

THE LATE MINOAN IIIB:1 SETTLEMENT

STRATIGRAPHY AND CATALOGUES

BUILDING 3

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The word “building” is perhaps too much in this connection since only a fragment of one wall, 18-Wall 4, is actually known. Stratigraphically it was situated above a large LM IIIA:2 pit (cf. below p. 221) and below LM IIIB:2 deposits. The wall is found at the other side of the narrow street running south of Building 1 and is thus supposed to be part of yet another building. Apart from the street levels outside no floors of this building were identified since everything excavated south of the wall and in the outline of the wall consisted of later pits and Venetian wall foundations.

The wall

The wall fragment was discovered within the square 521-525.4/699-700 and its length on the northwestern façade was preserved for 3.0. The width of the wall was 0.60-65 and it was excavated at a height of c. 0.60 with the top at 9.95 and the bottom fairly evenly at 9.32. The wall was irregularly built with a mixture of reused cut sandstones, but mainly with unworked larger and smaller stones, rather compact. Between the stones was a light brown, medium soft earth mortar with many sherds.

The contents were mainly LM IIIB, but also some earlier LM IIIA, LM I and few MM sherds were noted. 9.780 kg of pottery were collected: 16% decorated, 93% kept and 2.3% inventoried. Shapes were not counted.

POTTERY

82-P 1383, outside j.

82-P 1384, *Pl. 170c:3*

Krater, foot frg. Clay: LW. Splaying foot. Int. a filled circle at base. Ext. monochrome stem/foot. Stem Ø 0.042. Th. 0.004-9. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 1385, *Pl. 170c:2*

Cup, rim frg. Clay: LW. Everted rim. Int. RB. Ext. RB and zigzag. Rim Ø est. 0.15. Th. 0.003. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 1386, *Pl. 170c:1*

Cup, rim frg. Clay: brown. Everted rim. Int. monochrome (mostly flaked off) Ext. RB, shell chain framed by wavy bands. Th. 0.002-3. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 1387, *Pl. 170c:6*

Open vessel, base frg. Clay: light reddish-brown with grey core. Dark yellow slip and brown paint. Probably part of a base with rough ext. and decorated int. with three wavy bands. Th. 0.015-17. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 1388, *Pl. 170c:4*

Kylix, stem/foot frg. Clay: light brown. Plain ware. Hollowed stem. Stem Ø 0.022. Foot Ø 0.078. LM IIIB:1.

82-P 1389, *Pl. 170c:5*

Kylix, foot frg. Clay: light brown. Plain ware. Foot Ø est. 0.08. LM IIIB:1.

82-P 1390, *Pl. 170c:7*

Bowl, shallow, body/base frg. Clay: light brown. Plain ware. Flat base. Base Ø 0.048. Th. 0.006-9. Burnt. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 1705, *Pl. 170b:5*

Kylix, lower body/stem frg. Clay: light reddish-brown. Int. a circle at base. Ext. three lower body bands and two thin bands close to stem. Th. 0.006-10. LM IIIB:1.

82-P 1706, *Pls. 94, 170b:1*

Bowl, rim/body frg. Clay: red. Slightly marked rim, scar from a handle attachment. Int. and ext. monochrome red. Rim Ø est. 0.16. Th. 0.004-5. LM IIIB:1.

82-P 1707, *Pl. 170b:6*

Closed vessel, body frgs. Clay: brownish-grey. Ext. neck band, alternating rows of dots and irises. A band around handle section. Th. 0.004-5. LM IIIA:1/2.

82-P 1708, *Pl. 170b:3*

Cup, rim frg. Clay: LW. Everted rim. Int. RB. Ext. RB, hatched triangles with spaced-out semicircles. Th. 0.003. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 1709, *Pls. 104, 170b:4*

Jug, cylinder-necked, rim/neck frg. Clay: light brown. Everted, rounded rim. Int. RB. Barred on top of rim. Ext. RB, and a blob on neck. Rim Ø est. 0.06. Th. 0.005-6. LM IIIB:1.

82-P 1710 (+82-P 0109), *Pls. 92, 170b:2*

Cup, rim frgs. Clay: light brown. Everted rim, pulled out to form a rough spout. Int. RB. Barred on top of rim. Ext. RB, zigzag with spirals and two body bands pres. Rim Ø est. 0.14. Th. 0.003-4. LM IIIA:2.

82-P 1711, *Pls. 114, 170b:7*

Jug, rim/neck frg. Clay: light brown. Plain ware. Funnel-necked jug with cut away neck and part of a vertical strap handle with a groove in the middle going from mid-neck. A ridge at base of neck. Rim Ø est. 0.06. Handle 0.012 × 0.027. Th. 0.005. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 1712, *Pl. 170c:8*

Storage jar, base frg. Clay: reddish-brown with grey core. Coarse fabric. Flat base. Int. thumb impressions at base close to body, incised crossing diagonal grooves on body (beehive). Ext. a row of thumb impressions at base. Base Ø est. 0.030-032. Th. 0.014-16. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

Outside joins

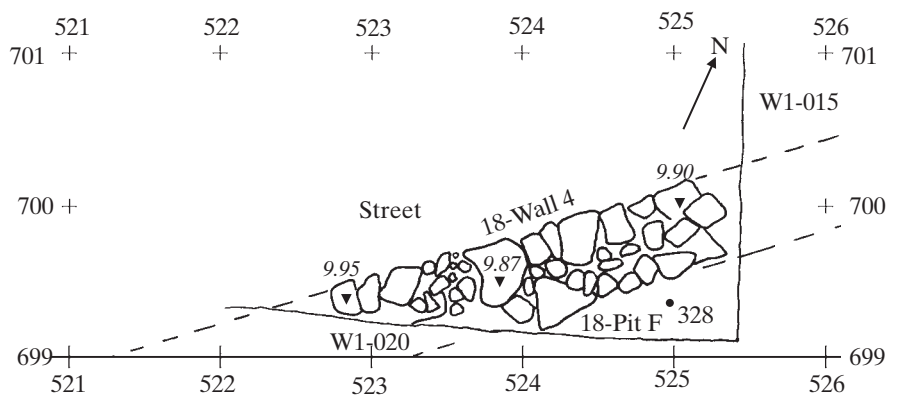
82-P 1383 to 82-P 0349, LM IIIA:2, Rubbish Area Southeast, 13-Pit K, ul, p. 221.

82-P 1710 to 82-P 0109, *GSE I*, 106.

SHELLS

1 *Arca* – right, W 0.040. 2 *Spondylus* – two lower umbonal frgs., two fresh.

Fig. 50. LM IIIB:1 Building 3, plan of wall, pit and distribution of find.



Comments: This wall – like the ones to the north – is constructed within the LM IIIB:1 period. Both joins are “natural”: one from the pit which destroyed the wall, the other from the LM IIIA:2 pit into which the wall was set.

Related? (Fig. 50)

A small fragment of a pit, 18-Pit F, was situated within the area 524-525.45 south 18-Wall 4. The level started at 9.67, i.e. c. 0.35 above the bottom of the wall, while it continued 0.40 deeper and stopped at 8.91. The soil in the pit is red-brownish, with some sand and loose, tiny bits of charcoal. The description recalls that of the pit between the street levels exactly north of the wall (see below p. 118) and it could possibly be part of the same pit, but this is not certain. It might also have been a pit dug while Building 3 was in use. The pit is overlying LM IIIA layers. In the pit LM IIIB, LM IIIA and few LM I sherds were noted. 4.115 kg of pottery were collected: 12% decorated, 90% kept and 3.1% inventoried. Shapes were not counted.

POTTERY

82-P 0702, *Pl. 170d:1*

Closed vessel, body frg. Clay: light red to light brown. Ext. two body bands and below head of one bird, wing of another and in-between a triangular scale pattern. Th. 0.005-6. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 0703, outside j.

82-P 0704, *Pl. 170d:4*

Jug, beak-spouted, neck frg. Clay: light brown. Cream slip, pale reddish-brown paint. Ext. filled triangle and neck band. Neck Ø 0.040. Th. 0.005-9. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 0705, *Pl. 170d:2*

Cup, body frg. Clay: LW. Ext. one body band. Th. 0.002-5. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 0706, outside j.

82-P 0707, *Pl. 170d:3*

Kylix, lower body/stem frg. Clay: red. Plain ware. Hollowed stem. Stem Ø 0.027. Th. 0.006-9. Burnt. LM IIIB:1.

82-P 0708, outside j.

82-P 0709, *Pls. 120, 170d:5*

Storage jar, rim frg. Clay: light brown. Coarse fabric. Everted, rounded rim, scar from a horiz. handle on upper body. Rim Ø est. 0.26. Th. 0.005-8. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

82-P 0710, *Pls. 124, 170d:6*

Lid, full profile. Clay: cream. Coarse fabric. Flanged lid. H 0.051. Rim Ø 0.142. Ø on top 0.14. Th. 0.005-9. LM IIIA:2/B:1.

Outside joins

82-P 0703 to 84-P 0117, *GSE I*, 93.

84-P 0837a/0844/0974, LM IIIA:2, Rubbish Area Southeast, 20-Pit L/AJ, p. 226.

84-P 1217, Rubbish Area Southeast, 20-Pit M, p. 128.

82-P 0706 to 77-P 1669, Street, in middle layer, p. 119.

82-P 0708 to 82-P 0414, LM IIIA:2, Rubbish Area Southeast, 13-Pit K, II, p. 223.

77-P 0949, LM IIIA:1, Vol. V.

OBSIDIAN

82-OB 035, **Notched piece on bladelet** [328].

BONES

Very few bones from adult *Ovis*, *Capra*, *Ovis/Capra*, and *Sus*.

Comments: The joins are “natural” to surrounding pits. The join to 82-P 0706 strengthens the supposition that 18-Pit F may have had a connection with the pit in the street.