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Outbuildings of the Trypillya Culture: Dwellings used for household activities in Tripolye culture?

Dwellings that were used for different household activities may be separated into two groups. The first group unites the dwellings, similar to houses. The second group includes the remains of dwellings that do not have traces of construction.

Dwellings of the first group:

1) The storage – ploshchadka of the small size referred to Petrenskaya local group that did not include space, required for a man to live. The entire space was occupied by vessels. Seven pythoi that were not known for the Petrenskaya local group previously were first found in this dwelling.

2) The dwelling used for copper smelting. The one-storey dwelling had wattle-and-daub walls and pits in its ground floor that were used for utilization of production waste.

3) Dwellings reaching 4 x 4 m in size that contained a through of 2 x 2 m in size on the ground floor. Six grinding-stones were found in one of these dwellings near the through. As of today 4 dwellings of this kind are known. All of them were built almost being linked to the walls of houses. Maybe, these dwellings were used by large groups for cooking food related to some celebrations and ceremonies.

Dwellings of the second group:

1) Installations made of clay are known for all the duration of culture. They were located near the houses. Probably, the installations were used for cooking in summer-time. A square construction made of stones, placed in 3 m from each other in the perimeter of one of the installations, was found in one case. It is not excluded that the stones were used to keep the posts. Hence, the installation and stone construction may be interpreted as remains of the construction above the ground.

2) Since the second half of existence of the Trypillya culture, BII stage, pits contain the traces of flint knapping. The roofs above such pits are assumed. Hence, the constructions are interpreted as flint workshops.

Thus, we assume 5 variations in Trypillya dwellings that were used for different household activities.