

APPENDIX 1: CONTEXTS

In this section are listed alphabetically the places which have provided datable contexts for the seals on which the results reached in the first and second chapter are based.²¹⁹⁶ Dating the contexts is a demanding task and one better left to the specialist. Provided below are the dates suggested by the excavators or those proposed by pottery specialists in the relevant publications. The seals which have been found in the listed contexts are noted in the footnotes.

Often, summary or incomplete publications constitute a hindrance in dating the various contexts. It is possible that in older publications single finds of sherds belonging to another period than the bulk of the excavated material were not considered. This could be the case with Tholos A in Koumasa for example whose published pottery dates to EM III–MM I.²¹⁹⁷ The presence there of the cushion CMS II,1 no. 146 would suggest that the tomb was also used in the MM II period.²¹⁹⁸

Agia Eirini (Kea), Grave 31: The grave is dated to middle/late MBA, to a phase which possibly corresponds to MM IIB/MM IIIA.²¹⁹⁹

Area C, Room XVI: The piece in question was found with late EB–early MB pottery.²²⁰⁰

Agia Triada, Tholos A: The tholos was in use from EM II–MM IB/MM II.²²⁰¹

Agios Charalampos, Ossuary Cave: The pottery in the cave was FN–MM IIB with a few LN and LM I–LM III sherds.²²⁰²

Apodoulou, MM II building.²²⁰³

Mansion, Room near H: Among the finds was also a MM cup.²²⁰⁴

Archanes: The context of the piece in question was EM III–MM IIA.²²⁰⁵

²¹⁹⁶ The terminology used for dating refers to the chronological periods defined by the Knossian ceramic sequence.

²¹⁹⁷ Walberg 1983, 102, 135. For the pottery context of the Koumasa Tholoi A, E, and Γ, see Xanthoudides 1924, 34–45.

²¹⁹⁸ For examples of other such cushions, see footnote 2222.

²¹⁹⁹ Seal: **359**. Caskey 1972, 385.

²²⁰⁰ Seal: CMS V no. 487. Context: CMS V, 355; in Caskey 1964, 320, the piece is noted to come from a MB stratum.

²²⁰¹ Seals: **101**, **102**. CMS II,1 nos. 21, 44, 72, 86, 88, 90, 100; CMS II,2 no. 201; CMS XI no. 289. Context: Banti 1930–1931, 163–178, 247–248; for the use of the tholos in MM II, see Walberg 1983, 92.

²²⁰² Seals: **4–6**, **10**; CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 40. Context: Betancourt et al. 2008, 540, 594–595.

²²⁰³ Seal: CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 320. Context: CMS V Suppl. 3, 475; for the building, see Tsigounaki 1999, 86–87.

²²⁰⁴ Seal: CMS V no. 285. Context: Kirsten 1951, 139.

²²⁰⁵ Seal: Sakellarakis – Sapouna Sakellaraki 1997, 681 fig. 767. Context: Sakellarakis – Sapouna Sakellaraki 1997,

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- Burial building 16: According to the excavators, the building was used in MM IA.²²⁰⁶
- Chamaleuri*, ‘Tzambakas House’, Room B: The house was in use from MM IA–MM IB.²²⁰⁷
- Episkopi*, Kefala, Grave B: The grave dates to LM III.²²⁰⁸
- Gournia*, House D II: The house is dated to MM late (?)/LM early.²²⁰⁹
- Kamilari*, Tholos: The tholos was used from MM IB–MM III or early LM.²²¹⁰
- Kato Zakros*, Pit I: The pottery from the pit is MM III/LM IA.²²¹¹
- Kavousi*, Evraiki, Burial Cave: The pottery from the cave was mainly MM I, but shapes with EM III parallels were also found.²²¹² The recovery of two vessels of the ‘Chamaizi’ type, examples of which have also been found at the MM IIB destruction layer of Quartier Mu, allows for the hypothesis that the cave was used down to the MM II period.²²¹³
- Knossos*, Mauro Spilaio Cemetery, Grave XVII, Chamber B, Pit: The pottery from the pit was MM IIB.²²¹⁴
- Profitis Ilias Cemetery, Grave V: Context MM II/III.²²¹⁵
- Grave VI: Context MM II/MM IIIA.²²¹⁶
- Grave VII: Context MM III.²²¹⁷
- Grave VIII: Context MM III.²²¹⁸
- Grave IX: Context MM III.²²¹⁹
- Unexplored Mansion: Context mixed LM.²²²⁰

674, 680–681.

²²⁰⁶ Seal: Sakellarakis – Sakellaraki 1980, pl. 222 up left. Context: Sakellarakis – Sakellaraki 1980, 392.

²²⁰⁷ Seal: CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 326. Context: Andreadaki Vlazaki in CMS V Suppl. 3, 476; Andreadaki Vlazaki – Papadopoulou 2000/2001, 290, 294; for the pottery found in the house, see Andreadaki Vlazaki 1997, 39–41.

²²⁰⁸ Seal: CMS II,2 no. 74. Context: Platon 1952, 621–623.

²²⁰⁹ Seal: CMS II,1 no. 466. Context: Boyd Hawes 1908, 24, 54. Boyd Hawes mentions that the house where the piece was found is dated ‘not long after the beginning of the First Late Minoan Period ... when the methods, shapes, and patterns of Middle Minoan pottery were still popular’ (Boyd Hawes 1908, 24).

²²¹⁰ Seals: CMS II,2 nos. 5, 6, 10. For the dating of the tholos, see Levi 1963, 23–106, especially 23–24; Walberg 1983, 93–94; Fiandra 1995, 78, 83–84.

²²¹¹ Seal: **76** could come from around the mouth of the pit (?). Context: Hogarth 1900–1901, 123–128; for the dating of the pottery from the pit, see also Furumark 1972 b, 80–81.

²²¹² Seals: **8**, **9**. Context: CMS V Suppl. 3, 94.

²²¹³ For such vessels from Quartier Mu, see Poursat 1992, 9, 29. For the dating of some Chamaizi pots in MM II, see also Walberg 1983, 110–111.

²²¹⁴ Seal: CMS II,2 nos. 38, 39. Context: Forsdyke 1926–1927, 278; for the objects found in the pit, see Forsdyke 1926–1927, 279–282.

²²¹⁵ Seals: CMS II,2 nos. 44, 49. Context: Kenna 1960, 35.

²²¹⁶ Seals: CMS II,2 nos. 51, 53. Context: Platon 1953, 487.

²²¹⁷ Seals: **133**; CMS II,2 no. 61. Context: Cook – Boardman 1954, 166.

²²¹⁸ Seal: CMS II,2 no. 64. Context: Daux 1955, 344.

²²¹⁹ Seal: CMS II,2 no. 66. Context: Platon 1955, 557; Daux 1955, 344.

²²²⁰ Seal: Popham et al. 1984, pl. 186 (d) H 259. Context: Popham et al. 1984, 187.

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Koumasa, Tholos A: The pottery from the tholos is reported to belong to EM III–MM I.²²²¹ However, the recovery in the tomb of the cushion CMS II,1 no. 146 would suggest that the grave was still used in MM II.²²²² Vases reported to come from the area A B date to EM III–MM I/MM IIA.²²²³

Tholos B: The tholos was in use from EM I/EM II–MM I.²²²⁴

Tholos E: The tholos was in use in EM III–MM I. Some MM I/MM II pottery has been recovered from outside the tholos.²²²⁵

Lentas, Tholos I: The tholos was in use from EM II–MM IA.²²²⁶

Tholos II a: The tholos was in use from EM II–MM IA. The piece in question was found in the EM II layers.²²²⁷

Malia, Palace, Room ε: The pottery in the room was MM II.²²²⁸

Quartier Γ: The houses of the Quartier were in use from the end of EM–MM III.²²²⁹

Quartier Δ, Building II. The piece in question was found in a LM I context.²²³⁰

House Δβ: The house was occupied from MM I–MM III/LM I.²²³¹

Quartier E, House E: The house shows signs of occupation from MM I–LM III.²²³²

House Eα, Room 11: The piece in question was found in a context relating to the end of MM III.²²³³

House Eβ: The house is dated to MM II.²²³⁴

²²²¹ Seals: **86**; CMS II,1 nos. 152, 154. Context: Walberg 1983, 102, 135; for the pottery context of the Koumasa Tholoi A, E, and Γ, see Xanthoudides 1924, 34–45.

²²²² For examples of other such cushions, see CMS II,1 no. 5; CMS II,2 no. 200; CMS III no. 147.

²²²³ This is the area between Tholos A and Tholos B (Xanthoudides 1924, 33). For the dating of this pottery, see Walberg 1983, 102, 135.

²²²⁴ Seal: CMS II,1 no. 164. Context: Walberg 1983, 101; for the pottery context of this tomb, see Xanthoudides 1924, 9–15.

²²²⁵ Seal: CMS II,1 no. 156. Context: Walberg 1983, 102; for the pottery context of the Koumasa Tholoi A, E, and Γ, see Xanthoudides 1924, 34–45. Pottery outside the tholos: Walberg 1983, 102.

²²²⁶ Seal: CMS II,1 no. 189. Context: Alexiou in CMS II,1, 193.

²²²⁷ Seal: CMS II,1 no. 214. Context: Alexiou in CMS II,1, 193; Daux 1960, 844–846; for the dating of the tholos, see also Walberg 1983, 101.

²²²⁸ Seal: **219**. Context: Daux 1965, 1004; Pelon, 1984, 881, 884.

²²²⁹ Seal: **115**; CMS II,2 no. 77. Context: Demargne – Gallet de Santerre 1953, 23–35; for the dating of the house, see also Walberg 1983, 113 who suggests that the Quartier was in use in MM III and that the earlier material was probably found beneath its floors; also Walberg 1983, 136.

²²³⁰ Seal: **A.21**. Context: Maia Pomadère, pers.comm.

²²³¹ Seal: CMS II,2 no. 80. Context: Demargne – Gallet de Santerre 1953, 48–52, especially 51–52. For the dating of Quartier Δ, see also Walberg 1983, 114, 136.

²²³² Seals: **126**; CMS II,1 nos. 414, 415. Context: Deshayes – Dessene 1959, 114–125; for a discussion of the pottery which comes from the Quartier, see also Walberg 1983, 114, also 136.

²²³³ Seal: Pelon 1965, 2 fig. 1; Pelon 1970, 156 no. 308. Context: Pelon 1965, 2.

²²³⁴ Seal: **218**: Tony Hackens in Daux 1965, 1000 mentions that the pottery from the house was MM I. For the MM II date of the house, see Poursat 2008, 106, also fig. 143. In 1966 Poursat notes that part of the Maliote pottery that was designated MM I up to then actually corresponds to Evans's MM II period (Poursat 1966, 548–550). Also Walberg notes that some of the Malia pottery which has been dated to MM I is actually MM II/MM IIIA (Walberg

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Quartier Mu: The destruction layer is dated to MM IIB.²²³⁵ From Dessenne's Workshop α surface finds were often recovered which were partly accumulated during a longer period of time.²²³⁶

South Workshop: The piece in question could have come from a MM IB fill excavated in a sounding in the room XI 3.²²³⁷

Quartier N: One piece was found in a LM I (?) context, another was recovered from a LM IIIA2/B context, and a third comes from a LM IIIB context.²²³⁸

Midea (Argolis), Acropolis: The piece in question comes from deposits which contained MH–LH IIIB2 pottery.²²³⁹

Mochlos, Square to the east of the House C. 1: Context LM I.²²⁴⁰

Grave XVI: According to the excavator, the grave was in use from EM II–MM I.²²⁴¹ Walberg dates its pottery to EM II–EM III.²²⁴²

Grave X: Context MM/LM I.²²⁴³

Moni Odigitria, Tholos B, Rectangular Building, Room c: According to the excavator, the seal in question was found in an EM III/MM IA context.²²⁴⁴

Palaikastro, Block B, Room 37: The room belonged to a LM house (?).²²⁴⁵

Block X, Room 1: The piece in question was found under a 'paved LM floor'; its context was MM I.²²⁴⁶

Building 4: The piece in question comes from a LM I context.²²⁴⁷

Ossuary Ta Ellinika: Context MM I/MM IIA (?).²²⁴⁸

Ossuary Tou Galeti i Kefala: Context MM I/MM II.²²⁴⁹

1983, 109–110, 119).

²²³⁵ Seals: **138–209, 220, 222–224, 226, 228–235, 238, 247, 248, 251, 253, 256**; CMS II,2 nos. 96, 97, 108, 127, 142, 153, 157, 166, 173, 185; Detournay – Poursat – Vandennebeele 1980, 166–167 no. 236, 171 no. 240, 172–174 no. 243, 176 no. 245, 180 no. 251. Context: Poursat 1974, 112; Walberg 1983, 120–121, 136.

²²³⁶ Poursat 1981, 160; Poursat – Papatsarouha 2000, 264.

²²³⁷ Seal: **7**. Context: Jean-Claude Poursat, pers. comm.; for a mention of this layer, see Poursat 1985, 892.

²²³⁸ Seals: **1, 2**. CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 23. Contexts: Driessen – Farnoux in CMS V Suppl. 3, 108 (**1**, LM I [?] context); Driessen – Farnoux in CMS V Suppl. 3, 110 (**2**, LM IIIA2/B context). Driessen – Farnoux in CMS V Suppl. 3, 112 (CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 23, LM IIIB context).

²²³⁹ Seal: **395**. Context: CMS V Suppl. 3, 363–364; Demakopoulou 1995, 156, pl. 10 b.

²²⁴⁰ Seal: CMS V Suppl. 1B no. 333. Context: Soles – Davaras 1992, 438–439.

²²⁴¹ Seal: CMS II,2 no. 253. Context: Seager 1912, 66–68.

²²⁴² Walberg 1983, 130.

²²⁴³ Seal: **95**. Context: Seager 1912, 57–58.

²²⁴⁴ Seal: **252**. Context: Sbonias, 2010, 220.

²²⁴⁵ Seal: **88**. For the chronology of Block B, see Bosanquet 1902–1903, 281–287; also Eccles 1939–1940, 43.

²²⁴⁶ Seal: CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 396. Context: Sackett – Popham 1965, 251; Walberg 1983, 134.

²²⁴⁷ Seal: CMS V Suppl. 1B no. 337. Context: Touchais 1989, 680.

²²⁴⁸ Seal: **89**. Context: Dawkins 1903/04, 202; Walberg 1983, 133.

²²⁴⁹ Seal: **78**. Context: Bosanquet 1901/02, 292–297.

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Phaistos, Old Palace, under the Sottoscala: The piece in question was found among MM I pottery.²²⁵⁰

Room XXV: MM IIB.²²⁵¹

Room LXXXV: The context of the piece in question was MM IIB.²²⁵²

Platanos, Tholos A: The tholos was in use from EM II–MM II.²²⁵³

Tholos B: The tholos was in use from EM III–MM II.²²⁵⁴ Finds from MM IA–MM II predominate.²²⁵⁵

Tholos Γ: Tholos Γ was in use from EM III–MM I.²²⁵⁶

Poros Katsampas, Buildings or filling deposits out of or below the ‘Building with Frescoes’: The piece in question comes from a MM II pottery context.²²⁵⁷

‘Building with Frescoes’: The building dates to the early LM IA (“the so-called ‘transitional’ MM IIIB–LM IA”).²²⁵⁸

Psychogioudakis plot, filling deposit of a well: Context mature MM II/early MM III.²²⁵⁹

Pit: The pit contained mixed pottery dating down to the Postpalatial period.²²⁶⁰

Seal and Jewellery Workshop in a late LM IA building: Context late LM IA.²²⁶¹

Porti, Tholos II: The tholos was in use from EM III–MM II.²²⁶²

Pseira, Plateia Building: Context LM IB.²²⁶³

Rafina (Attica), EH Settement, road between buildings Γ and E: Context early EH III (?).²²⁶⁴

Siva, South Tholos: The tholos was in use from EM I–MM I.²²⁶⁵

²²⁵⁰ Seal: CMS II,1 no. 426. Context: Levi 1958, 59.

²²⁵¹ Walberg 1981, 241–249, especially 244–249; also Walberg 1976, 110, 121.

²²⁵² Seal: Militello 2000, 231 fig. 12. Context: Militello 2000, 229–232.

²²⁵³ Seal: CMS II,1 no. 247. For the pottery context of the Platanos tholoi, see Xanthoudides 1924, 93–98; for the dating of the tholos, see also Walberg 1983, 99, 137.

²²⁵⁴ Seals: **103–106, 107** (?); CMS II,1 nos. 272, 274, 275, 277, 288, 289, 293, 296, 301, 326, 335, 337, 341. Context: Xanthoudides 1924, 92; Walberg 1983, 99, 137; for the pottery context of the Platanos tholoi, see Xanthoudides 1924, 93–98.

²²⁵⁵ Walberg 1983, 99.

²²⁵⁶ Seal: **107** (?). CMS II,1 no. 334. Context: Walberg 1983, 99, 137; for the pottery context of the Platanos tholoi, see Xanthoudides 1924, 93–98.

²²⁵⁷ Seal: **259**. Context: Dimopoulou 2000, 34.

²²⁵⁸ Seals: **258**; Dimopoulou 2000, 34 no. 19. Context: Dimopoulou 2000, 34.

²²⁵⁹ Seal: Dimopoulou 2000, 32 no. 7. Context: Dimopoulou 2000, 32.

²²⁶⁰ Seal: Dimopoulou 2000, 32 no. 6. Context: Dimopoulou 2000, 32.

²²⁶¹ Seal: Dimopoulou 2000, 36 no. 28. Context: Dimopoulou 2000, 35.

²²⁶² Seal: CMS II,1 no. 353. Context: Xanthoudides 1924, 57; Walberg 1983, 100–101, 137; for the pottery context of the tholos, see Xanthoudides 1924, 57–64; according to Yule 1980 a, 11, the tholos was in use already from EM II.

²²⁶³ Seal: **577**. Context: Nikolaidou 1998, 111.

²²⁶⁴ Seal: CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 427. Context: Theocharis 1953, 118.

²²⁶⁵ Seal: CMS II,1 no. 374. Context: Paribeni 1913, 31; for the finds of the tomb, see Paribeni 1913, 17–30.

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Smari, Trouli, Complex A, Room 2: Context MM II²²⁶⁶

Sopata Kouse, Tholos: The seal is reported to have been found in the earth excavated by the tomb looters for which the date EM III–MM IA/IIA is given.²²⁶⁷

Trapeza, Ossuary (?) Cave: Most pottery is EM II–MM I but some MM II and MM III sherds were also found.²²⁶⁸

²²⁶⁶ Seal: **260**. Context: Chatzi Vallianou, pers. comm.

²²⁶⁷ Seal: Chatzi Vallianou 1987, pl. 192 e. Context: Ingo Pini, pers. comm.

²²⁶⁸ Seal: **129**. Context: Pendlebury – Pendlebury – Money Couatts 1935–1936, 18–24; Walberg 1983, 121–122, 137.