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Oikos-shaped Building near Casa Filippazzo

SOUTHERN SLOPES, 212 a.s.l.

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Step 1: Collecting the bibliography

A few news published by Pirro Marconi: a small rectangular building on the southern slopes, 212 a.s.l.

(MARCONI 1932; MARCONI 1933)

Not accurate topographical indication: just one b/w photo and a schematic plan.

Scholars (T. J. Dunbabin, E. De Miro) report Marconi's article (1932) without new information.



The Structure

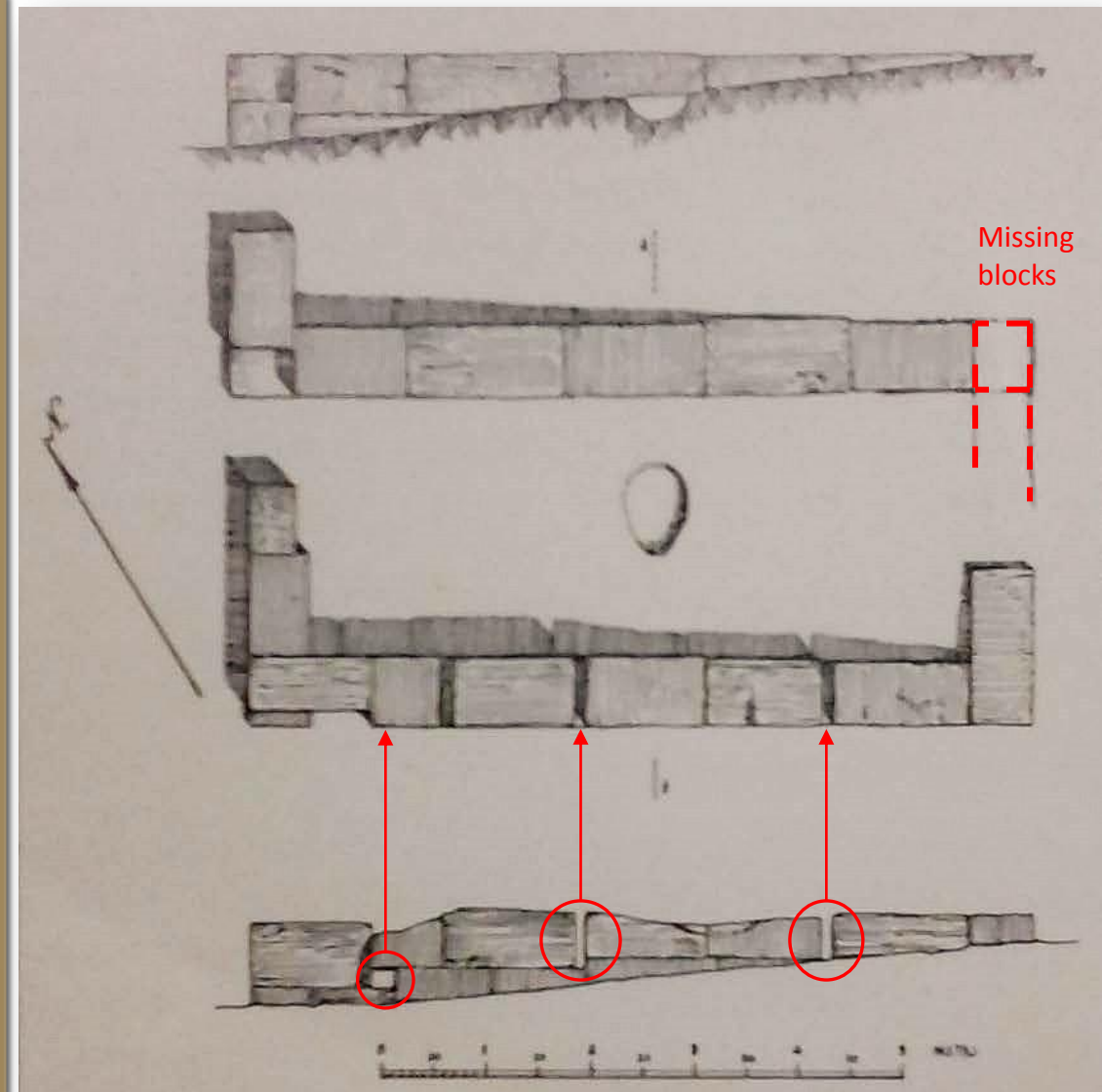
Basement: 7,52 x 3,72 m. 11° from the E-W line. Levelled bedrock inside.

Masonry: large irregular blocks partially seated in stone cutting. The ground tends towards NE.

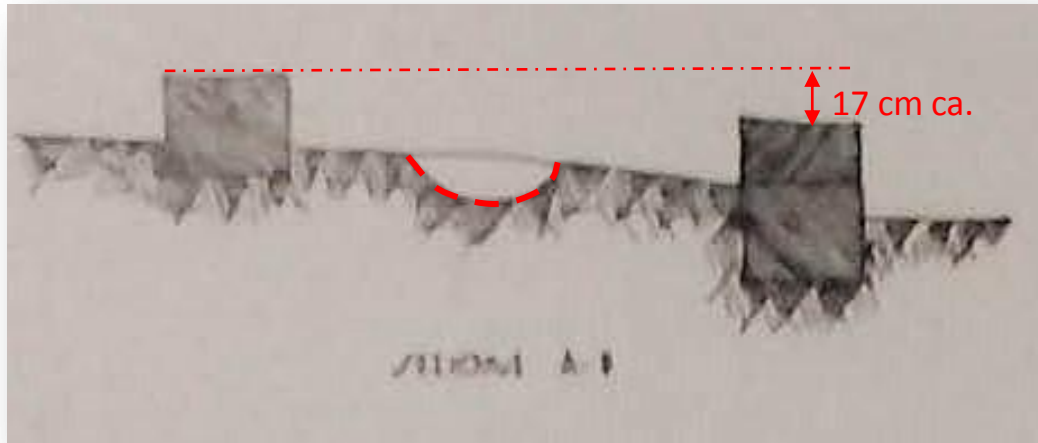
Lower line nearly complete

Some blocks of the second line at W

3 slots in the S side



MARCONI 1932, fig. 2



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Blocks of N and S walls are not at the same level

Bothros (0,85 x 0,65 m, depth 25 cm) with several pottery fragments, included a small “*protocorinthian*” bowl.

Marconi’s proposal: the walls were made of stone in the lower part and mud bricks in the upper part.

And the roof? No tiles were found during the excavation. *Oikos* or *temenos*?

Marconi's interpretation: the first example of *temenos*?
Similar to phase I of *temenos* n. 2 (early VI B.C.)



No tiles

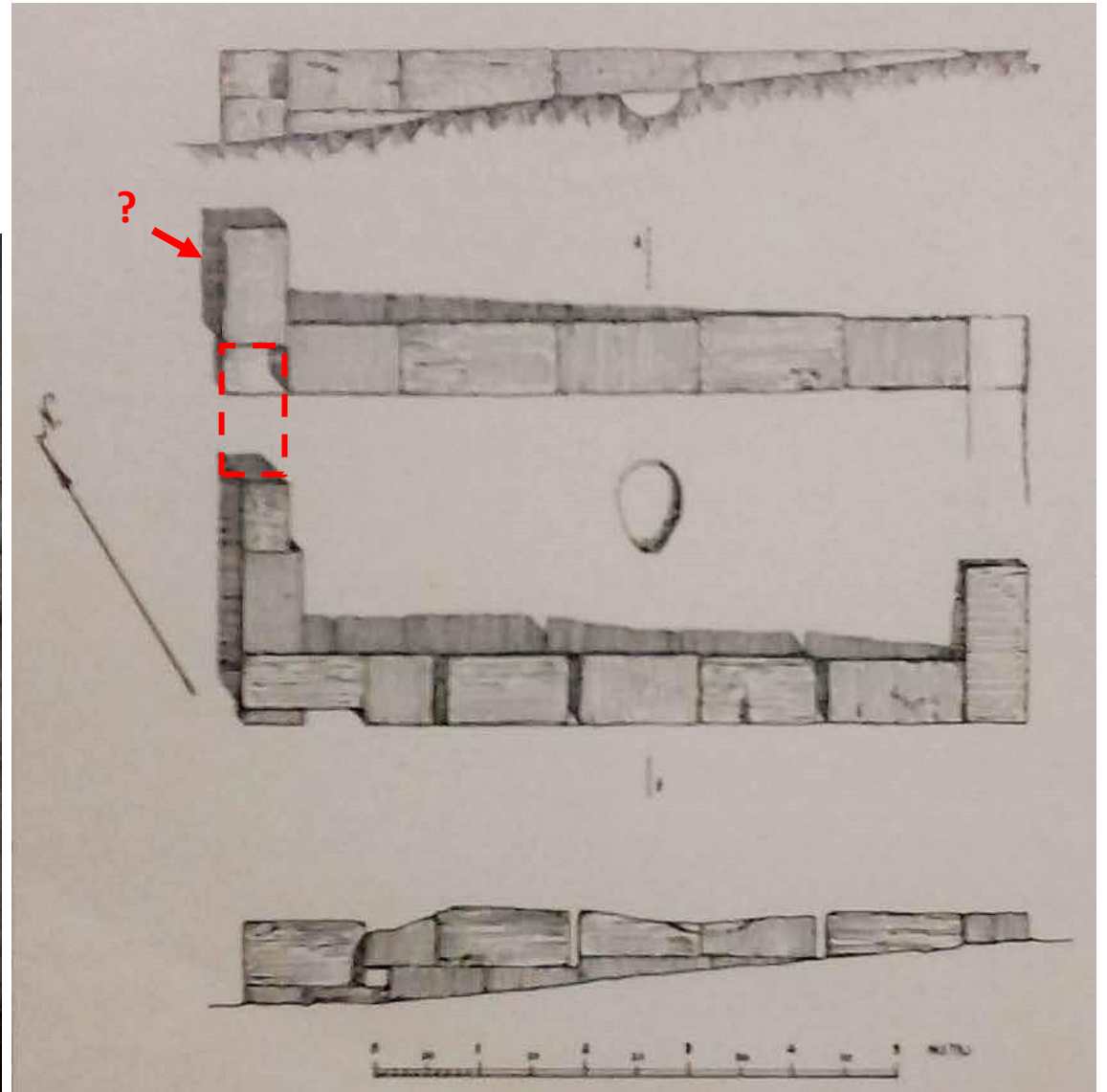
Bothros

Female figures with *stephane*

Small sanctuary (*temenos*) for chthonic deities (?)



Where was the entrance located?
Missing blocks at N corner?

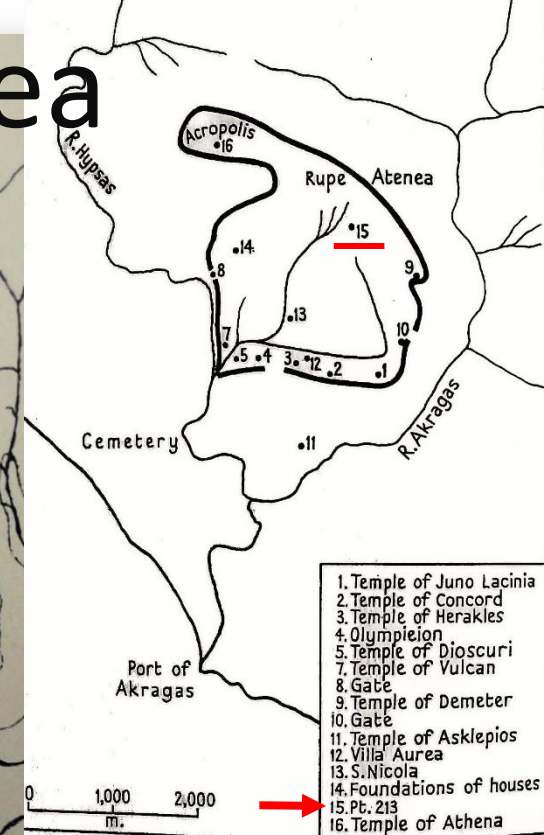
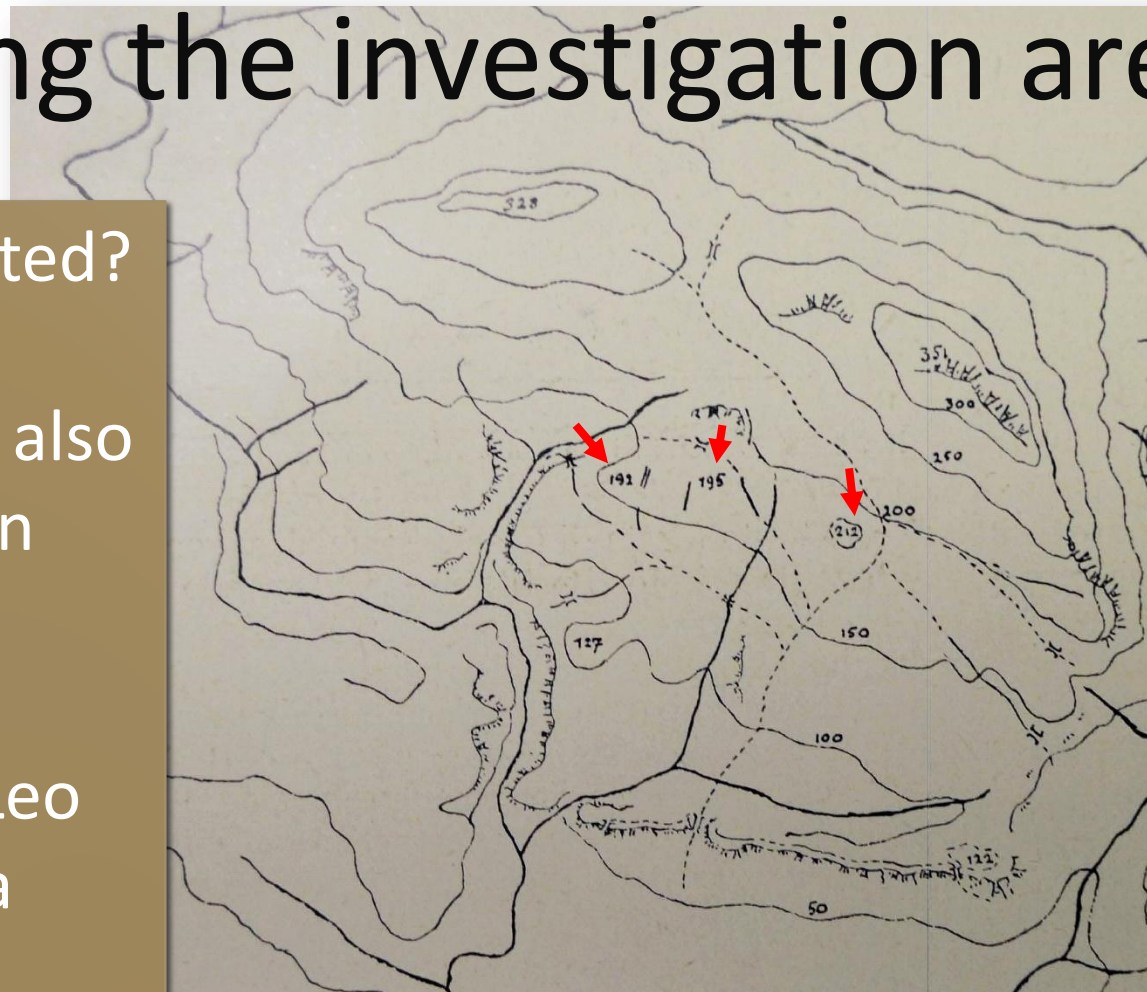


Step 2: identifying the investigation area

Where is the structure located?

In the same area, there are also greek houses, springs, an aqueduct.

The landowner was Cav. Leo Trippi, ex-owner of Villa Genuardi.



Dunbabin 1948, p. 306

Oltre a questi da noi scavati e accertati come case, sono altri numerosi evidenti-
simi esempi della medesima opera per vari usi; ne osservammo lungo tutto il percorso
delle mura, adiacenti alla linea di difesa, e li interpretammo come ricoveri per le
truppe; ne è piena la pendice meridionale delle tre quote 192, 195, e 212, che costituisce
la vera e propria fascia mediana della città antica; per contro la parte alta, la pendice
della Rupe Atenea, ne è totalmente sprovvista, sì da darci la certezza che anche nel-
l'epoca antica nessun abitato si stendeva sulla sua erta costa.

Comparing old and new maps: similar geomorphology



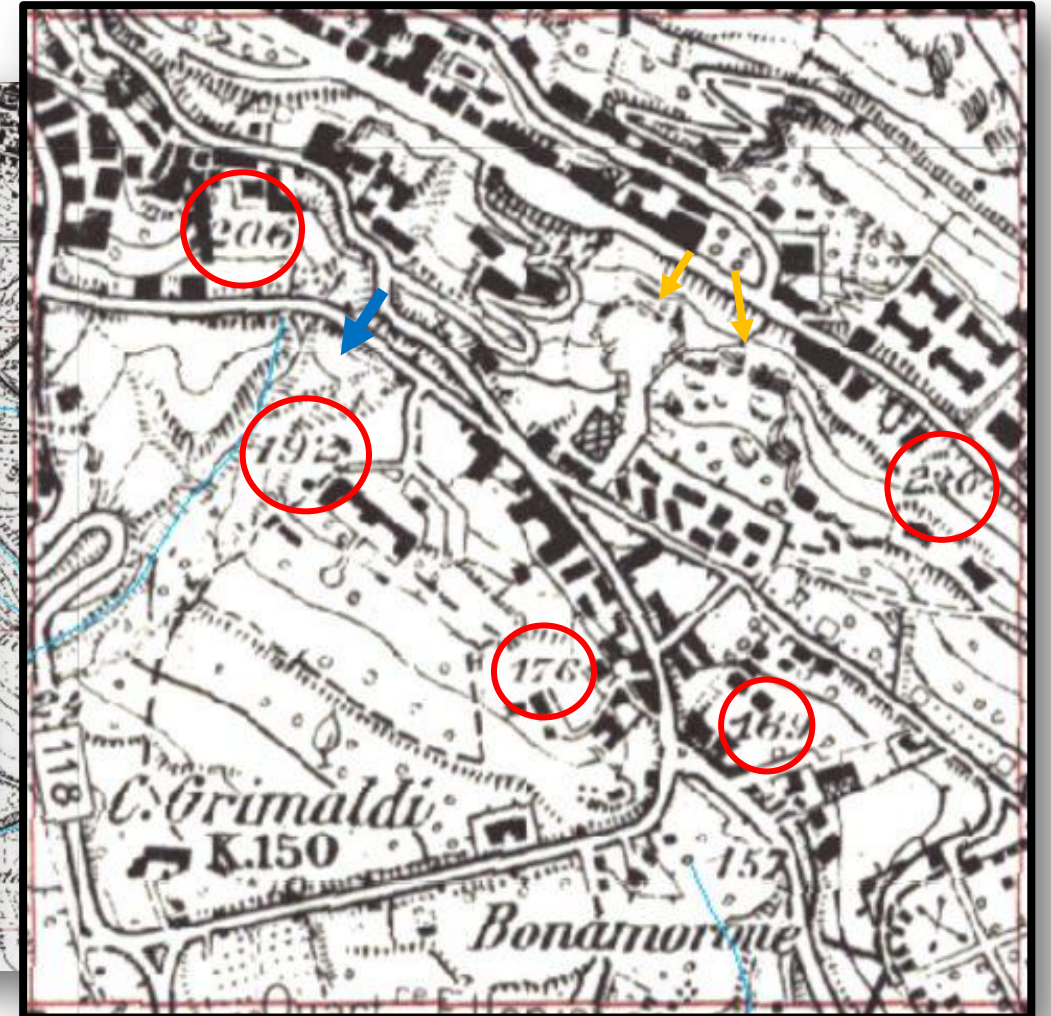
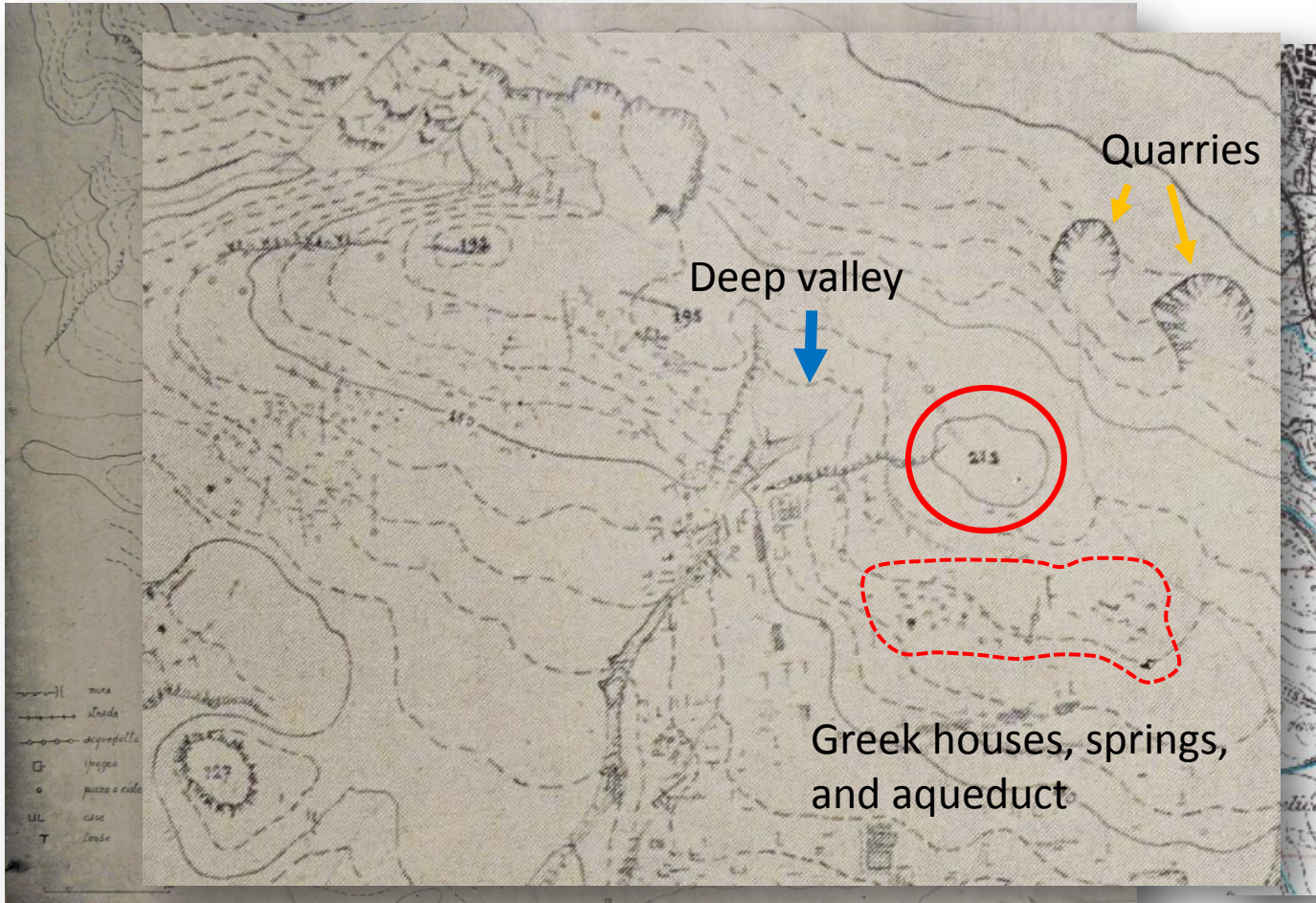
Ancient structures on the SE slopes



The levels don't coincide
Verify with GPS



Maybe due to not accurate instruments or old maps?



Marconi 1929, fig. 1

IGM 271 IV NE

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Step 3: survey





Low visibility on the ground

Unidentified buildings.
southern slopes of Villa Genuardi

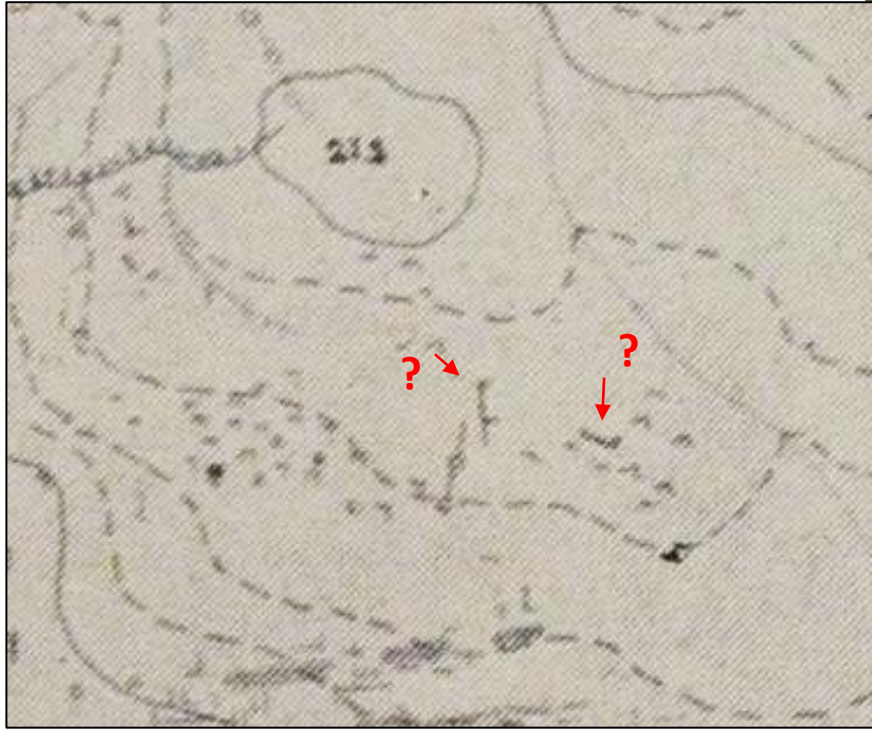




Different orientation and size. The buildings don't coincide with "Marconi's *temenos*"

Extending the survey
southward.

Greek houses and aqueduct
reported by Marconi, now
not visible







Searching for 212 a.s.l.

Place Colleverde, Police station:
rectangular building and thick
walls belonging to the archaic city.

(DE MIRO – FIORENTINI 1973-1974)



Thank you

