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General view of the site of Ayioryitika in 1987, looking north.

To my parents, with love and gratitude

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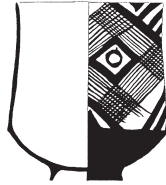
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Abbreviations and Conventions

Abbreviations of journals follow the conventions in the *American Journal of Archaeology*. Other abbreviations are as follows:

ASCSA	American School of Classical Studies at Athens	Darbyshire Notebook	Excavation notebook kept by Richard S. Darbyshire
a.s.l.	above sea level	EH	Early Helladic
Athens	Study Collection in the American School of Classical Studies at Athens	el.	elevation
B plus number	bone, horn, tusk, antler, or shell object	est.	estimated
Blegen Notebook	Excavation notebook kept by Carl W. Blegen	ext.	exterior
B.P.	Before Present	FN	Final Neolithic
C plus number	ceramic artifact other than a vessel	h.	height
Cincinnati	Blegen Library, University of Cincinnati	HAG P plus number	pottery vessel
Corinth	Museum of Corinth	int.	interior
Cox Notebook	Excavation notebook kept by Dorothy H. Cox	LH	Late Helladic
d.	diameter	LN	Late Neolithic
		MH	Middle Helladic
		MN	Middle Neolithic
		S plus number	stone artifact
		Tegea	Museum of Tegea
		th.	thickness
		w.	width

Specialized ceramics terms are defined in the following way (other terms are defined in the text)

Bowl	An open vessel whose height (excluding any base) is less than the diameter of the mouth.	Pottery class	A selection of pottery sharing characteristics.
Burnished	Rubbed with a smooth tool before firing.	Sauceboat	A bowl with a convex profile with an extended, upraised spout that flows smoothly out of the body and has one handle opposite the spout.
Collared jar	A closed vessel with a convex profile on its body and a constricted, cylindrical neck with no separate mouth.	Slip	A liquid clay.
Fabric	Fired clay used for ceramic objects.	Spool Pyxis	A cylindrical vessel fitted with a lid with disks at the base of the vessel and the top of the lid, and with the disks having greater diameters than the body.
Jar	A closed vessel whose height (excluding any base) is greater than the diameter of the mouth.	Ware	A class of pottery defined by surface treatment and decoration. Examples include Urfirmis Ware and Red-on-Buff Ware.
Jug	A vessel with a constricted mouth and one vertical handle.		
Monochrome	A ceramic surface with only one type of slip, fired either to produce a single hue or a variegated surface.		