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BOYD HAWES (H.), WILLIAMS (B.E.), SEAGER (R.B.), HALL (E.H.) *Gournia, Vasiliki and Other Prehistoric Sites on the Isthmus of Hierapetra, Crete. Excavations of the Wells-Houston-Cramp Expeditions 1901, 1903, 1904*. Second edition. Pp. xv + 120, ills, b/w & colour maps, colour pls. Philadelphia, PA: INSTAP Academic Press, 2014 (first edition 1908). Cased, £30. ISBN: 978-1-931534-79-6. doi:10.1017/S0009840X1600192X

In 1901, 1903 and 1904, B.H. conducted excavations in East Crete at the Early Minoan II–Late Minoan III settlement of Gournia, at Vasiliki, and ‘other prehistoric sites on the isthmus of Hierapetra’, namely Pera Alazzomouri, Pachyammos (Pothe Alazzomouri and Aisa Langadha), Aghios Ioannis, Aghia Photia, Avgo and Aloni near the Kastro. She was joined in her fieldwork by B. Wheeler, since the beginning, later by R. Seager, who supervised the work at Vasiliki, and E. Hall. The present volume is a second edition of her report, initially published in 1908 in an elephant folio size. The text and images are identical in this new edition but presented in a friendlier format with high quality reproduction of the illustrations. The three ‘Introductory Chapters’ present an ‘Outline of the Minoan Civilization’, discuss the relationship and origins of ‘Minoans and Mycenaeans’ and consider the Homeric issue in the Cretan archaeological context. It is worth noting that Evans’ threefold division of Cretan Bronze Age pottery into Early, Middle and Late Minoan periods was at least prompted and probably inspired by B.H.’s work. As she was finally not there to present her ideas on pottery classification at the 1904 annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, instead of a report on his excavations, Evans gave a paper on the subject (V. Fotou and A. Brown, ‘Harriet Boyd Hawes (1871–1945)’, in G.M. Cohen and M. Sharp Joukowsky, *Breaking Ground: Pioneering Women Archaeologists* [2009], p. 231). The remainder of the volume describes the sites excavated and the material recovered during the 1900, 1901 and 1903 campaigns. Special attention is given to cultic and funerary material, writing and costumes, seal stones and flora in the appendices. Since B.H.’s expeditions, excavations were resumed in the Minoan settlement by Soles and Davaras and more recently by Watrous, and the Gournia region was surveyed by Watrous and his team (see L.V. Watrous et al., *An Archaeological Survey of the Gournia Landscape: a Regional History of the Mirabello Bay, Crete, in Antiquity* [2012]; ‘Excavations at Gournia 2010–2012’, *Hesperia* 84 [2015], 397–465 and bibliography).

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