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E.85.49 Droits grecs.

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Introduction à la pensée juridique des Grecs, p. 1-35. Les Notes (Anmerkungen, p. 37-252), complétées par des "Nachträge", p. 253-259, donnent une somme irremplaçable de références littéraires et épigraphiques aux différents termes et expressions des Droits grecs. Les inscriptions bœotien-nes sont largement utilisées. Index très complet des sources littéraires (p. 260-318), papyrologiques (p. 318-319), épigraphiques (p. 319-329), numismatiques (p. 329); index des termes allemands (p. 330-350) et des mots grecs (p. 350-366). Un outil indispensable et sûr pour les inscriptions juridiques.

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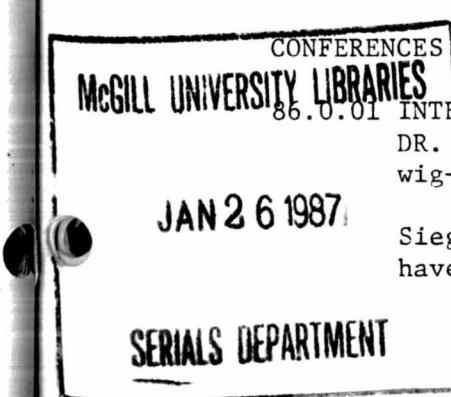
Last year we printed in this BIBLIOGRAPHY a report on the activities of the Cambridge/Bradford Boeotian Expedition. This year's report has been joined by others, and it seemed that a bibliography was not really the place for such material. As a result, a new section of TEIRESIAS, called APPENDIX: BOEOTICA, has been started. This will appear only if and when the General Editor receives matter to publish in it. Readers who wish to inform colleagues of work they have in progress, or give brief reports of recent or on-going work (not only archaeological reports) have but to send their material (keep it short, please) to the General Editor (address at the end of this BIBLIOGRAPHY), to reach him by the end of October at the latest.

1986 saw four events of great importance to Boiotologues, one sad, three happy, and three of them involving Professor Dr. Siegfried Lauffer. The first was the sudden death of Professor Lauffer, months before a conference in Munich which was to have celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday (see 86.0.01). The second and third events were two Boeotian conferences, that at Munich and another at Thebes (86.0.02). The fourth was the posthumous publication of Professor Lauffer's KOPAIS I (86.1.14), being the notes and sketches made by him prior to World War II. This is beyond doubt the most important book about Boiotia of recent years, and will be a boon of inestimable value to all students of the region.

The General Editor wishes to express his thanks to Mr. Donald Sedgwick for his continued assistance in the administration of TEIRESIAS.

SOCIAL NOTE: Professor Duane W. Roller has moved from Wilfrid Laurier University, and asks that readers note his new address: Ohio State University, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, Ohio 45802, U.S.A.

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Siegfried Lauffer died on April 2nd, 1986, and what was to have been a celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday be-

came, perforce, a colloquium held to honour his memory. Despite the shadow overhanging the colloquium, it was a great success, in large part because of the efforts of its director, Dr. Hartmut Beister, whose organization was flawless. Dr. Beister was assisted by John Buckler, who is now organizing the publication of the papers (as a supplement to TEIRESIAS). It is expected that the next conference in this series will take place a few years hence in Bradford (if Edinburgh be the Athens, will Bradford then be the Thebes, of the North?).

Papers read at the colloquium: 86.1.48, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 59, 61, 62, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 84, 86, 90, 92, 94, 97, 98, 99, 100, 105, 106, 107, 111; 86.2.65, 77, 79, 87.

86.0.02 Α' ΔΙΕΘΝΕΣ ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΟ ΒΟΙΩΤΙΚΩΝ ΜΕΛΕΤΩΝ (ΘΗΒΑ, 10-14 ΣΕΠΤ. 1986)

This conference, directed by a committee under the presidency of Professor A. Kominis, was the first Boiotian conference to be held in Boiotia itself, and would have been memorable for that reason alone. The General Editor, who, with Professor Saul Levin, is the only participant to have been at every Boiotian conference held to date, was impressed not only by the generous hospitality of the hosts, but equally by the wide range of papers offered and the great interest in Boiotian studies revealed by this conference. The next in this series is scheduled for four years hence at Livadhia.

The papers read at this conference covered not only antiquity, but also Byzantine and modern times. Since TEIRESIAS deals with Boiotian antiquity, only those papers concerning ancient Boiotia are listed here: 86.1.49, 50, 54, 55, 58, 60, 63, 66, 76, 81, 83, 85, 87, 88, 91, 95, 96, 102, 103, 108, 110; 86.2.64, 72, 73, 80, 84, 88, 92, 94..

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This Appendix will publish information sent to *Teiresias* about work in progress. This may include brief descriptions of projected research, and concise summaries of current research or field work. Readers are invited to send material (camera-ready, if possible) to the General Editor of *Teiresias* at the address given at the end of the Bibliography. In order to ensure publication in the same year's issue, material should reach Montreal by the end of October, preferably earlier.

WORK IN PROGRESS

B.86.01 Dr. Luisa Prandi (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano) writes: "Mon étude sur l'histoire de Platée (je l'avais annoncé très vaguement à Lyon) marche encore et . . . j'espère l'achever à peu près à la fin du 1987. Je m'appuie sur les problèmes historiques, bien sûr, sociaux, juridiques, etc., mais non archéologiques" (4.6.1986).

B.86.02 A. Schachter (McGill University, Montreal) reports that he has begun work on the final revision of Volume 3 of *Cults of Boiotia* (Potnia to Zeus, with an Appendix of Cults of Unspecified Deities).

REPORTS

B.86.03 J. L. Bintliff (School of Archaeological Sciences, Bradford University, England) sends the following report:

THE CAMBRIDGE/BRADFORD BOEOTIA EXPEDITION, 1985/6

The Thespiae City Survey

In the summer of 1985, the Bradford University team began a systematic surface survey of the ancient city of Thespiae, which lies in the plain immediately below and south of the modern village of Thespiae. The technique used was identical to that applied in the same summer by the Cambridge team at Haliartos. An expanding grid of "Town Samples", normally 50 by 60 metres in size, was projected across the ancient site, and from each of these units a large collection of surface pottery was made, and the total visible density of pottery calculated for the whole rectangle. At the same time, within most of these larger units, a sample rectangle of 30

by 10 metres was erected, and the same operations of counting and collecting of surface pottery undertaken.

Given that the rural "background scatter" of ancient pottery is high in this part of Greece, the edge of the ancient town was identified by a clear falling away of high pottery densities into the regional background. The collected pottery from within the site was studied by Dr. John Hayes (Royal Ontario Museum) in the hope that the resultant plots of occupation, period by period, would reveal clear indications of the changing size and position of the main occupation zones.

Study of early modern travellers suggested that the ancient city covered some 100 hectares, with the late antique wall enclosing merely the westernmost third of the site. By the end of the 1985 season most of this sector had been studied and it was left for the 1986 season to finish off the western suburbs. In the event, the travellers had been misled by the numerous remains of standing structures east of the enceinte. These were medieval in date. In the Greco-Roman period, the city occupied at least as much, if not more land, west of the late antique wall, and this caused the Bradford team to spend two weeks of our three-week 1986 field season concluding our work at Thespiae.

By the end of the 1986 season, all the surface pottery from the Thespiae Town Samples had been analysed, in all some 546 sample units. The preliminary examination of distribution maps produced from this data shows unmistakeable trends in the history of occupation of the city. The chief trend is the horizontal displacement of the main occupation zone over time. In the Geometric/Archaic period it seems that several small foci were settled in the east and centre sectors. By the high Classical era the main settlement lay in and west of the area surrounded by the late antique wall (hence the origin of the early modern name for Thespiae village Erimokastro). This medieval community may have been in place as early as Early/Middle Byzantine times, offering a reasonable possibility of continuity from the Late Roman town focussed in the same sector of the site. In any case the village grew in Frankish and Early Turkish times, and to this settlement belong the numerous substantial ruins of churches in the area east of the wall. Late Turkish pottery is very scarce, which correlates neatly with the exact comments of the 19th century travellers regarding the abandonment of the plain village (then called Levka) for the two villages by then established on the heights above (modern Thespiae and Leondari).

#### Further Work at Haliartos

In 1985 the Cambridge team had thoroughly surveyed the ancient acropolis and produced a detailed history of occupation. That same year the Bradford team began a total survey of the countryside around the city in search of the rural settlement picture. This was continued in 1986. Away from the lake a number of small sites have been located, of prehistoric and Greco-Roman date. Several showed Dark Age beginnings, a striking circumstance when Geometric sites

are so rare in other parts of the Boeotia Project territory. North of the ancient city, a large area on the edge of, and into, the former lake lands of Copais was surveyed in 1986. Confirmation was forthcoming for recent claims by a German team that Copais reached its apogee in the early modern period, and was lower in ancient and medieval times. This confirmation came in two forms. Firstly the density of background or "offsite" pottery dropped off virtually to nothing along the contour defined as crucial by the Munich team, although this was well into the 19th century lake area. Secondly, a putative ancient farm site was located well north of the ancient city rock in an area formerly exposed to flooding.

A final and fortunate discovery in 1986 was made on the immediate northern outskirts of the modern town of Haliartos. Although it had been assumed that the successor to the ancient city had been the hill village of Mazi to the south, the presence of a Frankish tower in the plain, and a promising reference by Colonel Leake in the early 19th century to a deserted medieval village likewise by the lake, suggested an intervening stage of continued settlement in or near the ancient city. Fields immediately adjacent to the expanding built-up area of modern Haliartos on the north, lake, side of town revealed an extremely dense settlement of Byzantine to middle Turkish date. Earlier pottery also suggests that the ancient city probably had a significant extension east of the main acropolis hill into this area.

E.86.04 J. Knauss (Versuchsanstalt für Wasserbau Obernach - Oskar v. Miller-Institut - Technische Universität München) has sent this report:

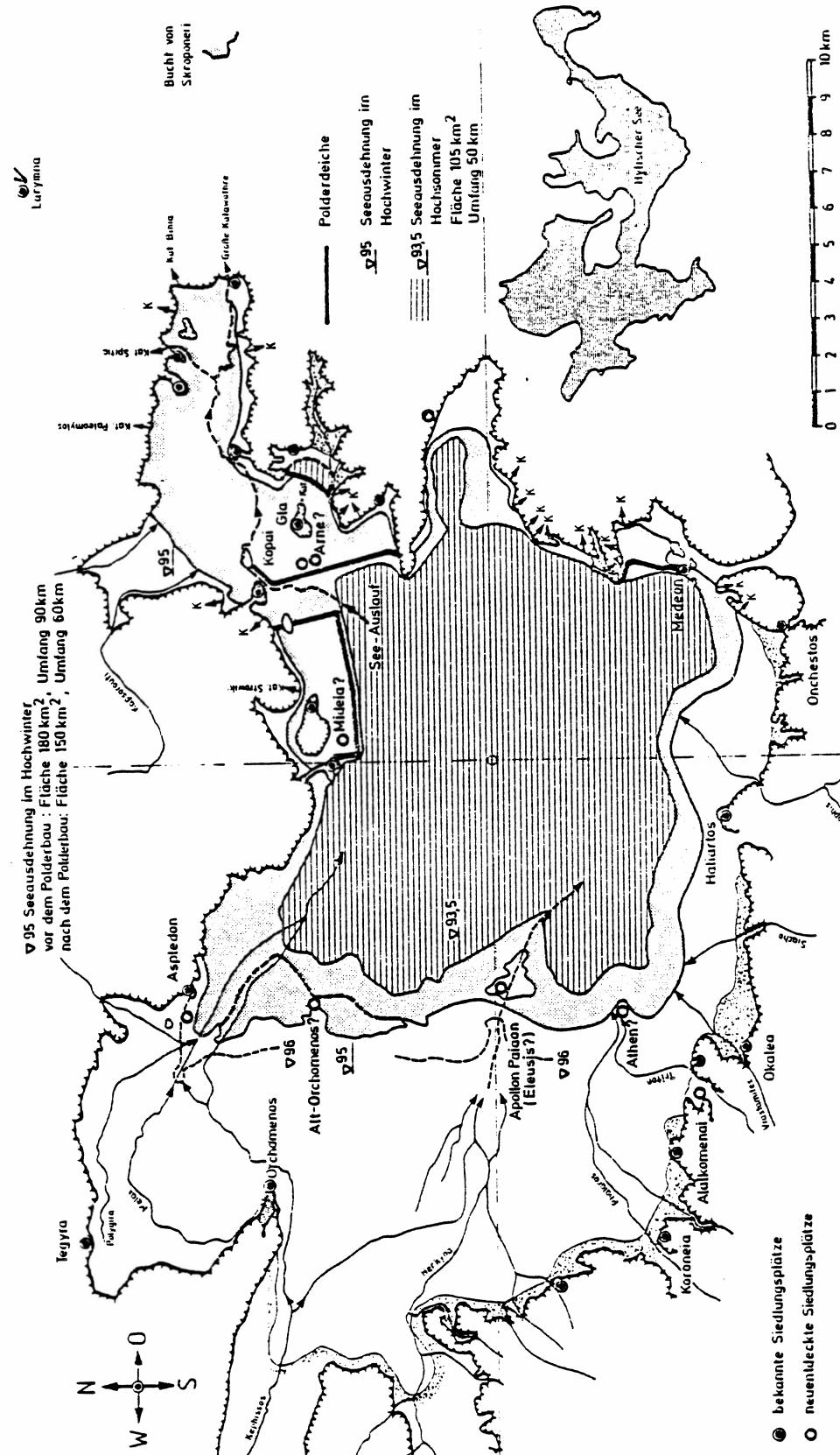
#### MUNICH COPAIS EXPEDITION, PROGRESS REPORT ON OCTOBER 1985 AND MAY 1986 SURVEYS

After two preliminary field sessions in May and October 1984 the Munich interdisciplinary research group continued its studies of the ancient hydraulic structures and settlement conditions in the Copais basin with two further topographical surveys in October 1985 and May 1986. The field work was financially supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. The results of the 1984 investigations were reported in a first book (see Teiresias 85.1.27) published as "Bericht Nr. 50 des Instituts für Wasserbau der Technischen Universität München". The most important results of the 1985/86 research were the subject of two papers given at the S. Lauffer - Kolloquium in Munich in June 1986. A considerable step forward had been taken in the understanding and interpretation of the type, the function and the development of the prehistoric hydraulic structures. A probable idea of the depth and extent of lake Copais during antiquity could be derived from very detailed topographical studies. At the western MH-shoreline of the lake a series of unknown prehistoric settlements was discovered producing an interesting context with tradition.

Brief information on the analysis of the prehistoric hydraulic systems

The technical installations constructed and operated by the Mycenians in the MH and LHII-period in order to reclaim land from lake Copais must be characterized as extraordinary and ingenious, fully justifying the claim that here we have the first "hydraulic civilisation" in Europe. The prehistoric land reclamation was organized by the application and improvement of two different construction elements of hydraulic engineering. Chronologically the two methods represent the necessary step forward in technical skill, starting with relatively simple installations in the MH-period, and terminating in a very sophisticated system in the LH-III-period. Probably in late MH land was at first reclaimed by the construction of polders, especially in the northeast part of the basin around the rocky island of Gla (see the enclosed figure). The extension of the lake was limited by the installation of dykes, relatively low but of considerable length, at suitable sections in the region. Within the polders, land was used for agricultural purposes and also for the layout of larger settlements, as is shown by several instances west of Gla (see the 1984 report). The dykes were constructed as single walls of large unhewn limestones embedded in clay. If topographically possible, the lining of the polder dykes was carried out in a straight line over long distances.

After the failure of the polder system, due to an increased hydrological impact to the basin with flooding of the agricultural areas and of the shore line settlements, probably at the end of the MH-period, in LHIIIA2 and B1 a new and very sophisticated method of land reclamation was developed, constructed, and put into operation. A special river regulation work and drainage system was installed in order to influence the forming of the lake during flood season in winter time, and to provide dry ground in the inner part of the basin during summer (see Strab. 9,2,40). The most important structure of the drainage system was the great channel (width 40 m, depth 2,5 m; guided by 30 m wide dams, which are protected by two stone walls) leading the waters of the Kephissos and of the Melas from Orchomenos along the northern edge of the valley over a distance of 25 km to the subterranean holes, the katawothras, in the northeast bay of the basin. The channel served three purposes: a) direct and quick discharge of the flood water of the Kephissos to the katawothras during wintry rainfall and after the melting of the snow in order to control the increase of the water depth in the lake, and to reactivate the protection effect of the older polder dykes; b) transport of fresh water to the settlements and to the fields during the dry season, especially the permanent and sufficient running water from the Melas springs; c) installation of an inland navigation scheme in order to achieve a favourable way of transport from the capital of the region to the far east of the basin and the harbours at the gulf (see Plut. Sulla 20).



Kopuis, Büthen: Rekonstruktionsversuch für das MH  
(SeegröÙe, Besiedlung der Ufer, Polderbau in der Nordostbucht und bei Medeon)

In a later construction phase the akropolis of Gla and the surrounding polder was supplied with water by a separate channel, which was branched off from the great channel between the city of Kopai and the Minyan settlement at Marina Pyrgos. This channel also served a multi-purpose scheme: besides providing a water supply it could be used for flood water drainage and for navigation.

Probably at the end of LHIIIB the hydraulic system was partly disturbed by the blocking up of the most important katawothras due to an earthquake resulting in a second flooding of the polders.

#### Brief information on the settlement sites discovered

According to tradition (e.g. Strab. 9,2,18 and Paus. 9,24,2) five towns are known to have been swallowed up by the lake. Arne and Mideia (Hom. Il. 2,507) perhaps may be located in the polders of the northeast bay of the basin (see the 1984 report). Concerning the Boeotian Athens and Eleusis, and also the ancient site of Orchomenos, three places at the western MH-shore line of lake Copais were discovered, which show convincing topographical and archaeological evidence in order to be identified with these traditional names (see the figure). On a low island, in a striking central position within the Copais, at the inflow of the river Herkyna into the lake, a probable place for Eleusis was found (see Plin. n.h. 2,206). Numerous surface sherds spread out over a large area and a series of architectural relics demonstrate occupation of this place during MH and LHIIIA/B, as well as during the classical, Roman and Byzantine periods. An inscription was discovered recording a consecration to Apollon Paiaon. Similar archaeological artefacts were found at a place 5 km southeast of present Orchomenos, which may be identified with the ancient site of the town if following tradition (Strab. 9,2,42). A heap of stones and some surface sherds at the mouth of the river Triton, a torrent in the southeast part of the basin, indicate a possible place for Athens. At the river Melas close to the Magoula Pyrgos and the rocky promontory of Pyrgos Aspledon some signs in aerial photos and surface relics allow the assumption of a further prehistoric settlement at the MH-shore line of lake Copais (see the figure).

Evaluating the results of the different surveys, it was possible to design a series of maps depicting a hypothetical reconstruction of the hydraulic systems and settlement conditions in all periods of antiquity. An example is given by the figure on page 5, demonstrating such an attempt for the MH-period. In addition to the prehistoric hydraulic schemes the further installations during historical periods of antiquity were also investigated, especially the archaic dam in the bay of Akraiphia and the various measures initiated by Alexander and Hadrian. During the whole of antiquity lake Copais never reached such an extension as in the time before the modern drainage of the basin.

The research team consists of the following members: Prof. Dr.-Ing. J. Knauss, TU München (hydraulic engineering, team leader), B. Heinrich, Deutsches Museum München (history of technical sciences), Dr.-Ing. K. Herbrand, TU München (land survey), Dr. phil. W. Kalovk, München (ancient history), Dr.-Ing. H. Nienast, DAI Athen (archaeology) and J. Weichenberger, Traun (speleology). The project was initiated and supported by Prof. Dr. S. Lauffer, München. At the May 1986 survey the Greek Government gave a permit for a more intensive investigation of the construction details of the hydraulic structures including cleaning of the stone walls and measuring of the levels over long distances. For May 1987 a trial excavation and a detailed pottery examination at the supposed sanctuary of Apollo Paiaon and the possible site of Eleusis is envisaged together with the Ephoros of Boeotia, Dr. A. Andreiomenou.

B.86.05 Mark H. Munn and Mary Lou Zimmerman Munn (Stanford University) have sent this report:

#### THE STANFORD SKOURTA PLAIN PROJECT -- 1985 SEASON

In the summer of 1985, with a team of students from Stanford University, the authors began a surface survey project in the Skourta plain on the frontiers of Attica and Boiotia. The Skourta plain, with its five small villages known collectively as the Dervenochoria, is an isolated upland basin, some 12 km E-W by 4 km N-S, located between Parnes and Kithairon, and halfway between Athens and Thebes. Presently it lies within the Nomos of Boiotia. The communities of Pyli (area A, as sites are labeled on our map, fig. 2), Skourta (area B), and Stephanai (area C) comprise the plain itself and the mountains immediately surrounding the plain, and define our survey region. The project is a systematic and intensive survey of surface remains of all periods using methods developed from our experience with the Stanford Southern Argolid Exploration Project, comparable (though not identical) to those of the Cambridge/Bradford Boeotian Expedition. This region was chosen for an intensive survey for several reasons, the chief among which are: 1) it is a discreet upland environment, comparatively cut off from the lowlands north and south, and it may therefore have had a distinctive history of settlement and exploitation as compared with adjacent regions of Attica and Boiotia; 2) it was controlled by Athens for much of classical antiquity, so remains of that period ought to elucidate Athenian economic and military interests in this frontier region; 3) it has seen very little modern development; 4) its archaeological remains have been virtually unexplored. The 1985 season was only three weeks in duration, designed to test field methods and to determine if survey findings are likely to justify more extensive seasons in the future. The results of this preliminary season, summarized below, have encouraged us to plan three further seasons, beginning in 1987.

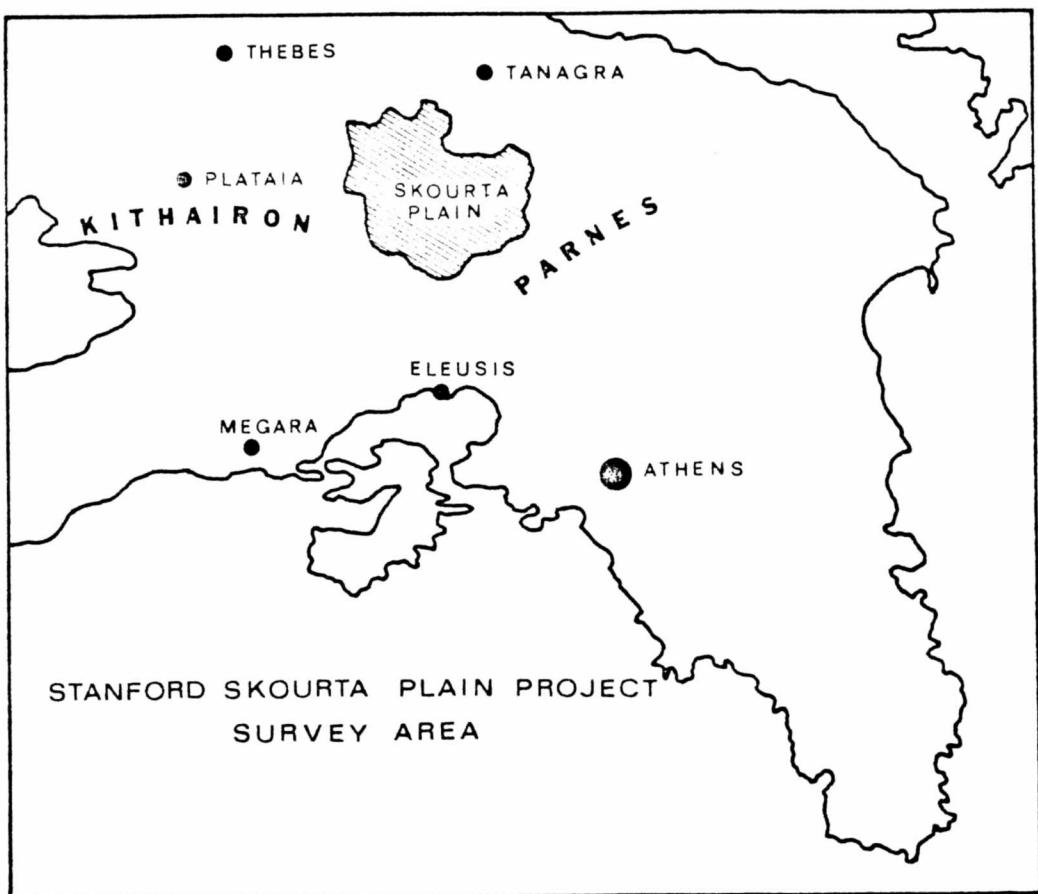


FIGURE 1

The one site which is generally known is the fortress of Panakton (site A1, fig. 2), crowning a peak at the southern edge of the plain above the village of Prasino (formerly Kavasala). Thucydides, Demosthenes, later writers, and inscriptions attest the Athenian occupation at Panakton in the Classical and Hellenistic eras. Previous visitors to the site have described the ruinous walls of trapezoidal and polygonal limestone blocks, and have reported pottery of the periods attested by the historical sources. 63% of our own sample of nearly five hundred sherds, gathered in approximately 1/6 the area of this 6.25 hectare site, consisted of pottery of the 5th, 4th, and 3rd centuries B.C. (one 4th-century Attic bronze coin was also found). 28% of our sample was medieval, a period also known at Panakton--the site is crowned by a medieval tower. None of this medieval material proved to be any earlier than the Frankish period. 9% of our sample was prehistoric, a period not previously noted at this site. The prehistoric material consists of Middle and Late Helladic pottery (certainly including LH IIIB and LH IIIC), and Protogeometric pottery. Another previously

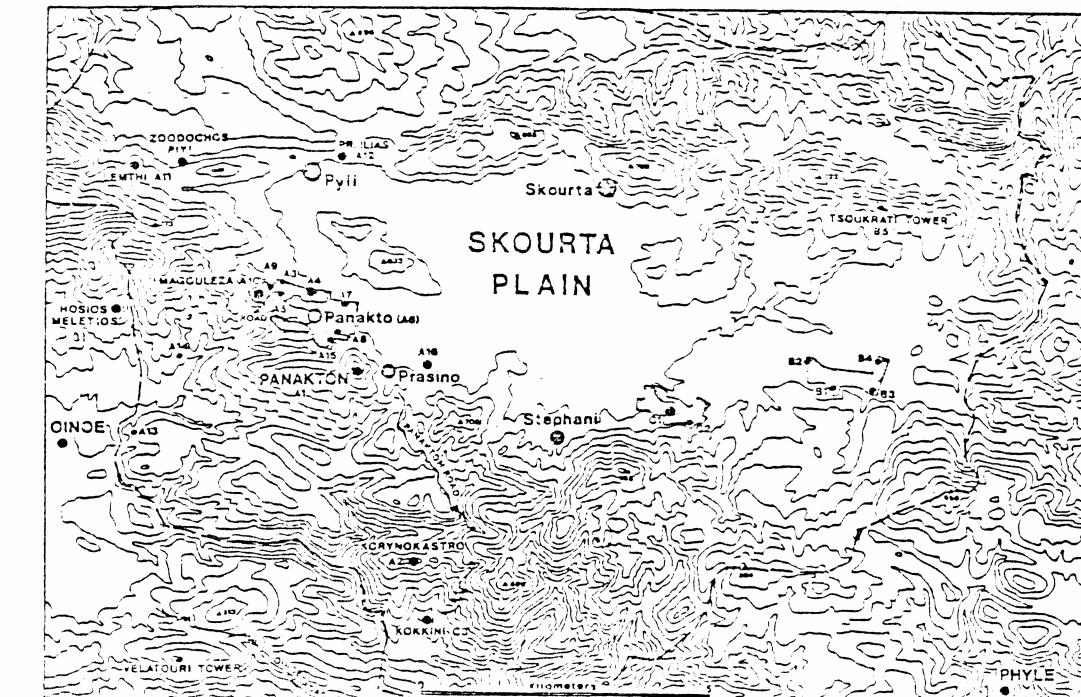


FIGURE 2

reported site which has now proven to have material of the beginning of the Dark Age is Korynokastro, in the mountains about 3 km south of Panakton (site A2, fig. 2). A rugged peak enclosed by a large rubble wall, this site had previously been regarded (speculatively) as a classical fortification or temporary camp, but now it proves to belong to the LH IIIC period. The presence of these two Dark Age sites, Panakton and Korynokastro, demonstrates the importance of this mountain region as a place of refuge or resettlement during the period of migrations following the end of the Bronze Age. This subject, which has a bearing on the formation of the Attic and the Boiotian states, was the subject of a paper, "New Light on Panakton and the Attic-Boiotian Frontier," presented by Mark Munn at the International Boiotian Conference in Honor of S. Lauffer, Munich, June 13-17 1986, the proceedings of which will be published as a TEIRESIAS supplement volume.

In addition to investigating these and other previously reported sites, the Stanford team began an intensive survey of the plain and its periphery by fieldwalking in three different areas along the southern edge of the Skourta plain (the shaded areas in fig. 2). Thirteen previously unknown sites were discovered in these areas, ranging in size from 2.75 ha to less than 0.1 ha, and ranging in date from Early Helladic to the Turkish period. All told, a total of twenty-four sites were investigated in 1985 (some only preliminarily). Periods attested at these sites include Early Helladic (four sites), Middle Helladic (at least two sites), Late Helladic (three sites), Protogeometric (probably two sites), Classical and early Hellenistic (at least six sites), Late Roman (at least three sites), Medieval Byzantine (one site), Frankish (eight sites), and Turkish (at least two sites). In addition to these sites, we have

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noted several pre-modern roads in the hills and mountains surrounding the plain, at least one of which seems likely to be ancient, a road which probably connected the classical Athenian settlements at Panakton and Oinice (to the west, just outside our survey area).

On the basis of our limited sample it is clear that there is much to be discovered in this region. As our work continues we shall be interested in a number of issues: the relationship of the Bronze Age sites and settlement patterns in our region to those in adjacent Boiotia and Attica; the change in settlement patterns in the early Dark Age, followed by an apparent period of abandonment of the region; the nature and extent of the resettlement of the area by the classical Athenians, a process which began at least by the middle of the 5th century B.C. (related to which are questions of the identification of the Drymos, a frontier region associated with Panakton, and the northward extent of the deme of Phyle, which may have comprised part of the eastern end of the plain); the nature of the Late Roman resettlement after another apparent period of abandonment; and the emergence of the modern settlement pattern in this region in the later Middle Ages. Among the more striking findings of our preliminary season is the clear evidence for substantial resettlement in the Skourta plain in the Frankish period. The pottery on all of the Frankish period sites is very much the same, and the establishment of these sites can be placed in the later 14th century on the basis of two Venetian coins, one dated 1356-1361 and one more generally datable to the late-14th to early-15th century, which demonstrate that the Skourta plain was one of those regions of the Duchy of Athens where Albanians were given land to settle. These Frankish period settlements, then, will have been the ancestors of the present villages of the plain, whose populations still speak Albanian. Pastoralism is among the more conspicuous occupations of the present-day inhabitants of the plain, and the history of pastoralism in this area is an issue which transcends all periods of evident habitation or depopulation. The Skourta plain and surrounding mountains must have been used by nomadic pastoralists to a greater or lesser degree in almost all periods, and it will be one of our objectives to try to recognize evidence for this activity in the material remains we record. This and other issues, elucidated by historical records as well as by archaeological evidence, are comprised in our overall objective, namely, to document the changing relationship between this remote upland environment and the surrounding regions of Boiotia, Attica, and the nearby land bridge to the Peloponnese via the mountains of the Megarid, from prehistoric through medieval times.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

The death earlier this year of Professor Ernst Kirsten has deprived the scholarly world -- including that of Boiotian studies -- of another major figure.

On a happier note, it is a pleasure to welcome another issue of the APPENDIX: EPIGRAPHICA, and to present a second APPENDIX: BOEOTICA.

The General Editor extends his renewed thanks to Mr. Donald Sedgwick for his assistance.

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NOTE: Material for inclusion in APPENDIX: BOEOTICA (reports of recent or on-going work) should reach the General Editor by the end of October.

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