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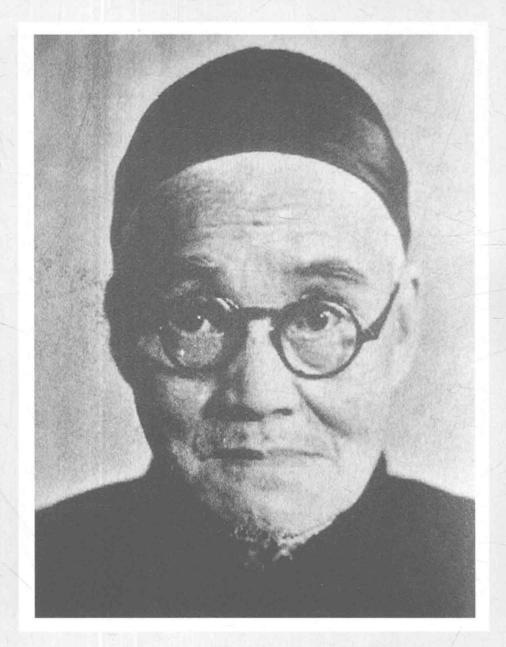
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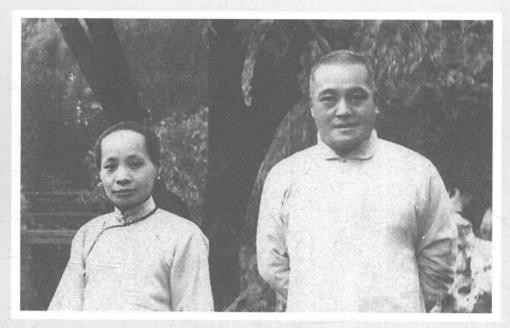
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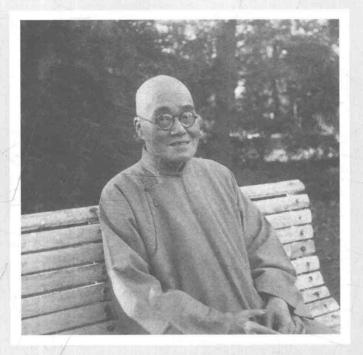
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在中国传统文化中,乡贤,是区域文明的传承者,又是传统价值观的守护者。他们是贤达之人,德高望重,维系着一方经济、社会、文化、风俗、教化等方面的稳定和发展。同时,他们又是饱学之士,知书识礼,以传统道德力量教化乡民、泽被乡里。作为乡贤,他们有着一个共同的特征:热心公共事务,有效地组织协调地方的经济发展、公共工程、福利机构和教育设施等有关公益项目和慈善活动的实施,造福一方百姓。

到了19世纪末,在海宁大地上涌现了一大批能人志士、社会贤达,为海宁经济社会的发展与进步做出了杰出的贡献。 正如本书中所述:"他们紧跟世界发展之潮流,洞悉西方思想和科技发展之变化,洋为中用、求真务实;他们创办实体,积极引进西方的科技和产业;他们办教育、兴学校,提高人的素质与能力;他们创建发电厂、电话公司等民生公用设施,积极助推海宁现代化的进程。"徐申如就是其中的代表人物,而记述和介绍好这位海宁的乡贤,也就成了家乡文史研究的任务之一。

刘培良先生作为市政协委员、市文史研究会的副会长,他 以满腔的热情和诚恳的态度,积极承接了市政协文教卫体与文 史专委会的文史研究课题,为海宁名人文化与乡贤文化的研究 做着细致而富有成效的工作。为真实地反映史实,他认真地查 阅资料、实地走访相关人士,咨询交流、精益求精,经过数年 的艰辛努力,终于写作完成了《徐申如——诗人徐志摩之父》 一书。此书以比较翔实的史料,切中肯綮的分析,从"父亲" "商人""社会活动者""乡贤"等多个维度,展示了徐申如的 生平和主要事迹。特别是为我们展现了 19 世纪末至 20 世纪 40 年代大背景下,作为乡贤,徐申如在海宁并以海宁为基点向江浙沪等地做产业拓展和社会服务延伸的事业雄心和善事善举,为我们了解那段历史中所发生的重大历史事件,以及对徐申如功过是非的评价,打开了一个窗口,提供了一个平台。

斯人远去,风范尚存。在当下,我们重温乡贤的历史、宣传乡贤的文化,这对于进一步弘扬乡贤精神,大力提升民众的文化自信和自尊,倡导见贤思齐,敦厚民心民风,激发社会正能量,树立社会新风尚,应该是有着积极的现实意义和启示作用的。当然,我们更期待在海宁这方传统与现代相融、传承与创新互动的热土上,涌现出更多新时代的"新乡贤"。

历史留下了众"乡贤"的功绩,时代呼唤新"乡贤"的辈出。我们相信,海宁人仍将与时俱进、踏浪前行,以大潮的气魄、以潮人的风范,领跑于时代的前沿,展现多姿的风采。

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海宁市政协副主席 那兴市文联副主席



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几乎每个中国大陆、香港和台湾的读者,都对我的祖父徐志摩十分熟悉。20世纪初期,他带领中国诗歌进入现代阶段。事实上,我的祖父,经常被视为现代中国文学的代表性人物。他抨击令人窒息的传统和意识形态,为自己的人生与文学,开创一条新的道路。影响所及,他做下的每一个决定,都为这个国家的追随者们所细细品察。

但是他的父亲,也就是我的曾祖父徐申如,一个成功的实业家,却鲜为人知。正因如此,徐家十分感谢刘培良先生的努力,他让世人了解我曾祖父一生的功绩。

在曾祖父 71 年的生命之中,他于丝绸生产、电气照明、发电、电话通信、银行和国家的铁路发展,都有所建树。刘先生深刻地注意到,我曾祖父是在硖石这个小地方开创事业、壮大家族的。虽然在上海或北京经营上述这些行业会容易得多,但他并没有以这类大都市为根据地,相反地,他在硖石这个浙江省的农村地区指挥调度他麾下的事业。这里环境平静安宁,一派田园风光,对我的祖父徐志摩日后的创作影响甚深。

我从来没有见过我的曾祖父,他在我出生前两年就过世了。他过世的时候,我的大姐徐琪也只有四岁。所以我和我的兄弟姐妹,从没有亲近他的机会。我们所知道的曾祖父,并不只是一个令人印象深刻的成功商人。他具有少有的人品、同情心和超前的视野。我们的亲戚常常告诉我们,曾祖父悲天悯人,他不只关怀他的家族成员以及生意伙伴,他还关心每个生命跟他有交集的人,从当地村民到农民皆然。当害虫成群降临在本地农场,以及干旱摧毁庄稼时,曾祖父提供给农民财政援

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助。在硖石经过大火灾肆虐之后,他资助消防设备,以防患未然。他也是上海南洋中学的重要赞助人之一。刘先生的书提供了许多这样的例子,突出强调了曾祖父高贵的人品。

他远大的眼光,除了让他在武昌起义时,成为支持推翻清朝的一方,也让他明白,新兴的铁路系统将在现代化和连接中国发挥显著作用,并孜孜不倦地游说,使海宁成为杭州和上海之间的主要转运站。可以说,他为他的家乡带来繁荣、稳定与未来展望。刘先生仔细探究我的曾祖父的工作和决策,以及它们对这个国家的影响。

根据这本传记,除了商业上的灵活敏锐,与他对家乡地区的无私奉献之外,我的曾祖父还透过他所做的决定,展现了他的价值观和性格。当他唯一的孩子徐志摩透露出想学文学,而不是经济或政治之时,曾祖父强忍自己的失望,并选择完全支持他的儿子,让他以一个艺术家的身份绽放光芒。当他为儿子寻找一个合适的妻子时,曾祖父很高兴遇到张幼仪,她的家族并非因为巨富而出名,而是因为聪明才智。我的祖母张幼仪曾就读一所寄宿学校,恳求父母让她接受教育。她以坚强的性格与荣誉感,坚定支持祖父徐志摩与曾祖父母,即使在她与祖父徐志摩离婚之后,仍旧如此。

一直到现在,我曾祖父在历史上总是扮演配角——他是大诗人徐志摩那位负责认真的商人父亲。刘培良先生精心研究与撰写的新传记《徐申如——诗人徐志摩之父》,将非凡诗人背后的非凡力量展现于世人眼前,替曾祖父为新兴中国所做出的富有远见的贡献,投射一道辉煌的光芒。

我的姐姐们:徐琪、徐放、徐行,加上我,对于我们曾祖 父能因为这本书的出版,而跃上历史舞台,感到非常兴奋。这 是一本充实而有意义,并且深具洞见的传记,我和我的家人对 刘先生献上最诚挚的感谢与祝福。

> 徐善曾 美国加州,2016

June 20, 2016,

Almost every person of literature-reading age in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan would likely be familiar with Xu Zhimo, the early twentieth-century writer who helped lead Chinese poetry into the modern era. Indeed, Xu Zhimo, who is my grandfather, is often looked upon as an icon of modern China, a man who railed against the country's stifling traditions and ideologies to forge a new path for himself, for literature, and by extension, a nation of followers who scrutinized his every decision.

But few would know of his father (and my great gandfather), Xu Shenru, an industrialist who achieved remarkable success during his 71 years of life. For this reason, the Hsu family truly appreciates Mr. Liu Peiliang's efforts to communicate Xu Shenru's achievements to the world.

Xu Shenru developed such businesses as silk manufacturing, electric lighting, power generation, telephone communications, banking and the developing of the country's railway lines. Mr. Liu insightfully points out that Xu Shenru established his family and business base in Xiashi, a rural area in Zhejiang province. He was not situated in such metropolises as Shanghai or Beijing, where the operating of such industry might have been easier. Instead, he

commanded his businesses from a undeveloped area and a place of relative peace that offered an almost idyllic land-scape — an environment that would prove formative his son. Zhimo.

I never met my great grandfather. Xu Shenru passed away four years before I was born. My eldest sister, Xu Qi, was only four when he passed away, so none of my siblings or I knew him in a meaningful way. What we did know about our great grandfather was that beyond his impressive success as a businessman, he was also a man of rare character, compassion and forward vision. We were often told by our relatives that Xu Shenru was a person who cared greatly about humanity in general, not only his clan members and his business associates, but everyone whose path he crossed, from the local villagers to the farmers in the fields. When swarms of insects descended upon local farms and drought destroyed crops, Xu Shenru provided financial assistance to the farmers. After a major fire ravaged Xiashi, he funded firefighting equipment to prevent future devastation. Xu Shenru was also a significant sponsor of Nanyang Middle School in Shanghai, Mr. Liu's book highlights many meaningful examples of Xu Shenru's noble qualities.

In terms of vision, he was a key supporter of the Wuchang Uprising officers and soldiers who fought to topple the Qing Dynasty. He also understood the significant role the emerging railroad system would play in modernizing and connecting China and lobbied tirelessly to make Haining a major transit point between Hangzhou and Shanghai, thus bringing prosperity, stability and the future, so to speak,

to his home region. Mr. Liu carefully explores my greatgrandfather's work and decisions and the effect they had on the country.

According to this biography, beyond his acumen for business and his altruism toward his home region, Xu Shenru demonstrated his values and character in the decisions he made. When his only child, Zhimo, had the revelation that he wanted to study literature instead of economics or politics, Xu Shenru masked his disappointment and chose to support his son fully, allowing him to blossom as an artist. When it came time to search for a suitable wife for his son, Xu Shenru was delighted to come across Zhang Youyi, who came from a family known not for their vast wealth but for their intellectual merit. Youvi had been educated in a boarding school, having pleaded with her parents for an education, and she showed her own strong character and honor in her steadfast support of Xu Zhimo and Xu Shenru and his wife, even after she and Zhimo divorced.

Until now, history has offered Xu Shenru a supporting role — that of the dutiful and caring businessman father of the great poet Xu Zhimo. What Liu Peiliang meticulously researched and reported new biography, Xu Shenru—the Father of Poet Xu Zhimo, brings to light is the extraordinary man behind the extraordinary poet, casting a glorious beam on Shenru's own visionary contributions to an emerging China.

My sisters Xu Qi, Xu Fang, Xu Xing, and I were all very excited that our great grandfather could step forward to the front stage of history through the publication of this biog-

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raphy. My family and I offer Mr. Liu the deepest of thanks and congratulations for a biography that is not only substantial and significant but truly insightful as well.

Tony S. Hsu California, 2016