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Giants' tomb of Thomes

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■ Stone artefact decorated with a “fiery eyes” pattern (Thomes)

One of the culture elements recovered in the Giants’ tomb in Thomes was stone fragment (measurements: 7.5x4.4 cm), of an indefinable shape, perhaps a square plaque, of which two straight matching portions connected by a flat corner remain (fig. 1).

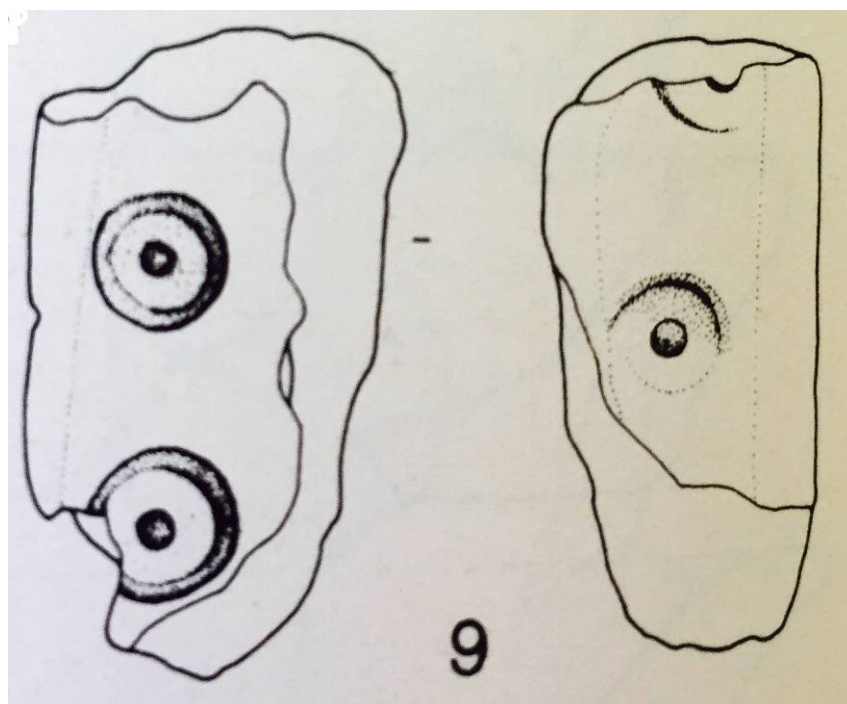


Fig. 1 - Decorated stone artefact from Thomes (from MORAVETTI 1980, table XXXII.9)

The piece has a decoration made with a punch, which consists of small circles with a central point called "fiery eyes" decoration.

The "fiery eyes" decoration was very common in Sardinia both in prehistoric- proto-his-toric ages and the medieval age; it was frequent on objects made of bone, stone, ceramic, bronze, and was used for a long period of time, and in different cultural environments, ranging from the early second millennium BC, and the 6th-7th century A.D.



Fig. 2 - Brassard (plaque for an archer's arm guard) with bone housing decorated with "fiery eyes", from Domus XIII in the underground necropolis of Anghelu Ruju-Alghero (from LILLIU 1999, fig. 173, p. 141).



Fig. 3 - Heart-shaped oil lamp from the Su Nuraxi-Barumini Nuraghic complex dated to the IX-VIII centuries BC decorated with circled "fiery eyes" (from BAGELLA 2014, p. 261).



Fig. 4 - Bone comb from Santa Filitica (from ROVINA, GARAU, MAMELI, WILKENS, fig. 13.7, p. 264).

The artefact is on display in the Archaeological Museum of Dorgali.



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