,5. ϕ 1,15. SH. 0,16–0,20 Messara

A fish; on each side of its head a trefoil spray.







187/Inv. No. 255
Rock crystal
Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 1,5. B. 1,27. TH. 0,69. SH. 0,15–0,25
Ierapetra (9)

Two fish caught in net, antithetically disposed.



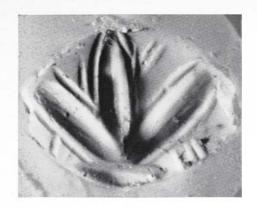




188/Inv. No. 221
Red, white and black mottled cornelian
Glandular
L. 1,85. B. 1,45. TH. 0,93. SH. 0,24
Sitia (7)

Talismanic combination of a *kantharos* and two stars; terminal lines at each end.





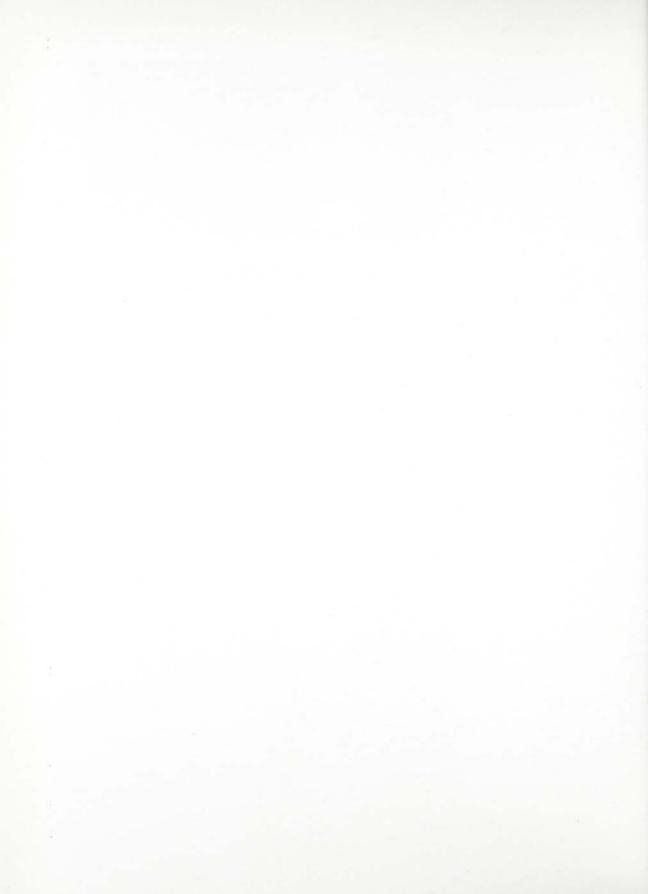


Red, black and yellow banded sardonyx Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

L.1,35. B.1,02. TH.0,6. SH.0,17.

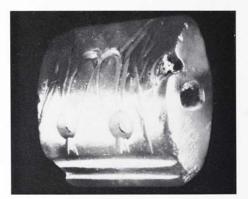
Lastros (8)

Trefoil of talismanic character springing from a base; oblique lines join the outer leaves to the edge of the stone.











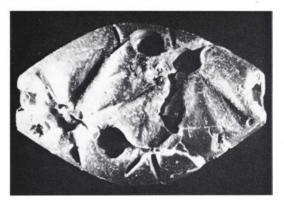


192/Inv. No. 261
Grey sapphirine chalcedony
Cushion-shape. Parts of the stone are lost
by fracture
L. 2,07. B. 1,74. TH. 0,74. SH. 0,3
Lastros (8)

Two jugs inverted to each other between branches of talismanic character on a double base line.



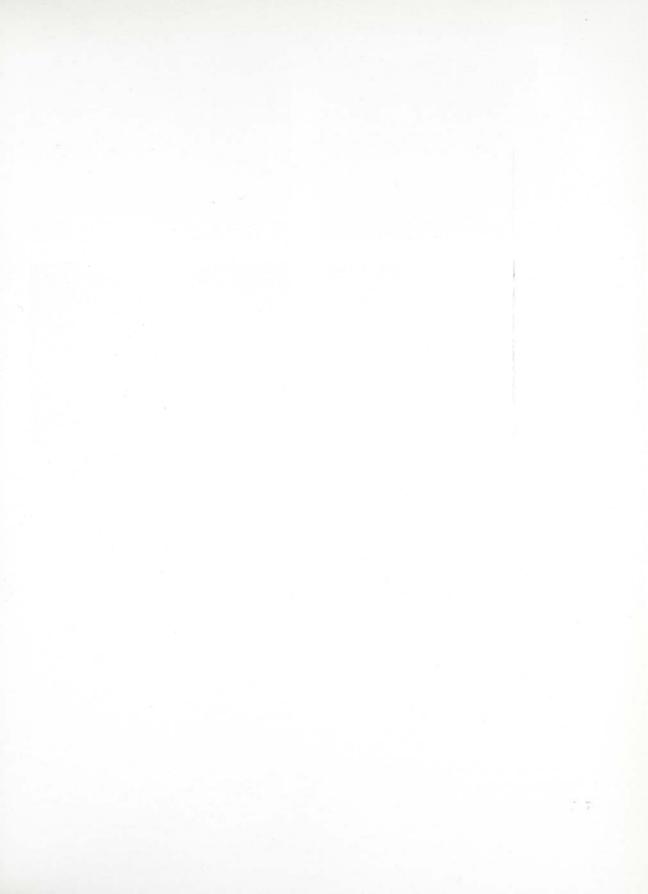


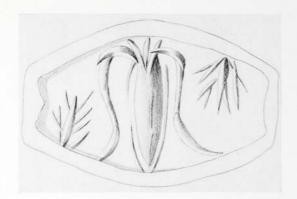


193/Inv. No. 256
Green jasper
Amygdaloid. The stone has been fractured, during which parts have been lost
L. 2,18. B. 1,45. TH. 0,74. SH. 0,3
Lastros (8)

Two flying fish antithetically disposed; between them two cup-sinkings.





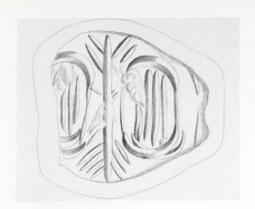


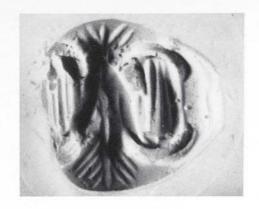




196/Inv. No. 232 Black jasper Lengthened amygdaloid L. 1,94. B. 1,12. TH. 0,6. SH. 0,24 Sitia (7)

A talismanic sepia, at both ends of which are branches inverted to each other





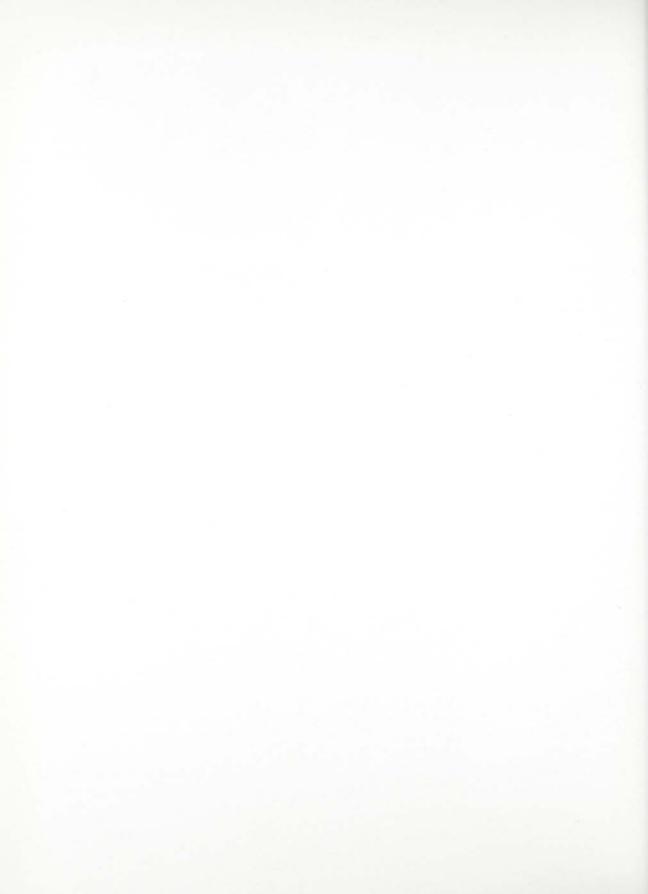


197/Inv. No. 233 Red and brown mottled sard

Amygdaloid. Part of the stone is lost by fracture

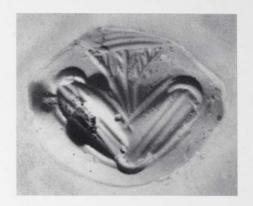
L. 1,48. B. 1,26. TH. 0,64. SH. 0,22 Sitia (7)

Two talismanic bundles, supporting a branch, leaved at each end.











Orange mottled sard Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,64. B. 1,25. TH. 0,56. SH. 0,15–0,2

Lastros (8) or Sakro (1)

Talismanic combination of two bundles and a silphium seed.

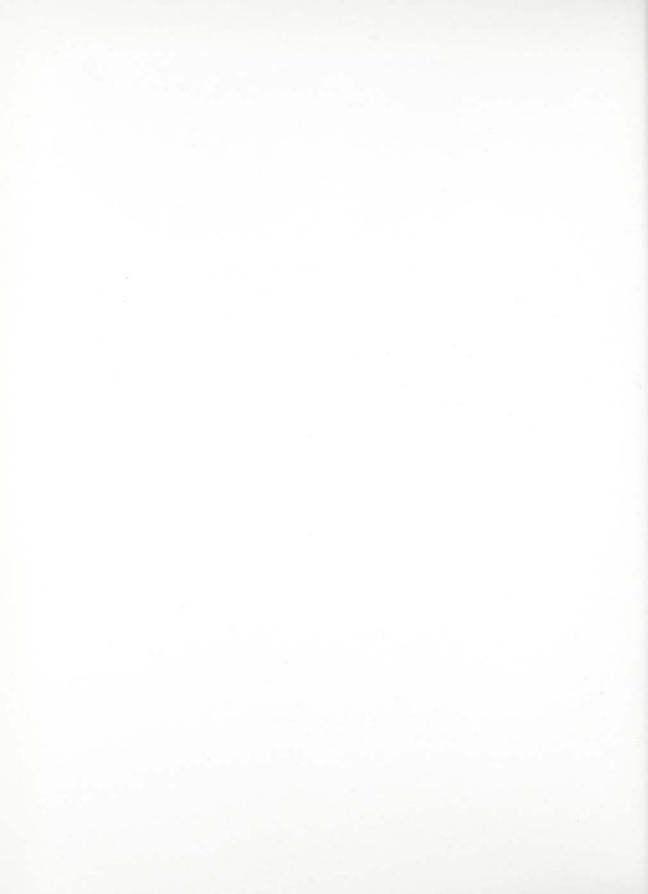






201/Inv. No. 469 Red and black mottled sard Amygdaloid L. 0,84. B. 1,34. TH. 0,75. SH. 0,19–0,22 Sklavi (4)

A *kantharos* between the horns of consecration which are foliated; terminal lines at each end. Talismanic.











204/Inv. No. 493
Mottled amethyst
Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 1,74. B. 1,43. TH. 0,66. SH. 0,21
Kapetaniana (46)

Foreparts of fish antithetically disposed (only one preserved); between them a star and linear marks of talismanic character.







205/Inv. No. 494 Green serpentine Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,54. ϕ 1,42. SH. 0,22 Aïmonas (64)

Talismanic bird.







206/Inv. No. 500
Black and green marble
Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by
fracture
L. 1,58. B. 1,22. TH. 0,64. SH. 0,24
Choumeri (30)

A trefoliated spray springs from a base; in the exergue angular lines, in the main field plain and cross-hatching.







207/Inv. No. 517 Obsidian Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,7. ϕ 1,54. SH. 0,25 Sklavi (4)

A jug on a base, between vegetable sprays of talismanic character.







208/Inv. No. 1045 Rock crystal Amygdaloid L. 1,73. B. 1,22. TH. 0,78. SH. 0,21 Knossos (24)

A ship, perhaps with talismanic characteristics.







Red and black mottled sard Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,97. B. 1,26. TH. 0,7. SH. 0,22 Mallia (12)

Two bundles diagonally displayed between talismanic marks.







210/Inv. No. 1042 Red and black mottled sard Glandular. The half is lost by fracture L. 1,36. B. 1,2. TH. 0,63. SH. 0,2 Mallia (12)

Two silphium seeds in reverse position with emerging leaves of talismanic character; terminal line at the end of the stone; another line at right angles to the terminal.





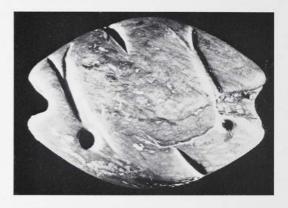


211/Inv. No. 1051 Green jasper Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn L. 1,63. B. 1,25. TH. 0,67. SH. 0,2 Messara

Two dolphins.







212/Inv. No. 1052
Blue steatite
Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn; repolished
L. 2,0. B. 1,48. TH. 0,65. SH. 0,33
Sakro (1)

Two fish; two engraved marks on the edge of the stone may be the remains of a third.







213/Inv. No. 1093 White marble Lentoid. Much worn TH. 0,63. ϕ 1,28. SH. 0,26 Kali Limiones (51)

A talismanic vegetable spray springing from a linear schema of horns of consecration.







214/Inv. No. 1100 Green and blue jasper Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,76. B. 1,27. TH. 0,58. SH. 0,15–0,23 Phästos (57)

A sepia between two talismanic fronds; from the central crescent spring fifteen fine lines.

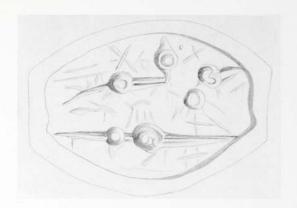




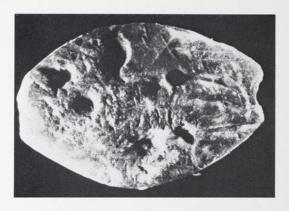


215/Inv. No. 1101
Red and black mottled sard
Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 1,89. B. 1,43. TH. 0,64. SH. 0,2
Vrysses (67)

Two talismanic bundles on a hatched field.

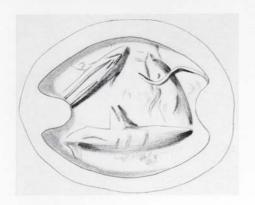






216/Inv. No. 1102
Grey steatite with white patches
Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn
L. 1,88. B. 1,23. TH. 0,52. SH. 0,22
Mallia (12)

Six cup-sinkings, four of which are carried by three straight members.

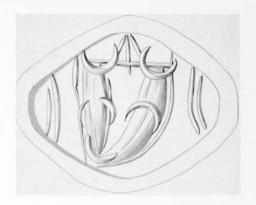






217/Inv. No. 1292
White marble
Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn
L. 1,20. B. 0,95. TH. 0,5. SH. 0,28
Kali Limiones (51)

Three fish in triangular formation.







218/Inv. No. 1331 Green jasper Amygdaloid L. 1,95. B. 1,49. TH. 0,72. SH. 0,24 Roussochoria (32)

Two bundles of talismanic character; terminal lines at each end.





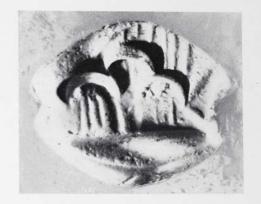


Red and yellow banded sardonyx Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,38. B. 1,15. TH. 0,62. SH. 0,18

Sitia (7)

A talismanic jug with a hatched panel and two terminal lines.







Green jasper

Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

L. 1,70. B. 1,32. TH. 0,67. SH. 0,20 Mallia (12)

Three truncated panels rest upon a base; talismanic hatching in the field; terminal lines at each end.

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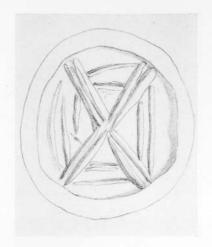






221/Inv. No. 323
Brown glass
Amygdaloid, partly abraded; parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 1,83. B. 1,31. TH. 0,62. SH. 0,27
Mallia (12)

Two rectangles diagonally displayed side by side with trefoliate sprays between them, perhaps the schema of a butterfly.

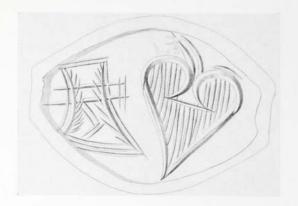






222/Inv. No. 516 Blue glass Lentoid TH. 0,22. ϕ 1,67. SH. 0,14 Tsoutsouros (39)

The field is diagonally quartered and hatched like a web.

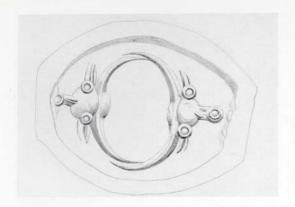


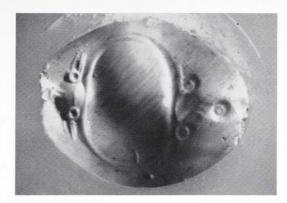


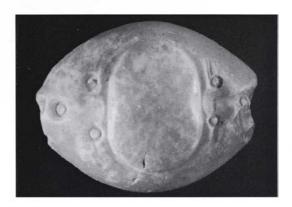


Red and yellow banded sardonyx Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 2,22. B. 1,6. TH. 0,77. SH. 0,22 Sitia (7)

Ivy leaf and a single bladed axe with short shaft; the sprouting decoration on the blade suggests talismanic character.





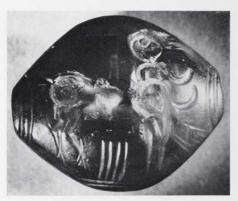


Red and white mottled agate Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,81. B. 1,45. TH. 1,04. SH. 0,25 Messara

Two bucrania inverted to each other with conjoined horns.







Red and black mottled sard Glandular. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 2,15. B. 1,78. TH. 0,9. SH. 0,2 Messara

A bull to the left between two altars; talismanic crescents are on and before its neck; in front there are angular lines conjoined; terminal lines at each end of the stone.

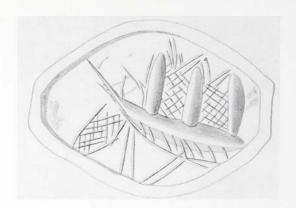




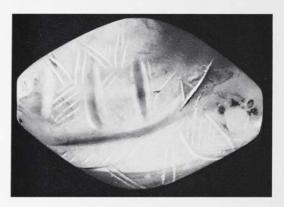


Red and yellow banded sardonyx Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 2,47. B. 2,02. TH. 1,0. SH. 0,22 Sitia (7)

Talismanic combination of a *kantharos* and a *bucranium*; beneath it two vegetable sprays; cross-hatching at one side.

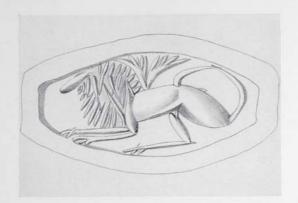


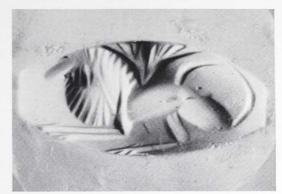


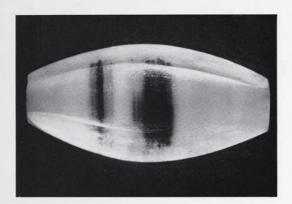


227/Inv. No. 1054
Red and white banded sardonyx
Amygdaloid. Small part of the field is lost
by fracture
L. 2,17. B. 1,54. TH. 0,84. SH. 0,2
Smari (21)

A ship trailing a net. Alexiou, Delt. 20 B₃, 1965, 551.









228/Inv. No. 249
Pink and black banded agate
Lengthened amygdaloid, facetted back
L. 2,02. B. 0,95. TH. 0,78. SH. 0,2–0,25
Messara

Lion seated to the left; a tree behind.









229/Inv. No. 490
Haematite
Amygdaloid, facetted back. Parts of the field are lost by fracture; worn
L. 2,15. B. 1,16. TH. 0,68. SH. 0,18–0,2
Sitia (7)

Lion seated to the right; a branch above.

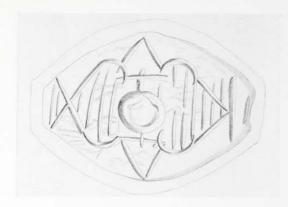






230/Inv. No. 527 Bronze Glandular L. 1,55. B. 1,2. TH. 0,65. SH. 0,27 Mochos (13)

Lion moving to the right on a ground line.







Green jasper

Amygdaloid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn

L. 1,92. B. 1,37. TH. 0,72. SH. 0,20

Kalo Chorio (34)

A design of talismanic character, consisting of intersecting lines forming conjoined heart shaped forms and apexes; a large cup-sinking in the centre; the whole is vertically hatched.







Red and black mottled jasper Amygdaloid; parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,81. B. 1,38. TH. 0,77. SH. 0,17

Lastros (8)

Fish and sea plants moving in the water.

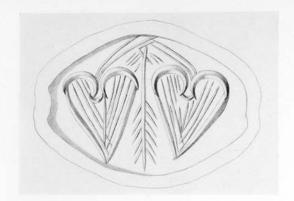






233/Inv. No. 298
Haematite
Lengthened amygdaloid, facetted back.
Worn.
L. 1,85. B. 0,95. TH. 0,5. SH. 0,18
Sitia (7)

Man with a dagger attacks a lion. Alexiou, *Delt.* 19 B₃, 1964, 438.







234/Inv. No. 488

Brown and green jasper

Amygdaloid

L. 2,08. B. 1,46. TH. 0,74. SH. 0,26

Choumeri (30)

Two ivy leaves; between them an inverted branch; probably of talismanic character.

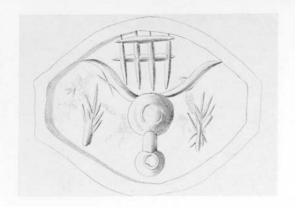






235/Inv. No. 1345
Green jasper
Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 2,0. B. 1,41. TH. 0,62. SH. 0,26
Mallia (12)

Octopus in talismanic idiom; plain and cross hatching between the tentacles.







Green and grey mottled jasper Amygdaloid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,95. B. 1,51. TH. 0,73. SH. 0,2 Aïmonas (64)

A bucranium between two branches; above it a portcullis.

Grumach, Kadmos 6, 1967, 9 f. Taf. 5 a.







Red and black mottled cornelian Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 2,18. B. 1,54. TH. 0,75. SH. 0,21 Messara

A talismanic combination of a jug, three bundles, one included and partly hidden and a silphium seed on a ground line; above the two upright bundles part of a fence.







Green and black banded jasper Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,86. B. 1,21. TH. 1,65. SH. 0,25 Messara

Two undulating lines surround a circle; the interstice is plain hatched; from the outer crescents spring groups of vegetable sprays of talismanic character.







Red, white and black banded agate Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,9. B. 1,48. TH. 0,76. SH. 0,22–0,3

L. 1,9. B. 1,48. TH. 0,76. SH. 0,22–0,3 Tsoutsouros (39)

A talismanic complex of a pod filled with crosshatching, supported by horizontal panels filled with plain hatching, the alternative undersides of which are curved to shelter a growing shoot. There are covering lines at the top and bottom of the field.







Haematite

Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

TH. 0,57. $\,\phi$ 1,49. SH. 0,15

Knossos (24)

Two boars in reverse position one behind the other on a ground line.







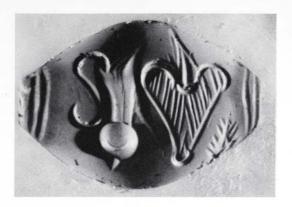
241/Inv. No. 1103 Grey and brown marble Amygdaloid; two abrasions on the reverse.

Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,85. B. 1,30. TH. 0,65. SH. 0,2

Rodopou (68)

Two bundles conjoined with a *kantharos* body; talismanic crescents at each end.







Yellow and red banded sardonyx Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 2,10. B. 1,43. TH. 0,71. SH. 0,23 Kanli Kastelli (29)

A talismanic jug, an ivy leaf and a branch with terminal lines at each end of the stone.







Red and black banded sard Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,84. B. 1,35. TH. 0,74. SH. 0,32 Sitia (7)

A jug between one vegetable spray inverted and a large trefoliate quantity of talismanic character on an underhatched base; sporadic cross-hatching in the field.







244/Inv. No. 312 Red and black mottled sard Amygdaloid L. 1,87. B. 1,43. TH. 0,77. SH. 0,32 Sitia (7)

A bird to the left on a ground line between a branch and a talismanic group of fronds.







245/Inv. No. 274 Red, white and black mottled cornelian Lentoid TH. 0,59. $\,\Phi$ 1,26. SH. 0,2 Messara

Wounded wild goat to the left on a hatched base; between its legs a vegetable spray.









246/Inv. No. 288
Haematite
Amygdaloid, facetted back. Part of the field is lost by fracture
L. 1,97. B. 1,16. TH. 0,85. SH. 0,17
Mochos (13)

Two water birds to the right, one standing, the other about to fly; from the water spring two clumps of reeds, a third is indicated between the birds.







247/Inv. No. 1283 Green and black banded jasper Amygdaloid. Worn L. 1,85. B. 1,40. TH. 0,68. SH. 0,2 Aphrati (35)

Two talismanic bundles springing from one crescent and crowned by two others; angular lines in the field; terminal toothed bands at each end.







248/Inv. No. 1040 Green jasper Flattened amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,95. B. 1,41. TH. 0,57. SH. 0,25 Skalani (22)

Seated griffin to the right with wings displayed.







249/Inv. No. 1293
Red and black banded sard
Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0,67. \$\phi\$ 1,47. SH. 0,23

Kastelliana (38)

A debased version of two talismanic bundles on a lined base; a detached crescent in the upper part of the field is hatched.







250/Inv. No. 1258 Green jasper Amygdaloid L. 1,87. B. 1,36. TH. 0,72. SH. 0,3 Unknown

A talismanic combination of a *kantharos* and a sepia; toothed bands at each end.







251/Inv. No. 1233
Green jasper
Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by

L. 1,7. B. 1,29. TH. 0,73. SH. 0,14

Aphrati (35)

A talismanic motif of a triangle divided by a horizontal band; at the apex of the triangle three crescents forming an undulating line ending in two small circles; from the central crescent springs a line at the top of which is a third circle; terminal bands at each end.





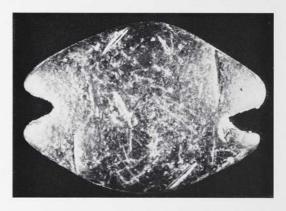


252/Inv. No. 217 Red, white and black mottled cornelian Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,54. ϕ 1,12. SH. 0,15 Sitia (7)

Complex of talismanic fronds.

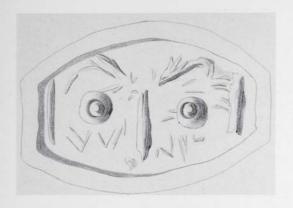


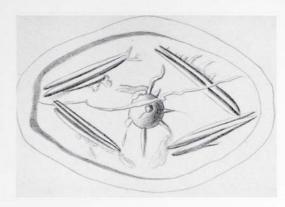




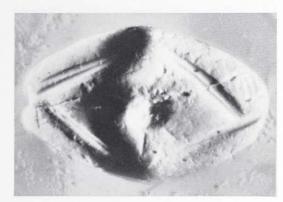
253/Inv. No. 308
Black marble
Flattened amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn
L. 1,9. B. 1,37. TH. 0,5. SH. 0,23
Messara

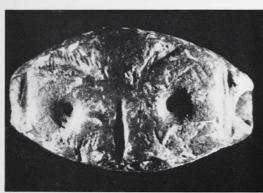
The remains of a talismanic complex consisting of lines and bands.

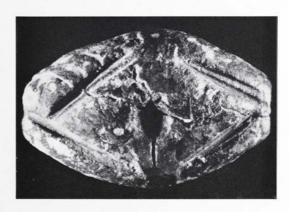










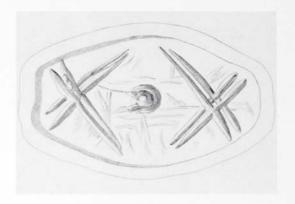


254/Inv. No. 1217
Grey steatite
Three sided prism bead with amygdaloid faces. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn

L. 1,78. B. 1,12. H. 1,0. SH. 0,25 Messara

a) Schema of a lion's mask.

b) A cup-sinking with remains of radial members within a lozenge.







Grey steatite

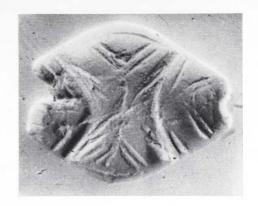
Three sided prism bead with amygdaloid faces. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn

L. 1,78. B. 1,12. H. 1,0. SH. 0,25

Messara

c) Cup-sinking between crossed double lines.







255/Inv. No. 1342
Grey steatite
Flattened amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
L. 1,84. B. 1,45. TH. 0,5. SH. 0,22
Sklavi (4)

A debased version of the double axe with sporadic hatching; a talismanic stone.

LATE MINOAN II

Nos. 256-264







White, brown, blue and yellow banded agate

Lentoid; parts of the stone are lost by fracture

TH. 0,78. ϕ 1,9. SH. 0,19

Elounda (10)

A bull approaches a cow; both of them are moving to the right.



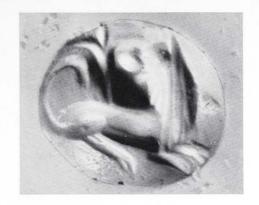




257/Inv. No. 299 Red jasper Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,66. ϕ 1,78. SH. 0,18 Mallia (12)

Two birds to the right, one in flight, the other looking upwards; in the field representations of a sea anemone or flying seed and papyrus.







Haematite

Lenticular. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture

L. 1,09. B. 0,94. TH. 0,57. SH. 0,16

Kousse (55)

Lion seated to the right, regardant; a tree behind.









259/Inv. No. 1338

Dark grey stone with patches (Meteorite?)
Lentoid carinated. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
TH. 0,87. Φ 1,97–1,80. SH. 0,3
Tsoutsouros (39)

A lioness attacking a bull to the right.







260/Inv. No. 220 Haematite Lentoid. Part of the field is lost by fracture TH. 0,48. ϕ 1,26. SH. 0,16 Krassi (14)

Flying bird.

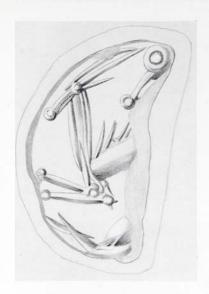






261/Inv. No. 227 Haematite Lentoid. The greater part is lost by fracture TH. 0,73. ϕ 2,03. SH. 0,22 Knossos (24)

A wild goat moving to the left.



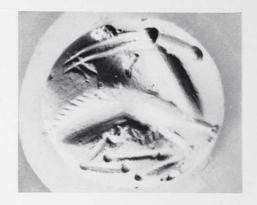




White, grey and yellow banded agate Lentoid. The half of the stone is lost by fracture TH. 0,94. ϕ 2,27. SH. 0,18 Axos (63)

A quadruped moving to the left, attacked by a lion.



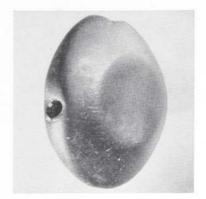




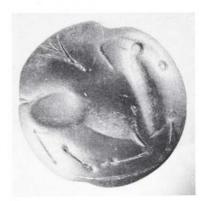
263/Inv. No. 1089 Black marble Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,89. ϕ 1,96. SH. 0,24 Unknown

A stag running to the right.









264/Inv. No. 1326 Haematite Lentoid reduced on both faces. Part of the stone is lost by fracture TH. 0,73. ϕ 1,95. SH. 0,22 Sokarras (43)

Wild goat running to the left on a ground line; above to the rear a branch.

LATE MINOAN IIIA $_1$ Nos. 265–274







265/Inv. No. 1340
Red mottled sard with black patches
Lentoid. Small part of the stone is lost by fracture
TH. 0,8. ∅ 1,87–1,73. SH. 0,2
Sklavi (4)

Two water birds to the right about to fly; the water is indicated by an irregularly shaped band.







266/Inv. No. 497 Red, black and yellow banded cornelian Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,61. ϕ 1,57. SH. 0,2–0,26 Lastros (8)

A seated griffin to the left regardant; a trefoliate spray behind.





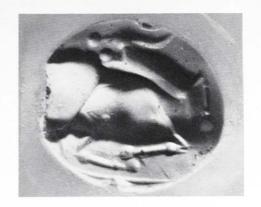


267/Inv. No. 251

Red, white and blue mottled agate Lentoid carinated. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,64. ϕ 1,48. SH. 0,25 Assimi (45)

Bull to the right, head lowered; an indistinguishable object above.







268/Inv. No. 307 Red sard with black markings Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,73. ϕ 1,74–1,87. SH. 0,19–0,25 Sitia (7)

A bull running to the right, regardant. There is a ground line.







269/Inv. No. 315 Grey serpentine Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,6. ϕ 1,73. SH. 0,24 Messara

A stag to the right.



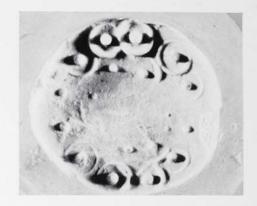




270/Inv. No. 1344 Blue glass Lentoid. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture; much worn and decayed TH. 0,45. ϕ 1,53. SH. 0,2 Sklavi (4)

Wild goat to the left in talismanic idiom.







271/Inv. No. 199
Grey steatite
Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn
L. 1,65. B. 1,5. TH. 0,4. SH. 0,26
Messara

An overall design of centred circles.







272/Inv. No. 1240 Green serpentine Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,75. ϕ 1,77. SH. 0,28 Knossos (24)

Cow to the right bending down, perhaps to a calf; a branch below.

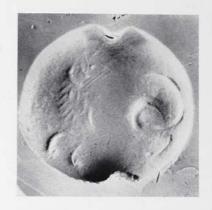






273/Inv. No. 1099 Grey steatite Lentoid. Much worn TH. 0,56. ϕ 1,74. SH. 0,25 Avdou (15) Wild goat moving to the right.







274/Inv. No. 1357 Green serpentine Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,48. ϕ 1,64. SH. 0,34 Phästos (57)

Lion seated to the left, regardant.

LATE MINOAN IIIA₂

Nos. 275-297







275/Inv. No. 1347 Black marble Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,55. ϕ 1,71. SH. 0,22 Atsipades (44)

Two bulls moving to the right, one of which is regardant.







276/Inv. No. 1027 Green steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,66. ϕ 1,32. SH. 0,37 Knossos (24)

Seated lion to the left, regardant; behind it the foreparts of a wild goat to the right.



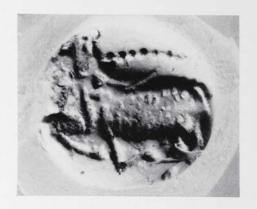




277/Inv. No. 1343 Black marble Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,54. ϕ 1,54. SH. 0,24 Atsipades (44)

A lion moving to the left, regardant.





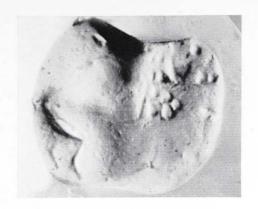


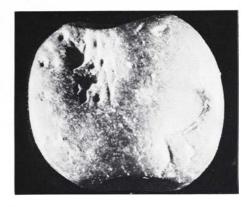
278/Inv. No. 503

Brown and grey steatite Lenticular. Part of the field is lost by fracture TH. 0,55. ϕ 1,33. SH. 0,21 Kapetaniana (46)

Running bull to the left, wounded by a javelin.







279/Inv. No. 1043 Grey and green steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,65. ϕ 1,35. SH. 0,24 Mallia (12)

Lion moving to the right.







280/Inv. No. 302 Green steatite Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,51. ϕ 1,4. SH. 0,27 Lastros (8)

Bull moving to the right.







281/Inv. No. 320 Green serpentine Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,69. ϕ 1,77. SH. 0,32 Aphrati (35)

Bull running to the left.







282/Inv. No. 203 Green steatite Lentoid. Much worn TH. 0,64. ϕ 1,75. SH. 0,22 Knossos (24)

Two lions, one behind the other. Later rough lines scored at right angles.



283/Inv. No. 1094

Green serpentine Lentoid. Part of the stone is lost by fracture; worn TH. 0.52. ϕ 1.53. SH. 0.25 Phortetsa (25)

- a) Griffin seated to the right.
- b) Woman en face with outstretched hands. This motif is later, engraved after the fracture.







284/Inv. No. 304
Green mottled serpentine
Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0,73. \$\phi\$ 0,24. SH. 0,32
Lastros (8)

Stag moving to the left; before it a tree.







285/Inv. No. 268 Green serpentine Lentoid. The back is lost by fracture TH. 0,45. ϕ 1,78. SH. 0,27 Knossos (24)

A lion holds a stag in its mouth.







286/Inv. No. 1090 Grey and green steatite Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,68. ϕ 1,55. SH. 0,22 Rotassi (40)

Dog to the right, regardant.







287/Inv. No. 1151 Grey and green serpentine Lentoid TH. 0,89. ϕ 1,83. SH. 0,28 Messara

Griffin to the left, with wings displayed; behind a trefoil branch.







288/Inv. No. 1091 Green serpentine Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,84. ϕ 1,97. SH. 0,26 Messara

Wild goat to the left.







289/Inv. No. 200 Black marble Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,6. ϕ 1,69. SH. 0,27 Messara

Dog running to the right.







290/Inv. No. 1287 Black marble Lentoid. Worn TH. 0,75. ϕ 1,77. SH. 0,28 Embaros (36)

Bird-woman with wings displayed.







291/Inv. No. 267 Grey and green serpentine Lentoid. The half of the field is lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,6. ϕ 1,91. SH. 0,29 Messara

The remains of two bulls antithetically disposed.







292/Inv. No. 1047 Green serpentine Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,65. ϕ 1,85. SH. 0,37–0,47 Messara

Wild goat moving to the left.







293/Inv. No. 290 Black marble Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,7. ϕ 1,1. SH. 0,25 Vonni (30)

Two lions in the attendant position; the center figure has been engraved in modern times completely concealing some other figure which had been worn away; the original figure may have been the Master of animals.

Alexiou, Delt. 18 B_2 , 1963, 310; 19 B_3 , 1964, 438.







294/Inv. No. 1098 Grey and black steatite Lentoid. The half of the field is lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,63. \oplus 2,16. SH. 0,35 Phortetsa (25)

Wild goat moving to the right; before it an animal's leg; between the feet of the animal a branch.







295/Inv. No. 260

Grey and green serpentine Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,69. ϕ 1,95. SH. 0,33 Knossos (24)

Mistress of animals to the left, attended by two couchant lions vertically displayed; engraved quantities by the head of the goddess may derive from the snake frame.







296/Inv. No. 1088 Grey steatite Lentoid TH. 0,74. ϕ 1,37. SH. 0,3 Tsoutsouros (39)

Stag running to the left, wounded by a javelin; the body appears to be banded.







297/Inv. No. 1245 Red jasper Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn; the stone was subject to fire TH. 0,57. ϕ 1,62. SH. 0,2. Sokarras (43)

Wild goat moving to the left.

LATE MINOAN IIIB

Nos. 298-323



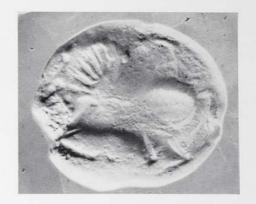




298/Inv. No. 224 Green and grey steatite Lentoid TH. 0,59. ϕ 1,4. SH. 1,32 Messara

Flying bird.







299/Inv. No. 1355 Grey and green steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,59. ϕ 1,78. SH. 0,25 Knossos (24)

Animal moving to the left, regardant.







300/Inv. No. 1349 Black and green steatite Lentoid. Worn TH. 0,53. ϕ 1,6. SH. 0,24 Choumeri (30)

Wounded bull moving to the left.







301/Inv. No. 208

Grey and white steatite

Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by frac-

TH. 0,55. ϕ 1,35. SH. 0,25

Messara

Remains of engraving of an animal, with later re-engraving of four cup-sinkings and two groups of centred circles.







302/Inv. No. 1353 Black marble Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,72. ϕ 1,8. SH. 0,22 Spilia (23)

Lion seated to the right holding an animal in its mouth.







303/Inv. No. 226 Black steatite Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,58. ϕ 1,67. SH. 0,28 Messara

A wild goat moving to the left.







304/Inv. No. 314 Black steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,65. ϕ 2,0. SH. 0,31 Knossos (24)

Two lions attend the sacred column.







305/Inv. No. 291 Grey serpentine Lentoid. The stone has been fractured during which parts have been lost TH. 0,7. ϕ 1,78. SH. 0,33 Knossos (24)

Bull seated to the left; a branch above.







306/Inv. No. 225 Black steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,82. ϕ 2,3. SH. 0,3 Sitia (7)

A lion moving to the right; a branch above.







307/Inv. No. 1351 Green steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,61. ϕ 2,05. SH. 3,02 Roussochoria (32)

Woman to the right with a rampant animal.







308/Inv. No. 245 Grey and black steatite Lentoid. Part of the stone is lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,55. ϕ 1,68. SH. 0,3 Messara

A wild goat moving to the left.







309/Inv. No. 263 Grey and green steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0.59. ϕ 1,77. SH. 0,34 Aphrati (35)

A wild goat moving to the left.







310/Inv. No. 504 Grey and green steatite Lentoid TH. 0,66. ϕ 1,67. SH. 0,36 Knossos (24)

Wounded lion to the left, regardant.



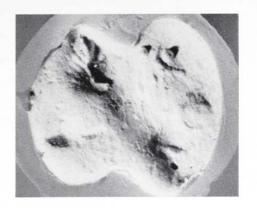


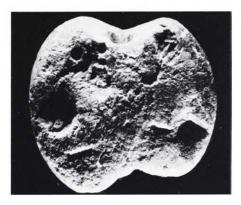


311/Inv. No. 311
Green serpentine
Lentoid, carinated. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture
TH. 0,75. \$\phi\$ 1,63. SH. 0,32
Sitia (7)

Animal moving to the right with a sacral shield and five cup-sinkings above; between its legs two vertical lines, perhaps the trunk of a tree.



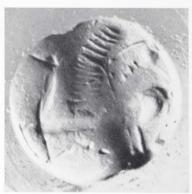




312/Inv. No. 300 Grey steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,65. ϕ 1,75. SH. 0,3 Lastros (8)

A lion attacking an animal, perhaps a bull.







313/Inv. No. 1234 Green steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,6. ϕ 1,8. SH. 0,3 Tylissos (26)

A griffin moving to the left.







314/Inv. No. 252
Green steatite
Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn
TH. 0,53. ϕ 1,75. SH. 0,3
Knossos (24)

A debased design of a bird (?).







315/Inv. No. 244 Green serpentine Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,57. ϕ 2,0. SH. 0,35 Sinda (33)

A wild goat moving to the right.







Grey and black steatite

Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by frac-

ture; worn

TH. 0,57. \$\phi\$ 1,55. SH. 0,3

Messara

Probably the remains of a design of sacral shields and knots on a hatched exergue. The motif has been subject to later engraving.







317/Inv. No. 520 Black marble Lentoid, carinated. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,74. ϕ 1,9. SH. 0,34 Unknown

Bull moving to the right; a branch above.







318/Inv. No. 1037 Grey and green steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,46. ϕ 1,47. SH. 0,3 Phästos (57)

Seated griffin to the left, regardant.







319/Inv. No. 1041 Grey steatite Lentoid. Worn TH. 0.62. ϕ 1,48. SH. 0.3Amariano (18)

Lion moving to the right, regardant; above it a rayed quantity.







320/Inv. No. 1092 Green and brown steatite Lentoid abraded. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,52. ϕ 1,81. SH. 0,27 Mallia (12)

Indistinguishable; two cup-sinkings and a hatched curved line.







321/Inv. No. 206 White and grey steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,64. ϕ 1,45. SH. 0,22 Kastelli (20)

A wild goat running to the right; a tree behind; a scored mark made later over the body of the animal.







322/Inv. No. 211 Green steatite Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,43. ϕ 1,38. SH. 0,23 Messara

A stag moving to the right.







323/Inv. No. 218 Black marble Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture; much worn TH. 0,52. ϕ 1,56. SH. 0,27 Messara

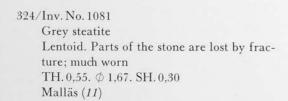
The remains of an animal to the left; perhaps of the cow and calf motif.

LATE MINOAN IIIB – IRON AGE No. 324









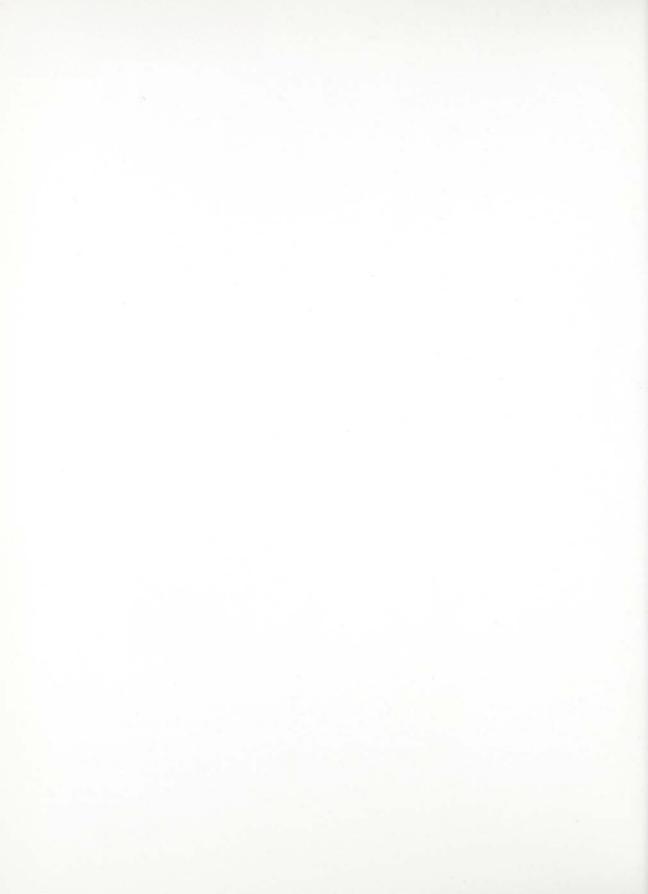






a) The motif is incoherent through re-engraving. Perhaps a debased copy of a talismanic motif.

b) A cross with a cup-sinking on each quarter. The design is probably contemporary with the alteration on side A, already worn.

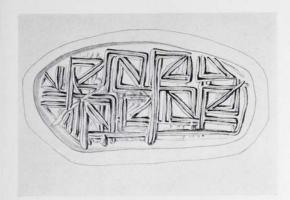


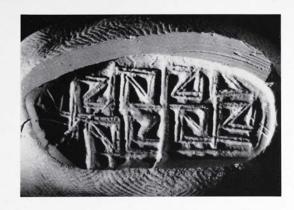
GEMMAE DUBITANDAE

Nos. 1 D-58 D

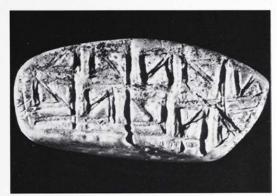
The term Gemmae Dubitandae is used to classify those stones whose relationship with extant Minoan and Mycenaean seals and sealings is still a matter for conjecture. In no case, on present evidence from the range of Minoan and Mycenaean subjects, style or technique, can they be wholly accepted or completely rejected. Further evidence may, in this matter, become decisive. Until that time it seemed proper to publish them in this way. Their present classification, however, is not due to the predilection or prejudice of the authors. In all cases, there was some element in subject, style or technique which appears to be inconsistent with the received body of Aegean glyptic.











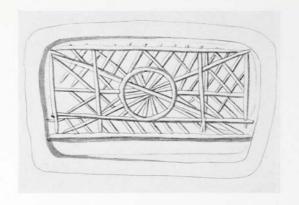
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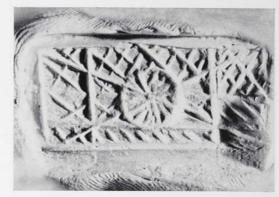
Pyramid section. There are three string holes, one bored obliquely near the apex, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first

L. 2,64. B. 1,25. H. 3,41. SH. 0,17 Lenda (48)

An overall meander pattern consisting of double lined squares with a single diagonal in alternation.

Comment: The pattern is not overall, a gap being at one edge of the seal, nor the diagonals in alternation. There is also a containing line.









Bone

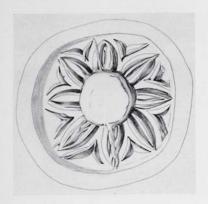
Shoulder (epomion)-shaped. There is one string hole at the top

L. 3,67. B. 2,14. H. 2,11. SH. 0,19

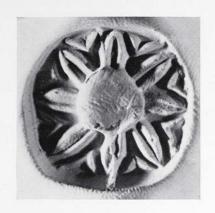
Lenda (48)

The field consists of three panels cross and diagonally hatched; in the centre a circle radially hatched; the whole bisected by two diagonal lines.

Comment: The hatching is broken by cross lines and the central rondel is indifferently hatched; the string hole is exceptionally small.









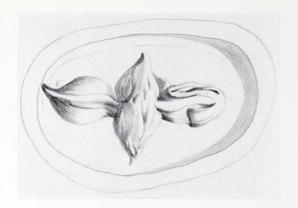
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Truncated conoid, hexagonal in shape with rounded shoulders; engraved lines around three sides; hollow inside. There is one horizontal string hole higher than the central axis. The seal has been fractured during which parts have been lost.

L. 2,27. B. 2,14. H. 2,36. SH. 0,23 Kali Limiones (51)

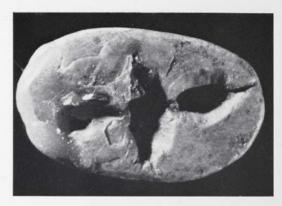
An eight-petals rosette surrounded by chevrons.

Comment: The petals are irregularly carved and placed; the use of chevrons belongs to a phase later than the shape of the seal.









4 D/Inv. No. 1188

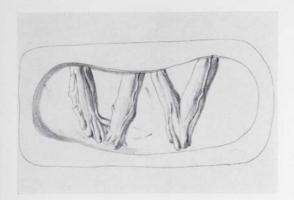
Ivory

Human-shaped; a man in a long robe. There are three string holes, one bored horizontally above the ears, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first. The seal has been fractured during which parts have been lost.

L. 1,6. B. 0,95. H. 3,23. SH. 0,16 Kali Limiones (51)

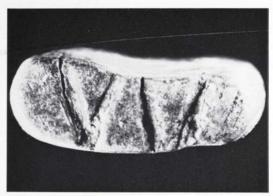
A foliate design.

Comment: Against the characteristics of the face which suggest a sophistication alien to this period, the motif irregularly placed and crudely engraved is inconsistent.









5 D/Inv. No. 544

Bone

Section of a tusk, flattened and grooved at the back; on one side two double lines above and below connected by two diagonals. There is one horizontal string hole in the upper part of the seal, through the smaller axis

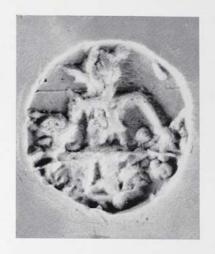
L. 2,0. B. 0,74. H. 3,2. SH. 0,2 Lenda (48)

Four bands in V-formation.

Comment: In contrast with the shape and linear decoration, the rough engraving of the motif is inconsistent.









Ivory

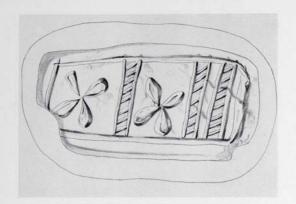
Reduced cylinder with hammer-headed top. There is one horizontal string hole through the head. Small parts of the seal are lost by fracture

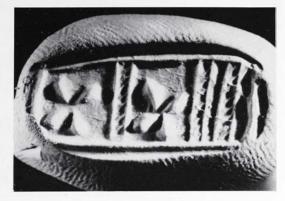
H. 2,47. ϕ 1,08. SH. 0,2

Andiskari (50)

Perhaps a man to the right, holding two indistinguishable objects.

Comment: In contrast with the elegance of the shape the engraving of the motif is contradictory.









White faience

Theriomorph; seated lion. There are three string holes, one horizontal through the belly, two others bored down at an angle of $45\,^\circ$ to engage the first. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture

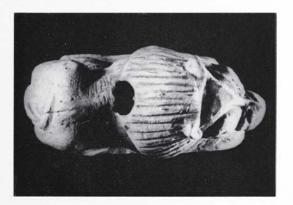
L. 2,50. B. 1,19. H. 1,30. SH. 0,32

Kali Limiones (51)

Within a rectangular frame there are two panels; one contains a quatrefoil and a hatched band, the other another quatrefoil and two hatched bands.

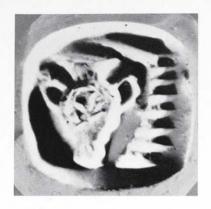
Comment: The overdetailed modelling of the lion as the position of its head suits the traces of coarse colouring of the faience, but is in great contrast with the rude simplicity of the motif.

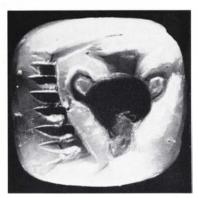
Alexiou, Delt. 20 B3, 1965, 551.









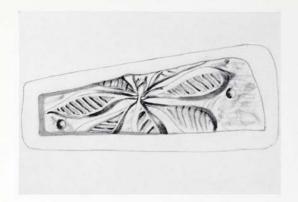


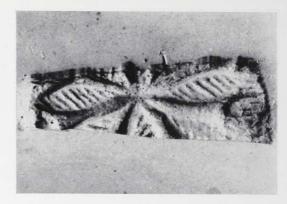
 $8\ D/Inv.\ No.\ 476$

Green steatite
Three sided prism. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 1,37. B. 1,36. SH. 0,33
Choumeri (30)

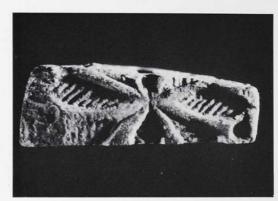
- a) Man moving to the right.
- b) Goat running to the right.
- c) A vase and an implement.

Comment: The inconsistency in the style of the forms and in their relationship with each other becomes apparent when the style of the motifs of the accepted three sided prisms of this age is considered. The goat runs like a dog.









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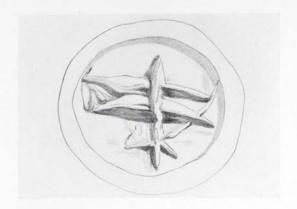
Conoid. There are three string holes, one horizontal lower than the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first. The greater part of the seal is lost by fracture

L. 1,91. B. 0,64. H. 1,97. SH. 0,2

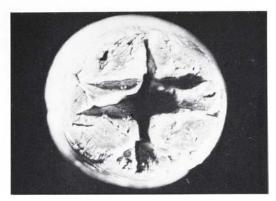
Kali Limiones (51)

An eight-petaled hatched rosette; cup-sinkings at the edge of the seal.

Comment: If the design of the motif is developed on the basis of the position of the existing petals, the remaining interstices will be found greater in size than the two now given.



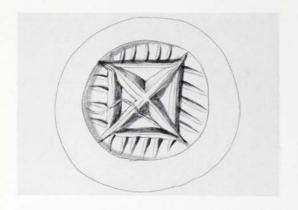




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Reduced cylinder. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost. There is one horizontal string hole lower than the central axis H. 1,2. Ø 1,06. SH. 0,26 Kali Limiones (51)

a) Perhaps an insect.









Ivory

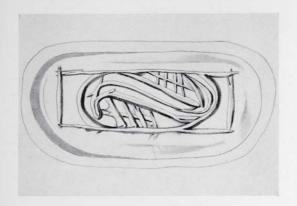
Reduced cylinder. The seal has been fractured, during which parts have been lost. There is one horizontal string hole lower than the central axis

H. 1,2. φ 1,06. SH. 0,26

Kali Limiones (51)

b) The field is quartered and hatched outside.

Comment: The confusion in the character of the motifs has spread to the engraving of them.









Ivory

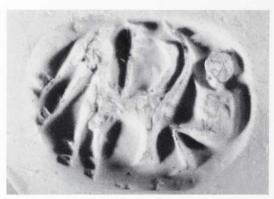
Section of a tusk, flattened and grooved on one side. There are three string holes, one horizontal higher than the central axis, two others bored down at an angle of 45° to engage the first. Small parts of the seal are lost by fracture

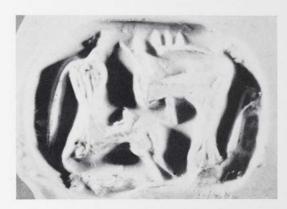
L. 2,39. B. 1,06. H. 2,55. SH. 0,3 Kali Limiones (51) Within the quadrangular field two S-spirals, the one close to the other, surrounded by hatching.

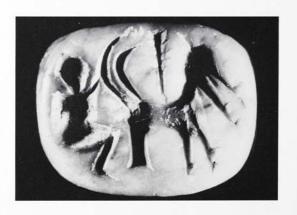
Comment: The motif of spirally conjoined leaves normally occurs later than the use of the shape of the seal; it is also too small for the field and the attempt to fill the space by a rectangular frame increases its inconsistency.





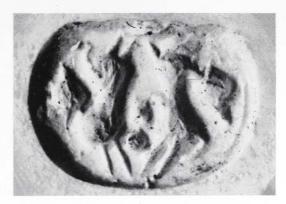














Brown and black steatite Three sided prism. Part of the stone is lost by fracture L. 1,77. B. 1,36. SH. 0,3 Sitia (7)

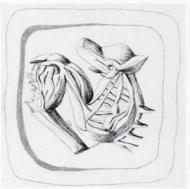
- a) A man seated to the left before an animal; a branch above.
- b) Two seated dogs antithetically disposed.
- c) Two goats antithetically disposed, one of them suckling her kid.

Comment: The style of the forms on each side, as their arrangement is inconsistent with work on three sided prisms.





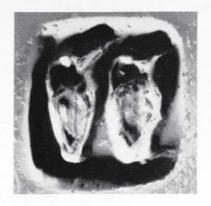














13 D/Inv. No. 1086 Brown steatite Three sided prism. Parts of

Three sided prism. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

L. 1,27. B. 1,28. SH. 0,35 Kastelli (20)

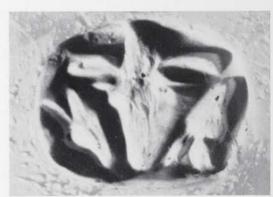
- a) Seated man.
- b) A dog to the right, regardant.
- c) Two jugs.

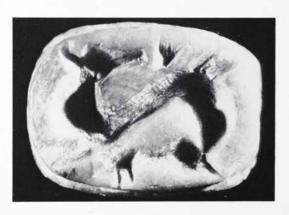
Comment: The inconsistency in the style of the forms and their relationship with each other becomes apparent when the style of the motifs of the accepted three sided prisms of this age is considered.





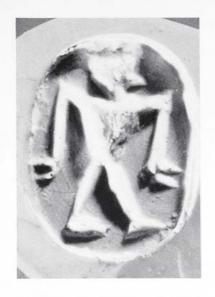










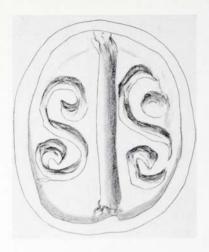




Brown steatite with white patches Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,46. B. 1,12. SH. 0,30 Mallia (12)

- a) The foreparts of two dogs conjoined in reverse position; before their heads a triangular spurred quantity.
- b) A bucranium flanked by two heads of goats inverted to each other.
- c) A man moving to the right.

Comment: The inversion of the goats' heads on side b) and the triangular spurred quantities on a) are unusual; the line engraved round the edges of the prism is not true. An *embarras de richesse*.





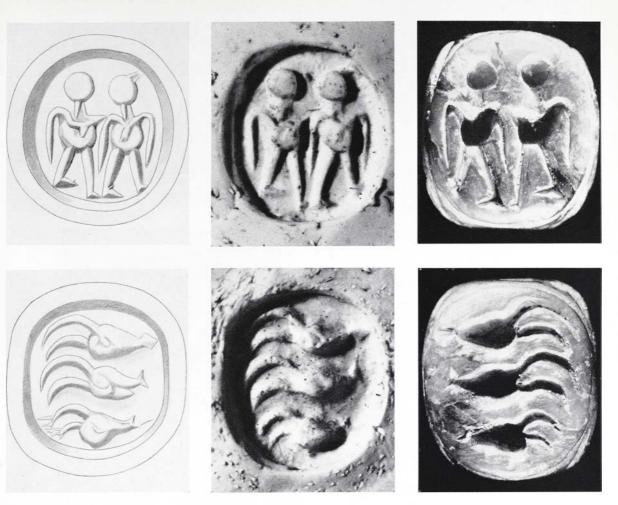




15 D/Inv. No. 1085
Black and green steatite
Theriomorph; bull's hoof; the cleft is indicated by a vertical line. There is one horizontal string hole at the top
L. 1,72. B. 1, 23. H. 2,08. SH. 0,25
Phästos (57)

Two S-spirals divided by a band which is the continuation of the cleft.

Comment: The cleft is not central; although the shape of the hoof is naturalistic, the main axis of the shin is too vertical (cf. No. 91); the S-spirals are irregular and badly engraved.



16 D/Inv. No. 1252

Grey and brown steatite Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,16. B. 1,05. SH. 0,24

Mallia (12)

- a) Two men moving to the right.
- b) Three goat's heads.





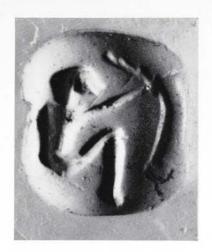


Grey and brown steatite
Three sided prism; a line surrounds each
face along the edge of the stone. Small
parts of the stone are lost by fracture
L. 1,16. B. 1,05. SH. 0,24
Mallia (12)

c) Sheep's head.

Comment: The technique of the engraving of sides a) and b) suggests methods unusual in the Middle Minoan age; the engraved line round the edge of the stone is uneven.



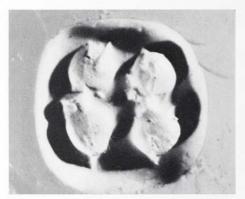


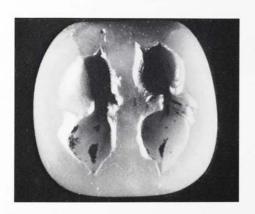


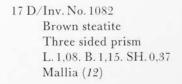
17 D/Inv. No. 1082 Brown steatite Three sided prism L. 1,08. B. 1,15. SH. 0,37 Mallia (12)

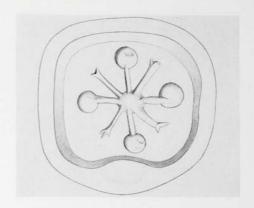
a) A man with a bow to the right.

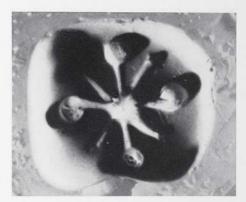


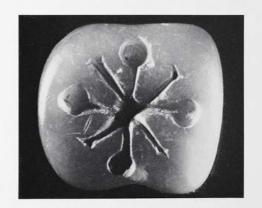








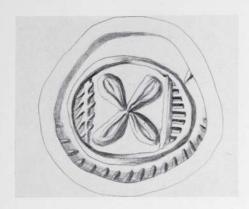




b) Two insects.

c) Croix pommée with intersecting lines.

Comment: The motif on side a) suggests an anachronism in the make of the bow.









Brown and green steatite with a white slip. Human head. There is one horizontal string hole through the ears L. 1,08. B. 1,0. H. 1,10. SH. 0,23 Kali Limiones (51)

Within an elliptical frame a quatrefoil between hatched segments.

Comment: The material and facial characteristics are unusual for the earlier phases of the Middle Minoan age; while the style of the motif is good, the technique is too heavy.





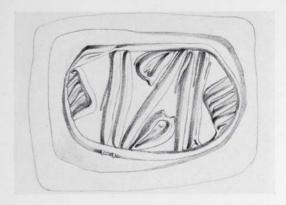




19 D/Inv. No. 1221 White faience Disc, whose body is obliquely hatched H. 0,6. Ø 1,05. SH. 0,22 Kali Limiones (51)

The double-lined circular field is quartered; in two of the segments a palmette, in the other two hatched chevrons.

Comment: The engraving of the body hatching and of the palmettes contrasts unfavourably with that of the lined segments. These with the palmettes are ill-matched and show a right hand bias.









20 D/Inv. No. 1216 White faience Theriomorph; a seated animal of com-

posite form. There is one horizontal string hole through the belly L. 1,3. B. 0,85. H. 1,0. SH. 0,18

Kali Limiones (51)

Within an elliptical frame there are three segments made by double lines; within the middle segment a diagonal line and two buds, in the others hatched triangles.

Comment: Both shape and motif appear to be too complicated for the earlier phases of the Middle Minoan age.









21 D/Inv. No. 1159 Black steatite Theriomorph;

Theriomorph; animal's foot; the toes are indicated by vertical grooves. There is one horizontal string hole at the top. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,02. B. 0,88. H. 1,32. SH. 0,22

Kali Limiones (51)

Five lines spread outwards from the heel, ending with an horizontal line; at both sides angled hatching.

Comment: A comparison with the Phästos sealing (ASAtene 35-36, 1957-58, p. 68 Nr. 31, fig. 96) suggests a derivation, as do the size and condition of the string hole and surface of the stone.









22 D/Inv. No. 1358
Black steatite
Three sided prism
L. 1,44. B. 1,15. H. 1,1. SH. 0,26
Kamilari (56)

a) An insect.







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Black steatite
Three sided prism
L. 1,44. B. 1,15. H. 1,1. SH. 0,26
Kamilari (56)

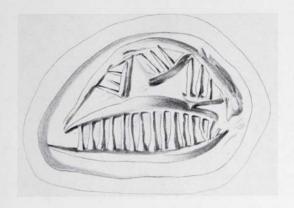






- b) A foliate design ending in a spiral and two triangular quantities.
- c) A trowel-like quantity surrounded by a C-spiral and two triangular quantities.

Comment: The axis of the form on side a) is not parallel with that of the face; the surface of the stone has been worked so that the contours are not even.









Yellow faience

Theriomorph; recumbent animal. There is one oblique string hole through the belly. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture L. 1,65. B. 1,0. H. 0,86. SH. 0,24 Kali Limiones (51)

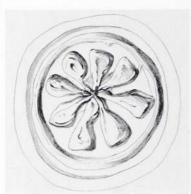
A leaf-shaped quantity with vertical hatching surrounded by three inverted hatched triangles.

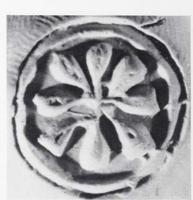
Comment: Both the position of the animal as the selection and arrangement of forms of the motif are difficult to parallel in the Middle Minoan age.















24 D/Inv. No. 1056 Ivory Disc. Parts of the seal are lost by fracture TH. 0,65. ϕ 1,39. SH. 0,22 Kali Limiones (51)

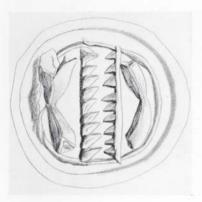
- a) Within a circle a wild goat to the left.
- b) Within a circle an eight-petaled rosette.

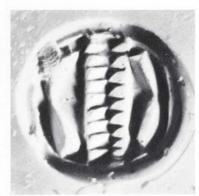
Comment: The style of the goat appears sophisticated, that of the petaled design naive. The string hole shows signs of irregular wear.













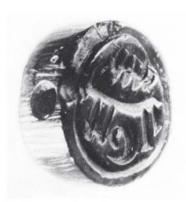
25 D/Inv. No. 1153 Green and black steatite

Disc. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,60. $\,$ $\,$ $\,$ $\,$ $\,$ $\,$ 1,36. SH. 0,29

Knossos (24)

- a) Within a circle a horned animal moving to the right; above it a toothed line, below a Cspiral.
- b) Within a circle a striated band, surrounded by two bifoliated figures.

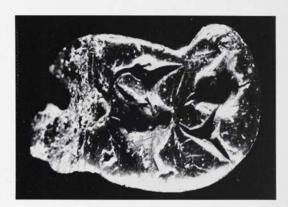
Comment: In style the two motifs appear to be at variance; the sides of the disc are vertically scored.











Black steatite

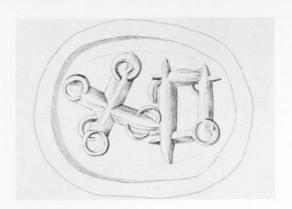
Theriomorph; the foreparts of two animals conjoined. There is one horizontal string hole through the long axis. Part of the stone is lost by fracture

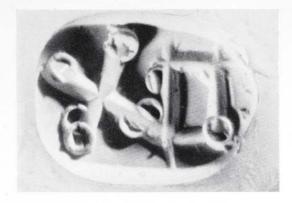
L. 1,54. B. 0,98. H. 0,66. SH. 0,22

Sitia (7)

Two jugs inverted to each other and perhaps the handle of a third.

Comment: The style of the jugs appears to be earlier than that of the theriomorph.







27 D/Inv. No. 178

Rock crystal

Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone
L. 1,40. B. 1,05. SH. 0,31

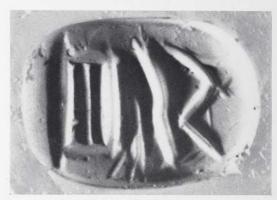
Lassithi [Eparchy]

a) Hieroglyphs; see CHIK.













27 D/Inv. No. 178
Rock crystal
Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone
L. 1,40. B. 1,05. SH. 0,31
Lassithi [Eparchy]

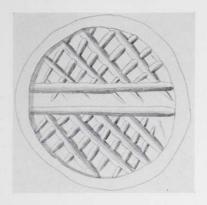
 $Delt.\ 18\ B_2,\ 1963,\ 310;\ Kadmos\ 2,\ 1963,\ 79\ pl.\ 1,\ II.$

marks suggest a fast rotating tool.

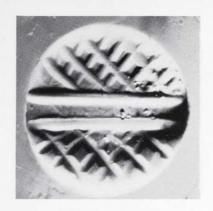
Comment: The style of the motifs shows variations difficult to relate to other motifs of a similar character;

minute fractures at the edges of the tubular drill

b-c) Hieroglyphs; see CHIK.









Rock crystal

Reel-shaped. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

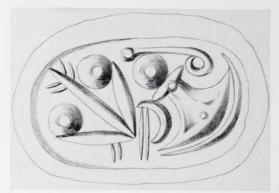
TH. 0,60. Ø 1,35. SH. 0,26

Kali Limiones (51)

The field is halved by two bands between of which plain hatching; each half is filled with cross-hatching.

Comment: Under strong magnification the engraving of the central band appears to have been made after the cross-hatching of the field. The shape too is unusual for material and motif.



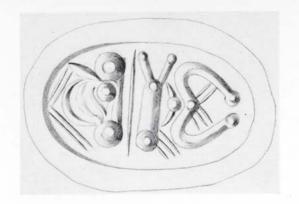
















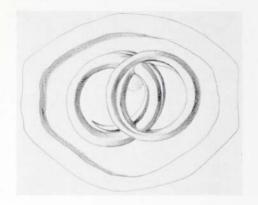
Green jasper

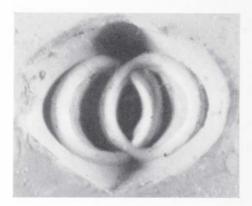
Three sided prism; a line surrounds each face along the edge of the stone. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,37. B. 0,82. SH. 0,29 Siros (2)

a-c) Hieroglyphs; see CHIK.

Comment: While the variation in shape of some of the forms can be paralleled, the irregularity of the rays from the eye on side a), the disparity of the sides of the arrow on side b) and of the pronged instrument on side c) with the small depression in the diagonal lines suggest a deeper irregularity; the string hole is not quite central and the line which runs round the edges of the stone varies in thickness and makes a bad join.

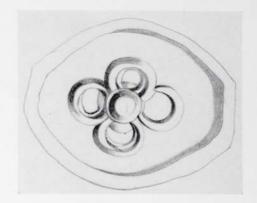
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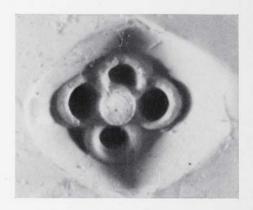


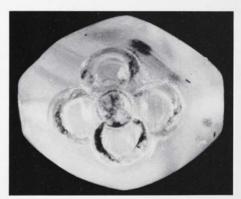




30 D/Inv. No. 214
Red, white and black mottled cornelian
Glandular. Small parts of the stone are
lost by fracture
L. 1,1. B. 0,9. TH. 0,5. SH. 0,2
Messara







a) Two conjoined circles.

b) A quatrefoil design around a central cupsinking.

Comment: The use of circles made by the tubular drill is unusual for the period in which this shape was used; the edges of the circles are both rough and sharp.









Blue sapphirine mottled chalcedony Stalk-signet; incised lines over the top, on the knot and around the base. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; the head is fractured by the string hole $H.1,23. \ \phi \ 1,1. \ SH.0,17$ Sykia (5)

Four S-spirals in quadrilateral formation. From the outside at the corners spring a bud, from the inside corners four radial lines which support a central boss; plain hatching in the field.

Comment: The engraving of the grooves on the top has occurred after the fracture at that part of the stone; the main parts of the motif in some cases have been engraved after the hatching; and the stem of one of the S-spirals curves the wrong way.









Green and black mottled jadite Theriomorph; foot of a lion; the paws and the back are indicated by grooving and incision. There is one horizontal string hole at the top with an oblique ridge between it, terminating into a knob L. 1,25. B. 1,20. H. 1,50. SH. 0,21 Tsoutsouros (39)

A lizard moving to the right, regardant; plain hatching on the underside of the paws.

Comment: Both material and motif are unusual; the over-elaboration of the shape also extends to the motif and is inconsistent with seals of Middle Minoan III A age, except for signets bearing hieroglyphs.







Brown and yellow mottled sard Discoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,75. ϕ 1,55. SH. 0,23 Kapetaniana (46)

A lark moving to the right; behind it a tree.

Comment: Both motif and technique are unusual; the later particularly in the treatment of the group of the branches behind the bird; this shows a strong affinity with 32 D.







34 D/Inv. No. 473
Rock crystal
Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture
TH. 0,63. D. 1,58. SH. 0,22
Axos (63)

Perhaps a stag to the right.

Comment: Antlers on a bovine form are-despite mixed animal characteristics in the Late Minoan age-unusual; so are the later classical characteristics of style and technique.







35 D/Inv. No. 247
Brown jasper
Glandular. The stone was subject to fire
L. 1,85. B. 1,28. TH. 0,8. SH. 0,2
Knossos (24)

Bird-woman to the right.

Comment: Except for the positioning of the woman, the manner of the engraving and the uncertainty which extends to the material, this piece has much to commend it.













36 D/Inv. No. 1096 Black steatite Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture; worn TH. 0,65. ϕ 1,73. SH. 0,20 Keramoutsi (27)

A bull running to the left, regardant; around its belly a double linear band, decorated with small cup-sinkings.

Comment: Related in style and technique with 34 D.

37 D/Inv. No. 229

Haematite

Lentoid carinated. Part of the stone is lost by fracture

TH. 0,8. φ 1,95. SH. 0,19

Lastros (8)

Man driving a two-horsed-chariot to the left on a ground line.

Comment: Both the material and shape of the stone appear to be ancient; it was probably rejected for engraving in antiquity because of the fracture near the string hole.

Alexiou, Delt. 18 B2, 1963, 310; AA. 1964, 803 Abb. 7.







Spartan basalt Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture

TH. 0,73. Ø 1,92. SH. 0,24

Vrondissi (59)

Master of the animals with two attendant wild goats.

Comment: Among a number of unusual features the position of the forearms of the man is not the least.

Alexiou, Delt. 19 B_3 , 1964, 438.









Gold

Presumed cover for cushion-shape. Remains of beading on two edges. Pressed L. 2,33. B. 2,08. TH. 0,35

Unknown

Seated griffin to the left.

Comment: A Middle Minoan III shape with a Late Helladic motif.







Red and black mottled cornelian Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,78. ϕ 1,76. SH. 0,25 Elounda (10)

Two lions attend the sacral tree which springs from an altar.

Comment: This motif in its present form is unparalleled in Cretan glyptic. Neither the style nor the technique appear consistent.

Alexiou, Delt. 20 B₃, 1965, 551.







Green and white marble Lentoid. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,67. ϕ 1,77. SH. 0,21 Melambes (62)

A horned animal moving to the left on a ground line; three branches in the field; a latticed panel above the back of the animal.

Comment: The excess of subsidiary forms, as the latticed panel, is inconsistent with the talismanic treatment of the body of the animal.







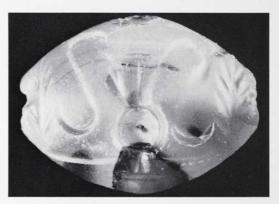
Red and black mottled sard Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,75. ϕ 1,50. SH. 0,23 Messara

Animal moving to the right, above and below it stars; also a branch. The engraving appears to be on the back of the stone.

Comment: Reminiscent of a similar subject in the Seager Collection (MMNY 26·31·245) the execution of this piece is very rough.







Red and black mottled sard Amygdaloid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,85. B. 1,38. TH. 0,77. SH. 0,2

Sklavi (4)

A talismanic *kantharos* between two branches on ground lines connected with the base; a spray springs from the top of the vase.

 ${\tt Comment}$: The leafy spray springing from the top of the kantharos shows uncertainty and hesitation.







Red and black banded sardonyx Glandular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L.1,65. B.1,5. TH.0,79. SH.0,13 Sykia (5)

A talismanic *kantharos* with lid between the horns of consecration, whose upper parts are leaved; cross-hatching in the exergue and on the lid.

Comment: The kantharos is not vertical and the handles generally rendered by one engraved line are here multiple.







White, red and grey mottled sardonyx Glandular L. 0,96. B. 1,59. TH. 0,78. SH. 0,23 Sitia (7)

A talismanic *kantharos* between two branches which joined together at the base, make a schema of the horns of consecration; from the neck of the *kantharos* springs a trefoliate spray.

Comment: The engraving of the body of the kantharos as of the handles shows an ineptitude inconsistent with the fine material of which it is made.







Brown and yellow mottled sard Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,70. ϕ 1,61. SH. 0,23 Messara

A talismanic sepia

Comment: The indifference to the level of the limbs of the sepia and to their relative size and curvature is unusual. The material is also unusual for this class of stone.





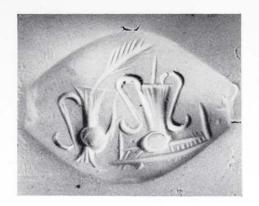


Red and brown mottled jasper Amygdaloid. The stone was fractured before the engraving L. 1,85. B. 1,52. TH. 0,66. SH. 0,27 Loutraki (28)

A talismanic sepia; terminal lines at each end of the stone.

Comment: This motif appears to have been engraved after the scaling of the surface, and the tubular drill mark for the head executed before the engraving of the body whose subsidiary outlines are unusually close to it.







Red, black and white banded sardonyx Amygdaloid. Part of the stone is lost by fracture

L. 2,54. B. 1,85. TH. 1,0. SH. 0,23 Tsoutsouros (39)

A talismanic *kantharos* stands on a vertically hatched base; from it springs a leaf or stick. A spouted jug to the left from which emerges a branch.

Comment: The appearance of both a kantharos and talismanic jug on the same stone is an *embarras* de richesse.







Red and black banded sardonyx Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,72. ϕ 1,36. SH. 0,26 Messara

Talismanic combination of bands and lines.

Comment: Since in the Late Minoan age a confusion of forms as a decline in execution are marks of some talismanic stones, the authenticity of this stone must for the moment be in abeyance. But the heavy cutting for the whole of the motif is unusual, as is the material.







50 D/Inv. No. 518 Green and black serpentine Lenticular. Worn TH. 0,69. ϕ 1,61. SH. 0,26

Axos (63)

Talismanic fronds in trefoil form growing from an underhatched base.

Comment: The motif of this piece may be a fusion between a trefoil spray and a bird; but its material and technique are both unusual.







51 D/Inv. No. 313

Brown and white mottled agate Lentoid, full carination. The half of the stone is lost by fracture TH.1,24. ϕ 2,32. SH.0,24 Phästos (57)

A griffin to the left, regardant, on a ground line.

Comment: The material and fractured condition of this piece appear to be genuine, but the engraving shows signs of having been done after the fracture; the possibility that it was used as a trial piece in an engraver's workshop cannot be ruled out.







52 D/Inv. No. 489 Black marble

Lentoid. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture

TH. 0,73. ϕ 1,91. SH. 0,31

Knossos (24)

A sheep moving to the left, regardant.

Comment: The engraving appears to have been executed after the major fracture of the stone and the style is a mixture of Cretan and later classical elements.





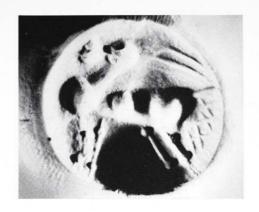


53 D/Inv. No. 1241 Black marble Lentoid carinated. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,53. ϕ 1,24. SH. 0,31 Knossos (24)

A single horned animal running to the left, regardant; above it a trefoil, below three oblique lines.

Comment: On available evidence neither style nor technique appear to belong to any period of Minoan engraving.







54 D/Inv. No. 1321 Black and green serpentine Lentoid TH. 0,55. Φ 1,76. SH. 0,23

Sokarras (43)

Wild goat moving to the left; plain and cross hatching on the field.

Comment: This appears to be so closely related to 41 D in both style and execution, as to suggest the same workshop.





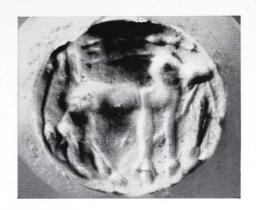


Grey and green steatite Lenticular. Parts of the stone are lost by fracture L. 1,36. B. 1,15. TH. 0,61. SH. 0,22 Knossos (24)

Frontal design of a woman with upraised hands; on both sides of her waist two oblong quantities.

Comment: But for the inadequate shape, this piece appears to be an attempt to copy known existing Late Minoan III B examples of this subject.







Black and green steatite Lentoid carinated. Small parts of the stone are lost by fracture TH. 0,66. ϕ 1,41–1,29. SH. 0,25 Knossos (24)

Wild goat to the right; a plant before and a javelin above it; some hatching in the field.

Comment: A mixture of talismanic idioms of Late Minoan IB wounded quarry and later Late Minoan IIIB representations of a similar subject.





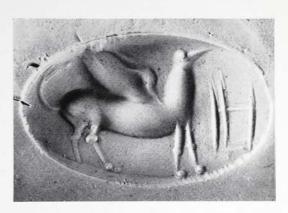


57 D/Inv. No. 210 Black and green serpentine Lenticular. Worn TH. 0,55. ϕ 1,43. SH. 0,25 Aphrati (35)

An insect.

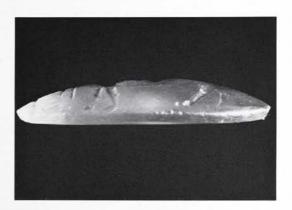
Comment: This appears to be a half hearted attempt to copy and adapt the occasional web-like motifs of Late Minoan IIIB.











58 D/Inv. No. 407

Rock crystal; gold

Rock crystal ring stone of elliptical shape; the pale goldmount with ridged ring handle is reported to have been found in its vicinity

L. 2,28. B. 1,37. ϕ 1,47

Tourtouli (6)

Griffin to the right, perhaps before a shrine; the upper part of the wing approximates the foreparts of a bird.

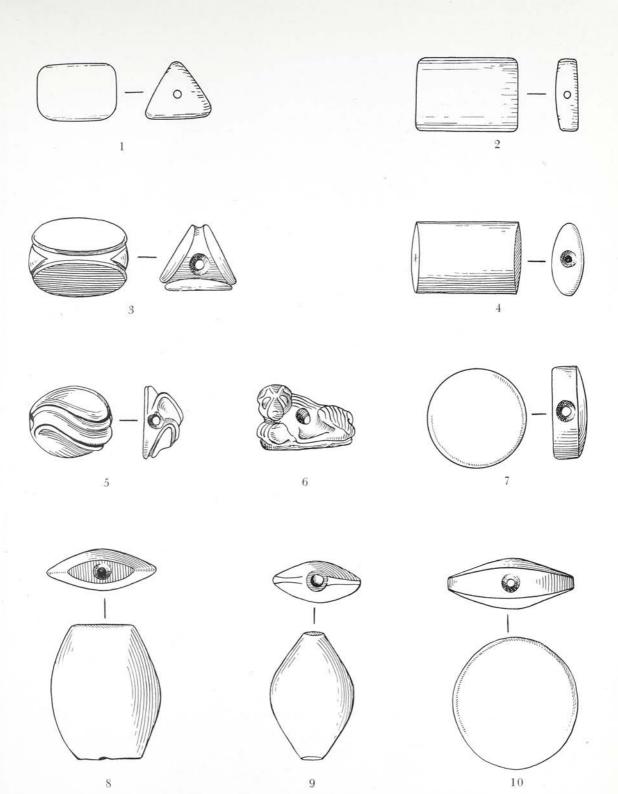
SHAPES AND SIZES OF SEALS

The enlargement of photographs and drawings to allow more detailed study of the seal motifs has two drawbacks, which, in the admirable nature of such fine work, are often forgotten.

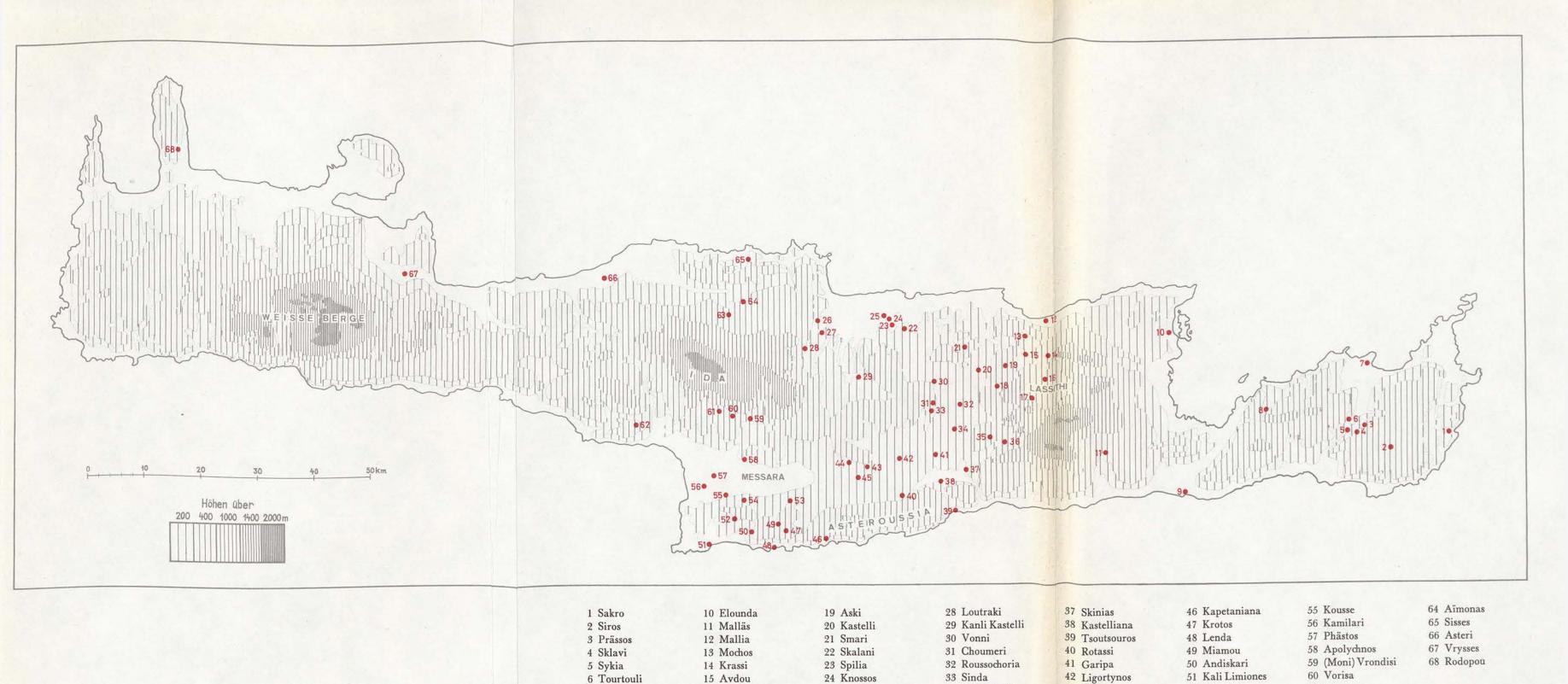
The shape of the seal, which apart from any amuletic significance it may have possessed, in some way determines the character of the motif, and therefore has a double importance: then, under magnification, technical details of the engraving receive a prominence which was never intended, and may detract from stylistic appreciation.

In order to preserve a sense of proportion and reality, outline drawings of some of the more frequently used shapes are here given in a size near to their actual dimension.

- 1. Early three sided prism
- 2. Flattened cylinder or cushion-shape seal
- 3. Later three sided prism
- 4. Later cushion-shape seal
- 5. Foliate-back seal
- 6. Theriomorph
- 7. Discoid
- 8. Glandular shape
- 9. Amygdaloid
- 10. Lentoid







24 Knossos

25 Phortetsa

26 Tylissos

27 Keramoutsi

16 Pinakiano

18 Amariano

17 Plati

7 Sitia

8 Lastros

9 Ierapetra

34 Kalo Chorio

35 Aphrati

36 Embaros

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45 Assimi

52 Pigaidakia

53 Apessokari

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