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The Ancient Oven

In the first half of this century, the buildings of this Square in the Tuilier district lay totally in ruins. In 1994, an ancient oven was discovered during cleaning of rubble.

This excavation work was beset by acts of plundering in the village which made it impossible to pursue the extensive research deemed necessary to understand its mission. The name of Tuilier (Tuiles = Tiles) implies that a manufacturer of terracotta tiles must have set up shop there.

Could this oven have been used for this trade? We can only assume so, especially since we can see how the vault was built (with canal tiles arranged vertically) making it an exceptionally rare and ancient historical artefact.