

[Asian Genealogy Impact: A Family Heritage More Powerful Than You Can Believe & Imagine](#)

The 21st century is the century for networking. No country controls the world, nor the economy. Everything is accomplished in the 21st century takes networking skills to put everybody's talents and strengths together, and doing family history is no different. No one individual can help individuals accomplish all of their genealogy but collectively through technology and the Gift of the Holy Ghost, we have golden opportunities to find the right people who have the needed answers so that your family history can go back many more generations than it presently might be identified.

While teaching 2012-2013 in China, I made an acquaintance of a very special young lady who is really a sincere and very special person. She had no idea where her family roots came from because she was from a rural part of China and of very humble ancestry. But she had a genuine desire to want to know more about her family heritage, and I was willing to assist her even after I relocated back to the USA. Fortunately, I was able to network with other people who understand the family history capabilities of China and believe it or not, they found tremendous resources that go beyond the government records because Chinese culture has a high regard for their ancestors. I put this young lady in touch with my resources and all of a sudden within two weeks she took her direct lineage back to the Ming Dynasty going as far back initially to the 1404. The photos below will shock you as it is a family history collection on just her surname that weighs about 8 tons of books and is said to be the number one family history book in the world. The picture is with an adult standing next to the wall and you can see what a huge collection it is originating from the Hongdong Shanxi province of about 600 years ago. If you read Chinese, you can read more about this unique collection found at <http://www.lsw.cc/index.htm>. Below the photos is a condensed English commentary to share some of the joy and success of finding original family history research. How did I obtain this information for my Chinese colleague? I attended the 2017 RootsTech conference and attended a clinic on Chinese Family by a person from Arizona and he later collaborated with my Chinese acquaintance resulting in such significant findings shared here.



What was so interesting to note is that when my Chinese colleague first started here genealogy in Jinan at the Province library, you were asked by someone, a male, with a rather negative, pointed question: **Why are you doing genealogy since you are a girl?** The answer was simple because “I love my ancestors.” **And from that day she was never discouraged in your pursuits which impressed both Roslyn and I. In fact before posting this post, I asked her why do you such a strong desire for family history as a female when you know that the records are solely for males?**

Here next response surprised me even more than I expected. She said: “for the genealogy research. I was influenced by you at first and then by all the success that my networking produced for her. Then I was surprised even more by her next response: it’s also because husband’s family where he is the 78th generation of Confucius, and her son is the 79th generation of Confucius. I then asked her how many generations is she in her family tree and she responded, I will let you know soon. That’s a lot of generations between 1404 to today.

For your information, Confucius was born in Qufu in the small feudal state of Lu in what is now Shandong province of China, which was noted for its preservation of the traditions of ritual and music of the Zhou civilization. His [family name](#) was Kong and his personal name Qiu, but he is referred to as either Kongzi or Kongfuzi (Master Kong) throughout Chinese history. The adjectival “Confucian,” derived from the Latinized Confucius, is not a meaningful term in Chinese, nor is the term [Confucianism](#), which was coined in Europe as recently as the 18th century. **Confucius**, [Pinyin romanization Kongfuzi](#), or **Kongzi**, Wade-Giles **K’ung-fu-tzu**, or **K’ung-tzu**, original name **Kongqiu**, literary name **Zhongni**, (born 551, [Qufu](#), state of Lu [now in [Shandong](#) province, China]—died 479 BCE, Lu), [China’s](#) most famous teacher, philosopher, and political theorist, whose ideas have influenced the civilization of East Asia.

In trying to figure out the dates for Confucius, he was born about 551 B.C.E. and died c. 479 B.C.E. The Chinese teacher and philosopher Confucius was the founder of the school of philosophy known as the Ju or Confucianism , which is still very influential in China. Here's a BCE definition: B.C.E. abbreviation for Before Common Era, used to show that a year or century comes before the year 1 of the calendar used in much of the world, esp. in Europe and North and South America



Closing Comments Plus Good News For Asian Research Capabilities

Family history is a very meaningful part of Asian culture today and especially in the past. The Spirit of Elijah can be a part of all of us if we are genuinely receptive to it. To clarify what I am describing with the “Spirit of Elijah,” consider reading this Facebook post of November 26, 2019 entitled: *Power and Inspiration through the “Spirit of Elijah”* which contains some powerful testimonies with appropriate links as well for further study. URL is <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Elijah.pdf>

Believe it or not, I just found a goldmine of new information available to research for Asian ancestors in more countries than previously covered in **The Family History Guide**. See <https://thefhguide.com/project-9-asia.html> and you will not be disappointed. If Lily can be so successful in China, we can all achieve even more by not giving up when she was told “Why are you so eager to research male genealogy and marry into the Confucius family history lines!! The “Spirit of Elijah” is strong with her even without our Church membership.

How Did I First Meet Lily?

While on a bus ride going to Church in Jinan, China when the bus was very full with no place for me to sit for 30 minutes on Bus #16, Lily politely asked seated people to stand so I could sit. I spoke with her while riding on the bus and we exchanged business cards. Later, Roslyn and I offered to give her free English lessons while she accompanied us on local trips in town and eventually on extended trips throughout China. What a blessing to have ever met our own *Chinese Guardian Angel, Lily and her parents* as cited below. And all because she was polite and sincere in asking others to stand so I could sit on an extremely crowded bus. What an example for others to follow with sincere interests in family history and not a member of any Church.

Here are some of the first things Lily experienced in her life through Roslyn and me: 1) went to the zoo, 2) attended a music concert, 3) ate in a hotel restaurant, 4) traveled by airplane, 5) became fluent in English, 6) learned how to eat with a fork, knife and spoon, 7) loves Pizza Hut pizza, and a host of others things all from being nice to me and for Roslyn and me to reciprocate to her back in many ways over the years.



Jinan is encircled on the map.

Lily's Family with direct Confucius Lineage



Vacation with Lily in Qingdao on the ocean. Lily getting ready for a TV commercial with me selling watches



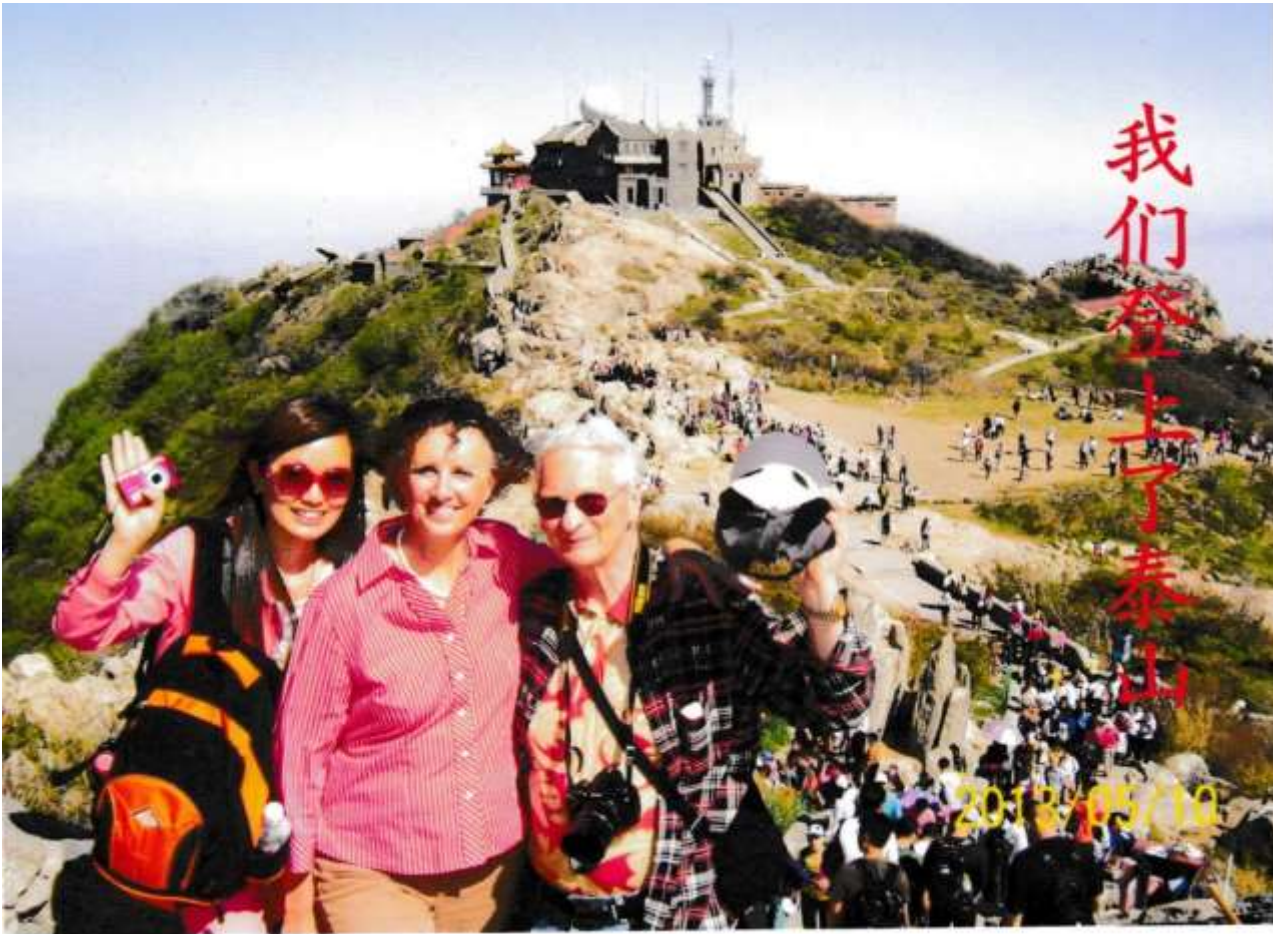
[Amadi Italian Watch TV Commercial with Lily Translating for me](#) (an absolute must view what for pure entertainment!) as we sold out our watch inventory! The head MC speaks faster in Chinese than an auctioneer. Find out how it was accomplished on Chinese TV Home-Sales every time I did these TV commercials while living and teaching in China along with my own near authentic English-Italian accent.



Lily with her hard-working parents



Relaxing our feet after sightseeing along the Yangtze River



Successful visit to Mt. Tai, a sacred mountain in China



With Lily's parents in 2018 Lily as captain of Yangtze River side trip excursion What Roslyn Does Best