

Business Immigration, Rural Market and the Evolving Society in Qingshuijiang of Southwest China since Qing dynasty.

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Abstract: By analyzing the Qing Dynasty's business immigration of Southwest China, this dissertation tries to analyze the process of establishing rural market and the community as a region of Xiaojiang river . This thesis not only explores the community's internal relations and the changing process of social structure, but also studies the local culture which created together by the Immigration and the local people.

Key words: Business Immigration, Rural Market, Local Culture

Since the Qing Dynasty, with the development of Qingshui river and the prosperity of timber trade, the Xiaojiang area participated this process and was involved in tax system of empery. On the one hand, as a result of the timber trade, the local moved to riverside from the hill, on the other hand, the trade attracted more and more immigration to stay. All of this brought a great change to the social composition, including the village relations and the space structure. On balance, the commercial activities promoted further change within the Xiaojiang community's internal construction.

Combing through the historical process what mentioned above. The xiaojiang area was stratified and integrated as results of material flow, market contact and groups organization. At the same time, the Xiaojiang community evolved into a flexible systems which free transformed between the public and the private. Accordingly, there are great chance that immigration's identity and local cultural were impacted gradually.

The perspective of this paper is the establishment of country fairs, which provides a case in Qiandongnan Dong mountain fair origin since Qing Dynasty , and it was built on immigration market. To some extent, it is the hub of the regional market.

Compared with hierarchical market system written by Skinner, the market is not only a country market, but also a regional market linked by the two important goods containing rice and wine . As the main sellers,immigrants in the market as well as the identity of the buyer, need to purchase for rice and other things. In different period, the two largest immigrant group's role in the market and the share of the market are different. This market Xiaojiang helped to prompt a sort of specialized production Village in Dao Guang period of Qing dynasty. The professional production of these villages brought the fortunes and intensified the thought and behavior about doing good deeds. It also caused social internal delamination and part of the "rich" family appeared in the local society. Under this background, the form of shares and the ownership awareness had been further consolidated and enhanced, so as to provide conditions and guarantee for the credit system in Xiaojiang society.

There are important discoveries through the investigation of immigrant social organizations. Studying on the immigration hall and the existing "indigenous" social organization shows that the establishment and operation of such organizations is not only simple reasons for blood, geography and industry, but obviously contains commercial factors. They even developed such a perfect joint-stock form through which the economic life and social life are closely linked.

This market in Xiaojiang area from the grassroots to the molding is mostly the behavior and activities of immigrant groups . "Jiangxi Street" is not only the name of the rurla market , but also refer the immigrant village which was given such a name by the other people in surrounding area. As the name of settlement ,the establishment formation and process of Jiangxi street is different from other villages in Xiaojiang area. The appearance of the market is diversified, which has impact on the marriage market and credit system etc. It also affects the relationship between groups and the local culture.

When immigrants firstly came to Xiaojiang geographical society,they were called "Han" or "the Hakkas" . With the development of market, the establishment of village, complemented by immigrants to participate in the regional public affairs, village relationship began to change. The contact between immigration and original

inhabitants was also more frequent. In the common space, with the touch plus brake and braking and other cultural ideas, there was culture cross between the migrants and the original inhabitants. When the movement of the national recognition gave the immigration official identity, regardless of immigration or original inhabitants, showed mild abnormalities on the acceptance. In one word, the identity of the conversion process is essentially regional community and Xiaojiang geographical and cultural evolution.

Time means kinds of resource and power. First-come-first-served not only depicts the fact, but also implies the principle of sharing resources, which influenced the emotion between different groups with the possession or distribution of sources. In order to settle down in the Southeast Guizhou, possession resources is important. The River itself represents the resource as the space and it even represents the power. Segments and river-river step, not only reflect the relationship of different villages, but also represent the local social self-regulation within the operating system.

In the Xiaojiang River area, there is even a kind of significant immigration village which is called Jiangxi Street and was formed in the Qingshui River, since Qing Dynasty. The construction of rural society is so much flexible and diversal. The process of opening and operate the rural market is complex and wonderful. The behaviors of the immigration and other people demonstrate the great intelligence of villager. Those business immigration built their own hall in rural society. This paper uses such a case expounds the immigrant groups in Southwest Mountainous minority areas which shows the historical process how to from the Han, from "Hakka" into the Dong. Multiple kind of factors contributed to the immigrant group identity transformation. The national recognition by the Chinese Government provides an opportunity for that. However, their behavior of opening the market and building guild hall is particularly important.