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Necropolis of Sant'Andrea Priu

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■ The *domus de janas* on the plain

In the above lying plain there are some *domus de janas* with a simpler structure (XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV) and easy access, some of which have collapsed in part.

Tomb XI (figs. 1, 2, 3) is located a short distance, about 30 metres to the west, from the sculpture known as “Campanile”, made from a single block of trachyte, the shape of which is reminiscent of a headless bull. It has an open access corridor (*dromos*) communicating via a sub-rectangular access hatch, without a recess for a wooden or stone cover. The central cell is accessed from here, that is square with a flat ceiling, with a circular hole in the centre that must have been a possible mouth to a well, created later, used to collect rain-water. This cell leads on to a second cell via raised hatch; this is also square and with a flat ceiling, now intentionally uncovered.

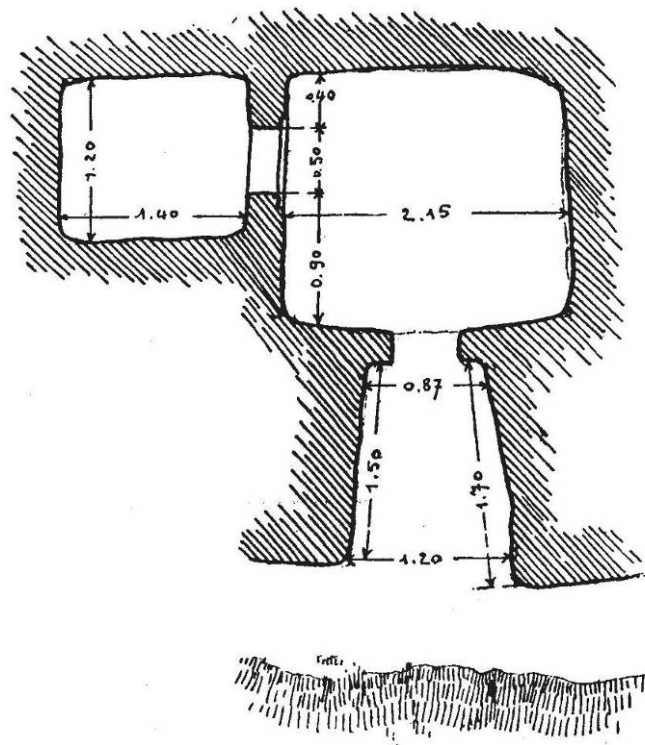


Fig. 1 - *Domus de janas XI* (by Taramelli 1919, fig. 54, page 115).



Fig. 2 - Entrance to hypogeum XII (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 3 - Hypogeum XII (photo by Unicity S.p.A.)

Tomb XII is about 12 metres east of the “Campanile”. Partly collapsed, there is still a part of the ante-cell, from where the square cell was entered through a hatch, where the ceiling has now collapsed and which communicates with another cell. An attempt at expansion of the main cell is to be attributed to extension of the original square room in a sub-trapezoidal room.

The *domus de janas* XIV (fig. 4) is a simple single-cell structure. It has a small open-air corridor (dromos), the final stretch of which, roofed, was the ante-cell. The cell is entered from a hatch with a raise step, where the flat ceiling has now partly collapsed. It communicates with the nearby hypogeum XIII via an open door in the South-east wall. The cell has a niche in the Northwest wall.



Fig. 4 - The hypogeums XIII, XIV located on top of the plain (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

The hypogeum XV (fig. 5) is in the outer western part of the plain, about 15 metres in a south-easterly direction compared to the group of hypogeum XIII and XIV. It is a single-cell tomb, with an ovoid shape ante-cell, a sloping ceiling towards the interior and a small oven cell.





Fig. 5 - Hypogeum XV (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

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