

HS II

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STAMPS

1Aa



1Ba



HSII

2Aa



2Be



2Ca



HS II

3Ab



3Ba



4Aa



HS II

5Aa



6Aa



7Ac



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8Aa



9Aa



10Aa



HS II

10B6



11A6



13Aa

12Aa



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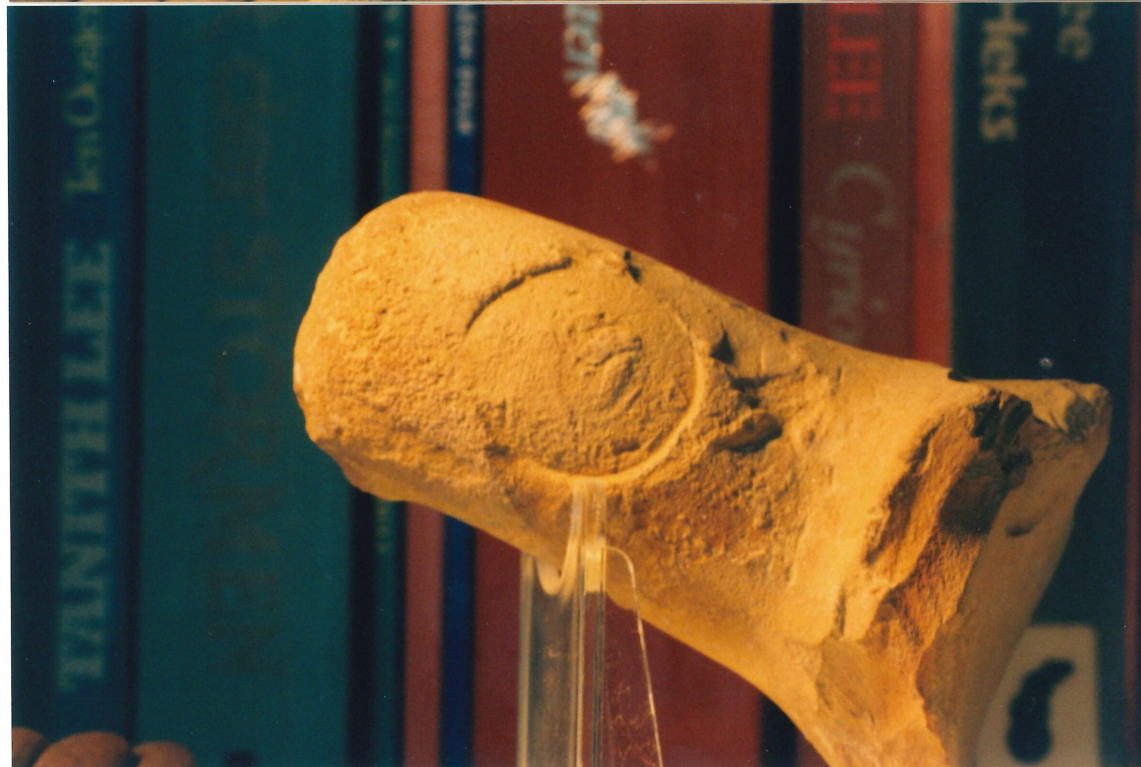
13Aa



14Aa



15Aa



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16Ac



17Aa



18Aa



CONCLUSIONS:

In my view, at least 3 names that appear on handles of Hellenistic amphora's in the Lefkos area, are from local people. Wether they were potters or producers I can not establish.

One of the names is the name ATTINAS, of which I found real prove, a failed fragment from the kiln. And I believe it is a female name. The very old teacher that I spoke in the 80's, told me that once a Queen ruled in Lefkos. There obviously was never a real queen, but possibly a mighty Lady who probably lived in the HS I-palace.

The other names are LYKINOS and FILOXENOS, because of the lack of these names outside Karpatos and the abundance of types with mention them in the Lefkos vicinity. Furthermore, several anonymous rose types, found their moment of making in this Karpathos area, although their existance points to Rodos. Maybe they were by-stamps that were used in combination with one ore both of the male names

Last, but not least I would like to excuse the fact that I gathered this collection, and even outside Greece. The reason I deliberately broke the law, is that I could see during my first visit beautiful and interesting things were being taken time after time by other tourist, just as souvenirs and so making them to be spread all over Europe and further. There was no sign whatsoever that the Greek ministry that was responsible had any plan to close off the palace-area and protect the objects and the data. These things gave me the responsibility to follow my heart for Greece and make sure that as little as possible from Hellenistic Lefkos got lost.

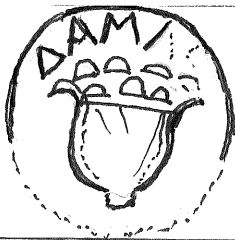
Sorry, but no sorry

Peter Schaap

EXTRA**ARKESIA**

ARKESIA (ARKASSA) is a village on the west-coast of Karpatkos, to the south of Lefkos. It was once the site of one of the city's of the TETRAPOLIS. There are some ruins there, but not many. Much more can be seen on the big rock-peninsula PALEOKASTRO, where Andreas Hamann found some probably Hellenistic pottery-stamps on one of the walled terrasses.

ARK 1Aa



Round stamp with Rhodian Rose. Lettering: D-A-M-A, the last A incomplete, with only space for one more narrow letter, probably S. The name must be the Eponym Damas, see Szofia Stetyllo, Nea Paphos I nr 241, IVnr103 She only knows 2 rectangular Damas stamps, so this round one is a rare find indeed. It was picked up at Palaeokastro, the ancient hill.

ARK 2Aa

Round stamp (about 34 mm) Text around a circle, with a small rose within; so it must have been produced by a Rhodian potter. Although some parts of letters are kept, no name is decipherable. Only part of the stamp had been preserved, with most of the rose. The surface is very much weathered. The clay is porous and reddish, both without and within. It was stamped on a straight-angled handle with a slight curve (more or less an in between-type)

Also at Arkassa, on the fields behind the Agios Nicolaos-beach, Andreas Hamann found a fairly sharp Byzantine coin from the reign of emperor Maurice Tiberius (582-602AD) It was struck in Constantinopel.

PIGADIA (POTIDEON)

On the ancient akropolis of Pigadia (the first of the Tetrapolis-cities) many antique remains are visible, although hardly any original surface can be found, due to earth-quakes that destroyed the ancient city's higher parts. Some hellenistic pottery-stamps were found by Andreas Hamann and myself. Almost all of the Hellenistic pottery-parts are made from clay that is very red, usually both inside and outside. None of the names, printed on the handles are known to the sources that I can find. Even abbreviations are used, and in one case, on a round stamp with probably a Helios-head as a centre, very clearly the rays of the

Akropolis Pigadia - Karpathos

Mikithos
Artamiti



Agicikles



(rubbing)

rose in square



EXTRA

HS VRYK¹A_a



HS TIL¹A_a



(mirrored)

ΕΥΚΕΙΤΟΣ

Karpathos - Greece
Pigadia (akropolis
van Potideon
(mirrored)
Eukleitos? (is)?

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EXTRA

Karpathos
Arkassa
'Paleokastro'

HS Ark(P)1Aa



HS Ark(P)1Ba



KARPATHOS - GREECE

ΑΓΗ
ΣΙΚΛΕΥΣ

Pigadia (Akropolis v. Potideon)

- POTI Aa Rectangular stamp
 POTI Ba Round stamp
 POTI Ca Rectangular stamp

VRYKOUS

Vrykous (Vrougunda) is a place in the north of Karpathos. It lies in an uninhabited area of the island. In antiquity it was one of the four cities of the TETRAPOLIS. One stamp was found near the antique cistern there bij my son Dorian.

- VRYK 1Aa Round stamp (20mm) A rose in the middle and a text around the rose. Although the text is hardly readable, it is clearly an example of one published in NEA PAPHOS IV, by Zofia Sztetyllo: stamp nr.128, pag. 74. the name is that of the Rhodian potter HIPPOKRATES, who was active between 210 and 175 BC. It was stamped on a curved handle of a flat type. Clay is ochre, yellowish, slightly porous of structure. It was found in '94.

TILLOS

- TIL 1Aa On the island of Tilos I found a rectangular pottery-stamp with one line of text, fairly big lettering: ...N (or M) OGENEYS The first possibly two letters are damaged; the second is even obliterated. The first could be an E. For the second there is little space. At the right bottom-part there could be a trace of a horizontal caduceus, with the horns to the right. If so, only the top horn is visible. Zofia Sztetyllo gave the opinion that this is most probably a stamp by the Rhodian producer HERMOGENES, who was active between the second half of the 2nd century BC and the early first century BC. Two known examples from Tell Anafa are dated to ca. 125 BC. This producer is usually known to use a caduceus or a bunch of grapes as a sign. The fragment was found behind the beach called Eristos in '95. No sign of any frame, so I can give no exact measurements, although the stamp is at least 47 mm long. The clay is very fine, pale orange, and it was stamped on a handle with a straight angle.

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HSII Anonymous round rose-stamp type 7A

Photographed at Lefkos in 1998



HSII DEXIKRATES-STAMPS



— 19mm —



Byzantine coin, Found at ARKASSA
Reign of Maurice Tiberius (582-602 AD)