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.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{2197} The presence there of the cushion CMS II, I no. 146 would suggest that the tomb was also used in the MM II period.\textsuperscript{2198}

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

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

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

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

\textit{Apodoulou}, MM II building.\textsuperscript{2203}

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

\textit{Archanes}: The context of the piece in question was EM III–MM IIA.\textsuperscript{2205}

\textsuperscript{2196} The terminology used for dating refers to the chronological periods defined by the Knossian ceramic sequence.
\textsuperscript{2197} Walberg 1983, 102, 135. For the pottery context of the Koumasa Tholoi A, E, and I, see Xanthoudides 1924, 34–45.
\textsuperscript{2198} For examples of other such cushions, see footnote 2222.
\textsuperscript{2199} Seal: CMS II, 1 no. 146. Caskey 1972, 385.
\textsuperscript{2200} Seal: CMS V no. 487. Context: CMS V, 355; in Caskey 1964, 320, the piece is noted to come from a MB stratum.
\textsuperscript{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.
\textsuperscript{2202} Seals: 4–6, 10; CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 40. Context: Betancourt et al. 2008, 540, 594–595.
\textsuperscript{2203} Seal: CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 320. Context: CMS V Suppl. 3, 475; for the building, see Tsigounaki 1999, 86–87.
\textsuperscript{2204} Seal: CMS V no. 285. Context: Kirsten 1951, 139.
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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.


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).


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.


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.


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

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


Koumasa, Tholos A: The pottery from the tholos is reported to belong to EM III–MM I.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{2222} Vases reported to come from the area A B date to EM III–MM I/MM IIA.\textsuperscript{2223}

Tholos B: The tholos was in use from EM I/EM II–MM I.\textsuperscript{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.\textsuperscript{2225}

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

Tholos II α: The tholos was in use from EM II–MM IA. The piece in question was found in the EM II layers.\textsuperscript{2227}

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

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

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

House Δβ: The house was occupied from MM I–MM II/MM IIA.\textsuperscript{2231}

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

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

House Eβ: The house is dated to MM II.\textsuperscript{2234}

\textsuperscript{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.

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

\textsuperscript{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.

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


\textsuperscript{2226} Seal: CMS II,1 no. 189. Context: Alexiou in CMS II,1, 193.


\textsuperscript{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.


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


\textsuperscript{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 a 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.\(^{2249}\)

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\(^{2237}\) Seal: 7. Context: Jean-Claude Poursat, pers. comm.; for a mention of this layer, see Poursat 1985, 892.


\(^{2242}\) Walberg 1983, 130.


\(^{2245}\) Seal: 88. For the chronology of Block B, see Bosanquet 1902–1903, 281–287; also Eccles 1939–1940, 43.


\(^{2248}\) Seal: 89. Context: Dawkins 1903/04, 202; Walberg 1983, 133.

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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 I: Tholos I 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 IIB–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, Platea Building: Context LM IB.\(^{2263}\)

Rafina (Attica), EH Settement, road between buildings Γ and Ε: Context early EH III (?).\(^{2264}\)

Siva, South Tholos: The tholos was in use from EM I–MM I.\(^{2265}\)

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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 tholoi, see also Walberg 1983, 99, 137.
2262 Seal: CMS II,1 no. 353. Context: Xanthoudides 1924, 57; Walberg 1983, 100–101, 137; for the pottery context of the tholoi, see Xanthoudides 1924, 57–64; according to Yule 1980 a, 11, the tholoi was in use already from EM II.
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Smari, Trouli, Complex A, Room 2: Context MM II

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.

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

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