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Chapter 1 - Rhodian Stamps.

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It has been stated above that the Rhodian stamps constitute the basic and by far the group of most interesting Hellenistic period amphora stamps from Tanais. The overall number of them in our collection is 530. We do not include in this number several other stamps the Rhodian provenience of which can be presumed but cannot as yet be positively establ. [pp.150-1] These last stamps we have referred to the group of st. from unknown centers (see below).

As is well known, three informative elements are contained in Rh. st.: 1) the name of the ep. priest, which occurs in the genitive case and is usually preceded by the prep. ENI and sts. by ref, to the priestly function of the IEPEYΣ although rarely, and particularly in early st., the name of the ep, can be placed on the st. without the prep.; 2) the name of the month of the Rh. calendar; 3) the name of the ergasteriarch, the name of the pottery owner, [usually now referred to as the fabricant] and we use it in this arbitrary way] usually in the gen. and less frequently in the namin. case. These 3 elements which we have mentioned are distributed on 2 stamps which are found on the two handle of the amph.

More frequently in ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{one} st. we find the name of the ep. and the month, and in the other the name of the fab., however not infrequently the name of the month is placed not on the ep.'s but on the fab.'s stamp. In very rare instances both name are pl. in one st. then the name of the month occurs isolated on the other handle. In our collection there are 3 st. which contain only the names of the month (nos. 528-530), and one st. on which can be read 2 names, those of the ep. KPATIAAZ and the fab. ANTIPONOS (nos. 251). ² [Still another st. in which it wd. seem that 2 names are mentioned, no. 72, but the reading of this st. is v. difficult, see below for details] [In fact, it is a Knidian.]

All the remaining Rh. st. are distributed in the following way: eponyms, 250, fabs., 246, uncertain, (rubbed out or completely rubbed out), 30.

In shape, the Rh. stamps from Tanais can be subdivided into circular, rect., and rhomboid. The number of st. of the different forms is as follows [see table].

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In round ep. and fab st. on the side surface of the upper part of the handle there sts. can be found small supplementary st.s which we will discuss later. 11 such suppl. sts. were found in Tanais.

The name of months can be read on 204 stamps: [table] The intercalary month II. ΔΕΥΤ. has been excluded in making up our percentages.

The distrib. of Tanais st. according to months corresponds more or less with the usual distrib. of months on Rh. st., and reflects the vol. of the annual output of stamped amphoras on Rhodes. One is easily convinced of this fact when he compares the data cited above with the figures of the finds of Rh. st.s from any other excavations. For example, we will introduce here analogous statistical materials for 3 points (Table 1: from the excav.s of the cistern at Olbia,³ from . . . Mirmeki,⁴ and from . . . Phanagoria⁵ 1936-50.

If we are to indicate the materials that we will present in graphic form by placing along the axis of the ("abscissas") the names of the months in the order in which they occur in the Rh. calendar adopting the order est. by Nilsson, and along the axis of the ordinates, the percentage of seals that have been found with a ref. to each month, we will obtain 4 curves for the finds from Tanais, Olbia, Mirmeki, and Phanagoria.

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The graph shows clearly that the volume of annual production of amphoras in Rhodes as it is reflected in the Tanais finds can be followed as well in the st. which have been found in other centers, and that the correspondence of the number of amphoras produced in the given months is a constant quantity in all the centers. The somewhat partial non"correspondence of the curves particularly in the right section of the graph, which corresponds to the months ΑΡΤΑΜΙΤΙΟΞ, ΑΡΡΙΑΝΙΟΞ, and ΥΑΚΙΝΘΙΟΞ probably can be explained by the comparatively small no. of seals which we have in these 4 places which gives the definite possibilities for accidental oscillations. Research with ~~a~~ considerably larger groups of finds would necessarily smooth out these accidental oscillations. We can find confirmation of this when we analyze the distr. of stamps acc. to months in such large series as all the Rh. sta. found on the Bosphoros, all the st. from the north Bl. Sea coast and all the st. from Lindos. The distr. of Rh. st. of Bosphoran origin acc. to months was made by Y. S. Badalyans in his dissertation;⁶

(p.12) the count of references to the months on Rh. handles from all of the north B₁. Sea region was made by B.N.Grakov in his introductory study to the corresponding division of the ms. I.O.S.P.E. III;⁷ and finally M. Nilsson has assembled more than 3000 references to Rh. months on stamps with which he was familiar.⁸ The graph which has been compiled from ~~xxx~~^{these} data is similar to the preceding one (fig.2), it contains 3 almost identical curves very close to the curves of the preceding graph but free from accidental oscillations, inasmuch as the large no. of references to Rh. months (more than 2000 in each instance) guarantees in this case the reliability of percentile relations.

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The non-accidental character of these seasonal oscillations in the production of amphoras was already mentioned⁹ by M. Nilsson. However the reasons for the oscillations have not been as yet conclusively established. M. Nilsson following several other researchers found them to be the result of the seasonal nature manufacture of pottery containers which depended on weather conditions more or less favorable for the drying of the amphoras.¹⁰ At the same time all the researchers rely on the suggestions of ancient authors as regards the drying of tiles or bricks.¹¹ This point of view prevails among scholars even at the present time. ~~Why~~ Y. S. Krushkol expressed another opinion in relating the seasonal nature of the production of amphoras with the times of the high tide of wine and by drawing a conclusion from a count of the various months mentioned on Rhodian stamps as to the predominance of the production of dry wines on Rhodes.¹² attractive.

The hypothesis of Y. S. Krushkol is very appealing. It would seem to explain the very need for stamping amphoras with the name of the month so that the purchaser might know about the type of wine he was acquiring. The adherents of the traditional point of view who connect the seasonal oscillations in the manufacture with the conditions of the drying of the amphoras are compelled to explain this demand (i.e. need for putting the name of the month on) by some fiscal considerations, by the need of facilitating supervision of the manufacture. This explanation is not very convincing and does not solve many difficult questions which arise. Take this characteristic instance for ex. If the indication of the month on the stamp was due to the demands of ~~the~~ fiscal control policies and was required by the governmental powers, then it would have to have been

(p.14) compulsory for all pottery workshops. And at the same time it is well known that originally on Rhodian stamps the months the month was not indicated. When they began to include the name of the month in the composition of the Rhodian stamp, which took place according to V. Grace around 275 B.C., for a rather long time some fabricants indicated the month while others did not.¹³ Such a selective and not overall procedure is characteristic for the pottery manufacture during the years of the eponyms ΦΙΑΣΝΙΑΑΣ, ΑΙΣΧΥΑΙΝΟΣ, ΞΣΧΑΡΗΣ, ΠΟΛΥΠΑΤΟΣ, ΕΥΚΑΗΣ and ΦΙΑΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ and would indicate rather the private enterprise and not governmental involvement in this custom, and cannot be explained by proceeding from the traditional concepts as to the seasonal nature of producing the amphora containers. Unexplained also are the omissions of references to the names of the months on later stamps,¹⁴ and the fact that the intercalary month II. deuterios sts. through inadvertence could be indicated simply as ΙΙΑΝΑΜΟΣ.¹⁵ The hypothesis of Y. S. Krushkol removes such questions.

p.15 But this hypothesis itself cannot be considered as proven. To substantiate it, it wd. be necessary to prove that the increased production of amphoras in Rhodes occurs precisely in those months when the essential high tide of wine takes place. Y.S. Krushkol does indeed attempt to contrast the productive wine-making cycle with the rise and fall in the m'f'r of amphora-containers by rejecting the dependence of this rise and fall on the seasonal nature of pottery m'f're. However at the same time it fails to take into consideration that the very order of the months in the Rh. Calendar which it adopts was established by M. Nilsson chiefly on the ~~xytix~~ basis of this dependence which it rejects.¹⁶ It is precisely the conviction that the number of stamps with an indication of one or another month depends on the seasonal nature of pottery m'f'r which lay at the basis of the calendar compiled by Nilsson. If we do not admit this connection, then it will be necessary to conclude that we are unable to establish the sequence of Rh. months.¹⁷ This is very well shown in a special work on calendars by V.V. Latyshev, which elaborated its own variant wh. coincides with the one that was created independently by E. Bischoff.¹⁸ But when M. Nilsson who made wide use of the data about the number of stamps with the names of stamps elaborated his scheme, it was accepted by all scholars and E. Bischoff

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among them, who proceeding from epigraphical data only proposed that they ~~xxxxxxx~~ transfer the month Sminthios in M. Nilsson's scheme from the 6th to the 2nd position. Hence it is for the time being impossible to reject the point of view which holds that the number of stamps with the names of months depends on conditions of pottery m'f'r, without at the same time upsetting our concept of the Rhodian calendar. Only the massing of new data about the Rhodian calendar which would be independent from the indications of the month on Rh. stamps would permit us to approach the solution of this problem.

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Y.S.Krushkol's hypothesis elicits one further difficulty: it assumes inevitably that both the eponym's year has been indicated in order to show a year when wine was particularly abundant, and that the second name on the Rh. st. belongs not to the owner of the pottery workshop but to some person who had to do with wine production or with the wine trade. Y.S. Krushkol also sees in these persons wine exporters and in this point he disagrees with all the existing scholarly tradition. The question is too complicated and it deserves special study based on the materials not only of the Rh, but also of other pottery stamps, all the more so because the functions of the persons indicated in other groups of amphora st. cannot up to the present be regarded as having been sufficiently explained.

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In addition to the legend, Rh. st. contain occasionally depicted emblems. On round st. it is usually a pomegranate blossom, the Rh. "coat of arms" around wh. the legend is placed; less frequently in the center of the st. is the radiant head of Helios, and very rarely we encounter other emblems. For rectangular stamps, the emblems are not characteristic, infrequently we find only the head of Helios, while on the other hand on fabricant stamps they are very frequent, and at the same time many ergast.s constantly employ the same fixed symbol: Amyntas - a crown, Sokrates, a torch, Imas, Eukleitos and others - a caduceus, etc. Here is a list of the emblems on the stamps from Tanais (table 2) [table]

The majority of the emblems we have listed are quite common for Rh. st. A very rare emblem is the one of the eagle seated on a thunderbolt (no.354), which was encountered

(p.16) in the N Bl. Sea region a second time, at the first find the eagle was taken to be an owl.²² Comparatively rare also is the depiction of the double axe - labris, which occurs on the st. of Panchares (no.442).²³

p.17 The most important and at the same time the most difficult aspects in the study of Rh. amph. st. is their proper chronol. classification. Up to now there is still no complete chronol. classification of Rh. st., and by no means all Rh. amph. st. be^{can} definitely dated. None the less 80 percent of the Rh. st. found at Tanais can with more or less certainty be ~~fxz~~ referred to one or another chronol. group. Without dwelling here in detail on the means and methods of dating, we shall indicate only the basic principles ~~of the~~ for the chronol. classification of Rh. st.

The publication ~~of~~ by (C.) Schuchhardt of the complex of amph. st. from Pergamon,²⁴ which are welldated from general historical considerations in a period about 220-180 B.C., permitted F. Bleckmann to estab. a group of Rh. eponyms and potters (erg.s), whose activities fall approx. in those years.²⁵ The finds of amph. st. in the ruins of Carthage wh. was destr. by the Romans in 146 B.C. made it possible for (him) to estab. a group of stamps belonging to a period between 180 and 146 B.C.²⁶ This grouping of st. by Bl. has remained basically unaltered even today despite certain errors and inaccuracies.²⁷ Attempts to reconsider the dating of the Perg. complex have been on the whole unconvincing.²⁸ After the works of F. Bleckmann there were discovered a few other welldated complexes of the same period as the Perg. complex, among them the most important are the remarkable collection of amphoras from Villanova on Rhodes,²⁹ the collection of Rh. st. from the cistern in the Olbia agora,³⁰ pottery st. from the constr. layer of the Central Stoa in the Agora in Athens.³¹ A detailed study of the st.s of this period in their various combinations and in the various finds enabled V^oGrace to date more precisely many of them, and to propose a precise dating of the Perg. complex within the limits of 210-175 B.C.³² This last proposal can still not be regarded as completely established, but independently of whether or not it will be accepted, the general chronol. frame of both of F. Bleckmann's groups remain valid, slight oscillations of 5 to 10 years can have no essential significance.

By employing the stratigraphic data from the finds of Rh. amph. st. in Athens,

(p.17) Tarsus, Delos and other places, VG was able to distinguish groups of Rh. st.s that were both later and earlier than the st.s of the Perg. and Carthage complexes. In order to define the earliest Rh. sts. of the 4th and the beg. of the 3rd cent. B.C., a place of special importance is occupied by the complex of Rh. amphs. from the Koroni peninsula. although disputes are still carried on with regard to the dating of the complex, there can be no doubt about the fact that the monuments of ceramic epigraphy from this find ³³ ~~xxxxxx~~ are to be placed at the very beginning of Rhodian stamping. Of extreme importance also was the discovery in Rhodes of a store of Rhodian amphoras of the time of the ep. MAYZANIAE I, approx. 275 B.C., which were found during the estr. of the Hotel Soleil, and which are as yet unpublished. In order to date the stamps of the "post-Perg. period", in addition to the Carthage finds one may also use the finds from Corinth which was destroyed in the same year as Carthage. ³⁴ As far as the amph. st.s of the second half of the 2nd cent. B.C. are concerned, they can usually be distinguished by the fact that they are not to be found in the earlier complexes.

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Definitive chronological indication might be found in the finds in Samaria which ceased to exist in 108 B.C., ³⁷ however the sta. from the excavations of this city were published very unqualifiedly and can be identified only with difficulty. ³⁸

Rh. sts. from the end of the 2nd and of the beginning of the 1st cent. B.C. can be easily distinguished owing to the finds in the layer of the Sulla-destruction of Athens, which have been widely used by VG for dating, and thanks also to the recently discovered complexes in Cosa and Alba Fucens in Italy. ³⁹ Finally, in order to determine later Rhodian st.s of the first half of the 1st cent. B.C., of great interest are the observations made in the investigation of the remains of an ancient shipwreck of this period along the shores of Antikythera. ⁴⁰

Basing herself chiefly on stratigraphic data, VG ^{even} still in 1952 made a classification of almost all Rh. eponyms, distributing them into 6 chronol. groups. It is true that in making this classification she qualifies her remarks by saying that her data were applicable only to the stamps found in Delos, and that several of the names which she presents can appear as well in other chronological groups, inasmuch as in a series of instances several eponyms who lived at various times bore the same name. ⁴¹

(p.18) Actually we now know that among the names of the Rh. eps. there are many which are r
 repeated two and even three times. Nonetheless, ^(for) the distribution of Rh. eps. ~~into~~
 chronological groups VG provides firm basis for approximate dating (within the limits
 p.19 of several decades) of a tremendous number of eponym stamps. Subsequently VG on the
 basis of an analysis of new finds more than once has revised the whole list of eponyms
 and the dating of the individual names. ⁴²

Originally the chronol. classification of the Rh. eponyms acc. to VG looked like
 this: ⁴³ [table] (Delos)

Later VG somewhat changed the limits of the first 2 groups by increasing the limits
 of Group I to last until the middle of the 3rd cent. B.C., and by limiting Group II
 to approxim. the 3/4 of that century. ⁴⁴ (Pnyx) This distrib. of stamps in the first 2
 groups has been accepted by us in our present study. In her study written jointly with
 M. Sav.-Petr., VG once again has practically returned to her original into groups,
 limiting Group I only to those eponyms whose names are unknown on stamps where months
 are named, and establishing its end thus at some time around 275 B.C. ⁴⁵ In the same
 work she proposes to divide the final, that is the 6th chronol. group into two, actually
 a Group VI which corresponds approx. to 108-80 B.C., and a seventh group wh. is to be
 dated from 80 - 30 (?) B.C. ⁴⁶ This division based entirely on observations of Knidian
 amphoras, ~~in relation to the~~ ^{as} as far as Rh. sts. are concerned does not seem to us to be
 sufficiently justified and we prefer to adhere to the former 6-part subdivision of the
 list of Rh. eponyms, all the more so since the stamps of the last group, Group VI, are
 on the whole extremely scarce in our finds.

In distributing the names of Rhodian eponyms into chronological groups, VG started
 out not only from the stratigraphic data of the finds of the sts. She also employed
 methods of relative dating, and among them the determining of the period of a stamp by
 the shape of the amphora on which it was found. The evolution of the shapes of Rh.
 amphoras and their parts particularly their handles, which has been studied by VG ⁴⁷
 and other scholars, ⁴⁸ sts. permits us to determine an approx. ^{no} chronological place for
 a vessel and the stamps found on it. In particular, Rh. amphs. of the 1st chronol.
 group can be easily distinguished by these characteristics. The use of this method of

(p.19) dating which B.N.Grakov called morphological has enabled us to determine chronologically a whole series of stamps found at Tanais, even in those instances when the name on the stamp cannot be read (for ex., no.237, 502, 529).

p.20 Some it is true very limited data for the dating of Rh. stamps ^{are} is given by materials of an iconographic and paleographic character. This wide use in round Rh. sta. of the radiant head of ⁴⁹Helios as an emblem can be observed in the second half of the 2nd cent. B.C., and the depiction of the same head on rect. ep. stamps to the left of the inscr. is characteristic acc. to our observations for sts. of the last third of the 3rd cent. B.C. (no. 3, 70, 101, 120, 194, 209). In some instances, supplementary ~~fixes~~ chronol. criteria can be found in the shape and proportions of the letters in the legend of the stamp, in the way the legend is divided into lines, and in the corresp. bet. the inscr. and the emblem on the st., etc. ⁵⁰ We shall employ these criteria chiefly when it is necessary to distinguish the homonyms among the Rh. eponyms and fabricants.

The paleographic method of dating can be employed only in combination with other data; attempts to use it ⁵¹independently have led only to errors. Thus A. Dumont on the basis of paleographic observations, attempted to date some Rh. stamps of the beginning of the 2nd century B.C. as of the 4th cent. B.C.

The stamps of the Rh. ergasts. can be dated with even greater difficulty than the ep. sts. So far there exists no general compilation of fabricants' names with a breakdown into chronol. groups similar to the one made by VG with regards to the names of the ep.s. In order to establish a chronology of fab.s' names, of extreme importance is the determining of the pairs of names of ep.s and fabricants which appear in a single stamp or in the stamps of a single amphora. Instances of such synchronism were already noted and utilized for dating by F. Bleckmann. ⁵² F. Hiller von Gaertringen, ⁵³J. Paris, ⁵⁴and E.M.Pridik ⁵⁵devoted their special attention to these problems. As a result of much work, VG in 1934 in publishing the stamps from the Athenian Agora, was able to provide a table of correspondences of Rh. fab.s and ep.s. ⁵⁶53 such correspondences which include 32 names of Rh. ep.s and 24 names of ergast.s appear in it. Even at this time it was already known that there existed a somewhat larger number of correspondences, but in the individual cases the correspondence of the names had not been established completely

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convincingly. In some old editions which refer to intact amphoras with two stamps the reading of the stamps is subject to doubt, which fact obviously caused VG not to include many of the pairs which are referred to in the literature in her table.

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This has to do ~~with~~ in particular with a very imp. publication of intact Rh. amphoras from the Metrop. Museum which was made with insufficient qualification by Hall.

VG was able to check a part of the stamps publ. by Hall and to ~~insert~~ make the necessary corrections in reading them, however part of the amphoras in this collection remained inaccessible to her. Doubts are elicited as well by several readings/ which appear in the old publications of Hiller v.G., J. Paris, E.M.Pridik. And still in a series of instances by employing the whole inventory of data which is now available to us for the dating of Rh. St.s, it is poss. quite definitely to accept or reject one or another of these old correspondences. Thus even the use of data which ~~has~~ ^{have} long since been familiar with regard to the synchronism of several names can be applied now with significantly more assurance than VG was able to do in her time.

The supplementing and revision of the table of correspondences of ep. and fab. names appears to be an impending task, eben more so because of the fact that in VG's table which was compiled in 1934, a large group of names was given an erroneous relative dating. At that time it was assumed that the eponyms who had to do with the ~~ergast.s~~ Agathoboulos, Drakontidas and Midas, precede the time of the Perg. complex. As a matter of fact, as VG establ. later, they refer/ already to the second half of the 2nd century B.C. The early stamps of the first and second chronological groups do not seem to have been reflected at all at that time in the table. Moreover we now know of the existence of many homonyms among the Rh, ep.s and fab.s, which now enables us to clarify the data on the correspondence of the names. The imp. fact is that during the last decades the material accessible to us had grown with enormous proportions, above all as a result of the reworking by VG herself of the new finds from various regions of the ancient world. An approximate count indicates that now we know of no less than 150 combinations of names of fabricants and eponyms, i.e. three times greater than had been assumed by scholars in 1934. Consequently the dating of many stamps, particularly fabricant stamps, ^{as far as the assign. of names is concerned,} ~~with regard to the names,~~ is one of the basic methods of establishing

(p.21) a chronology and is employed by us in connection with many stamps from the Tanais collection.

The corresp. of the names of the ergasts. and the eponyms can now ^{be} ^{sed} establish through a series of characteristics such as unique paleographic and breaking-down data [i.e. apparently the way the legends are arranged] (within the limits of narrow group^a) the presence of supplementary stamps or cases of erroneous impositions of stamps one upon another. However of course the main source of our information in this problem remains the finding of intact or broken amphoras which preserve both handles with both stamps. Such finds can now be numbered in the hundreds and they provide us with a basic concept of the interrelation of the names of the eponyms and the ergast.s

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The finds from Tanais also are quite interesting in this regard. They provide us with 8 combinations of the names of eps. and ergs., 2 of which repeat combinations which were known earlier, while 6 of them are new.

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First of all ~~it~~ should be noted ~~that~~ st. no.251, to which we have already referred, and wh. contains the names of the ep. of chronol. grp III, KPATIAAZ and the fab. ANTIFONOE. A st. with this comb. of names was already known to F. Bleckmann, ⁶¹ but VG in her table of name-combs. for some reason does not indicate this pair. Nor is there anything new about the comb. of the names of the ergast. APIETOKAHE (no.288) and of the ep. APXIAAIAAZ (no.77), which we find on the amphora excavated by P.M.Leontieff in the Tanais necropolis. ⁶² This combination is known also on the stamps of 2 other intact jars. ⁶³ However the comb. of the names of the same APXIAAIAAZ (no.78) and the ergast. AMYNTAZ (no.264) is encountered for the first time and confirms the dating of the fab. sts. of AMYNTAZ at the beginning of the 2nd cent. B.C. We also encounter for the first time the comb. of the names of the ep. APIETON (no. 68) with the name of the ergast. ΔΙΟΞ (no. 326) and of the ep. name APIETOAMMOZ (no.54) with the female name of the proprietress of a pottery KAAAIΣ (no.378). The dating of the amphoras of ΔΙΟΞ and KAAAIΣ at the time of the Fetg. complex could have been estab. even without these correspondences, our pairs of names only serve to

(p.22) confirm and estab. a more precise chronol. for these amphoras, in particular they enable us to refer the stamp of ΚΑΑΑΙΩ to the 2/2 of the "Perg. period", to 200 to 180 B.C. Much more important are 3 other combinations of names: of the ep. ΑΕΤΥΜΗΔΗΣ II (no.87) and the fab. ΕΥΚΑΕΙΤΟΣ (no.351), of the ep. ΕΕΝΟΦΑΝΤΟΣ (no.168) and the fab. ΣΙΜΙΑΣ (no.451), of the ep. ΑΡΙΣΤΕΙΑΔΑΣ (no.40) and the fab. ΜΕΝΕΚΡΑΤΗΣ (no.405). In the first 2 instances these combinations enable us to determine the time of the activities of the workshops of ΕΥΚΑΕΙΤΟΣ and ΣΙΜΙΑΣ, for the dating of whose output we had had no data. As far as ΜΕΝΕΚΡΑΤΗΣ is concerned, the Tenais amph. with his stamp dated by the name of the ep. ΑΡΙΣΤΕΙΑΔΑΣ, attests the fact that he worked at the beginning of the 2nd cent. B.C., and is to be distinguished from the fab. of the same name whose activities took place in the middle or the 3/4 of the 3rd cent. B.C. ^{64 (Pnyx)}

A supplementary method for synchronizing ep. and fab. names and a relative dating of st.s can also be found in a study of the so-called secondary st.s wh. are st.s found together with the primary stamps on the handles of Rh. amphoras. These sec. st., wh. have been noted occasionally by scholars, ⁶⁵ ~~but~~ and have never constituted an object of special study, can in our opinion serve as an approx. chronol. indicator⁶⁶. It is true that our orig. dating of these stamps in the period of the Perg. complex ⁶⁶ turned out to be too restricted. At the present time it must be admitted that these stamps began to be used at the very end of the 3rd century B.C. and existed throughout the course of almost all of the 2nd cent. B.C., however their more or less regular use is to be referred to the first quarter of that century. ⁶⁷ [D.B.Shelov, "Sec. st.s. on Rh. amphs.", Melanges offerts a K. Michalofsky, Warsaw 1966, pp.666-667.]

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In a series of instances on the basis of comparing sec. st.s, it is possible to form a synchronization of fab⁶⁸ and ep. names which have been indicated on primary st.s that are accompanied by secondary ones. The methodology wh. we have suggested for such a synchronization was greeted by positive response, ⁶⁹ ~~and~~ however practice shows that such comparisons must be made with extreme caution. It is hardly possible, for ex., to consider as conclusive the comb. of the names of the ep. ΝΙΚΑΣΑΓΟΡΑΣ and the fab. ΑΡΙΣΤΟΚΛΗΣ merely on the basis of the fact that on their st.s there also happens to be the same sec. st. ⁷⁰ [B in rect.]. Such a simple sec. st. can be found with various ~~names~~

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(p.23) names. In our collection in particular the sec. st.s ~~Ε~~ occurs on the handle with the primary st. of the fab. ΠΙΠΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ (no.372). In this connection it is imp. to know as well the sec. st. no. 369 from Tanais. This st. consists of the letter P and ~~xxxxxx~~ of a small star at the right of it. All these st.s we have considered as belonging to the workshop of ΑΠΙΣΤΟΚΑΗΣ, ⁷² but the Tanais suppl. st. accompanied the primary st. of the ergast. ΠΙΠΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ. This does not change the datings of several ep.s wh. have been estab. by us, of ep.s connected with similar sec. st.s, since the activities of the ergast.s ΑΠΙΣΤΟΚΑΗΣ and ΠΙΠΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ coincide in time, however it requires us to approach with greater caution the linking of the names of ergast.s and ep.s on the basis of an identity of sec. st.s. Of course the recurrence of more complicated st.s (like the monograms of the fab. ΕΥΦΡΑΝΩΡ, (no. 355) is far less probable. Acc. to information furnished by VG, Lucas Benaki, who was the possessor of the largest collection in the world of Rh. st.s, which he has now given to the Alexandria museum, provided her with a great amount of material for work on the synchronization of Rh. ep.s and fab.s on the basis of comparing ⁷³ sec. st.s. Unfortunately the results of the research on this material have not as yet been published.

p.24 In the study of VG and M. Sav.-Petr., the suggestion is made that sec. st.s in their usual form were introduced for the 1st time in 188 B.C. ⁷⁴ This date has even been adopted as the starting point for establishing the end of the "Perg. period". However this dating has no basis except for general considerations about "the great Rhodian expansion on the continent." Thus the earliest sec. sts. which appeared on the amphoras of the ergast. ΔΙΣΚΟΣ at the turn of the 3rd and 2nd cent.s B.C. ⁷⁵ which are abundantly represented in the Villanova complex, turn out to be isolated from the other sec. st.s which appeared as it were only 12 to 15 years afterward. We find this proposal not to be very convincing, and we continue to believe that the sec. st.s of ΔΙΣΚΟΣ, which were placed alongside the primary st.s, were indeed ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{the earliest} attempt to introduce this sec. indication-factor ~~and~~ ^{but} that a significant chronol. break between the stamps of ΔΙΣΚΟΣ and the other ⁷⁶ suppl. st.s ought not to be hypothesized.

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Correspondingly, it is scarcely possible with the assertion that sec. st.s were rarely used at the beginning of the 3rd cent. B.C. on the amphoras of the fab. ΕΣΤΑΣ. ⁷⁷ It is

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true that VG has reconsidered her original dating of these stamps, and now refers them ⁷⁸ to a later ergast. of this name who worked in the 2/2 of the 2nd cent. B.C., however she continues to consider as possible the existence of such st.s on the amphoras con-temp. with ETAΕ I. Obviously this is also an error. [Billy name!]

In our Tanais collection there are 11 sec. st.s on Rh. handles. 9 of them are found on handles on which the primary st. has been lost or cannot be read (nos. 524-527), one of them accompanies the ep. st. of AYTOKPATHE (no.91) and 6 of them appear with the stamps of the ergast.s EYEPANEP (no.355), HHIOKPATHE (no.369-372) and TIMOEENOZ (no.466).

In discussing the dating of Rh. st.s, we will refer also to the so-called cursive st.s. There are 6 such st.s in our collection: with the names of the ep.s ANTHIATPOZ (no.27), ΔAMOKPATHE (no.99), TIMOEEOZ (no.216), TIMOKAHE (no.222), and two wh. cannot be read (no.232, 236). The names of all these ep.s, except for TIMOEEOZ, have already been encountered on cursive st.s. ⁷⁹ The st. of TIMOEEOZ is interesting in that it contains ^{does not} the indication of the priestly function of the ep., which is usually present in cursive st.s although the other characteristics of this grp of st.s are present on it. Thus we have confirmation of Y.S.Badalyans' observation about the existence of cursive st.s ⁸⁰ on which there is absent an indication of the priestly dignity.

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When in 1956 we distinguished for the 1st time a group of cursive eponymous stamps, we proposed that all of these stamps had come from one workshop or even from the ~~hands~~ hands of a single master whose activities we referred to the 2/4 of the 2nd century ⁸¹ B.C. I. B. Brashinsky proposed a later dating for this group, referring it to the ⁸² 2/2 of the same century. Probably this dating is more correct. In proposing our dating for this group of stamps, we proceeded from the fact that the ep.s ΔAMOKPATHE II and ANTHIATPOZ, whose names are found on cursive stamps, belong to the time of the ⁸³ Carthaginian complex. However recently VG has estab. that the activities of these ⁸⁴ ap.s refer already to the end of the 2nd cent. B.C. (no.27, 99). One shd also date in the 2/2 or the end of the same cent. the activities of the ep.s AIXXINAZ, APIETPATOZ, NAYEHHIOZ, TIMOKAHE II, AΓOPANAE, APIETONOMOZ, APIETAKOZ (np.10, 36, 63, 222). To determine the time of the other ep.s whose names are present on cursive stamps, - ANTIMAKOZ, ΔAMON, ANTIAOKOZ, "KONTIOZ" - there are no firm bases, although several of

(p.25) them were inddeed referred by VG to her chron. grp. IV. There are still left the ep.s APIZTEIAAZ and APATOFANHE, whose names are attested to on the handles of amphoras of the Perg. complex. However as far as APATOFANHE is concerned, it has now been estab. that ⁸⁵ there were 2 ep.s of this name (no.28), the second of whom exercised the functions of ep. at the end of the 2nd cent, B.C.; it is he obviously who is referred to on the cursive stamps. As far as APIZTEIAAZ is concerned, in all probability one must return to the hypothesis of F. Hiller v.G., who distinguished in the 2nd cent. B.C. 2 ep.s of this name: 1) of the period of the Perg. complex, and the other a later one, who is referred to in the cursive stamps. (⁸⁶no.40). Our objections against such a classification ⁸⁷ must now be withdrawn. Thus nothing contradicts referring the whole group of cursive ep, stamps to the end of the 2nd cent. B.C., that is to the end of chronol. grp V or even to the beginning of VG's grp VI. This group of stamps retains its dignificance as a dating factor, however naturally it establishes ^{the} time ~~inxxaxdiffxxentxxway~~ of the materials connected with it differently from what we have assumed earlier.

The redating of the group of cursive ep. st.s enables us to pay careful attention to the attempts to compare these stamps with the fab. st.s of ΔΡΡΟΞ (⁸⁸no.334). In acknowl- edging that all cursive st.s came from a single workshop, it is more probable to assume that they belong to the workshop of ΔΡΡΟΞ, although of course complete conviction of this fact can be obtained only after the finding of the handles of an amphora that are indisputably connected with each other, and which contained an ep. cursive stamp and a cursive st. of the ergast. ΔΡΡΟΞ.

(p.26) In applying all the methods of dating Rhodian st.s which we have listed above to the objects found in Tanais, we can chronologically determine within the limits of certain periods all of the ep. st.s which can be read and the overwhelming majority of fab. st.s, in all, 432 st.s out of the total of 530. These st.s can be divided into chronol. grps as follows: [table]

Inasmuch as the time sectors corresponding to chronol. grps. are unequal, to determine the intensity of the importing of Rhodian amphoras into Tanais at various periods ~~it is necessary to divide~~ the number of stamps of each chronol. grp into the approx. ~~no. of years covered~~

(p.26) no. of years covered by the corresponding period. The annual coefficient obtained will give us an idea of the increase or decline of the importing: [table]

Of course these figures are to, a certain extent arbitrary inasmuch as in the first place the very limits of the chronol. periods and the no. of years in each period are approximate, and in the second place one or another stamp can by no means always be referred precisely to one or another period. Nevertheless the annual coefficient (volume) obtained thereby permits us to form a more accurate idea of the dynamics of the trade.

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The figures we have just presented indicate that the importing of merchandise in Rhodian amphoras to Tanais took place continuously throughout the course of two centuries -- the 3rd and 2nd BC. We have already had occasion to remark about the presence of Rhod. stamps in Tanais, stamps dating from the very beginning of the

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3rd century BC. Rhodian amphoras were delivered to Tanais quite regularly, although not in very large quantities, throughout all of the 3rd century BC.

A sharp increase in Rhodian imports occurs in the first decades of the 2nd cent. BC. Chronological group III of Rhodian stamps, which can be dated approximately 220-180 BC, is represented by the largest number of finds and the annual co-efficient of this group exceeds the co-efficient of the preceding groups by five times. In fact the increase in intensity of importation at the beginning of the 2nd cent. BC was much more significant, inasmuch as the overwhelming majority of stamps of group III belongs to the 2nd half of the "Perg. period", i.e. to the first two decades of the 2nd cent. BC. If we take this fact into consideration then the annual co-efficient of these two decades increases significantly since the co-eff. of the earlier "Perg." group declines.

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The idea that further imports into Tanais of Rhod. amphora containers in the (was) 2nd century BC were maintained at the same high level as in the first decades of that century was deduced by us from a preliminary inspection of the materials and

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from a summary tabulation of the stamps, ⁹⁰ but however turned out to be inaccurate.

As a matter of fact, as the annual co-efficients indicate, the flow of Rhod. amphoras into Tanais although indeed it did continue throughout all of the 2nd century BC on quite a considerable scale does not attain subsequently the full developement that it had in 200-180 BC. By the end of the century this importing is sharply curtailed -- the final group of stamps which corresponds with the last years of the 2nd century BC and the first half of the first cent. BC, is represented by a relatively small number of finds and a comparatively low co-efficient. At the same time we must keep in mind that all the stamps which can be referred to this group belong to the beginning of the period -- to the end of the 2nd and the turn of the 2nd/1st cent. BC.

It would be very interesting to compare these results which have to do with the dynamics of importing Rhod. amphora containers into Tanais with the corresponding data for all other north Black Sea centres particularly for the cities of the Bosphorus. Unfortunately such a comparison would involve considerable difficulties. In the first place the number of Rh. stamps which have been found in many centres (Nympheion, Gorgitsia, Tiritakos, Kepai, et al.), are far too few to use these sta.s for a comparative statistical tabulation. In the 2nd place the chronological classification of the Rh. sta.s acc. to the individual centres where they were found has been begun only recently by Y. S. Badaliants and refers almost exclusively to eponym stamps. At this point we can contrast the data of the finds of Rh. stamps of various periods for four Bosphorus cities -- Pantikapeios, Phanagoria, Mirmeki, Theodosia. The counts of stamps from the last two centres ^{were} ⁹¹ published by Y.S. Badalyants, the counts of Pantikapeion and Phanagoria finds were presented in his unpublished doctoral dissertation. ⁹² The utilisation for numerical comparison of our own publications of stamps from Pantikapeios and Phanagoria ⁹³ is impossible since they do not contain complete numerical data according to groups and furthermore deal with only part of the material covered in the research of Y.S. Badalyants. The use of the annual co-eff. in comparing the finds of the various cities is not very wise since the magnitude of the co-eff. will be influenced by the ^{from}

differences in the overall no. of stamps found at one or another point. For this reason we will limit ourselves to presenting on our graph the no. of finds and the percentile indicators (table 3). At the same time we must bear in mind that the graph shows not the general no. of finds of Rh. stamps at a given centre but only the no.

p. 28 of stamps which are mainly eponym stamps [table 3] and which were established chronologically by Y.S. Badalyants.

The comparison of these figures internally and contrasting them with the figures for the finds of Rh. stamps at Tanais indicate that the overall dynamics of trade relations with Rhodes in all of these cities was approx. the same: slight, but continuous, relations, during the 3rd cent. BC, a sharp increase toward the end of the cent. and at the beginning of the 2nd cent. BC, a noticeable decline in the last decades and complete decline toward the end of the 2nd cent. BC. Approx. the same picture will be seen when we count the Rh. stamps which were found on the territory of the whole Bosphorus ⁱⁿ ⁹⁴ and even throughout all of the north Balck Sea region, although the relations of Rhodes and the western centres of the north B. Sea region underwent somewhat different changes ⁹⁵ from its relations with the Bosphorus and Tanais. We must note only that the finds at Tanais attest to a certain stability in importing from Rhodes throughout the course of the greater part of the 2nd cent. BC and even a certain increase in the 2nd half of that cent. in comparison with the 2nd quarter of the cent. This indicates a similarity btwn the Tanais materials and the finds from the centres of the Asiatic Bos⁹⁶phorus, where we also observe a comparatively high activity in Rh. trade during the 2nd half of the 2nd cent. BC, as distinguished from the European side of the Bosphorus, where a more intensive curtailing of Bosphoro-Rhodian relations takes place after 220 BC. This also can serve to confirm our contention ~~that~~ about the chief relations of Tanais during the Hellenistic period with the centres of the Asiatic Bosphorus specifically.

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We take up now the introductory text on the Rhodian class.

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Chapter 1 - Rhodian Stamps.

It has been stated above that the Rhodian stamps constitute the basic and by far the most interesting group of Hellenistic period amphora stamps from Tanais. The overall number of them in our collection is 530. We do not include in this number several other stamps the Rhodian provenience of which can be presumed but cannot as yet be positively established. [pp.150-1] These last stamps we have referred to the group of st. from unknown centers (see below).

As is well known, three informative elements are contained in Rh. st.: 1) the name of the ep. priest, which occurs in the genitive case and is usually preceded by the prep. ENH and sts. by ref. to the priestly function of the IEPEYΣ although rarely, and particularly in early st., the name of the ep. can be placed on the st. without the prep.; 2) the name of the month of the Rh. calendar; 3) the name of the ergasteriarch, the name of the pottery owner, ¹ [usually now referred to as the fabricant] and we use it in this arbitrary way] usually in the gen. and less frequently in the nomin. case. These 3 elements which we have mentioned are distributed on 2 stamps which are found on the two handle of the amph.

More frequently in ^{one} ~~xxxxxx~~ st. we find the name of the ep. and the month, and in the other the name of the fab., however not infrequently the name of the month is placed not on the ep.'s but on the fab.'s stamp. In very rare instances both name are pl. in one st. then the name of the month occurs isolated on the other handle. In our collection there are 3 st. which contain only the names of the month (nos. 528-530), and one st. on which can be read 2 names, those of the ep. KPATIAAZ and the fab. ANTIFONOZ (nos. 251). ² [Still another st. in which it wd. seem that 2 names are mentioned, no. 72, but the reading of this st. is v. difficult, see below for details] [In fact, it is a Knidian.]

All the remaining Rh. st. are distributed in the following way: eponyms, 250, fabs., 246, uncertain, (rubbed out or completely rubbed out), 30.

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In shape, the Rh. stamps from Tanais can be subdivided into circular, rect., and rhomboid. The number of st. of the different forms is as follows [see table].

(p.11) In round ep. and fab st. on the side surface of the upper part of the handle there
 sts. can be found small supplementary st.s which we will discuss later. 11 such suppl.
 sts. were found in Tanais.

The name of months can be read on 204 stamps: [table] The intercalary month
 II. ΔΕΥΤ. has been excluded in making up our percentages.

The distrib. of Tanais st. according to months corresponds more or less with the
 usual distrib. of months on Rh. st., and reflects the vol. of the annual output of stamped
 amphoras on Rhodes. One is easily convinced of this fact when he compares the data
 cited above with the figures of the finds of Rh. st.s from any other excavations. For
 example, we will introduce here analogous statistical materials for 3 points (Table 1:
 from the excav.s of the cistern at Olbia,³ from . . . Mirmeki,⁴ and from . . . Phanagoria⁵
 1936-50.

If we are to indicate the materials that we will present in graphic form by placing
 along the axis of the ("absisses") the names of the months in the order in which they
 occur in the Rh. calendar adopting the order est. by Nilsson, and along the axis of
 the ordinates, the percentage of seals that have been found with a ref. to each month,
 we will obtain 4 curves for the finds from Tanais, Olbia, Mirmeki, and Phanagoria.

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The graph shows clearly that the volume of annual production of amphoras in
 Rhodes as it is reflected in the Tanais finds can be followed as well in the st. which
 have been found in other centers, and that the correspondence of the number of amphoras
 produced in the given months is a constant quantity in all the centers. The somewhat
 partial non"correspondence of the curves particularly in the right section of the
 graph, which corresponds to the months ΑΡΤΑΜΙΤΙΟΞ, ΑΡΡΙΑΝΙΟΞ, and ΥΑΚΙΝΘΙΟΞ probably
 can be explained by the comparatively small no. of seals which we have in these 4
 places which gives the definite possibilities for accidental oscillations. Research
 with a considerably larger groups of finds would necessarily smooth out these accidental
 oscillations. We can find confirmation of this when we analyze the distr. of stamps
 acc. to months in such large serées as all the Rh. sta. found on the Bosphoros, all the
 st. from the north Bl. Sea coast and all the st. from Lindos. The distr. of Rh. st.
 of Bosphoran origin acc. to months was made by Y. S. Badalyans in his dissertation;⁶

- (p.12) the count of references to the months on Rh. handles from all of the north B₁. Sea region was made by B.N.Grakov in his introductory study to the corresponding division of the ms. I.O.S.P.E. III;⁷ and finally M. Nilsson has assembled more than 3000⁸ references to Rh. months on stamps with which he was familiar. The graph which has been compiled from ~~kkix~~^{these} data is similar to the preceding one (fig.2), it contains 3 almost identical curves very close to the cirves of the preceding graph but free from accidental oscillations, inasmuch as the large no. of references to Rh. months (more than 2000 in each instance) guarantees in this case the reliabilty of percentile relations.
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The non-accidental character of these seasonal oscillations in the production of amphoras was already mentioned by M. Nilsson.⁹ However the reasons for the oscillations have bot been as yet conclusively established. M. Nilsson following several other researchers found them to be the result of the seasonal nature manufacture of pottery containers which depended on weather conditions more or less favorable for the drying of the amphoras.¹⁰ At the same time all the researchers rely on the suggestions of ancient authors as regards the drying of tiles or bricks.¹¹ This point of vview prevails among scholars even at the present time. ~~Why~~ Y. S. Krushkol expressed another opinion in relating the seasonal nature of the production of amphoras with the times of the high tide of wine and by drawing a conclusion from a count of the various months mentioned on Rhodian stamps as to the predominance of the production of dry wines on Rhodes.¹² attractive.

The hypothesis of Y. S. Krushkol is very appealing. It would seem to explain the very need for stamping amphoras with the name of the month so that the purchaser might know about the type of wine he was acquiring. The adherents of the traditional point of view who connect the seasonal oscillations in the manufacture with the conditions of the drying of the amphoras are compelled to explain this demand (i.e. need for putting the name of the month on) by some fiscal considerations, by the need of facilitating supervision of the manufacture. This explanation is not very convincing and does not solve many difficult questions which arise. Take this characteristic instance for ex. If the indication of the month on the stamp was due to the demands of ~~the~~ fiscal control policies and was required by the governmental powers, then it would have to have been

(p.14) compulsory for all pottery workshops. And at the same time it is well known that originally³ on Rhodian stamps ~~the months~~ the month was not indicated. When they began to include the name of the month in the composition of the Rhodian stamp, which took place according to V. Grace around 275 B.C., for a rather long time some fabricants indicated the month while others did not.¹³ Such a selective and not overall procedure is characteristic for the pottery manufacture during the years of the eponyms ΔΙΑΩΝΙΑΑΣ, ΑΙΣΧΥΑΙΝΟΣ, ΕΣΧΑΡΗΣ, ΠΟΛΥΑΡΑΤΟΣ, ΕΥΚΑΗΣ and ΔΙΑΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ and would indicate rather the private enterprise and not governmental involvement in this custom, and cannot be explained by proceeding from the traditional concepts as to the seasonal nature of producing the amphora containers. Unexplained also are the omissions of references to the names of the months on later stamps,¹⁴ and the fact that the intercalary month II. deuterios sts. through inadvertence could be indicated simply as ΙΙΑΝΑΜΟΣ.¹⁵ The hypothesis of Y. S. Krushkol removes such questions.

p.15 But this hypothesis itself cannot be considered as proven. To substantiate it, it wd. be necessary to prove that the increased production of amphoras in Rhodes occurs precisely in those months when the essential high tide of wine takes place. Y.S. Krushkol does indeed attempt to contrast the productive wine-making cycle with the rise and fall in the m'f'r of amphora-containers by rejecting the dependence of this rise and fall on the seasonal nature of pottery m'f're. However at the same time it fails to take into consideration that the very order of the months in the Rh. calendar which it adopts was established by M. Nilsson chiefly on the ~~next~~ basis of this dependence which it rejects.¹⁶ It is precisely the conviction that the number of stamps with an indication of one or another month depends on the seasonal nature of pottery m'f'r which lay at the basis of the calendar compiled by Nilsson. If we do not admit this connection, then it will be necessary to conclude that we are unable to establish the sequence of Rh. months.¹⁷ This is very well shown in a special work on calendars by V.V. Latyshev, which elaborates its own variant wh. coincides with the one that was created independently by E. Bischoff.¹ But when M. Nilsson who made wide use of the data about the number of stamps with the names of stamps elaborated his scheme, it was accepted by all scholars and E. Bischoff

(p.15) among them, who proceeding from epigraphical data only proposed that they ~~rearrange~~ transfer the month Sminthios in M. Nilsson's scheme from the 6th to the 2nd position. Hence it is for the time being impossible to reject the point of view which holds that the number of stamps with the names of months depends on conditions of pottery m'f'r, without at the same time upsetting our concept of the Rhodian calendar. Only the massing of new data about the Rhodian calendar which would be independent from the indications of the month on Rh. stamps would permit us to approach the solution of this problem.

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Y.S.Krushkol's hypothesis elicits one further difficulty: it assumes inevitably that both the eponym's year has been indicated in order to show a year when wine was particularly abundant, and that the second name on the Rh. st. belongs not to the owner of the pottery workshop but to some person who had to do with wine production or with the wine trade. Y.S. Krushkol also sees in these persons wine exporters and in this point he disagrees with all the existing scholarly tradition. The question is too complicated and it deserves special study based on the materials not only of the Rh. but also of other pottery stamps, all the more so because the functions of the persons indicated in other groups of amphora st. cannot up to the present be regarded as having been sufficiently explained.

p.16 In addition to the legend, Rh. st. contain occasionally depicted emblems. On round st. it is usually a pomegranate blossom, the Rh. "coat of arms" around wh. the legend is placed; less frequently in the center of the st. is the radiant head of Helios, and very rarely we encounter other emblems. For rectangular stamps, the emblems are not characteristic, infrequently we find only the head of Helios, while on the other hand on fabricant stamps they are very frequent, and at the same time many ergast.s constantly employ the same fixed symbol: Amyntas - a crown, Sokrates, a torch, Imas, Eukleitos and others - a caduceus, etc. Here is a list of the emblems on the stamps from Tanais (table 2) [table]

The majority of the emblems we have listed are quite common for Rh. st. A very rare emblem is the one of the eagle seated on a thunderbolt (no.354), which was encountered

(p.16) in the N Bl. Sea region a second time, at the first find the eagle was taken to be an owl.²² Comparatively rare also is the depiction of the double axe - labris, which occurs on the st. of Panchares (no.442).²³

p.17 The most important and at the same time the most difficult aspects in the study of Rh. amph. st. is their proper chronol. classification. Up to now there is still no complete chronol. classification of Rh. st., and by no means all Rh. amph. st. be definitely dated. None the less 80 percent of the Rh. st. found at Tanais can with more or less certainty be referred to one or another chronol. group. Without dwelling here in detail on the means and methods of dating, we shall indicate only the basic principles for the chronol. classification of Rh. st.

The publication of by (C.) Schuchhardt of the complex of amph. st. from Pergamon,²⁴ which are welldated from general historical considerations in a period about 220-180 B.C., permitted F. Bleckmann to estab. a group of Rh. eponyms and potters (erg.s), whose activities fall approx. in those years.²⁵ The finds of amph. st. in the ruins of Carthage wh. was destr. by the Romans in 146 B.C. made it possible for (him) to estab. a group of stamps belonging to a period between 180 and 146 B.C.²⁶ This grouping of st. by Bl. has remained basically unaltered even today despite certain errors and inaccuracies²⁷ Attempts to reconsider the dating of the Perg. complex have been on the whole unconvincing²⁸ After the works of F. Bleckmann there were discovered a few other welldated complexes of the same period as the Perg. complex, among them the most important are the remarkable collection of amphoras from Villanova on Rhodes,²⁹ the collection of Rh. st. from the cistern in the Olbia agora,³⁰ pottery st. from the constr. layer of the Central Stoa in the Agora in Athens.³¹ A detailed study of the st.s of this period in their various combinations and in the various finds enabled V. Grace to date more precisely many of them, and to propose a precise dating of the Perg. complex within the limits of 210-175 B.C.³² This last proposal can still not be regarded as completely established, but independently of whether or not it will be accepted, the general chronol. frame of both of F. Bleckmann's groups remain valid, slight oscillations of 5 to 10 years can have no essential significance.

By employing the stratigraphic data from the finds of Rh. amph. st. in Athens,

(p.17) Tarsus, Delos and other places, VG was able to distinguish groups of Rh. st.s that were both later and earlier than the st.s of the Perg. and Carthage complexes. In order to define the earliest Rh. sts. of the 4th and the beg. of the 3rd cent. B.C., a place of special importance is occupied by the complex of Rh. amphs. from the Koroni peninsula. although disputes are still carried on with regard to the dating of the complex, there can be no doubt about the fact that the monuments of ceramic epigraphy from this find ³³ ~~xxxxix~~ are to be placed at the very beginning of Rhodian stamping. Of extreme importance also was the discovery in Rhodes of a store of Rhodian amphoras of the time of the ep. NAYZANIAS I, approx. 275 B.C., which were found during the estr, of the Hotel Soleil, and which are as yet unpublished. ³⁴ In order to date the stamps of the "post-Perg. period", in addition to the Carthage finds one may also use the finds from Corinth which was destroyed in the same year as Carthage. ³⁵ As far as the amph. st.s of the second half of the 2nd cent. B.C. are concerned, they can usually be distinguished by the fact that they are not to be found in the earlier complexes. ³⁶

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Definitive chronological indication might be found in the finds in Samaria which ceased to exist in 108 B.C., ³⁷ however the sta. from the excavations of this city were published very unqualifiedly and can be identified only with difficulty. ³⁸

Rh. sts. from the end of the 2nd and of the beginning of the 1st cent. B.C. can be easily distinguished owing to the finds in the layer of the Sulla-destruction of Athens, which have been widely used by VG for dating, and thanks also to the recently discovered complexes in Cosa and Alba Fucens in Italy. ³⁹ Finally, in order to determine later Rhodian st.s of the first half of the 1st cent. B.C., of great interest are the observations made in the investigation of the remains of an ancient shipwreck of this period along the shores of Antikythera. ⁴⁰

Basing herself chiefly on stratigraphic data, VG ^{even} still in 1952 made a classification of almost all Rh. eponyms, distributing them into 6 chronol. groups. It is true that in making this classification she qualifies her remarks by saying that her data were applicable only to the stamps found in Delos, and that several of the names which she presents can appear as well in other chronological groups, inasmuch as in a series of instances several eponyms who lived at various times bore the same name. ⁴¹

(p.18) Actually we now know that among the names of the Rh. eps. there are many which are r
 (for)
 repeated two and even three times. Nonetheless, the distribution of Rh. eps. into
 chronological groups VG provides firm basis for approximate dating (within the limits
 p.19 of several decades) of a tremendous number of eponym stamps. Subsequently VG on the
 basis of an analysis of new finds more than once has revised the whole list of eponyms
 and the dating of the individual names.⁴²

Originally the chronol. classification of the Rh. eponyms acc. to VG looked like
 this: [table]^{43 (Delos)}

Later VG somewhat changed the limits of the first 2 groups by increasing the limits
 of Group I to last until the middle of the 3rd cent. B.C., and by limiting Group II
 to approx. the 3/4 of that century.^{44 (Pnyx)} This distrib. of stamps in the first 2
 groups has been accepted by us in our present study. In her study written jointly with
 M. Sav.-Petr., VG once again has practically returned to her original into groups,
 limiting Group I only to those eponyms whose names are unknown on stamps where months
 are named, and establishing its end thus at some time around 275 B.C.⁴⁵ In the same
 work she proposes to divide the final, that is the 6th chronol. group into two, actually
 a Group VI which corresponds approx. to 108-80 B.C., and a seventh group wh. is to be
 dated from 80 - 50 (?) B.C.⁴⁶ This division based entirely on observations of Knidian
 amphoras, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ as far as Rh. sts. are concerned does not seem to us to be
 sufficiently justified and we prefer to adhere to the former 6-part subdivision of the
 list of Rh. eponyms, all the more so since the stamps of the last group, Group VI, are
 on the whole extremely scarce in our finds.

In distributing the names of Rhodian eponyms into chronological groups, VG started
 out not only from the stratigraphic data of the finds of the sts. She also employed
 methods of relative dating, and among them the determining of the period of a stamp by
 the shape of the amphora on which it was found. The evolution of the shapes of Rh.
 amphoras and their parts particularly their handles, which has been studied by VG⁴⁷
 and other scholars,⁴⁸ sts. permits us to determine an approx. chronological place for
 a vessel and the stamps found on it. In particular, Rh. amphs. of the 1st chronol.
 group can be easily distinguished by these characteristics. The use of this method of

(p.19) dating which B.N.Grakov called morphological has enabled us to determine chronologically a whole series of stamps found at Tanais, even in those instances when the name on the stamp cannot be read (for ex., no.237, 502, 529).

p.20 Some it is true very limited data for the dating of Rh. stamps ^{are} is given by materials of an iconographic and paleographic character. This wide use in round Rh. sta. of the radiant head of ⁴⁹ $\bar{\bar{H}}$ elios as an emblem can be observed in the second half of the 2nd cent. B.C., and the depiction of the same head on rect. ep. stamps to the left of the inscr. is characteristic acc. to our observations for sts. of the last third of the 3rd cent. B.C. (no. 3, 70, 101, 120, 194, 209). In some instances, supplementary ~~xxxx~~ chronol. criteria can be found in the shape and proportions of the letters in the legend of the stamp, in the way the legend is divided into lines, and in the corresp. bet. the inscr. ⁵⁰ and the emblem on the st., etc. We shall employ these criteria chiefly when it is necessary to distinguish the homonyms among the Rh. eponyms and fabricants.

The paleographic method of dating can be employed only in combination with other data; attempts to use it ^{independently} have led only to errors. Thus A. Dumont on the basis of paleographic observations, attempted to date some Rh. stamps of the ⁵¹ begining of the 2nd century B.C. as of the 4th cent. B.C.

The stamps of the Rh. ergasts. can be dated with even greater difficulty than the ep. sts. So far there exists no general compilation of fabricants' names with a break-down into chronol. groups similar to the one made by VG with regards to the names of the ep.s. In order to establish a chrology of fab.s' names, of extreme importance is the determining of the pairs of names of ep.s and fabricants which appear in a single stamp or in the stamps of a single amphora. Instances of such synchronism were already ⁵² noted and utilized for dating by F. Bleckmann. ⁵³ F. Hiller von Gaertringen, J. Paris, ⁵⁴ and ⁵⁵ E.M.Pridik devoted their special attention to these problems. As a result of much work, VG in 1934 in publishing the stamps from the Athenian Agora, was able to provide a table of correspondences of Rh. fab.s and ep.s. ⁵⁶ 53 such correspondences which include 32 names of Rh. ep.s and 24 names of ergast.s appear in it. Even at this time it was already known that there existed a somewhat larger number of correspondences, but in the individual cases the correspondence of the names had not been established completely

(p.20) convincingly. In some old editions which refer to intact amphoras with two stamps the reading of the stamps is subject to doubt, which fact obviously caused VG not to include many of the pairs which are referred to in the literature in her table. This has to do ~~with~~ in particular with a very imp. publication of intact Rh. amphoras⁵⁷ from the Metrop. Museum which was made with insufficient qualification by Hall.

p. 21 VG was able to check a part of the stamps publ. by Hall and to ~~imminex~~ make the necessary corrections in reading them,⁵⁸ however part of the amphoras in this collection remained inaccessible to her. Doubts are elicited as well by several readings^z which appear in the old publications of Hiller v.G., J. Paris, E.M.Pridik. And still in a series of instances by employing the whole inventory of data which is now available to us for the dating of Rh. St.s, it is poss. quite definitely to accept or reject one or another of these old correspondences. Thus even the use of data which ~~has long~~^{have} since been familiar with regard to the synchronism of several names can be applied now with significantly more assurance than VG was able to do in her time.

The supplementing and revision of the table of correspondences of ep. and fab. names appears to be an impending task, even more so because of the fact that in VG's table which was compiled in 1934, a large group of names was given an erroneous relative dating. At that time it was assumed that the eponyms who had to do with the ~~ergast.s~~⁵⁹ Agathoboulos, Drakontidas and Midas, precede the time of the Perg. complex. As a matter of fact, as VG establ. later, they refer^z already to the second half of the 2nd century B.C.⁶⁰ The early stamps of the first and second chronological groups do not seem to have been reflected at all at that time in the table. Moreover we now know of ^z the existence of many homonyms among the Rh. ep.s and fab.s, which now enables us to clarify the data on the correspondence of the names. The imp. fact is that during the last decades the material accessible to us had grown with enormous proportions, above all as a result of the reworking by VG herself of the new finds from various regions of the ancient world. An approximate count indicates that now we know of no less than 150 combinations of names of fabricants and eponyms, i.e. three times greater than had been assumed by scholars in 1934. Consequently the dating of many stamps, particularly fabricant stamps, with regard to the names is one of the basic methods of establishing

(p.21) a chronology and is employed by us in connection with many stamps from the Tanais collection.

The corresp. of the names of the ergasts, and the eponyms can now be established through a series of characteristics such as unique paleographic and breaking-down data [i.e. apparently the way the legends are arranged] (within the limits of narrow groups) the presence of supplementary stamps or cases of erroneous impositions of stamps one upon another. However of course the main source of our information in this problem remains the finding of intact or broken amphoras which preserve both handles with both stamps. Such finds can now be numbered in the hundreds and they provide us with a basic concept of the interrelation of the names of the eponyms and the ergasts.

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The finds from Tanais also are quite interesting in this regard. They provide us with 8 combinations of the names of eps. and ergs., 2 of which repeat combinations which were known earlier, while 6 of them are new.

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First of all it should be noted that st. no.251, to which we have already referred, and wh. contains the names of the ep. of chronol. grp III, ΚΡΑΤΙΔΑΣ and the fab. ΑΝΤΙΦΟΝΟΣ. A st. with this comb. of names was already known to F. Blackmann, but VG in her table of name-combs. for some reason does not indicate this pair. Nor is there anything new about the comb. of the names of the ergast. ΑΠΙΣΤΟΚΛΗΣ (no.288) and of the ep. ΑΡΧΙΑΙΔΑΣ (no.77), which we find on the amphora excavated by P.M. Lechtieff in the Tanais necropolis. This combination is known also on the stamps of 2 other intact jars. However the comb. of the names of the same ΑΡΧΙΑΙΔΑΣ (no.78) and the ergast. ΑΜΥΝΤΑΣ (no.264) is encountered for the first time and confirms the dating of the fab. sts. of ΑΜΥΝΤΑΣ at the beginning of the 2nd cent. B.C. We also encounter for the first time the comb. of the names of the ep. ΑΠΙΣΤΩΝ (no. 68) with the name of the ergast. ΔΙΟΣ (no. 326) and of the ep. name ΑΠΙΣΤΟΑΜΟΣ (no.54) with the female name of the proprietress of a pottery ΚΑΑΙΣ (no.378). The dating of the amphoras of ΔΙΟΣ and ΚΑΑΙΣ at the time of the Petg. complex could have been estab. even without these correspondences, our pairs of names only serve to

(p.22) confirm and estab. a more precise chronol. for these amphoras, in particular they enable us to refer the stamp of ΚΑΑΑΙΩ to the 2/2 of the "Perg. period", to 200 to 180 B.C. Much more important are 3 other combinations of names: of the ep. ΑΣΤΥΜΗΔΗΣ II (no.87) and the fab. ΕΥΚΑΕΙΤΟΣ (no.351), of the ep. ΕΞΕΝΟΦΑΝΤΟΣ (no.168) and the fab. ΣΙΜΙΑΣ (no.451), of the ep. ΑΡΙΣΤΕΙΔΑΣ (no.40) and the fab. ΜΕΝΕΚΡΑΤΗΣ (no.405). In the first 2 instances these combinations enable us to determine the time of the activities of the workshops of ΕΥΚΑΕΙΤΟΣ and ΣΙΜΙΑΣ, for the dating of whose output we had had no data. As far as ΜΕΝΕΚΡΑΤΗΣ is concerned, the T nais amph. with his stamp dated by the name of the ep. ΑΡΙΣΤΕΙΔΑΣ, attests the fact that he worked at the beginning of the 1nd cent. B.C., and is to be distinguished from the fab. of the same name whose activities took place in the middle or the 3/4 of the 3rd cent. B.C.

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A supplementary method for synchronizing ep. and fab. names and a relative dating of st.s can also be found in a study of the so-called secondary st.s wh. are st.s found together with the primary stamps on the handles of Rh. amphoras. These sec. st., wh. have been noted occasionally by scholars, ⁶⁵ ~~but~~ and have never constituted an object of special study, can in our opinion serve as an approx. chronol. indicator. It is true that our orig. dating of these stamps in the period of the Perg. complex ⁶⁶ turned out to be too restricted. At the present time it must be admitted that these stamps began to be used at the very end of the 3rd century B.C. and existed throughout the course of almost all of the 2nd cent. B.C., however their more or less regular use is to be referred to the first quarter of that century. ⁶⁷ [D.B.Shelov, "Sec. sts. on Rh. amphs.", Melanges offerts a K. Michalofsky, Warsaw 1966, pp.666-667.]

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In a series of instances on the basis of comparing sec. st.s, it is possible to form a synchronization of fab. and ep. names which have been indicated on primary st.s that are accompanied by secondary ones. ⁶⁸ The methodology wh. we have suggested for such a synchronization was greeted by positive response, ⁶⁹ ~~and~~ however practice shows that such comparisons must be made with extreme caution. It is hardly possible, for ex., to consider as conclusive the comb. of the names of the ep. ΝΙΚΑΖΑΓΟΡΑΣ and the fab. ΑΡΙΣΤΟΚΛΗΣ merely on the basis of the fact that on their st.s there also happens to be the same sec. st. (B in rect.). ⁷⁰ Such a simple sec. st. can be found with various

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(p.23) names. In our collection in particular the sec. st.s Ξ occurs on the handle with the primary st. of the fab. ΠΠΙΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ (no.372). In this connection it is imp. to know as well the sec. st. no. 369 from Tanais. This st. consists of the letter P and ixixex of a small star at the right of it. All these st.s we have considered as belonging to the workshop of ΑΡΙΣΤΟΚΛΗΣ ,⁷² but the Tanais suppl. st. accompanied the primary st. of the ergast. ΠΠΙΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ . This does not change the datings of several ep.s wh. have been estab. by us, of ep.s connected with similar sec. st.s, since the activities of the ergast.s ΑΡΙΣΤΟΚΛΗΣ and ΠΠΙΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ coincide in time, however it requires us to approach with greater caution the linking of the names of ergast.s and ep.s on the basis of an identity of sec. st.s. Of course the recurrence of more complicated st.s (like the monograms of the fab. ΕΥΣΠΑΝΣΡ , (no. 355) is far less probable. Acc. to information furnished by VG, Lucas Benaki, who was the possessor of the largest collection in the world of Rh. st.s, which he has now given to the Alexandria museum, provided her with a great amount of material for work on the synchronization of Rh. ep.s and fab.s on the basis of comparing sec. st.s.⁷³ Unfortunately the results of the research on this material have not as yet been published.

In the study of VG and M. Sav.-Petr., the suggestion is made that sec. st.s in their usual form were introduced for the 1st time in 188 B.C.⁷⁴ This date has even been adopted as the starting point for establishing the end of the "Perg. period". However this dating has no basis except for general considerations about "the great Rhodian expansion on the continent." Thus the earliest sec. sts. which appeared on the amphoras of the ergast. ΔΙΣΚΟΣ at the turn of the 3rd and 2nd cent.s B.C. ϩ which are abundantly represented in the Villanova complex,⁷⁵ turn out to be isolated from the other sec. st.s which appeared as it were only 12 to 15 years afterward. We find this proposal not to be very convincing, and we continue to believe that the sec. st.s of ΔΙΣΚΟΣ , which were placed alongside the primary sts, were indeed ~~xxxxshxxxx~~ ^{the earliest} attempt to introduce this sec. indication-factor ~~and~~ that a significant chronol. break between the stamps of ΔΙΣΚΟΣ and the other suppl. st.s ought not to be hypothesized.⁷⁶

Correspondingly, it is scarcely possible with the assertion that sec. st.s were rarely used at the beginning of the 3rd cent. B.C. on the amphoras of the fab. ΣΤΑΣ .⁷⁷ It is

(p.24) true that VG has reconsidered her original dating of these stamps, and now refers them \neq to a later ergast. of this name who worked in the 2/2 of the 2nd cent. B.C., however she continues to consider as possible the existence of such st.s on the amphoras con-temp. with ESTAZ I. ⁷⁸ Obviously this is also an error.

In our Tanais collection there are 11 sec. st.s on Rh. handles. 9 of them are found on handles on which the primary st. has been lost or cannot be read (nos. 524-527), one of them accompanies the ep. st. of AYTOKPATHZ (no.91) and 6 of them appear with the stamps of the ergast.s EYOPANZP (no.355), HHIOKPATHZ (no.369-372) and TIMOEENOZ (no.466).

In discussing the dating of Rh. st.s, we will refer also to the so-called cursive st.s. There are 6 such st.s in our collection: with the names of the ep.s ANTHIATPOZ (no.27), AAMOKPATHZ (no.99), TIMOEEOZ (no.216), TIMOKAHZ (no.222), and two wh. cannot be read (no.232, 236). The names of all these ep.s, except for TIMOEEOZ, have already been encountered on cursive st.s. ⁷⁹ The st. of TIMOEEOZ is interesting in that it contains ^{does not} the indication of the priestly function of the ep., which is usually present in cursive st.s although the other characteristics of this grp of st.s are present on it. Thus we have confirmation of Y.S.Badalyans' observation about the existence of cursive st.s on which there is absent an indication of the priestly dignity. ⁸⁰

When in 1956 we distinguished for the 1st time a group of cursive eponymous stamps, we proposed that all of these stamps had come from one workshop or even from the ~~hands~~ hands of a single master whose activities we referred to the 2/4 of the 2nd century ⁸¹ B.C. I. B. Brashinsky proposed a later dating for this group, referring it to the 2/2 of the same century. ⁸² Probably this dating is more correct. In proposing our dating for this group of stamps, we proceeded from the fact that the ep.s AAMOKPATHZ II and ANTHIATPOZ, whose names are found on cursive stamps, belong to the time of the Carthaginian complex. ⁸³ However recently VG has estab. that the activities of these ep.s refer already to the end of the 2nd cent. B.C. (no.27, 99). ⁸⁴ One shd also date in the 2/2 or the end of the same cent. the activities of the ep.s AIXINAZ, APIETPATOZ, NAYENHIOZ, TIMOKAHZ II, APOPANAE, APIETONOMOZ, APIETAKOZ (np.10, 36, 63, 222). To determine the time of the other ep.s whose names are present on cursive stamps, - ANTIMAKOZ, AAMEN, ANTHIAKOZ, "XONTIOZ" - there are no firm bases, although several of

(p.25) them were indeed referred by VG to her chron. grp. IV. There are still left the ep.s APIETEIAAZ and APATOPANHZ, whose names are attested to on the handles of amphoras of the Perg. complex. However as far as APATOPANHZ is concerned, it has now been estab. that ~~it~~ there were 2 ep.s of this name (no.28), ⁸⁵ the second of whom exercised the functions of ep. at the end of the 2nd cent. B.C.; it is he obviously who is referred to on the cursive stamps. As far as APIETEIAAZ is concerned, in all probability one must return to the hypothesis of F. Hiller v.G., who distinguished in the 2nd cent. B.C. 2 ep.s of ~~it~~ this name: 1) of the period of the Perg. complex, and the other a later one, who is referred to in the cursive stamps. (no.40). ⁸⁶ Our objections against such a classification ⁸⁷ must now be withdrawn. Thus nothing contradicts referring the whole group of cursive ep. stamps to the end of the 2nd cent. B.C., that is to the end of chronol. grp V or even to the beginning of VG's grp VI. This group of stamps retains its significance as a ^{the} dating factor, however naturally it establishes ~~time intervals~~ ^{the} of the materials connected with it differently from what we have assumed earlier.

The redating of the group of cursive ep. st.s enables us to pay careful attention to the attempts to compare these stamps with the fab. st.s of ΔΡΡΟΖ (no.334). ⁸⁸ In acknowledging that all cursive st.s came from a single workshop, it is more probable to assume that they belong to the workshop of ΔΡΡΟΖ, although of course complete conviction of this fact can be obtained only after the finding of the handles of an amphora that are indisputably connected with each other, and which contained an ep. cursive stamp and a cursive st. of the ergast. ΔΡΡΟΖ.

p.26 In applying all the methods of dating Rhodian st.s which we have listed above to the objects found in Tanais, we can chronologically determine within the limits of certain periods all of the ep. st.s which can be read and the overwhelming majority of fab. st.s, in all, 432 st.s out of the total of 530. These st.s can be divided into chronol. grps as follows: [table]

Inasmuch as the time sectors corresponding to chronol. grps. are unequal, to determine the intensity of the importing of Rhodian amphoras into Tanais at various periods it is necessary to divide the number of stamps of each chronol. grp into the approx. ~~no. of years covers~~

(p.26) no. of years covered by the corresponding period. The annual coefficient obtained will give us an idea of the increase or decline of the import^{ing}: [table]

Of course these figures are to, a certain extent arbitrary inasmuch as in the first place the very limits of the chronol. periods and the no. of years in each period are approximate, and in the second place one or another stamp can by no means always be referred precisely to one or another period. Nevertheless the annual coefficient (volume) obtained thereby permits us to form a more accurate idea of the dynamics of the trade.

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The figures we have just presented indicate that the importing of merchandise in Rhodian amphoras to Tanais took place continuously throughout the course of two centuries -- the 3rd and 2nd BC. We have already had occasion to remark about the presence of Rhod. stamps in Tanais, stamps dating from the very beginning of the

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3rd century BC. Rhodian amphoras were delivered to Tanais quite regularly, although not in very large quantities, throughout all of the 3rd century BC.

A sharp increase in Rhodian imports occurs in the first decades of the 2nd cent. BC. Chronological group III of Rhodian stamps, which can be dated approximately 220-180 BC, is represented by the largest number of finds and the annual co-efficient of this group exceeds the co-efficient of the preceding groups by five times. In fact the increase in intensity of importation at the beginning of the 2nd cent. BC was much more significant, inasmuch as the overwhelming majority of stamps of group III belongs to the 2nd half of the "Perg. period", i.e. to the first two decades of the 2nd cent. BC. If we take this fact into consideration then the annual co-efficient of these two decades increases significantly since the co-eff. of the earlier "Perg." group declines.

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The idea that further imports into Tanais of Rhod. amphora containers in the (was) 2nd century BC were maintained at the same high level as in the first decades of that century was deduced by us from a preliminary inspection of the materials and from a summary (total) tabulation of the stamps, ⁹⁰ but however turned out to be inaccurate.

As a matter of fact, as the annual co-efficients indicate, the flow of Rhod. amphoras into Tanais although indeed it did continue throughout all of the 2nd century BC on quite a considerable scale does not attain subsequently the full development that it had in 200-180 BC. By the end of the century this importing is sharply curtailed -- the final group of stamps which corresponds with the last years of the 2nd century BC and the first half of the first cent. BC, is represented by a relatively small number of finds and a comparatively low co-efficient. At the same time we must keep in mind that all the stamps which can be referred to this group belong to the beginning of the period -- to the end of the 2nd and the turn of the 2nd/1st cent. BC.

It would be very interesting to compare these results which have to do with the dynamics of importing Rhod. amphora containers into Tanais with the corresponding data for all other north Black Sea centres particularly for the cities of the Bosphorus. Unfortunately such a comparison would involve considerable difficulties. In the first place the number of Rh. stamps which have been found in many centres (Nympheion, Gorgitsia, Tiritakos, Kepai, et al.), are far too few to use these sta.s for a comparative statistical tabulation. In the 2nd place the chronological classification of the Rh. sta.s acc. to the individual centres where they were found has been begun only recently by Y. S. Badalyants and refers almost exclusively to eponym stamps. At this point we can contrast the data of the finds of Rh. stamps of various periods for four Bosphorus cities -- Pantikapeios, Phanagoria, Mirmeki, Theodosia. The counts of stamps from the last two centres ⁹¹ were published by Y.S. Badalyants, the counts of Pantikapeion and Phanagoria finds were presented in his unpublished doctoral dissertation. ⁹² The utilisation for numerical comparison of our own publications of stamps from Pantikapeios and Phanagoria ⁹³ is impossible since they do not contain complete numerical data according to groups and furthermore deal with only part of the material covered in the research of Y.S. Badalyants. The use of the annual co-eff. in comparing the finds of the various ^{from} cities is not very wise since the magnitude of the co-eff. will be influenced by the

differences in the overall no. of stamps found at one or another point. For this reason we will limit ourselves to presenting on our graph the no. of finds and the percentile indicators (table 3). At the same time we must bear in mind that the graph shows not the general no. of finds of Rh. stamps at a given centre but only the no. of stamps which are mainly eponym stamps [table 3] and which were established chronologically by Y.S. Badalyants.

The comparison of these figures internally and contrasting them with the figures for the finds of Rh. stamps at Tanais indicate that the overall dynamics of trade relations with Rhodes in all of these cities was approx. the same: slight, but continuous relations during the 3rd cent. BC, a sharp increase toward the end of the cent. and at the beginning of the 2nd cent. BC, a noticeable decline in the last decades and complete decline toward the end of the 2nd cent. BC. Approx. the same picture will be seen when we count the Rh. stamps which were found on the territory of the whole Bosphorus ⁱⁿ ⁹⁴ and even throughout all of the north Black Sea region, although the relations of Rhodes and the western centres of the north B. Sea region underwent somewhat different changes from its relations with the Bosphorus and Tanais. ⁹⁵ We must note only that the finds at Tanais attest to a certain stability in importing from Rhodes throughout the course of the greater part of the 2nd cent. BC and even a certain increase in the 2nd half of that cent. in comparison with the 2nd quarter of the cent. This indicates a similarity between the Tanais materials and the finds from the centres of the Asiatic Bosphorus, where we also observe a comparatively high activity in Rh. trade during the 2nd half of the 2nd cent. BC, as distinguished from the European side of the Bosphorus, where a more intensive curtailing of Bosphoro-Rhodian relations takes place after 220 BC. ⁹⁶ This also can serve to confirm our contention ~~about~~ about the chief relations of Tanais during the Hellenistic period with the centres of the Asiatic Bosphorus specifically.

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either as 180-150 B.C., or rather as the second half of the century. His name has
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been established rather probably on the stamp of ΑΓΑΘΟΒΟΥΛΟΣ.

On no.25. The die of this stamp is cut from one that has already been used: the
remains of the earlier inscr. are visible.

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On no.86. The stamp on the handle of a very small amphoriskos. The handle ^{sub-} ~~was~~
sequently served as a polisher. (?) There were no less than 3 eponyms of this name.
Astymedes 1st belonged to a period which preceded the Pergamon complex, the activities
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of A. 2nd occurred in the period of 180-150 B.C. The last eponym is known not only
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from stamps but also from the testimony of Polybios. This has enabled us to clarify
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the time when he exercised the functions of eponymous priest to 170-150 B.C. It is
true that V. Grace~~x~~ is now inclined to consider that the term of office as eponym for
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A. 2nd falls in the period which does not precede but follows immediately after 150 B.C.,
but she produces no justification for such a redating. The name of this eponym occurs
on both Tanais stamps, in the one which is now being described and on the following
one. Of course there was still another eponym, A. 3, who can be dated in the 1st cent.
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B.C., and is probably identical with A. son of Dorotheos, priest of Lindian Athena
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in 46 B.C.

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On no. 100. The stamp with the name of the eponym ΔΟΡΚΥΑΙΔΑΣ is found in the
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Pergamon complex, and the eponym can be dated 220-180. Judging by the presence
in many rectangular stamps of D. of the representation of the full-face head of Helios
(no.101), D. exercised the functions of priest-eponym rather at the end of the 3rd
than at the beginning of the 2nd century B.C.

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The stamp was published by P.M. Leontieff¹⁵⁶ and E.M. Fridik¹⁵⁷ who however did not
read the name of the month.

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On no.271. The stamp was published by P.M.Leontieff⁴¹⁴ and E.M.Pridik.⁴¹⁵ The name of the ergasteriarch Antimachos is one of the most frequently encountered. It is always placed in rectangular stamps accompanied by the emblem of a caduceus. Such stamps are found in a significant number in the Pergamon complex⁴¹⁶ and in the cistern of the agora of Olbia,⁴¹⁷ which makes us refer⁴¹⁸ the activities of this m'f'r to 230-180 B.C. We are further led to this dating by encountering A. stamps on the same amphs. with the stamps of the eps. Athanodotos and Pratophanes (no.6, 186).⁴¹⁹ E.M.Pridik has indicated the existence of an amphora of A. with a stamp which contains the name of the ep. AABEIMAKOZ.⁴²⁰ If this is the case, then we must recognize the fact that the activities of A.'s workshop outlived the chronological frame of the Pergamon complex and continued on in the second quarter of the 2nd cent, B.C., to which period the ep. Aleximachos is referred. But inasmuch as the reading of the name of A. on the amph. cited by E.M.Pridik is conjectural, for the time being it wd. be more prudent to date the activities of this m'f'r in the period of the Pergamon complex.

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On nos.329-30. The ergasteriarch (Drakontidas) can be dated securely in the second half of the 2nd cent, B.C. on the basis of the contemporaneity of these stamps with the stamps of the eponyms of Group V, APXEMBOTOZ I, AABEIAZ, and APIZTAKOZ.⁵¹³

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On no. 413. MOXKOZ with branch. For the time being it is difficult to date the stamps of the m'f'r Moschos. E.I.Levi thinks that the st. of M. found in the Olbia cistern must precede the period of the Pergamon complex, in which such stamps were not found. She proceeds from the shape of the handle and the script of the seal.⁶¹⁴ However, there are ~~xxx~~ stamps with this name which have been executed with a very careless script, retrograde, with a lunate sigma, etc.⁶¹⁵ Moreover the absence of Moschos stamps in Pergamon in itself cannot serve as a basis ~~for~~ referring them to the period of the Perg. complex against

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On no.86. The stamp on the handle of a very small amphoriskos. The handle ~~was~~ subsequently served as a polisher. (?) There were no less than 3 eponyms of this name. Astymedes 1st belonged to a period which preceded the Pergamon complex, the activities of A. 2nd occurred in the period of 180-150 B.C.¹³⁰ This The last eponym is known not only from stamps but also from the testimony of Polybios.¹³¹ This has enabled us to clarify the time when he exercised the functions of eponymous priest to 170-150 B.C.¹³² It is true that V. Gracey is now inclined to consider that the term of office as eponym for A. 2nd falls in the period which does not precede but follows immediately after 150 B.C.,¹³³ but she produces no justification for such a redating. The name of this eponym occurs on both Tanais stamps, in the one which is now being described and on the following one. Of course there was still another eponym, A. 3, who can be dated in the 1st cent. B.C.,¹³⁴ and is probably identical with A. son of Dorotheos, priest of Lindian Athena in 46 B.C.¹³⁵

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On no. 100. The stamp with the name of the eponym ΔΟΡΚΥΑΙΑΣ is found in the Pergamon complex,¹⁵⁴ and the eponym can be dated 220-180.¹⁵⁵ Judging by the presence in many rectangular stamps of D. of the representation of the full-face head of Helios (no.101), D. exercised the functions of priest-eponym rather at the end of the 3rd than at the beginning of the 2nd century B.C.

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The stamp was published by P.M. Leontieff¹⁵⁶ and E.M. Fridik¹⁵⁷ who however did not read the name of the month.

Antimachos

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On no.271. The stamp was published by P.M.Leontieff⁴¹⁴ and E.M.Pridik.⁴¹⁵ The name of the ergasteriarch Antimachos is one of the most frequently encountered. It is always placed in rectangular stamps accompanied by the emblem of a caduceus. Such stamps are found in a significant number in the Pergamon complex⁴¹⁶ and in the cistern of the agora of Olbia,⁴¹⁷ which makes us refer⁴¹⁸ the activities of this m'f'r to 220-180 B.C. We are further led to this dating by encountering A. stamps on the same amphs. with the stamps of the eps. Athanodotos and Pratophanes (no.6, 186).⁴¹⁸ E.M.Pridik has indicated the existence of an amphora of A. with a stamp which contains the name of the ep. AAEEMAXOZ.⁴¹⁹ If this is the case, then we must recognize the fact that the activities of A.'s workshop outlived the chronological frame of the Pergamon complex and continued on in the second quarter of the 2nd cent, B.C., to which period the ep. Aleximachos is referred.⁴²⁰ But inasmuch as the reading of the name of. A. on the amph. cited by E.M.Pridik is conjectural, for the time being it wd. be more prudent to date the activities of this m'f'r in the period of the Pergamon complex.

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On nos.329-30. The ergasteriarch (Drakontidas) can be dated securely in the second half of the 2nd cent, B.C. on the basis of the contemporaneity of these stamps with the stamps of the eponyms of Group V, APXEMBOTOZ 1, AAEZIAZ, and APIZTAKOZ.⁵¹³

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On no. 413. MOEXOZ with branch. For the time being it is difficult to date the stamps of the m'f'r Moschos. E.I.Levi thinks that the st. of M. found in the Olbia cistern must precede the period of the Pergamon complex, in which such stamps were not found. She proceeds from the shape of the handle and the script of the seal.⁶¹⁴ However, there are $\alpha\alpha\mu\iota$ stamps with this name which have been executed with a very careless script, retrograde, with a lunate sigma, etc.⁶¹⁵ Moreover the absence of Moschos stamps in Pergamon in itself cannot serve as a basis ~~for~~ referring them to the period of the Perg. complex.

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(p.37) The following items form Rh. Pairs. ~~No photo~~ ~~No measurements~~

p.38 On no. 40. The stamp has been published. It is found on the handle of an intact amphora which has on the other handle the stamp of the fabricant Menekrates (no. 405)

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where is this but of text in the original?
The copy is going to be sent to Hans von Krahler 12. III 77

72 Stamps with the name of the eponym Aristeidas have been found in the Pergamon complex and are dated thereby at 220-180 BC. F.H. von G. proceeding from the difference in scripts on the various stamps with the name Ari. considered the possibility of distinguishing in the 2nd cent BC two eponyms of this man. We objected to this proposal on the assumption that already in the 1st quarter of the 2nd cent. BC forms of letters which F.Hiller considered late could have been used. Inasmuch as a group of cursive stamps on which the name of Ari. is found were dated by us to 180-150 BC it seemed only natural to consider that the 1st examples of these stamps could have appeared even at the end of the "Pergamon period" and hence be referred to the time of the priesthood of Ari. in the eighties, of the 2nd cent. BC. However at present when the entire group of cursive stamps has been referred by us to the end of the 2nd cent. BC (see above) it has become impossible to hold that all stamps with this name are contemporary. In the stamps of the Pergamon complex and on cursive stamps there are inscribed the names of two different persons who correspondingly exercised priestly functions in the period 220-180 Bc and at the end of the 2nd cent. BC. Obviously there was yet another eponym Aristeidas I much earlier among the eponyms of chronological group I. Our amphora belongs to the time of Aristeidas II, to the time of the Pergamon complex. The shape of the Tanais amphora with the bulging proportions of the body and the sloping shoulders corresponds to this date. It is more likely that the stamps of this Aristeidas than those of Ari. III are combined on the handles with secondary stamps.

x 77: certainly 'Ari. III' + go with Max. + others. on file for Brachwitz

p.40-41 On no. 54 On the other handle of a small intact amphora is the fabricant's name KAAAIOYΣ (no. 378) on file for Brachwitz

p. 43 On no. 68 On the other handle of the same amphora was found the stamp of the ergasteriarch ΔΙΟΥ (no. 326) NEW

ep. Ἀρχαΐδας Ἄρ(ε)ῖου

p.45 On no. 77

[reading] around a blossom

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The stamp on one of the handles of an intact Rh. amphora from Mound

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Damascus museum. On the Cyprus amphora there is a secondary stamp. This requires us to date the eponym Arch~~ad~~idas not during the whole period of the Pergamon complex as one

might be led to think if one started out from the fact that stamps of Archi. were found in Pergamon,

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but in a narrower sector of time -- 200-180 BC.

Ⓢ No mention that

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is in fragment.

ep. Ἀρχαΐδας

On no. 78 T-66 R. III Burial 237 No. 25

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A stamp on one of the handles of an intact amphora. On the other handle is

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the stamp of the fabricant Amyntas (no. 264). The amphora has been published.

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On no. 87 A stamp of Astymedes II.

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On the other handle of the same fragmented amphora was the stamp of the ergasteriar~~ch~~ EYKAEITOIY (no. 351) A.I. Boltunova perfectly correctly dated this amphora at 180-150 BC.

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On no. 168 A stamp on the handles of an intact amphora; on the other handle is the stamp with the name of the fabricant ~~Simias~~ *Ep~~ist~~as (see card w. Bruckhoff)* (no. 451). There were no less than two

eponymous Rh. priests with the name Xenophantos. The first of these has been referred by VG to Group II of eponyms, his priesthood has been dated approx the middle of the 3rd cent. BC.

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To him belong the stamps which have been found in great numbers during the excavations of the Ath. Agora. Xenophantos II was dated by Bleckmann during the period of the Pergamon complex, but VG puts him in the following period, 180-150 BC. In Pergamon itself

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Xenophantos II is referred to in stamps found on Delos, and it is

his name which appears on the stamp on an amphora which has on its other handle the name

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for file for Braschi

Amyntas

p.83 No. 264 [reading] wreath

A stamp on the handle of an intact amphora, on its other handle is found the eponym stamp ΕΠΙ ΑΡΧΙΑΙΙΑ ΕΜΙΝΘΙΟΥ (no. 78). The synchronisation of the names of this eponym and the fabricant Amyntas which was 1st established by our amphora confirms the referring of the activity of the latter to the first two decades of the 2nd cent. BC (no. 263).⁴⁰³ [In 1961 during the excavations of the mounds on the right bank of the Manych River M. G. Moshkova found a shattered amphora with two stamps on the handles: ΑΜΥΝΤΑ and ΑΡΙΣΤΟΚΛΕΟΥ ΕΜΙΝ ΥΑΚΙΝΘΙΟΥ. This combination of names confirms our dating (see no. 66)] [See p. 32 of present typescript]

ΑΡΙΣΤΟΚΛΕΟΥ

p.88 No. 288 [reading] around a blossom

A stamp on one of the handles of an intact Rh. amphora, from Mound 7 of the excavations of P.M. Leontiev and published by Pridik.⁴⁴⁴ On the other handle is the eponym stamp ΕΠΙ ΑΡΧΙΑΙΙΑ ΔΑΛΙΟΥ (no. 77). This combination of stamps on amphoras has been encountered before.⁴⁴⁵ The ergasteriarch Aristokles is one of those whose stamps are found particularly often. Seven of his stamps were found in Pergamon.⁴⁴⁷ The presence on amphoras from the workshop of Aristokles of stamps of the eponyms Aristonos,⁴⁴⁸ Archilaidas, and Aratophanes I⁴⁴⁹ also point to the period of the

p.89 Pergamon complex. The stamps of this fabricant are very frequently accompanied by secondary stamps which usually contain a single letter.⁴⁵⁰ This enables us to refer the time of the activities of the erg. Aristokles as well as the eponyms referred to

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Δίος

p.96 No. 326 A stamp on the handle of an intact amphora, on the other handle is the eponym stamp ΕΠΙ ΑΠΙΕΤΩΝΟΣ ΥΑΚΙΝΘΙΟΥ (no. 68). The ergasteriarch Dios is one of the most active fabricants of the period of the Pergamon complex. In Pergamon there were found 19 stamps with his name, in the Olbia cistern 12 were found. The finding of his stamp in Villanova enables us to date his activities in the beg. of the 2nd cent. BC. The chronological correspondence of the fabricant Dios and the ep. Aristonos which was established by our amphora confirms this dating. At the same time the combinations of stamps of Dios with stamps of the eponyms Sodamos, Thastoros and Kallikrtes II require us to refer the beg. of the work of this fabricant to the last quarter of the 3rd cent. BC.

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p.101 No. 351 [reading] caduceus to the right

A stamp on the handle of a shattered amphora, on its other handle is the stamp

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ΕΠΙ ΑΣΤΥΜΗΘΟΥΣ ΔΑΛΙΟΥ (no. 87).

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p.107 No. 378 A stamp on the handle of an intact small amphora on the other handle of which is the ep. stamp of Aristodamos (no. 54). This find establishes precisely the time of the activities of the workshop Kallio which enables us to refer her to the 2nd half of the "Pergamon period".

Μενκρ

p.101 No. 405 cluster of grapes [reading] *κρ [α τ ο υ]*

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The stamp has been published. It was found on one of the handles of an

intact Rh. amphora which had on its other handle the eponym stamp [ΕΠΙ ΙΕΡΕΣΣ] ΑΠΙΣΤΕΙΑΑ ΑΠΙΤΑ ΑΠ[ΤΑ]ΜΙΤΙΟΥ (no. 40). The combination of these two stamps on one

amphora enables us to refer the activities of the fabricant Menekrates to the period

of the Pergamon complex. Obviously there also existed an earlier ergast. with the

same name who stamped containers in the 3rd quarter of the 3rd cent. BC. This is also

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p.110 indicated by the findings of stamps of Menekrates in early complexes and the combination of one ~~and~~ such stamp with the stamp of the ep. Mition.
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p.117 No. 451 The stamp is on the handle of an intact Rh. amphora. On the other handle of
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stamps of the fabricant Simmias are exceedingly rare. We know of only one other stamp of
his which was found in Bulgaria. 650 The finding of our amphora enables us to date the
activities of this fabricant in the time of the ep. xenophantos II, i.e. at the end of
the period of the Pergamon complex.

[The following is referred to in footnote 403 on p. 83. See p.30 of present typescript]

p. 42 No. 66 [reading] around the head of Helios
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the time of the activities of the eponymous priest Ariston must be placed not at
220-180 BC as is done by F. Bleckmann and VG, 104 but in the second half of that period --
200-180. F. Hiller von G. dates this ep. to 220-150 BC, 105 but there is no basis for
expanding the chronological frame.

*(Some types follow that do not
"Ἀριστοῦ")*

R. B. *Shelton*
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no. 40
[Επίστεως] 8.01
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p.37) The following items form Rh. Pairs.

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Επί ΑΡΙΣΤΕΙΔΩ
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p.40- On no. 54 On the other handle of a small intact amphora is the fabricant's name
41 KAAAIΩΝΣ (no. 378)

p. 43 On no. 68 On the other handle of the same amphora was found the stamp of the ergasteriarch ΔΙΟΥ (no. 326)

p.45 On no. 77 [reading] around a blossom

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On no. 76 T-66 R. III Burial 257 No. 25

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p.83 No. 264 [reading] wreath

A stamp on the handle of an intact amphora, on its other handle is found the eponym stamp ΕΠΙ ΑΡΧΙΑΙΙΑΑ ΖΜΙΝΘΙΟΥ (no. 78). The synchronisation of the names of this eponym and the fabricant Amyntas which was 1st established by our amphora confirms the referring of the activity of the latter to the first two decades of the 2nd cent. BC (no. 263). [In 1961 during the excavations of the mounds on the right bank of the Manych River M. G. Moshkova found a shattered amphora with two stamps on the handles: AMYNΤΑ and ΑΡΙΣΤΟΚΛΕΟΥΣ ΣΜΕΝ ΥΑΚΙΝΘΙΟΥ. This combination of names confirms our dating (see no. 66)] [See p. 32 of present typescript]

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p. 89 to the first two decades of the 2nd cent. BC. ⁴⁵¹ Obviously there was also an ⁴⁵² earlier fabricant with the same name.

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p.101 No. 351 ^{Ε3, 12 & 2170} [~~reading~~] caduceus to the right
 A stamp on the handle of a shattered amphora, on its other handle is the stamp ⁵³² ΕΗΙ ΑΣΤΥΜΗΘΟΥΣ ΔΑΔΙΟΥ (no. 87).

p.107 No. 378 ^{Καλλιόου} A stamp on the handle of an intact small amphora on the other handle of which is the ep. stamp of Aristodamos (no. 54). This find establishes precisely the time of the activities of the workshop Kallio which enables us to refer her to the 2nd half of the "Pergamon period".

p.101 No. 405 ^{cluster Mene} ^{Κρ[ιτεν]} cluster of grapes [reading] ⁶⁰¹
 The stamp has been published. It was found on one of the handles of an intact Rh. amphora which had on its other handle the eponym stamp [ΕΗ' ΙΕΡΕΣ] ΑΡΙΣΤΕΙΑΑ ΑΡ[ι]ΤΑ ΑΡ[ι]ΤΑ ΜΗΤΙΟΥ (no. 40). The combination of these two stamps on one amphora enables us to refer the activities of the fabricant Menekrates to the period of the Pergamon complex. Obviously there also existed an earlier ergast. with the same name who stamped containers in the 3rd quarter of the 3rd cent. BC. This is also

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Σιμμία

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R. Burgin to PM WPA

(2nd carbon as
John with
KNIDIAN, KOAN)

p. 127 Chapter 2 -- Knidian Stamps

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Kochler
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Knidian wine was very popular in the ancient world, it is referred to by various Greek and Roman authors. Knidian wine amphoras of the Hellenistic period are very well known owing to the stamps found on them which contain the ethnikon KNIAION or KNIAISON (sometimes abbreviated). Both the evolution of the shape of Kn. amphoras and the chronological changes in the manner of stamping have been quite well investigated. Usually Kn. stamps contain three items of information: 1) the name of the eponym magistrate preceded by the prep. EII, occasionally with indication of his function -- ΔΑΜΙΟΠΡΟΣ or ΕΡΟΥΡΑΡΧΟΣ; 2) the name of the ergasteriarch; 3) the ethnikon.

In one group of stamps which can be dated at the end of the 2nd and the beg. of the 1st cent. BC, in addition to this data we find the names of two other officials, sometimes accompanied by the titles ΑΡΧΟΝΤΩΝ or ΑΝΑΡΧΩΝ. All this data can be placed on two stamps on the two handles of the amphora or can be found on one stamp. In the second instance on both handles of the amphora one and the same stamp may appear or the second handle can remain unstamped.

Inasmuch as the ethnikon is by no means found on all Kn. stamps and the shapes of the stamps and the formulae of the inscriptions are quite various, it is not always possible to distinguish Kn. stamps with sufficient accuracy. Indicators for such a distinction can be found in the clay and the general shape of the amphora handle. This data however does not always enable us with complete certainty to refer a stamp to the Kn. category particularly if the stamp is poorly preserved. In our small collection of Kn. stamps two stamps (no. 535, 539) occasion certain doubt as to whether or not they belong to this centre (see also commentary on stamp 601).

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Although we already know very many Kn. stamps in the north B. Sea region they are encountered comparatively rarely. The export of Kn. wine was made basically

(p.128) to other regions, particularly to Athens where Kn. stamps comprise significantly more than half of all finds of amphora stamps in general.⁴ Just as significant was the importing of Kn. wine to Delos.⁵ During the excavations of the cities of the north Black Sea region it was found that Kn. stamps comprise on the whole only a small percentage of the overall no. of the amphora stamps.⁶ The twelve Kn. stamps in our collection completely correspond to this usual norm.

The general chronological frame and the individual periods of Kn. stamping have been quite firmly established. This stamping was employed from the third to the beg. of the 1st cent. BC,⁷ i.e. at precisely the same time that (it was employed) in Rhodes.^{as} The majority of Tanais finds of this type which admit of a more precise dating belong to the end of the 2nd or the beg. of the 1st cent. BC.

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The dependence of Koan amphora containers on Rhodian necessarily calls attention to itself. It can be seen in the angular curve of Koan amphora handles and in several other technical specific characteristics of Koan amphoras which have not infrequently caused investigators to confuse Koan stamps with Rhodian, and also in the use as emblems on Koan stamps (which in general are rather rare) of typically Rh. motifs --

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[also KOAN, on p. 24 (found)]

Knidian wine was very popular in the ancient world, it is referred to by various Greek and Roman authors. Knidian wine amphoras of the Hellenistic period are very well known owing to the stamps found on them which contain the ethnikon KNIAION or KNIAION (sometimes abbreviated). Both the evolution of the shape of Kn. amphoras and the chronological changes in the manner of stamping have been quite well investigated. Usually Kn. stamps contain three items of information: 1) the name of the eponym magistrate preceded by the prep. EHI, occasionally with and indication of his function -- ΔΑΜΙΟΠΡΟΣ or ΦΟΥΡΑΡΧΟΣ; 2) the name of the ergasteriarch; 3) the ethnikon.

In one group of stamps which can be dated at the end of the 2nd and the beg. of the 1st cent. BC, in addition to this data we find the names of two other officials, sometimes accompanied by the titles ΑΡΧΟΝΤΩΝ or ΑΝΑΡΧΩΝ. All this data can be placed on two stamps on the two handles of the amphora or can be found on one stamp. In the second instance on both handles of the amphora one and the same stamp may appear or the second handle can remain unstamped.

Inasmuch as the ethnikon is by no means found on all Kn. stamps and the shapes of the stamps and the formulae of the inscriptions are quite various, it is not always possible to distinguish Kn. stamps with sufficient accuracy. Indicators for such a distinction can be found in the clay and the general shape of the amphora handle. This data however does not always enable us with complete certainty to refer a stamp to the Kn. category particularly if the stamp is poorly preserved. In our small collection of Kn. stamps two stamps (no. 535, 539) occasion certain doubt as to whether or not they belong to this centre (see also commentary on stamp 601).

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D.B. Shelov, Pottery Stamps from Tanais, 3rd to 1st centuries BC,
Moscow, 1975

p 134 Chapter 4 Sinopean Stamps

The group of Sinopean astynomic stamps is one of the most interesting divisions of ceramic epigraphy. The individuality of these stamps and their enormous numbers, coming mainly from the Pontic region, and above all from the ~~North~~ North Black Sea area, long ago turned scholars' attention upon them, particularly Russian and Soviet scholars. The Sinopean origin of the principal mass of astynomic stamps, while already suspected by V.N. Yurgevich and D. Robinson,¹ was brilliantly proved by B.N. Grakov in his monograph specially devoted to these stamps.² B.N. Grakov also gave the first classification of Sinopean stamps, dividing them into six chronological groups and distributing all the names known to him of astynomes and ergasteriarchs according to these groups. According to his presentation, the stamping of Sinopean amphoras arose at the end of the 4th c. BC, and continued to the first half of the 1st c. BC. In general, the chronological classification of Sinopean stamps of B.N. Grakov appears as follows:

Group	I	end 4th c. BC - around 270 BC
	II	around 270 - 220
	III	around 220 - 180
	IV	around 180 - 150
	V	around 150 - 120
	VI	around 120 - 70

The attribution of the astynomic stamps ~~proposed~~ ^{established} by B.N. Grakov and the chronological classification of them proposed by him were

1. Yurgevich, Inscrs on handles and frags of amphs and tiles found in Theodosia in 1894, ZOOID XVIII, 1895, p 90-94; Robinson, Gk and Lat Inscrs from Sinope and Env, AJA IX, 1905, p 299-300.
2. Grakov, Anc Gk ceramic sts with names of astynomes, Moscow, 1929, p 11 ff.
3. Ibid., p 107 ff.

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accepted by all scholars and remain to this day the basis for dealing with this category of epigraphic ceramic monuments. But the absolute chronology of Sinopean stamps has undergone revision and significant modification. Already in his review of B.N. Grakov's book, A.N. Zograff pointed out that the beginning of Sinopean stamping should be dated not to the end but, for example, to the middle of the 4th c. BC.⁴ The necessity of moving the beginning date to the middle of the 4th c. BC was noted by A.A. Neichardt; she based this on the redating of Sinopean silver coins by T. Reinak and on the facts established by finds of early Sinopean stamps in archeological complexes.⁵

Accordingly, B.N. Grakov, proceeding from these supporting facts, redated the beginning moment of Sinopean stamping, bringing it to the middle of the 4th c. BC.⁶ However the chronology of the remaining groups was not revised by him.⁷ In the meantime, already in 1951 A.A. Neichardt proposed to lower /this seems to mean 'put further into the past' in Russian/ the dates of the last three ^{chronological} groups of B.N. Grakov significantly, proceeding from the archeological context of finds.⁸

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Other researchers also spoke of the necessity of a much earlier dating of the last groups.⁹ In 1960, V.I. Tsekhmistrenko brought the end of astynomic stamping down to the dividing line of the first and second quarters of the 2nd c. BC, while assuming the existence after that in Sinope of stamping only with the names of potters.¹⁰ But he did not give an absolute chronology for the various groups of Sinopean stamps. In 1963, S.A. Semenov, on the basis of study of the complexes of finds on the Bosporos proposed his chronological scale for all six groups of B.N. Grakov,¹¹ and in the same year I.B. Brashinsky published his

4. Zograff, ZfN XL ~~1-2~~ 1-2, 1930 p 175.

5. Neichardt, Monts of cer epig of Mirmeki and Tiritaki as a source for study of trade rels of the Bosporan realm with the Bl Sea centres in the Hell. period, PhD diss., Leningrad, ~~1951~~ 1951, p 11; eadem, On the question of the politics of Eumelos on the Euxine Sea, in The Ancient World, M; 1962, p 598

6. Grakov, A stone settlement on the Dnieper (MIA, no; 36), Moscow 1954 p 90.

7. Ibid. p 91.

8. A.A. Neichardt, Monuments of ceramic epigraphy ..., p 12.

9. M.I. Maksimova, The Ancient Cities of the S-E Bl Sea area, M-L, 1956, p 218-9; Tsekhmistrenko, Sinopean cer sts with the names of master potters, ~~SA~~ SA 1960, no. 3 p 75; Brashinsky, Advances in cer epig, SA 1961, no. 2 p 301.

10. Tsekhmistrenko, Sinopean cer sts ..., p 75; idem., Sts as a source for the study of ceramic production at Sinope 4th-2nd c. BC, PhD diss. ~~1960~~ 1963, p 8-9;

11. Report on the 3rd session of the Odessa arch. society in Kerch 23 Sept, 1963

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chronological scheme.¹² Both the latter scholars, while completely accepting the classificational grouping of B.N. Grakov, propose a rather profound alteration of his dates. Here are their chronological boundaries:

	S.A. Semenov	I.B. Brashinsky
Group		
I	350-325	360-320
II	325-280	320-270
III	280-245	270-220
IV	245-215	220-183
V	215-170	183-150
VI	170-110	150-100

As we see, the two schemes are fairly close to each other in the definition of the first groups and differ significantly in the dating of the last groups, although the authors of the two schemes were proceeding on the basis of the same material, the testimony of archeological complexes. At the present time ever more often voices are raised in favour of an even greater lowering /putting farther back/ of the dates of Sinopean stamps.¹³ V.I. Tsekhmistrenko, while dating the beginning of astynome stamping at Sinope to the middle of the 4th c. BC, at the same time places already in the second quarter of that century the first group of fabricant stamps without astynomes, thus defining the beginning of Sinopean stamping in the 70s of the 4th c. BC.¹⁴ But he assumes an even earlier introduction of stamping at Sinope -- in the first quarter of the 4th or even in the last quarter of the 5th c. BC. B.A. Vasilenko proposes a similarly early ~~dating~~ date fro the beginning of Sinopean stamping in a more definite way.¹⁵ He puts forward also a new chronological scheme for the whole of astynome stamping;¹⁶

12. Brashinsky, The economic relations of Sinope in the 4th-2nd c. BC, in The Ancient City, Moscow, 1963, p 133. Cp. J.B. Brashinsky, The progress of Greek ceramic epigraphy in the USSR, Eirene XI, ~~ix~~ 1973, p 127.

13. V.I. Pruglo, Sinopean amphora stamps from Mirmeki, KSIA 109, 1967, p 48; B.A. Vasilenko, On the question of the dating of Sinopean stamps, SA 1971, ~~xxxx~~ no. 3, p 247-250; idem, Ceramic stamps from ancient settlements ... PhD diss., Moscow, 1972, p 16-18.

14. Tsekhmistrenko, Sinopean ceramic stamps ..., p 68.

15. ~~Vasiliankov~~ Vasilenko, On the question of the dating of Sinopean stamps, p249-50

16. Vasilenko, Ceramic stamps from anc setmts ..., p 18

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Group	I	400-360 BC
	II	360-310
	III	310-260
	IV	260-220
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29. Pridik, MIA 1941, p 179 ff, 186 ff; Neichardt, MIA Monuments ;:., p 11-13; Staerman MIA 1925, p 389; Shelov, MIA 1957 p 214; idem, Phanagoria, p 149; Brashinsky, Econ rel Sinope ..., p 137-139.

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The group of Sinopean astynomic stamps is one of the most interesting divisions of ceramic epigraphy. The individuality of these stamps and their enormous numbers, coming mainly from the Pontic region, and above all from the Mazht North Black Sea area, long ago turned scholars' attention upon them; particularly Russian and Soviet scholars. The Sinopean origin of the principal mass of astynomic stamps, while already suspected by V.N. Yurjevich and D. Robinson,¹ was brilliantly proved by B.N. Grakov in his monograph specially devoted to these stamps.² B.N. Grakov also gave the first classification of Sinopean stamps, dividing them into six chronological groups and distributing all the names known to him of astynomes and ergastriarchs according to these groups. According to his presentation, the stamping of Sinopean amphoras arose at the end of the 4th c. BC, and continued to the first half of the 1st c. BC. In general, the chronological classification of Sinopean stamps of B.N. Grakov appears as follows:

Group	I	end 4th c. BC - around 270 BC
	II	around 270 - 220
	III	around 220 - 180
	IV	around 180 - 150
	V	around 150 - 120
	VI	around 120 - 70

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1. Yurjevich, Inscrs on handles and frags of amphs and tiles found in Theodosia in 1894, MOOIB XVIII, 1895, p 90-94; Robinson, Gk and Lat Inscrs from Sinops and Env, AJA IX, 1905, p 299-300.
2. Grakov, Anc Gk ceramic sts with names of astynomes, Moscow, 1929, p 11 ff.
3. Ibid., p 107 ff.

accepted by all scholars and remain to this day the basis for dealing with this category of epigraphic ceramic monuments. But the absolute chronology of Sinopean stamps has undergone revision and significant modification. Already in his review of B.N. Grakov's book, A.N. Zograff pointed out that the beginning of Sinopean stamping should be dated not to the end but, for example, to the middle of the 4th c. BC.⁴ The necessity of moving the beginning date to the middle of the 4th c. BC was noted by A.A. Neichardt; she based this on the redating of Sinopean silver coins by T. Reinak and on the facts established by finds of early Sinopean stamps in archeological complexes.⁵

Accordingly, B.N. Grakov, proceeding from these supporting facts, redated the beginning moment of Sinopean stamping, bringing it to the middle of the 4th c. BC.⁶ However the chronology of the remaining groups was not revised by him.⁷ In the meantime, already in 1951 A.A. Neichardt proposed to lower /it seems to mean 'put further into the past' in Russian/ the dates of the last three groups of B.N. Grakov significantly, proceeding from the archeological context of finds.⁸

Other researchers also spoke of the necessity of a much earlier dating of the last groups.⁹ In 1960, V.I. Tsekhmistrenko brought the end of astynomic stamping down to the dividing line of the first and second quarters of the 2nd c. BC, while assuming the existence after that in Sinope of stamping only with the names of potters.¹⁰ But he did not give an absolute chronology for the various groups of Sinopean stamps. In 1963, S.A. Semenov, on the basis of study of the complexes of finds on the Bosphorus proposed his chronological scale for all six groups of B.N. Grakov,¹¹ and in the same year I.B. Brashinsky published his

4. Zograff, ZfN XL ~~iss~~ 1-2, 1930 p 175.

5. Neichardt, Monets of cer epig of Mirmaki and Tiritaki as a source for study of trade rels of the Bosphoran realm with the Bl Sea centres in the Hell. period, PhD diss., Leningrad, ~~iss~~ 1951, p 11; eadem, On the question of the politics of Samelos on the Euxine Sea, in The Ancient World, M; 1962, p 598.

6. Grakov, A stone settlement on the Dnieper (MIA, no; 36), Moscow 1954 p 90.

7. Ibid. p 91.

8. A.A. Neichardt, Monuments of ceramic epigraphy ..., p 12.

9. M.I. Maksimova, The Ancient Cities of the S-S Bl Sea area, M-L, 1956, p 218-9;

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11. Report on the 3rd session of the Odessa arch. society in Kerch 23 Sept, 1963

chronological scheme.¹² Both the latter scholars, while completely accepting the classificational grouping of B.N. Grakov, propose a rather profound alteration of his dates. Here are their chronological boundaries:

	S.A. Semenov	I.B. Brashinsky
Group		
I	350-325	360-320
II	325-280	320-270
III	280-245	270-220
IV	245-215	220-183
V	215-170	183-150
VI	170-110	150-100

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12. Brashinsky, The economic relations of Sinope in the 4th-2nd c. BC, in The Ancient City, Moscow, 1963, p 133. Cp. J.B. Brashinsky, The progress of Greek ceramic epigraphy in the USSR, Eirene XI, ~~ix~~ 1973, p 127.

13. V.I. Pruglo, Sinopean amphora stamps from Mirmeki, KSIA 109, 1967, p 48; B.A. Vasilenko, On the question of the dating of Sinopean stamps, SA 1971, ~~xxxx~~ no. 3, p 247-250; idem, Ceramic stamps from ancient settlements ... PhD diss., Moscow, 1972, p 16-18.

14. Tsekhmistrenko, Sinopean ceramic stamps ..., p 68.

15. ~~Vasilianko~~ Vasilenko, On the question of the dating of Sinopean stamps, p249-50

16. Vasilenko, Ceramic stamps from anc setmts ..., p 18

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27. Shelov, Finds at Tanais of "Megarian" cups, coll. Ancient Podon'-Priazov', Moscow 1965, p 224 ff; idem Tanais and the Lower Don, 1970 p 166-7.

28. Boltunova, Kamenetskii, Deopik, ~~xxxx~~ Excavations of Tanais, Exc 3 Tanais, p 19, fig. 9; Shelov, Tanais and the Lower Don, p 167, fig on p 171.

29. Fridik, MIA 1941, p 179 ff, 186 ff; Neichardt, Mit Monumente i.i., p 11-13; Staerman MIA 1925, p 389; Shelov, MIA 1957 p 214; idem, Phanagoria, p 149; Brashinsky, Icon rel Sinope ..., p 137, 139.

D.B.Shelov, The Necropolis of Tanais, Excavations of 1955-58, Moscow, 1961.

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Inventory of the burials.

(. . . Here we get down to descriptions and comments on the finds, which in the earlier part of the book are just enumerated.)

Ceramics

Amphoras.

The no. of amphoras found in the burials is not great but their assortment is of a certain interest since in it is rather accurately reflected ^{by} that of the amphora remains which are found in the city. In the burials of the Hell. period sts. were placed Rhodian amph.s. The stamp imprint of the foot of an amph. of this kind was detected when Burial 60 was cleared. In Grave 70 has been preserved the bottom of a Rh. amph. However of course far more interesting is the discovery of a broken but completely reassembled amph. with stamps on both handles. This amph. together with another Sinopean one was found in the contents of a completely destroyed grave which was not ^{just} a specific no. during Excavation III. Both amphoras stood vertically at the western end of the grave, undoubtedly at the feet of the interred. The Rh. amph. ^{by} in the shape of the neck and the handles can be dated between the 3rd and 2nd century B.C. but the long proportions of the body and the comparatively slanting shoulders of the amph. permit one to date it more accurately in the 2nd c. B.C. This date corresponds well with the script of the stamps on its handles. On one of these has been impressed a 3-line rect. stamp (pl. XV, 1) which reads from r. to l.

[ΕΠΙΕΡΕΩΣ]
ΑΡΙΕΤΕΙΑΑ
ΑΡΤΑΜΙΤΙΟΥ

The 1st line was not impressed, but the whole seal can easily be restored from a complete parallel which was probably made by the same stamped, which was published by B.V. Schkorpil. ² The name of the eponym ΑΡΙΕΤΕΙΑΑΣ in Rh. ceramic epigr. Seals with this name were encountered in the so-called Pergamon complex

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which can be dated from 220-180 B.C.³ At the same time this name occurs in stamps of a special group which we have subdivided as a "cursive group"⁴ which are associated with a later period, 180-150 B.C. Hiller von G.

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proceeding from the difference in the scripts of the various stamps with the name APIΣTEΙΑΑΣ thought it was possible to distinguish on Rhodes two eponyms of this name,⁵ however there is no need for this inasmuch as both the script of the cursive stamps and the script of the other stamps of APIΣT. (and among them the ~~Ταναις~~ Tanais stamp which has been published) does not prevent contradict ~~or~~ our placing them all at the beginning of the 2nd c. B.C. VG places the eponym APIΣTEΙΑΑΣ with whom we are concerned in Grp III of her chronological classification of Rho. amph. stamps i.e. approx. to the same time as the Perg. complex.⁶ Obviously the activity of the eponym AP. took place at the end ~~of~~ the '80s of this century. This dating is confirmed also by the fact that among the stamps of this eponym are some in which along with the legend there occurs a depiction of the head of Helios in the form of a radiant disk.⁷ This depiction must, in the opinion of B.N.Grakov in the majority of cases be dated in the period wh. follows directly after the time of the Perg. complex. In this way we receive a very precise dating of the APIΣT. stamp and of our amphora. On the second handle of the amphora there is also a rect. stamp~~s~~ with~~t~~ the name of the ergasteriarch. It was stamped only partially, and besides, it is broken off. But in spite of this, one can read it with certainty: in 2 lines, l. to r., is written M[E]NE/KP[ATHΣ]. To the l. of the inser. is depicted a cluster of grapes (pl.XV, 2). Similar stamps are known among the finds from the N. Black Sea area.⁸

The discovery of a Rh. amph. with both stamps intact in view of the fact that despite the enormous no. of Rh. st. known to scholars, we have only a v. insignificant no. of jars that preserve both st. and thus provide the possibility of comparing the ep. st. with the manufacturer's. This circumstance makes the chronological classification of the potters' stamp v. difficult, and every evidence of the contemporaneity of any given stamp of an erg. with any ep's

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stamp is extremely valuable. The presence of the ~~mfex~~ manufacturer's st. of Menekrates on an amphora with a rather accurately dated st. of the $\text{Ep. AP-ISTEIAA}\Sigma$ makes it possible to determine chronologically the time of the activities of this ⁹ergast. [Our amph. is the 2nd complete Rh. amph. from Tanais; the 1st was discovered by P.M.Leontiev in one of the mounds of the Tanais necropolis (T.N.Knipowitch, Tanais, p.34, fig.2).]

As already stated above, the Rh. amph. which has been described as coming from the destroyed grave of the 2nd c. B.C. was found with a completely preserved Sinopean amph. The shape of the latter (pl.XV, 3) coincides precisely with that of the Sinopean amph. found in one of the burials of the Elizabstietinsk grave complex in the Kuban published by I B Zeest; v. charact. are the round body and the comparatively wide neck. The Eliz. amph. is also without a stamp. It can be dated by what was found with it as well as by 2 other similar amphs. from the same site in the 2nd c. B.C. ¹⁰ This date corresponds v. well with our dating of the Rh. amph. descr. above. ~~Another Sinopean~~

Another Sin. amph. was found in destroyed burial 20; the top and one of the handles have been lost. In shape this amph. is somewhat diff. from the former. It has a cone-shaped body with a rather sharply delineated outline from the lower body to the shoulders (pl./XIV,2) The nearest analogy to it is the amph. from the Zelensky mound which bears the stamps of the astynome and the potter on both handles. ¹¹

*X 77
This is the one
ed. in
Herm.
(p. 7)
Acrotaphus
(7)*

Note to text, of which we have been selected parts in translation, is in a (small) book: D. B. Shelov, Pottery Stamps from Taurus III - I B.C., Moscow 1975 (in Russian). See "Pharaches I.", notes 15 and 54.

The book is kept in the next & bottom shelf of the East shelves, with other Russian publications.

18.III.86

Note there are now 3 copies of (all?) parts translated. Some could be filed in RHODIAN, KNID., SINOP., etc. folders. But watch that later annotations are on all.

11. VII. 27

Tours of Shelo ^{Tours} in order A

pg. 33-38

Text

3-20

(Loss of travel in order)

1-2

28-32

21-27 (Killed)



14, IX, 81

Y.S. with travel

also
Shelo
4

Pambispa (as text)
Phang

and) Skordnow (work order by in 2 EAD 27)

[25. JUN. 77]

15.02

Dear Miss Grace,

We have returned (in one piece!)
to Athens and are hoping to
accept your dinner invitation
for Tuesday evening. I will
call you either here or at home

Notes on Shelton, pp. 27, 111.
(Ground & PWM)

Not worth paying too much attention to his
tables based on chronol. which itself is still not
reliable.

SHELTON 1975
 TRANSL. OF AD HOC SELECTION

15. IV. 77
 Friday

Do write Burgi, Monday 18th

of letter of inquiry from Pily, to be filed under
BENGHAZI

Pily nos.	SHELTON 1975 ("Post-Stamp for Tunisia")
1	2) no. 86 (and full of letters "Astomedes")
2	1) nos. 23-25
6	4) 271-5
7	6) 413-6
8	3) 100-101
11	5) 329-330

Here there is a bad date ref. to the many times rejected comb. 3 days of most recently EAD 27, pp. 305-6, under F 15. And after all, he has just cited that page, also that no, things he does not suggest.

12

67-8

Burgi please to translate cat. list of these!

238✓	No. 40	168
77✓	51	264
78✓	68	288
264✓	77	326
68✓	78	351
326✓	87	378
54✓		405
378✓		451
87✓		
351✓		
168✓		
451✓		
405✓		

(They are handle of pairs)

No photo

No

measurements

TANAIIS

COMBS

1.)

a.)

Ἐπι Ἀγίωρος

Ἰακινθίου

filed

b.)

Δίου

filed

Shelton, Patch Stamps from Tanais,

Museum 1975, p. 43, no. 68

Same, p. 96, no. 326

~~Described as a "White amphora"~~

No measure-

ments.

No photo

2.)

a.)

Ἐπι Ἀστύου

Ἰδίου

Ἀδίου

filed

b.)

Ἐπι Ἀστύου

κατασκευασμένης

filed

Shelton 1975, pp. 47-8, no. 87

Same, p. 101, no. 351

"Shattered amphora"

Shelov's Neapolis of Tanaïs, 1961,
and other publication on Tanaïs,
incl. Shelov 1970 (Tanaïs & Lower Don)
do we have this? A Yes

- ~~not~~ in both cards, nor in Shelov file

The 1961 vol. has a couple of plates showing
whole jars (not very well), where as included ~~the~~ 2
Rhodian stamps, the relict of a whole jar. But not a
series of readings.

But somewhere I certainly leave note on a Tanaïs
publication in which are readings of stamps. I
remember that the Rhodians were not very early.
Probably this is out, not filed. Watch for it.

16. VI. 76

This is Pottery Stamps of Tanaïs (1975) IN SEPARATE
FOLDER

Now these are all in place. This [↑] ought to be
processed, with some translations. I think some
work may have been done. Watch for more papers.

Knidian from Tanais

published by Shelov 1975, pp 127-131.

Pottery stamps from Tanais, 3rd to 1st C. B.C.

1) p. 128 no. 531 and pl. VI:

] ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝ ^{space} Shelov completes επι] ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝ] ^{idea}
? τ...] 17200

I do not find parallel in Knidian file 27.IV.92 Perhaps

2) p. 128 no. 532 and pl. VI

ΑΘΝΥ ΚΤ #4

επι Δα
μoγe **III**
retr.

not Knidian?
Singus?

3) p. 129 no. 533 and pl. VI

επι Ποχ'za ^{III-IV} ΚΤ 1072

Μικασιβουχος

4) p. 129 no. 534

* επι Σωσιγρονος ^{VIA} not illustrated

Κνιδιον half ship ΚΤ 396

Αιοδοτου

5) p. 129 no. 535 and pl. VI

Αγαθοφ ^{Βουδακ III-IV?} = Αγαδο(δωρον) by Shelov

Νυσιου ^{-K23? VIA}
Κνιδιον 3rd line
read by us

ΚΤ 2041

* Check
reading for
KT publica-
tion (i.e.,
restoration)

6) p. 130 no. 536 not illustrated

Ευροσιου ΚΤ 654

Κνιδιον [ivy leaf] added by us

25.IV.2000
It is filed by A.A. if seems one
have corrected it what was the reading
by Shelov because he dates it end of 4th
see p. 29 of translation 1st B.C.
25.IV.77

7) p. 130 no. 537 not illustrated

Λαχάρτου ~~III~~ ~~IV~~

Αριστογένης
(reth)

called by us
trident because
on our ex.s w. see
prongs

KT 224

8) p. 130 no. 538 not illustrated
no reading

9) p. 130 no. 539 not illustrated

επ[ι] -----

ιζ -----

I would suggested a fabricant
λεροκχης for the 2nd line

10) p. 130 no 540 not-illustrated

not read

11) p. 130 no. 541 not illustrated

----- KVIΔ

not read

----- v

12) p. 130 no. 542 not illustrated

no reading

27. VII. 92

Not many, and still fewer found legible.
Dates of those identified, 1/2 2nd and late 2nd

Tanais founded 1/4 of 3rd BC.

Tanais Rhodina: Early (for there)

False

Ἀριστίων m. 286-7
Κυρίων m. 389-391 (p. 108)

(no mention in the types)
MANUS

Μικυθός w. number m. 412 (p. 111)
(incomplete)

epo

270-240 BC

IC Ἀγυθίς m. 2
IIa Ἀδάκτος m. 5
II "222" Ἀρματίδας m. 70, 71
? III "210" Δορκευτίδας m. 100-101

270-240

IC Ἐπιχαρμος m. 102
IIa Εὐκλή m. 111
II "213" Θεοφάνης 120

(Καλλιμάχης I? 124-126, see system? (II, "193 BC")
Καλλιμαχίδης I?
Κλεοκράτης I (183-175)

II "224?" Μυτίων 150

270-240

IC Νίκων 156
IIa Ξυδάκτος 159, 160
II Ξυδάκτος? 161?, 162?
III "200" Ξυοφάνης 163, 164?, 165-7
II Ὀρδανδρος 172
II "207" Σάδης 191
II "206" Σάστρετος 195, 196
IIa Τυμοκλείδας 197
II Χαρμοκλής 227

(END)

23.II.2000

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I would like to find the book
and check the readings given by Shelov 1975
There is not the book w. the translation.

I need to put away all the papers we have
concentrated after the new arrangement of the office.

Tanais founded 1/4 of 3rd B.C.

BLACK SEA AREA - USSR: SHELOV
TANAIS 1975 227