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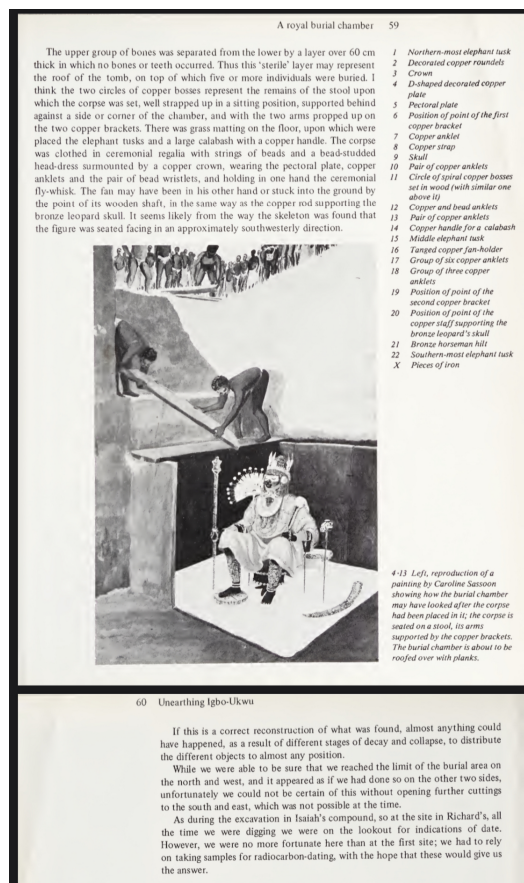
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In 1959-60, archaeologist Thurstan Shaw excavated a burial chamber in the compound of Richard Anozie in Igbo Ukwu, Anambra State, Nigeria.

He found Ivory artifacts like, elephant tusks and that of carved ivory, Glass beads, Metal artifacts like bronze and iron, Pottery and ceramics and Human remains.

The significance of Igbo Ukwu burial chamber provides valuable insights into human existence in the 9th-century and West African trade networks.



A royal burial chamber

Caroline Sassoon's recreation aims to reconstruct the burial chamber's original layout by showcasing Igbo-Ukwu's rich cultural heritage and educate audiences about ancient Igbo civilization.

Igbo Ukwu was a major center of trade, culture, and learning in 9th-century West Africa, That the major importance of this site's excavation has contributed significantly to our understanding of:

1. That the Igbos have the oldest civilization in Southern Nigeria.
2. Igbo history and culture would likely predate 9th Century.
3. That the Early Igbo civilizations suggest early human habitation in the area.

Igbo-Ukwu: An Account of Archaeological Discoveries in Eastern Nigeria – Thurstan Shaw

The Igbo Ukwu Burial Chamber – Caroline Sassoon.

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I'm a dedicated civil engineer with a passion for infrastructure development and community empowerment. With a strong background in engineering, my work focuses on creating sustainable solutions for urban and rural development projects. Outside of my professional career, I'm deeply interested in Igbo history and culture. I actively explores ways to impact society by using historical lessons to inspire and educate others about the rich cultural heritage of the Igbo people, aiming to bridge tradition and modern development.



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