

**A Study of Guandaishu of Qing Dynasty
——An Investigation Centered on the
Official Archives of Nanbu County of
Sichuan in Qing Dynasty**

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Abstract

Guandaishu meant those who wrote for those who needed reports and lawsuits in the office of a state and county in Qing dynasty. It aimed at preventing litigation masters from monopolizing lawsuits and cheating the masses. A careful study was made in the essay on Guandaishu origin, their participation in the lawsuits, the Cuoji, the papers, the incomes, their life in the society and the end of Guandaishu. Guandaishu played a part in making a lawsuit and maintaining the social order, but its original meaning changed in the process of operation because there was no difference between Guandaishu and lawyers and Guandaishu was cancelled in the end. However, it promoted the system of lawyers of the Republic of China.

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