

Notes on the Inscription of the CI DING 此鼎

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Formerly I wrote two articles on some bronzes unearthed from DONG-JIA village, QI-SHAN County of SHEN-SI Province 陕西省岐山県董家村. This article is a conclusion of this series, and here I study thirty two vessels except five vessels formerly mentioned.

I think, through studying these bronze vessels, it is possible to understand that the people who made these vessels were a family and that participants, and by using their financial power, the family had been entering the ruling class by intimately joining with a part of the ZHOU 周 royal members. Some of the ZHOU royal members enriched their own pockets, and it caused conflicts among the feudel lords and caused a crack in the old ruling order, at last, it had been making the rule of Zhou dynasty danger. Compared with the classics, I think, it is easier to understand how that circumstance was.