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Underneath each archaeological site, there is a short factual introduction. The images that follow are given alongside title that appears with the associated image in our Archive, and the date on which the image was produced. There is also a link to a larger and more detailed display of the image and its metadata on our Digital Collections website, digital.bsa.ac.uk

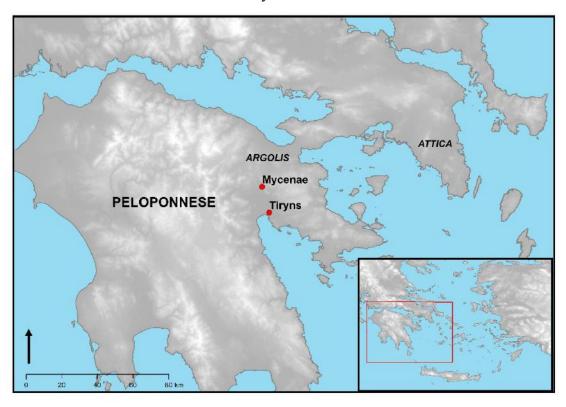
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Other images in this resource pack are from the Pendlebury Family Papers, a collection that covers the period from 1913 to 1964 and documents the life of archaeologist and WWII hero John Devitt Stringfellow Pendlebury.

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Mycenae



Mycenae is a major Bronze age site that flourished during the second millennium B.C. It is located in the Argolid, an area of the Northeast Peloponnese.

The site is made up of a number of monuments: both habitation and burial. The 'palace' located on the high point or citadel dates back to the Middle Helladic (Middle Bronze Age) and is contemporary with the shaft graves contained in Grave Circles A and B. The palace continues into the Late Helladic (LH). A number of cemeteries of chamber tombs in the surrounding area (such as those at the Kalkhani Hill) and early tholos tombs (also known as beehive tombs characterised by false dome created by corbelling) also date to the early phase of LH.

Mycenae's heyday came in the latter phase of the Late Helladic around 1400 to 1200 B.C. It was during this time that the latest tholoi were constructed: Treasury of Atreus (sometimes called the Tomb of Agamemnon), the Tombs of Clytemnestra and Aegisthus. A megaron – a palatial structure with courtyard, entrance and main room with a central hearth – dominated the citadel which was now fortified. The fortifications were expanded with a monumental gateway (known as the Lion Gate), a postern and enclosed the earlier Grave Circle A as well as a defensible cistern and well.

It went into decline with the rise of the nearby city of Argos.

I. Palace

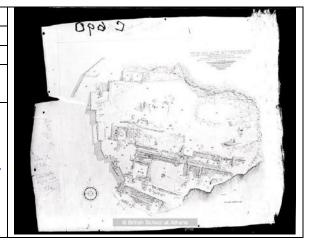
Mycenae: Plan of Palace

Palace

1920-1923 Glass Negative

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Mycenae: Palace great South Staircase from the West

Palace

1920-1923 Film Negative

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Mycenae: Palace great South staircase from the West

Palace

1920-1923 Film Negative



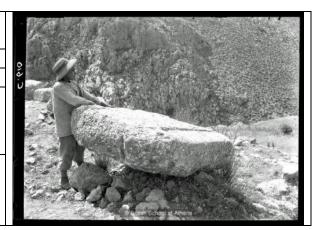
Mycenae: Palace threshold from the top of the great South staircase

Palace

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Mycenae: Palace Court looking into the Aithousa (portico), Prodromos and Megaron

Palace

1920 Glass Negative

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Mycenae: Palace Court

Palace

1920-1923 Glass Negative





Mycenae: Sketch of reconstruction of the N.W. corner of the Palace Court

Palace

1920-1923 Drawing

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Mycenae: Megaron from the East

Palace

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Mycenae: Megaron hearth from the S.W.

Palace

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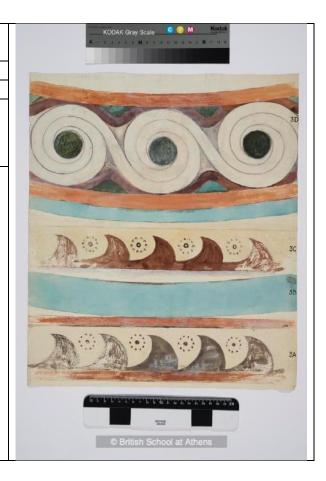
Mycenae: Various Patterns Painted on Stucco of the Hearth

Palace

1920-1923 Watercolour Drawing

Part of a collection of images of the BSA's 1920s excavations at Mycenae.

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II. Sally Port



III. Underground Cistern

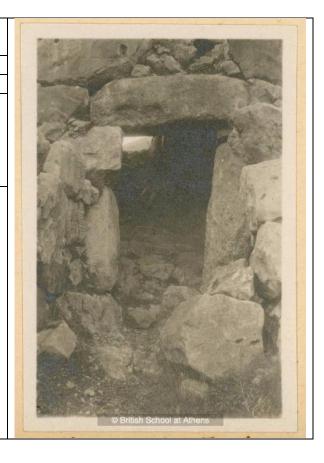
Mycenae: Photograph of "Stairway down to Cistern and the "Watergate"

Underground Cistern

1927-1928 Print Photograph

John Pendlebury Family Papers: a photograph from the album compiled by John Pendlebury, containing photographs of archaeological sites in the Peloponnese, including Mycenae and Tiryns.

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IV. Cyclopean Walls

Mycenae: Postern in the N. wall from within
Cyclopean Walls
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Argonaut Camera Club (part of the Hellenic
Travellers Club), taken on excursions and
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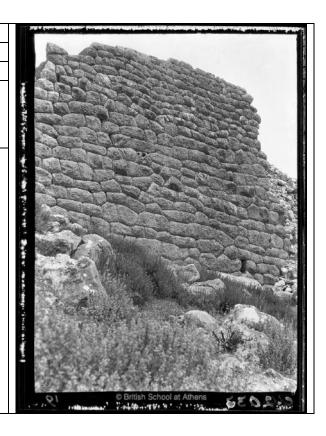
Mycenae: Polygonal wall

Cyclopean Walls

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View from outside door on S.E. wall

Cyclopean Walls

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V. Lion Gate

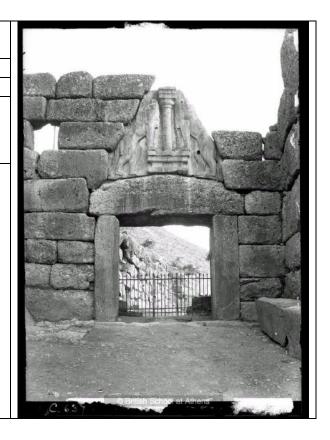
Mycenae: Nearer view of the outside of the Lion Gate

Lion Gate

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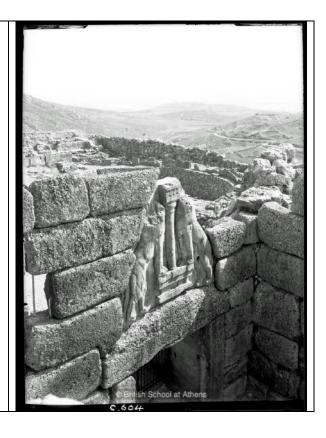
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Mycenae: Relief of Lion gate from the N.E.

Lion Gate

1920-1923 Film Negative



Mycenae: Relief of Lion gate from the W.

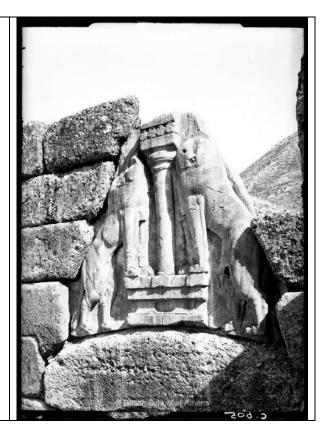
Lion Gate

1920-1923 Film Negative



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Mycenae: Inside View of the Lion Gate

Lion Gate

1897 Glass Negative

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Mycenae: Lion gate from inside

Lion Gate

1920-1923 Film Negative

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Mycenae: Lion Gate from inside with the Granary to the W.

Lion Gate

1920 Glass Negative

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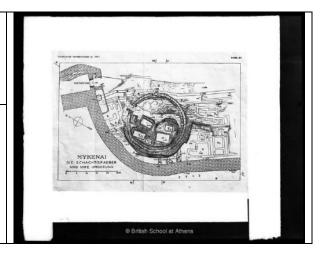
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VI. Grave Circle A



Part of a collection of images of the BSA's 1920s excavations at Mycenae. The negative was produced from a published image that appeared in an article in the 1915 volume of *Athenische Mitteilungen*.





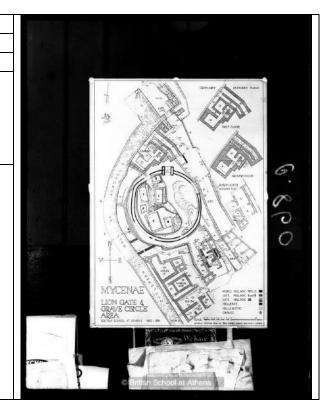
Mycenae: Plan of the shaft graves

Grave Circle A

1920-1923 Glass Negative

Part of a collection of images of the BSA's 1920s excavations at Mycenae. The plan also shows the Lion Gate vicinity, the Granary and the Houses to the south of the grave circle.

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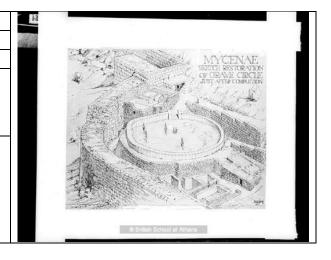


Mycenae: Grave Circle A restoration

Grave Circle A

1920-1923 Glass Negative

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Mycenae: Grave A

Grave Circle A

1920-1923 Film Negative

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Mycenae: Grave Circle A from S.

Grave Circle A

1923 Film Negative

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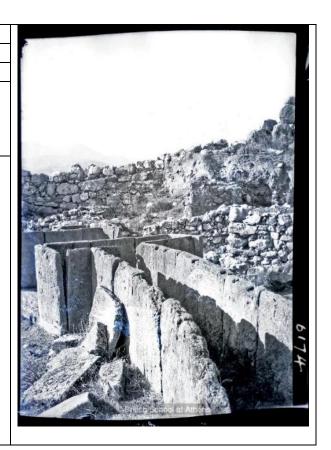
Mycenae: Entrance to shaft grave circle [A]

Grave Circle A

1906 Film Negative

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Mycenae: Entrance to Grave Circle A, showing facing slabs

Grave Circle A

1920 Glass Negative

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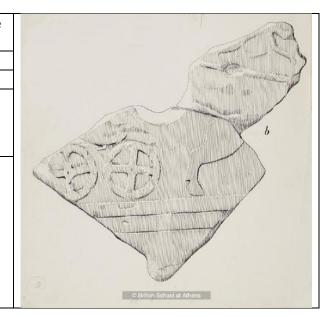
Mycenae: Fragments of Stele IX from Grave Circle A

Grave Circle A

1920-1923 Drawing

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VII. Grave Circle B



VIII. Tomb of Clytemnestra

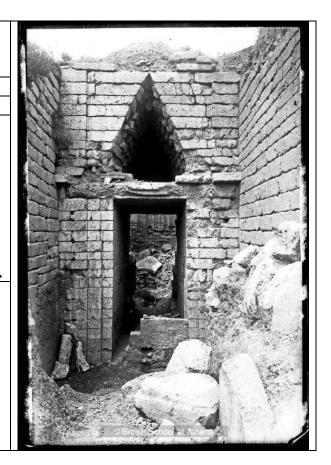
Mycenae: "Mrs Schliemann's Treasury" (Tomb of Clytemnestra) showing latest Excavations

Tomb of Clytemnestra

1891-1897 Glass Negative

The original caption read 'Mycenae: "Mrs. Schliemann's Treasury" showing the latest excavations.' The tomb was named after the wife of Heinrich Schliemann who partly excavated the tomb. Photographed by Walter Leaf, probably in 1892, the 'latest excavations' most likely refer to the excavations by Christos Tsountas who excavated the Tomb of Clytemnestra in 1891.

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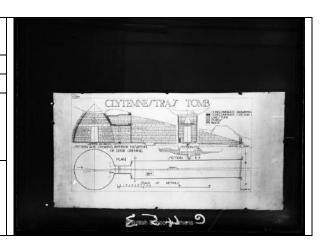


Mycenae: Plan and section of Clytemnestra's Tomb

Tomb of Clytemnestra

1922 Glass Negative

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Mycenae: Tomb of Clytemnestra and theatre

Tomb of Clytemnestra

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Part of a collection of images of the BSA's 1920s excavations at Mycenae. In Hellenistic times, a theatre was constructed in the slope of the tholos tomb.

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IX. Tomb of Aegisthus

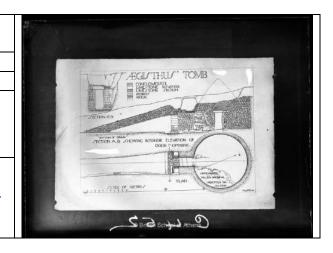
Mycenae: Plan and section of Aegisthus Tomb

Tomb of Aegisthus

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Mycenae: Work in progress at the excavation of the Tomb of Aegisthus

Tomb of Aegisthus

1922 Print Photograph on Index Card





Mycenae: Work in progress at the excavation of the Tomb of Aegisthus

Tomb of Aegisthus

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Mycenae: Tomb of Aegisthus door from outside

Tomb of Aegisthus

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Mycenae: Tomb of Aegisthus door from inside

Tomb of Aegisthus

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X. Treasury of Atreus (also called the Tomb of Agamemnon)

Mycenae: Dromos from the outside of the Treasury of Atreus

Treasury of Atreus

1920-1921 Film Negative

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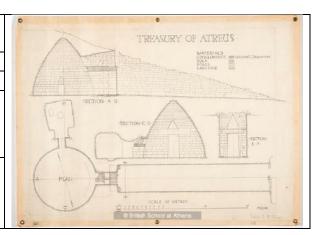
Mycenae: Plan and section of the Treasury of Atreus

Treasury of Atreus

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Mycenae: Treasury of Atreus door

Treasury of Atreus

1922 Photograph on Index Card



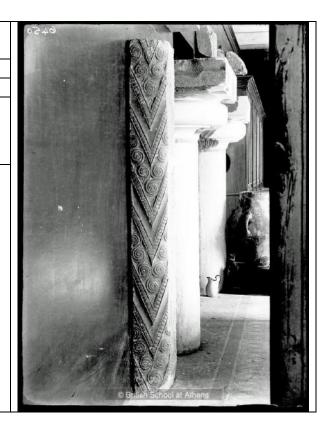


Mycenae: Decoration of façade of the Treasury of Atreus

Treasury of Atreus

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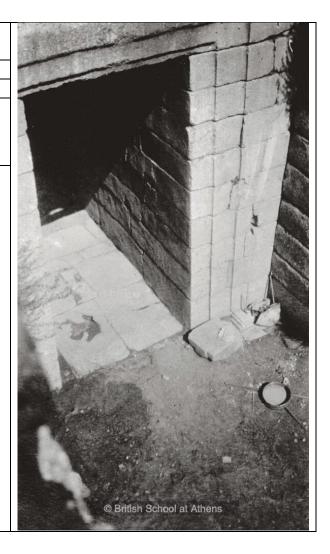
Mycenae: Threshold of the Treasury of Atreus, from above

Treasury of Atreus

1920 Glass Negative

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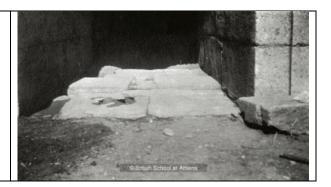
Mycenae: Threshold of the Treasury of

Atreus

Treasury of Atreus

1920 Glass Negative





Mycenae: Central wedge of the Treasury of Atreus entirely removed

Treasury of Atreus

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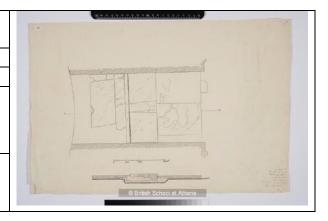


Mycenae: Treasury of Atreus, plan and section of threshold

Treasury of Atreus

1920 Drawing

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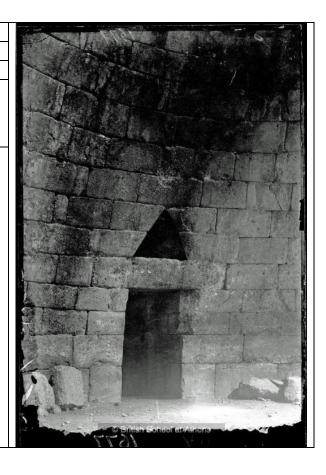
Mycenae: Interior of the Treasury of Atreus

Treasury of Atreus

1891-1897 Glass Negative

Photographed by Walter Leaf, probably in 1892, showing the doorway from the interior and the vaulting.

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XI. Artefacts

Mycenae: Dagger blade showing hunting scene

Artefacts

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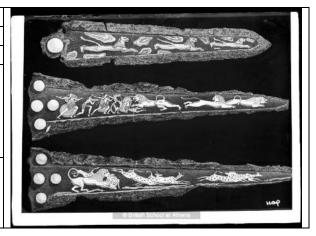


Mycenae: Sword blade [Inlaid] with Lions

Artefacts

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Mycenae: Reconstructed Boar's tusk helmet (reconstructed) from the Kalkani Cemetery

Artefacts

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Mycenae: Gold death mask of Agamemnon Shaft Grave V

Artefacts

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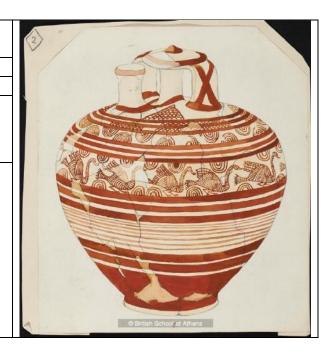
Mycenae: Stirrup-Vase from the East Basement of the Granary

Artefacts

1920-1923 Watercolour Drawing

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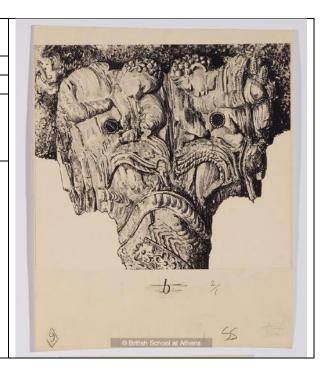


Mycenae: Ivory Handle of Bronze Mirror from the Tomb of Clytemnestra

Artefacts

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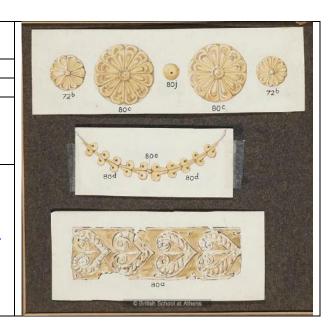
Mycenae: Gold Jewelry from Kalkani Cemetery

Artefacts

1920-1923 Watercolour drawings

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Mycenae: Teracotta Figurines from Kalkani Cemetery

Artefacts

1920-1923 Watercolour drawings

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XII. Frescos

Mycenae: Reconstructed Fresco Frieze of Spiral and Lotus Design

Fresco

1920-1923 Watercolour drawings

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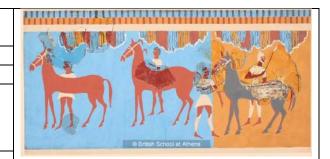
Mycenae: Reconstructed Fresco Frieze of Warriors and Horses

Fresco

1920-1923 Watercolour drawings

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Mycenae: Fragments of the Fresco of Women from Ramp House

Fresco

1920-1921 Watercolour drawings

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Mycenae: Fragments of the Fresco of Women from Ramp House

Fresco

1920-1921 Watercolour drawings

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Mycenae: Fresco Fragments of Men and Bulls from Ramp House



Fresco

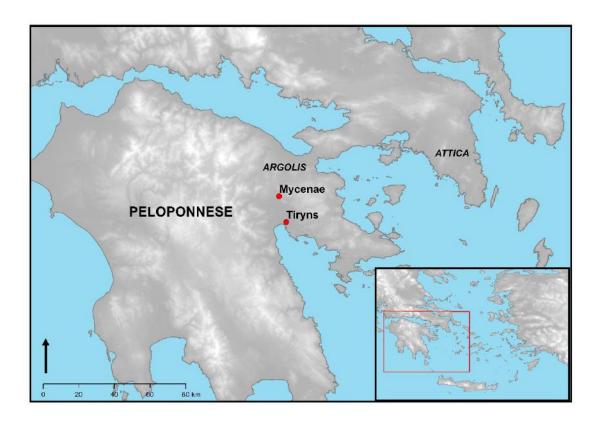
1920-1921 Watercolour drawings

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Tiryns



Tiryns is a major Bronze Age fortified site that rises out of the fertile plain north of the Argolic gulf and south of Mycenae. In antiquity the sea would have been close and the site surrounded by marshland giving it the appearance of an island. It was praised by Homer for its monumental walls, constructed out of massive blocks of stone, so-called Cyclopean from the legend that they were built by Cyclopes.

Like Mycenae, Tiryns was active during the Bronze Age, reaching its height between 1400 and 1200 B.C. The main gate is on the East side defended by towers. Major structures within the fortifications are located in three areas or 'citadels'. The first and highest citadel had controlled access from the entranceway along a wide ramp surrounded by high walls that led to an outer courtyard – the Great Propylon - in front of the megaron. The megaron itself had an open colonnaded court, a porch and central room with a hearth. The middle area controls access to a western staircase and is defended by a tower. The lower area is best known for its underground tunnels and arched galleries and may have been an area of craft production.

The site declined at the end of the Bronze Age and an Archaic temple was constructed on top of the megaron.



I. Main Entrance

Tiryns: Great Portal on the E. Side

Main Entrance

1891-1897 Glass Negative

The photograph taken by Walter Leaf when touring the Argolid, probably in 1892.

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Tiryns: Inside the Main Entrance

Main Entrance

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Tiryns: the Gateway from the inside

Main Entrance

1927 Photographic Print

John Pendlebury Family Papers: a photograph from the album compiled by John Pendlebury, containing photographs of archaeological sites in the Peloponnese, including Mycenae and Tiryns.



II. Cyclopean Ramp

Tiryns: "Chariot Approach"

Cyclopean Ramp

1927-1928 Photographic Print

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III. Galleries

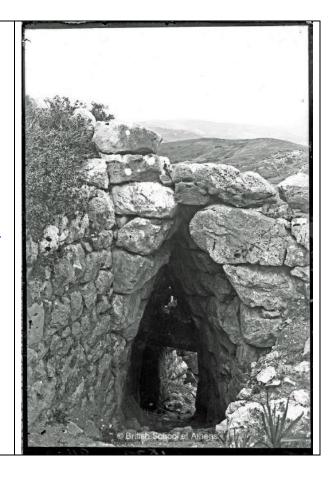
Tiryns: Gallery leading down to Well in N.

Wall

Galleries

1891-1897 Glass Negative

The photograph taken by Walter Leaf when touring the Argolid, probably in 1892.





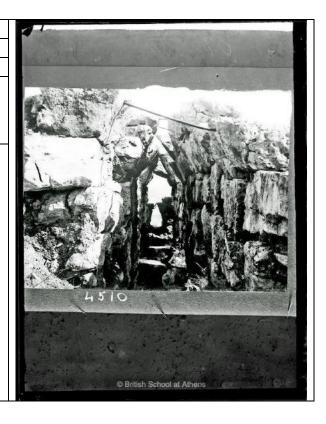
Tiryns: Galleries

Galleries

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IV. Palace

Tiryns: Steps of the Megaron

Palace

1927 Print Photograph

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Tiryns: "The Bathroom"

Palace

1923 Print Photograph

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V. Defences

Tiryns: Towers A and B flanking the Main Gate from the Palace

Defences

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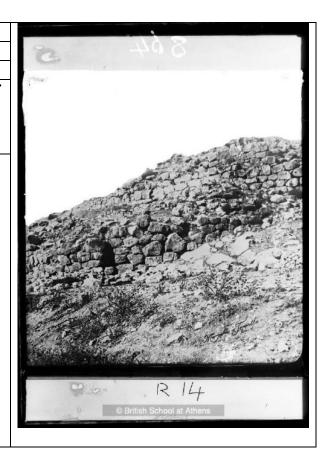
Tiryns: North Wall and Postern

Defences

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Tiryns: Part of Wall

Defences

1923 Print Photograph

John Pendlebury Family Papers: a photograph from the album compiled by John Pendlebury, containing photographs of archaeological sites in the Peloponnese, including Mycenae and Tiryns.

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VI. Tholos Tomb