

## Appendix B

### THE TSAI-HSIANG, 618-705

The following list attempts to provide in tabular form a brief biographical sketch of every man who held *tsai-hsiang*, or chief ministerial status from the beginning of the T'ang to the deposition of the Empress Wu. The principal source of information is *HTS* 61: 3774:1, the table of chief ministers, but because of errors and omissions in it additional information is taken from the annals and biographies of the *CTS* and from later studies like *TCTC* and principally from the *Nien-i-shih ssu-p'u*, chüan 33, Yen Keng-wang's *T'ang p'u-shang ch'eng-lang piao* provides some information not found elsewhere. Where the actuality of appointment is disputed, I usually include the man in question so that the list may be as comprehensive as possible.

The names are arranged in chronological order based on the date when *tsai-hsiang* status was first awarded, and the key to the information is as follows:

- a. Dates (age given in Chinese style).
- b. Native place and the T'ang province to which it belonged.
- c. Ancestry.
- d. Examination.
- e. First official post mentioned in the biography in the dynastic history.
- f. Recommendation (by whom).
- g. Year and lunar month when *tsai-hsiang* status was first awarded.
- h. Length of tenure of *tsai-hsiang* status.
- i. Descendants.
- j. Remarks, and Western-language sources in which more information may be found. For the latter, the three abbreviations used are:

*Examens* - *Le traité des examens* by R. des Rotours.

*Fonctionnaires* - *Le traité des fonctionnaires et de l'armée*, by the same author.

Eberhard - *Das Toba-Reich Nordchinas* by W. Eberhard.

The term "family extinguished" (*chia-k'ou chi-mo*) refers to the punishment elaborated in the text whereby the immediate family of a criminal is either executed, or exiled and deprived of political rights. In many cases, it will be noted, rehabilitation occurred before the deposition of the Empress Wu. "Executed by the Empress Wu" simply means that the event occurred between 684-705, and "in exile" means that the man in question had either been demoted to a provincial post or exiled to Ling-nan before his death. The length of tenure (category h) is based entirely on my own calculations. In many cases a chief minister was given a particular commission outside the capital during his tenure. Unless there is specific mention that he was at the same time deprived of *tsai-hsiang* status, I include this period in his tenure although he could scarcely exercise his court functions. This is done chiefly to permit consistency of analysis since the actual time consumed by special assignments is invariably vague.



The native place is in every case taken from the *CTS* biography, and the term "eminent clan" is used only when explicitly so stated by the same source. I chose this methodology for the sake of consistency, and because the *CTS* most nearly represents contemporary opinion. But caution is necessary. First, the authors of the *HTS* display a much more pronounced aristocratic attitude, so that many *tsai-hsiang* are listed in the table there as members of great clans when their connection was very tenuous and in spite of the fact that their biographies in the same work offer different *pen-wang*. This is the case with the Empress Wei and, for instance, with Li I-yen (no. 63). Second, there are problems of geographical terminology. Hsüeh Yüan-ch'ao (no. 61) came from Fen-yin (汾陰) in P'u-chou, a place also known as Ho-tung, and the home of the eminent Ho-tung Hsüeh clan. Is there a reason beyond historical ignorance why the authors of the *CTS* do not identify the affiliation? Third, there is the problem of false claims. Li I-fu (no. 39) is the most obvious example, but the list of *tsai-hsiang* more successful than he in establishing in history their false claims could be readily expanded.

A thorough search through epigraphical evidence would yield a substantially more accurate list, but I see little to be gained in such a line of inquiry. The connection between the *tsai-hsiang* and the great houses strikes me as an artificial one, for there is probably no case in the seventh century of a man rising to the rank of chief minister *solely on the basis of family eminence*. The aristocratic cast of high officialdom in the T'ang is a noteworthy phenomenon, but unless it is shown that (a) the consciousness of these officials was more aristocratic than bureaucratic *after* the attainment of high office, and (b) family background *alone* could form the basis of ministerial cohesion or factionalism, this approach to the history of the period should be subordinated to others.

The chief value of presenting the information in this form is the demonstration of a trend away from personalized government. Several facts should be noted in this regard. First, the rapid decrease in the incidence of recommendation. At least after the 660s advancement became increasingly structured, and the highest posts were filled by men with a bureaucratized mentality and an understanding of the system. Influential connections and the ability to win general notice by outstanding performance or virtue diminished in importance. Even the extension of the recommending privilege by the Empress Wu seems to have had little effect at the highest levels of government. Second, the diminution and virtual disappearance of marriage relationships with the imperial family. Third, the progressive shortening of tenure, as ministers were increasingly regarded by the ruler as instruments of policy rather than as colleagues. Demotion and the shifting of posts may be regarded in this light as well as being seen as mechanisms of imperial control or the assertion of prerogative. Fourth, the rising importance of examination as a qualification for high office, a phenomenon discussed in the text.

The information presented here shows clearly the importance of a family tradition of officeholding. I find fewer than a dozen men under the empress who achieved *tsai-hsiang* status after beginning with examination alone. Twice that number had no degree but came from families which, although not among the pre-eminent clans even at the local level, had held office earlier in the dynasty. The *yin* privilege must have played a part, but I suspect that intangible factors were of greater significance. It will be noted that few *tsai-hsiang* were without descendants in bureaucratic positions, but that few of them equaled the eminence of their forebears. This is a suggestive trend and worthy of pursuit

in the later T'ang.

The *tsai-hsiang* sample, while conducive to misinterpretation, is by no means barren and, particularly if combined with other definable groupings such as high officials in the six Boards, could yield many more insights into T'ang government. The order of advancement and the relation of lower posts to the eventual attainment to *tsai-hsiang* rank, the role of military men, the development of specialized functions, and the relationship of the *tsai-hsiang* to regionalist problems could all be explored with profit.

1. Li Shih-min 李世民 = T'ai-tsung 太宗.
2. P'ei Chi 裴寂 . CTS 57: 3292:3, HTS 88: 3893:1.
  - a. ca. 571-630.
  - b. P'u-chou 蒲州 in Ho-tung.
  - c. Father and grandfather officeholders. Lineage praised by Kao-tsu but family poor.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Pu-chou chu-pu 補州主簿.
  - f. None mentioned. Early friendship with Kao-tsu.
  - g. 618: *cheng*.
  - h. 8 years.
  - i. Son marries a daughter of Kao-tsu, grandson official career under Empress Wu but executed by her.
  - j. The most favored of Kao-tsu's ministers.
3. Hsiao Yü 蕭瑀 . CTS 63: 3304:3, HTS 101: 3915:1.
  - a. 575-648.
  - b. Nan-lan-ling 南蘭陵.
  - c. Imperial family of Liang, married to Sui family.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Min-pu shang-shu 民部尚書.
  - f. None.
  - g. 618: *cheng*.
  - h. 9 years.
  - i. Son marries a daughter of T'ai-tsung and has official career.
  - j. A prominent Buddhist. Several quarrels with T'ai-tsung and once disenrolled. Eberhard, p. 40, no. 32.
4. Liu Wen-ching 劉文靜 . CTS 57: 3293:1, HTS 88: 3892:3.
  - a. d. 620 at age 52.
  - b. Claimed P'eng-ch'eng 彭城, but family had lived at Ching-chao 京兆 for generations.
  - c. Grandfather an officeholder, father dies in battle, and Wen-ching succeeds to his posthumous position.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Chin-yang ling 晉陽令.
  - f. Close friend of P'ei Chi who introduces him to Kao-tsu.
  - g. 618:6.
  - h. 2 months, then disenrolled for treason.
  - i. When family rehabilitated, two sons have official careers and one marries princess.
  - j. See Eberhard, p. 54, no. 54 for clan claimed by Wen-ching.



5. Tou Wei 竇威 . *CTS* 61: 3301:1, *HTS* 95: 3904:3.
  - a. d. 618.
  - b. See no. 6. Tou K'ang's uncle.
  - c. --
  - d. --
  - e. --
  - f. --
  - g. Appointed 618:6 but dies same month.
  - h. --
  - i. Son has official career.
6. Tou K'ang 竇抗 . *CTS* 61: 3301:3, *HTS* 95: 3904:3.
  - a. d. 621.
  - b. Fu-feng 扶風 in Kuan-chung.
  - c. Eminent clan. Consort family of Sui, and K'ang is son of Wen-ti's daughter Wan-an 萬安.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. High honorary positions in Sui.
  - f. Youthful friendship with Kao-tsu.
  - g. 618:6.
  - h. 2 months, then made general.
  - i. Two sons, primarily military careers.
  - j. In early T'ang this clan produced 7 officials above the third rank, 5 above the fourth, more than 10 above the fifth, and three times married princesses as well as placing several of their daughters in the harem. An unparalleled achievement according to *CTS*. Eberhard, p. 383, no. 69.
7. Ch'en Shu-ta 陳叔達 . *CTS* 61: 3301:1, *HTS* 100: 3912:3.
  - a. d. 635.
  - b. Wu-hsing 吳興 in Chiang-nan.
  - c. Imperial family of Ch'en dynasty, 16th son of Hsüan-ti 宣帝.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. *Nei-shih she-jen* 內史舍人.
  - f. Early allegiance to T'ang.
  - g. 619: *cheng*.
  - h. 7 years, 10 months.
  - i. No children mentioned.
  - j. A poet and scholar who left works in 15 *chüan*.
8. Yang Kung-jen 楊恭仁 . *CTS* 62: 3302:4, *HTS* 100: 3912:3.
  - a. d. 639.
  - b. Hua-yin 華陰 in Kuan-chung.
  - c. Imperial family of Sui dynasty.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Prefect of Kan-chou 甘州.
  - f. Captured by Kao-tsu's troops early in rebellion and persuaded to join T'ang.
  - g. 619:10.
  - h. 6 years, 9 months.
  - i. Son and grandson have official careers. Brother, nephew, niece, and great-grandson marry into T'ang family. Also the clan of the Empress Wu's mother.



- j. Eberhard, p. 73, no. 87.
9. Feng Te-i 封德彝. *CTS* 63: 3304:2, *HTS* 100: 3912:4.  
 a. d. 627 at age 60.  
 b. Kuan-chou 觀州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Father and grandfather officeholders. Marriage relation to eminent Lu clan of Fan-yang.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Sui *hsing-chün chi-shih* 行軍記室 in army of Yang Su.  
 f. Surrendered territory to T'ang.  
 g. 620:2.  
 h. 7 years, 4 months.  
 i. Son marries daughter of Kao-tsu. Has official career. Nephew also an official.  
 j. Possibly connected with Feng clan of Eberhard, p. 36, no. 21. Also known as Feng Lun 封倫.
10. P'ei Chü 裴矩. *Sui-shu* 67: 2507:1, *Pei-shih* 38: 2869:4, *CTS* 63: 3305:3, *HTS* 100: 3913:1.  
 a. d. 627 at age over 80.  
 b. Ho-tung 河東.  
 c. Eminent clan, father and grandfather officeholders.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Secretary-tutor to Ch'i prince 高平王文學.  
 f. Deserts Tou Chien-te to join T'ang.  
 g. 624:12.  
 h. 1 year.  
 i. Son has official career under Kao-tsung.  
 j. Foreign-affairs expert and map maker of Western regions. Long experience makes him something of an elder statesman in reign of Kao-tsu. Eberhard, p. 380, no. 61.
11. Yü-wen Shih-chi 宇文士及 *CTS* 63: 3305:4, *HTS* 100: 3913:3.  
 a. d. 642.  
 b. Ch'ang-an 長安.  
 c. Imperial family of Chou, marriage to Sui and T'ang families.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Sui *shang-nien feng-yü* 尚輦奉御.  
 f. Close friend of Kao-tsu.  
 g. 625:12.  
 h. 1 year, 9 months.  
 i. Son has official career.  
 j. Friendship with T'ai-tsung. Eberhard, p. 76, no. 96.
12. Li Yüan-chi 李元吉 *CTS* 64:3306:4.  
 a. Killed by T'ai-tsung in coup of 626.  
 b. Claimed Lung-hsi 隴西 in Kuan-chung.  
 c. T'ang imperial family, fourth son of Kao-tsu (b. 609).  
 d. No examination.  
 e. T'ai-yüan-chün shou 太原郡守.  
 f. None.  
 g. 625:12.  
 h. 6 months.  
 i. 5 sons, all executed by T'ai-tsung.

- j. His concubine of the Yang clan, later taken by T'ai-tsung, probably introduced the Empress Wu into the harem.
13. Tu Yen 杜淹. *CTS* 66: 3312:2, *HTS* 96: 3905:4.  
 a. d. 628.  
 b. Ching-chao 京兆 [Ch'ang-an].  
 c. Uncle of Ju-hui (see no. 17).  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Sui *ch'eng-feng lang* 承奉郎.  
 f. Kao Hsiao-chi 高孝基.  
 g. 627:9.  
 h. 11 months.  
 i. Son inherits title.  
 j. *Excamens*, p. 241; Eberhard, p. 68, no. 78.
14. Ch'ang-sun Wu-chi 長孫無忌. *CTS* 65: 3309:3, *HTS* 105: 3922:2.  
 a. d. 659.  
 b. Loyang 洛陽.  
 c. A T'o-pa clan, offices and titles for seven generations, Wu-chi's sister married to T'ai-tsung.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. After military posts in T'ang conquest, *pi-pu lang-chung* 比部郎中.  
 f. A close friend of T'ai-tsung from youth.  
 g. 627:7.  
 h. Total almost 16 years.  
 i. Family extinguished in 659-60.  
 j. See text and Eberhard, p. 33, no. 10.
15. Kao Chien 高儉. *CTS* 65: 3309:1, *HTS* 95: 3903:3.  
 a. d. 647, aged 71.  
 b. Po-hai 渤海 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Eminent clan, imperial family of Ch'i, married into Ch'ang-sun and T'ang families.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Sui *chih-li lang* 治禮郎.  
 f. Probably received first Sui post by recommendation.  
 g. 626:7.  
 h. 8 years, 1 month.  
 i. Son marries daughter of T'ai-tsung, holds high posts, killed by Empress Wu because of relationship with Ch'ang-sun Wu-chi.  
 j. Also called Kao Shih-lien 高士廉. Eberhard, p. 42, no. 41.
16. Fang Hsüan-ling 房玄齡. *CTS* 66: 3310:4, *HTS* 95: 3905:1.  
 a. d. 648 at age 70.  
 b. Ch'i-chou 齊州 in Ho-nan; moved to capital in the Sui.  
 c. Ancestors held office since Wei.  
 d. *Chin-shih* at age 18.  
 e. *Yü-ch'i wei* 羽騎尉.  
 f. Wen Yen-po 溫彥博 *et al.*  
 g. 626:7.  
 h. Total almost 30 years.  
 i. Two sons, one married to daughter of T'ai-tsung, have official career, conspire to rebel, family reduced to commoner status early in reign of Kao-tsung.



- j. With the exception of Wei Cheng, probably the most important of T'ai-tsung's ministers.
17. Tu Ju-hui 杜如晦. *CTS* 66: 3311:4, *HTS* 96: 3905:3.  
 a. d. 630 at age 46.  
 b. Ching-chao 京兆 [Ch'ang-an].  
 c. Officeholders in Chou and Sui, son marries into T'ang family.  
 d. First to pass the *hsüan* in Sui.  
 e. *Kan-yang wei* 滏陽尉.  
 f. Kao Hsiao-chi 高孝基 and Fang Hsüan-ling (no. 16).  
 g. 628: *cheng*.  
 h. 2 years. Resigns because of illness.  
 i. Son and grandson have official careers.  
 j. He was nephew of Tu Yen (see no. 13). *Examens*, p. 241.
18. Li Ching 李靖. *CTS* 67: 3312:3, *HTS* 93: 3900:3.  
 a. d. 649 at age 79.  
 b. Yung-chou 雍州 near Ch'ang-an.  
 c. Father and grandfather held office in Sui and Wei.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Sui *Ch'ang-an-hsien kung-ts'ao* 長安縣功曹.  
 f. Yang Su and Niu Hung 牛弘.  
 g. 628: *cheng*.  
 h. 6 years, 11 months.  
 i. Son and younger brother have official careers.  
 j. Career primarily military. *Fonctionnaires*, p. 6.
19. Wang Kuei 王珪. *CTS* 70: 3318:2, *HTS* 98: 3908:3.  
 a. d. 639 at age 69.  
 b. T'ai-yüan 太原 in Ho-tung.  
 c. Ancestors held posts in Liang and Ch'i but had declined to impoverish-ment before Kuei was orphaned.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Sui *feng-li-lang* 奉禮郎.  
 f. Li Kang 李綱.  
 g. 628:12.  
 h. 4 years, 4 months.  
 i. Two sons have official career, and the younger marries a princess. Eberhard, p. 70, no. 81a.
20. Wei Cheng 魏徵. *Pei-shih* 56: 2932:2, *CTS* 71: 3320:1, *HTS* 97: 3906:3.  
 a. d. 643 at age 63.  
 b. Chü-lu 鉅鹿 in Ho-pei.  
 c. Father held low office in Ch'i. Cheng early orphaned and impoverished.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Clerical staff of rebel Li Mi; T'ang *mi-shu ch'eng* 秘書丞.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 629.  
 h. 13 years, 6 months.  
 i. Four sons have official careers, one executed by Empress Wu.  
 j. *Examens*, p. 242. Wechsler, *Mirror*, pp. 33-79 and 106-166 offers a full treatment of Cheng's life and career.
21. Wen Yen-po 溫彥博. *CTS* 61: 3300:3, *HTS* 100: 3912:1.

- a. d. 637 at age 64.
  - b. T'ai-yüan 太原 in Ho-tung.
  - c. Father officeholder in Ch'i and Sui.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Sui *wen-lin lang* 文林郎.
  - f. Ch'in hsiao-wang Chün 秦孝王俊.
  - g. 630:2.
  - h. 7 years, 4 months.
  - i. Son marries daughter of Kao-tsu, has official career. Many relatives hold high posts.
  - j. Considered one of the most successful families of early T'ang.
22. Tai Chou 戴胄. See no. 55.
- a. d. 633.
  - b. Hsiang-chou 相州 in Ho-pei.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned, biography says family poor.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Sui *men-hsia lu-shih* 門下錄事.
  - f. Su Wei 蘇威 and P'ei Chü. Captured by T'ai-tsung.
  - g. 630:2.
  - h. 3 years, 4 months.
  - i. No sons. Adopts nephew Chih-te (see no. 55).
  - j. No formal education. Noted for repression of literature while in charge of examination system.
23. Hou Chün-chi 侯君集. *CTS* 69: 3316:2, *HTS* 94: 3902:2.
- a. Executed for treason, 643.
  - b. Pin-chou 豳州 in Ho-pei.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Military posts with T'ai-tsung early in conquest.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 630:11.
  - h. 10 years, 2 months (nominally; often out of capital).
  - i. Sons exiled to Ling-nan.
  - j. Military career.
24. Yang Shih-tao 楊師道. *CTS* 62: 3307:1, *HTS* 100: 3912:4.
- a. d. 647.
  - b. Hua-yin 華陰 in Kuan-chung.
  - c. Younger brother of Kung-jen (see no. 8).
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Honorary posts in early T'ang.
  - f. None mentioned. T'ai-tsung impressed by his calligraphy.
  - g. 636:6.
  - h. 7 years, 6 months. Demoted 645 for connection with Korean failure.
  - i. Son has official career, married to T'ai-tsung's niece, executed for suppression of aristocracy while in charge of examination system.
25. Liu Po 劉泊. *CTS* 74: 3326:4, *HTS* 99: 3911:4.
- a. Ordered to commit suicide, 645.
  - b. Ching-chou 荊州 in Shan-nan.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned.
  - d. No examination.



- e. *Huang-men shih-lang* 黃門侍郎 under rebel Hsiao Hsien.
  - f. None mentioned, though wide military reputation.
  - g. 639:11.
  - h. 5 years, 1 month.
  - i. Son has official career and has Empress Wu rehabilitate father.
26. Ts'en Wen-pen 岑文本. CTS 70: 3319:1, HTS 102: 3916:3.
- a. d. 645 at age 51.
  - b. Nan-yang 南陽 in Shan-nan.
  - c. Father and grandfather officeholders.
  - d. *Hsiu-tsai*.
  - e. *Chung-shu shih-lang* 中書侍郎 under rebel Hsiao Hsien.
  - f. Li Ching.
  - g. 642: *cheng*.
  - h. 3 years, 4 months.
  - i. Nephew reaches *tsai-hsiang* status under Empress Wu and is executed for opposition to Wu Ch'eng-ssu. See no. 69.
27. Li Chi 李勣. CTS 67: 3313:2, HTS 93: 3901:2.
- a. d. 669 at age 76.
  - b. Ts'ao-chou 曹州 in Ho-nan.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned, poor family.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Bandit, joins Li Mi, becomes general of Kao-tsu.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 643:4.
  - h. 6 years, 8 months.
  - i. Son has official career, but family extinguished after grandson's rebellion.
  - j. See text and *Fonctionnaires*, p. 7.
28. Chang Liang 張亮. CTS 69: 3316:4, HTS 94: 3902:3.
- a. Executed 646 for treason.
  - b. Cheng-chou 鄭州 in Ho-nan.
  - c. Peasant background.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Joined Li Mi in rebellion, subordinate to Li Chi who brings him to T'ai-tsung's force.
  - f. Fang Hsüan-ling (no. 16).
  - g. 643:7.
  - h. 2 years, 7 months (accompanies first Korean expedition).
  - i. Family extinguished.
  - j. Noted as particularly compassionate to lower orders of society. Probably innocent of treason.
29. Ma Chou 馬周. CTS 74: 3327:2, HTS 98: 3909:2.
- a. d. 648 at age 48.
  - b. Ch'ing-ho 清河 in Ho-peì.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned, orphaned, impoverished.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Prefectural clerk.
  - f. Ghost writer of impressive memorial for General Ch'ang Ho 常何, and this brings him to attention of T'ai-tsung.

- g. 644:8.  
 h. 3 years, 5 months.  
 i. Son has official career; like his father, much concerned in selection system.  
 j. *Examens*, p. 240.
30. Ch'u Sui-liang 褚遂良 CTS 80: 3339:3, HTS 105: 3921:1.  
 a. d. 658 at age 63 in disgrace for opposition to Empress Wu.  
 b. Hang-chou 杭州 in Chiang-nan, but lived in Lung-yu.  
 c. Officeholding family.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Clerical post under rebel Hsüeh Chü 薛舉.  
 f. Ou-yang Hsün 歐陽詢 and Wei Cheng.  
 g. 644:9.  
 h. 3 years, 9 months.  
 i. Family exiled to South.  
 j. See text.
31. Kao Chi-fu 高季輔 CTS 78: 3336:3, HTS 104: 3921:3.  
 a. d. 653 at age 58.  
 b. Te-chou 德州 in Ho-peì.  
 c. Officeholders in Wei and Sui.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Chih-chou tsung-kuan-fu hu-ts'an-chün 陟州總管府戶參軍.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 645:2 (disputed appointment, more likely 649:9).  
 h. 4 years, 3 months.  
 i. Son has official career but exiled to South in 664 because of connection with Shang-kuan I.  
 j. See text.
32. Yü Chih-ning 于志寧 CTS 77: 3335:4, HTS 104: 3920:4.  
 a. d. 665 at age 78.  
 b. Yung-chou 雍州 in capital area.  
 c. Officeholders in Chou and Sui.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Sui kuan-shih-hsien ch'ang-shih 冠氏縣長史.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 649:5.  
 h. 8 years, 4 months. Resigns 659 because of age.  
 i. Son and grandson have official career.  
 j. Famed for erudition and for outspokenness.
33. Ts'ui Jen-shih 崔仁師 CTS 74: 3328:1, HTS 99: 3912:1.  
 a. d. ca. 650-1 at age over 60.  
 b. Ting-chou 定州 in Ho-peì.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. Decree examination at beginning of *wu-te* (618-627).  
 e. Kuan-chou lu-shih ts'an-chün 管州錄事參軍.  
 f. Ch'en Shu-ta (see no. 7).  
 g. 648: *cheng*.  
 h. 1 month.  
 i. Son and grandson have official careers serving together under Chung-tsung. The latter 崔湜 reaches *tsai-hsiang* status.



34. Chang Hsing-ch'eng 張行成. CTS 78: 3336:4, HTS 104: 3921:4.  
 a. d. 659 at age 67.  
 b. Ting-chou 定州 in Ho-pei.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. Decree examination in early T'ang.  
 e. Sui yeh-che-t'ai san-ts'ung yüan-wai-lang 謁者台散從員外郎.  
 f. Famous tutor recommended by a Sui ch'a-hsiao-lien 察孝廉. Possibly also by Fang Hsüan-ling.  
 g. 650: cheng.  
 h. 2 years, 9 months.  
 i. Son has official career after succeeding to father's post. His collateral grandsons were the two notorious favorites of the Empress Wu.  
 j. Noted for close association with the young Kao-tsung, for his opposition to T'ai-tsung's regional bias, and for bringing many Northerners into the government.
35. Liu Shih 柳爽. CTS 77: 3334:3, HTS 112: 3938:3.  
 a. d. 659 in exile.  
 b. P'u-chou 蒲州 in Ho-tung.  
 c. Officeholders since the Wei, married into Tou clan, and his niece was Kao-tsung's empress.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Chung-shu she-jen 中書舍人.  
 f. None mentioned. Rapid rise when niece married to Kao-tsung.  
 g. 651: cheng.  
 h. 3 years, 6 months. Resigns as Empress Wu rises.  
 i. Family extinguished. Grandson holds posts in k'ai-yüan (713-742).  
 j. Biography stresses his innocence, is very hostile to Empress Wu. Eberhard, p. 54, no. 55.
36. Yü-wen Chieh 宇文節. No biography.  
 a. d. 653 at age 67.  
 b. --  
 c. Possibly related to Yü-wen Shih-chi (no. 11).  
 d. --  
 e. --  
 f. --  
 g. 651: cheng.  
 h. 2 years, 3 months.  
 i. --  
 j. Possibly Eberhard, p. 76, no. 96.
37. Han Yüan 韓瑗. CTS 80: 3340:4, HTS 105: 3923:3.  
 a. d. 659 at age 54 in exile.  
 b. Yung-chou 雍州 near Ch'ang-an.  
 c. Father and grandfather officeholders.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Ping-pu shih-lang 兵部侍郎.  
 f. Inherits dukedom.  
 g. 652:3.  
 h. 3 years, 10 months. Demoted 657-8 for opposition to Empress Wu.  
 i. Family extinguished.  
 j. Possibly Eberhard, p. 38, no. 25.

38. Lai Chi 來濟. CTS 80: 3341:1, HTS 105: 3923:4.  
 a. d. 662 at age 53 in battle with Turks.  
 b. Yang-chou 揚州 in Huai-nan.  
 c. Father a famous Sui general killed by Yü-wen Hua-chi.  
 d. Chin-shih.  
 e. T'ung-shih she-jen 通士舍人.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 652:9.  
 h. 3 years, 4 months. Demoted 657-8 for opposition to Empress Wu.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.
39. Li I-fu 李義府. CTS 82: 3343:2, HTS 223 shang: 4163:3.  
 a. d. 667 at age 53, in exile.  
 b. Ying-chou 瀛州 in Ho-nan, but claimed membership in the much more prestigious Chao-chün 趙郡 Li clan.  
 c. Grandfather held low office.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Provincial Commissioner 劍南道巡察大使 in 634.  
 f. Li Ta-liang 李大亮 Liu Po (no. 25), and Ma Chou (no. 25).  
 g. 655:7.  
 h. 7 years, 9 months.  
 i. Son 李湛 receives many posts and honors. Assists in coup which deposes Empress Wu.  
 j. With Hsü Ching-tsung (no. 42) the most important of the empress' early supporters. A byword for cunning and opportunism; his biographies are a source for much historiographical hostility to the Empress Wu. *Fonctionnaires*, p. 158.
40. Ts'ui Tun-li 崔敦禮. CTS 81: 3341:2, HTS 106: 3925:1.  
 a. d. ca. 656 at over 60.  
 b. Yung-chou 雍州 near capital.  
 c. Grandfather president of Board of Rites in Sui. An eminent northeastern clan who moved to Kuan-chung at end of Wei.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. T'ung-shih she-jen 通士舍人.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 653:1.  
 h. 2 years, 9 months.  
 i. Son and grandson have careers; like their father, mostly in Board of War.  
 j. Eberhard, p. 65, no. 77a.
41. Tu Cheng-lun 杜正倫. CTS 70: 3319:4, HTS 106: 3924:2.  
 a. d. in exile in 658 after disagreement with Li I-fu.  
 b. Hsiang-chou 相州 in Ho-peì.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. Hsiu-tsai (with his two brothers, numbered among about ten who succeeded in this examination in the Sui).  
 e. Sui yü-ch'i-wei 羽騎尉.  
 f. Wei Cheng.  
 g. 656:3.  
 h. 2 years, 8 months.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.



42. Hsü Ching-tsung 許敬宗. CTS 82: 3342:4, HTS 223 shang: 4163:1.  
 a. d. 672 at age 81.  
 b. Hang-chou 杭州, and considered an eminent Chiang-tso family.  
 c. Father a Board president in Sui.  
 d. Hsiu-tsai.  
 e. Huai-yang-chün ssu-fa shu-tso 淮陽郡司法書佐.  
 f. Yes.  
 g. 657:3.  
 h. 13 years.  
 i. Grandson has good career. Son probably also an official.  
 j. Probably the single most important minister during the first decade of the empress' power. Great importance in the historiography of the century. See text. *Fonctionnaires*, p. 158.
43. Hsin Mao-chiang 辛茂將. No biography.  
 a. d. 659:11.  
 b. --  
 c. --  
 d. --  
 e. --  
 f. --  
 g. 658:11.  
 h. 1 year.  
 i. --  
 j. Possibly Eberhard, p. 40, no. 35.
44. Hsü Yü-shih 許圜師. CTS 59: 3297:2, HTS 90: 3896:4.  
 a. d. 679.  
 b. Kao-yang 高陽 in Ho-pei.  
 c. Remotely a southern family, officeholders since the Liang.  
 d. Chin-shih.  
 e. Huang-men shih-lang 黃門侍郎 in 657.  
 f. None mentioned but father important general under Kao-tsu.  
 g. 659:4.  
 h. 3 years, 7 months. Demoted 662 for quarrel with Li I-fu.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.  
 j. Seven members of family active in seventh century.
45. Jen Ya-hsiang 任雅相. No biography.  
 a. d. 662:2.  
 b. --  
 c. --  
 d. --  
 e. --  
 f. --  
 g. 659:5.  
 h. 2 years, 9 months.  
 i. --  
 j. Sole mention of Jen is in the CTS biography of Turks. He was Su Ting-fang's deputy in the expedition of 657.
46. Lu Ch'eng-ch'ing 盧承慶. CTS 81: 3341:3, HTS 106: 3925:2.  
 a. d. 670 at age 76.

- b. Fan-yang 范陽 in Ho-pei.  
 c. Father and grandfather officeholders, eminent northeastern clan.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. After service in military posts at beginning of *chen-kuan* (627-650), became *k'ao-kung yüan-wai-lang* 考功員外郎.  
 f. Succeeds to father's dukedom.  
 g. 659:5.  
 h. 1 year, 2 months. Dismissed for incompetence.  
 i. No direct descendants mentioned as active in government, but 3 brothers all have posts in seventh century.  
 j. Eberhard, p. 58, no. 63.
47. Shang-kuan I 上官儀. *CTS* 80: 3341:2, *HTS* 105: 3924:1.  
 a. Executed 664 as moving spirit in attempt to depose Empress Wu.  
 b. Shan-chou 陝州 in Ho-nan near Loyang, but lived at Chiang-tu 江都.  
 c. Father held office in Sui.  
 d. *Chin-shih*.  
 e. *Hung-wen-kuan chih hsüeh-shih* 弘文館直學士.  
 f. Yang Kung-jen (no. 8).  
 g. 662:9.  
 h. 2 years, 3 months.  
 i. Family extinguished. Granddaughter advances from palace slave to private secretary of Empress Wu. In reign of Chung-tsung becomes important political figure, a noted literary patron, and briefly given charge of assessing examination candidates.  
 j. A poet of renown who has given his name to a concise yet ornamental style of composition sometimes called "five-word" 五言 poetry. Took vows of Buddhist monk.
48. Tou Te-hsüan 竇德玄. *HTS* 183: 3904:4.  
 a. d. 666 at age 69.  
 b. Ch'i-chou 岐州 in Kuang-chung.  
 c. Grandfather married to Chou family, father inherited his title. Te-hsüan is a grandnephew of Tou Wei (no. 5) and Tou K'ang (no. 6).  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Served on Kao-tsu's staff in conquest.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 664:8.  
 h. 2 years.  
 i. None mentioned.  
 j. Biography recounts incident of 664 in which Kao-tsung personally and ceremonially appoints 10 men to *tsai-hsiang* status to show his reverence for the institution.
49. Yüeh Yen-wei 樂彥瑋. *CTS* 81: 3342:3, *HTS* 99: 3912:1.  
 a. d. 676.  
 b. Ch'ang-an.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. *Chi-shih-chung* 給事中.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 664:12.  
 h. 4 months.



- i. Son gains high position. Executed in Chou.
50. Sun Ch'u-yao 孫處約. CTS 81: 3342:3, HTS 106: 3926:2.  
 a. d. ca. 660.  
 b. Ju-chou 汝州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Ch'i-wang yu-chi 齊王祐記.  
 f. Makes personal impression on T'ai-tsung.  
 g. 664:12.  
 h. 4 months. Dismissed for misdemeanor.  
 i. Son a general in reign of Jui-tsung. Killed by Khitans.
51. Liu Jen-kuei 劉仁軌. CTS 84: 3346:1, HTS 108: 3928:3.  
 a. d. 685 at age 84.  
 b. Pien-chou 汴州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Hsi-chou ts'an-chün 息州參軍.  
 f. Chang Jen-ch'üan 張任瓘.  
 g. 665:10.  
 h. Though some appointments disputed, probably about 19 years.  
 i. Son officeholder, executed in early Chou with immediate family. One grandson official under Hsüan-tsung.  
 j. One of the heroes of his age who won his reputation in Korea. Eberhard, p. 378, no. 52.
52. Chiang K'o 姜恪. No biography.  
 a. d. 672.  
 b. --  
 c. --  
 d. --  
 e. --  
 f. --  
 g. 665:3.  
 h. 6 years, 11 months.
53. Chao Jen-pen 趙仁本. CTS 81: 3342:3.  
 a. d. 670.  
 b. Shan-chou 陝州 in Ho-peì.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Tien-chung yü-shih 殿中丞史 under T'ai-tsung.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 667:6.  
 h. Disputed. Probably 3 years, 4 months. Dismissed because of quarrel with Hsü Ching-tsung.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.  
 j. Once punished for making his own copy of secret edicts. Eberhard, p. 369, no. 12.
54. Yang Hung-wu 楊弘武. CTS 77: 3333:4, HTS 106: 3925:1.  
 a. d. 668.  
 b. Hua-chou 華州 in Kuan-chung.

- c. Officeholders. Collateral branch of Sui family (see no. 8).
  - d. No examination.
  - e. *Tso-ch'ien-niu pei-shen* 左千牛備身.
  - f. Mother of Empress Wu.
  - g. 667:6.
  - h. 10 months.
  - i. 3 sons, all have official careers before the Empress Wu bans all descendants of Yang Su 楊素 from holding capital office. All sent to provinces, returning only after restoration.
  - j. Eberhard, p. 73, no. 89.
55. Tai Chih-te 戴至德. *CTS* 70: 3319:1, *HTS* 99: 3911:3.
- a. d. 679.
  - b. Hsiang-chou 相州 in Ho-peì.
  - c. Nephew of Tai Chou and adopted by him (see no. 22).
  - d. No examination.
  - e. *Hsi-t'ai shih-lang* 西台侍郎.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 667:6.
  - h. Disputed appointments. Probably 11 years, 7 months.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
56. Li An-ch'i 李安期. *CTS* 72: 3323:4, *HTS* 102: 3917:3.
- a. d. 670.
  - b. Ting-chou 定州 in Ho-peì.
  - c. Father and grandfather high officials.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. *Fu-hsi lang* 符璽郎.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 667:6.
  - h. 3 months.
  - i. Grandson has career.
  - j. An-ch'i much praised for handling of selection system, and as the third generation of his family to hold high court office and draft edicts, etc.
57. Chang Wen-kuan 張文瓘. *CTS* 85: 3348:4, *HTS* 113: 3939:2.
- a. d. 677 at age 73.
  - b. Pei-chou 貝州 in Ho-peì. Moved to Wei-chou 魏州 at end of Sui.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned. Orphaned.
  - d. *Ming-ching*.
  - e. *Ping-chou ts'an-chün* 并州參軍.
  - f. Li Chi (no. 27).
  - g. 667:6.
  - h. 13 years, 3 months.
  - i. No sons mentioned. Brother and uncle have official career.
  - j. Prevented the last attack on Silla. Uncle of Li Chiao (no. 123). *Fonctionnaires*, p. 10.
58. Yen Li-pen 閻立本. *CTS* 77: 3334:2, *HTS* 100: 3914:2.
- a. d. 673.
  - b. Yung-chou 雍州 from Sui period.
  - c. Father held Sui posts. A family of artisans and builders.



- d. No examination. Primarily a painter.
  - e. First post mentioned is *chiang-tso ta-chiang* 將作大匠.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 668:12 (provisional).
  - h. 4 years, 11 months.
  - i. Sons mentioned but seem not to have entered public life.
  - j. Considered by contemporaries to be an incompetent administrator.
59. Li Ching-hsüan 李敬玄. CTS 81: 3342:1, HTS 106: 3925:4.
- a. d. 682 at age 68.
  - b. Po-chou 亳州 in Huai-nan but claimed Chao-chün.
  - c. Father held office.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Tutor of Kao-tsung.
  - f. Ma Chou (no. 29) and Hsü Ching-tsung (no. 42).
  - g. 669:2.
  - h. 10 years, 6 months. Demoted after defeat by T'u-fan.
  - i. Son has good career, but executed when Empress Wei falls.
  - j. Famed for his administration of the examination system when he reputedly recruited "over 10,000 men" each year, including many of his own clan and friends. Married three times into the most eminent northeastern clans. The great personal following he enjoyed coupled with a quarrel with Liu Jen-kuei led to his downfall. *Examens*, p. 245.
60. Hao Ch'u-chün 郝處俊. CTS 84: 3347:1, HTS 115: 3942:1.
- a. d. 681 at age 75.
  - b. An-chou 安州 in Huai-nan.
  - c. Father an early supporter of T'ang but dies when Ch'u-chün is 10. Inherits title of *hsien-kung*.
  - d. *Chin-shih* in 628.
  - e. *Chu-tso tso-lang* 著作佐郎.
  - f. Kao Shih-lien.
  - g. 669:3.
  - h. About 12 years.
  - i. Grandson executed by Empress Wu. By publicly cursing her on the way to execution, begins custom of gagging prisoners. Family stripped of honors.
  - j. With Hsü Hu-shih responsible for bringing many southerners, especially from his own area, into government.
61. Hsüeh Yüan-ch'ao 薛元超. CTS 73: 3325:1, HTS 98: 3909:1.
- a. d. 683 at age 62.
  - b. P'u-chou 蒲州 in Ho-tung.
  - c. Father and grandfather held office, succeeds to title of *nan* 男, marries into T'ang family.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. *T'ai-tzu she-jen* 太子舍人.
  - f. T'ai-tsung personally impressed with his erudition.
  - g. 676:3.
  - h. 7 years, 4 months. Resigns because of illness.
  - i. Two sons become noted scholars and high officials.
  - j. Eberhard, p. 40, no. 34.

62. Lai Heng 來恒. CTS 80: 3341:1, HTS 105: 3923:4.  
 a. d. 678.  
 b. Elder brother of Lai Chi by different mother.  
 c. See no. 38 for father.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. No information.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 676:3.  
 h. 2 years, 8 months.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.
63. Li I-yen 李義琰. CTS 81: 3342:2, HTS 105: 3924:1.  
 a. d. 688.  
 b. Wei-chou 魏州, but part of eminent Lung-hsi Li clan with which T'ang family claimed connection.  
 c. Father and grandfather officeholders.  
 d. *Chin-shih*.  
 e. T'ai-yüan wei 太原尉 is first specific office mentioned.  
 f. Li Chi (no. 27).  
 g. 676:4.  
 h. 6 years, 11 months. Offends emperor and resigns in fear.  
 i. Younger brother and four grandsons have official careers.
64. Kao Chih-chou 高智周. CTS 185 shang: 3559:4, HTS 106: 3924:4.  
 a. d. 683 at age 82.  
 b. Ch'ang-chou 常州 in Chiang-nan.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. *Chin-shih*.  
 e. Fei-hsien ling 費縣令.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 676:6.  
 h. 3 years, 5 months.  
 i. No sons, but marries daughter to son of close friend and sponsors his career.
65. Chang Ta-an 張大安. CTS 68: 3316:1, HTS 89: 3895:1.  
 a. d. 684.  
 b. Wei-chou 魏州 in Ho-pei.  
 c. Father a general and close friend of T'ai-tsung. Older brother high official.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Not noted.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 677:4.  
 h. 3 years. Demoted when Crown Prince Hsien falls in 680.  
 i. Son has official career.  
 j. Associated with Hsien's commentary on *Hou Han-shu*.
66. Ts'ui Chih-wen 崔知溫. CTS 185 shang: 3559:4, HTS 106: 3924:3.  
 a. d. 683 at age 57.  
 b. Hsü-chou 許州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Father and grandfather officeholders.  
 d. No examination.



- e. *Ling-chou tu-tu-fu ssu-ma* 靈州都督府司馬.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 679:4.  
 h. 3 years, 11 months.  
 i. Two sons as well as his elder brother have official careers.
67. P'ei Yen 裴炎. *CTS* 87: 3351:3, *HTS* 117: 3945:2.  
 a. Executed 684, supposedly conspiring to assassinate Empress Wu.  
 b. Chiang-chou 絳州 in Ho-tung.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned, but student in *Hung-wen kuan*.  
 d. *Ming-ching*.  
 e. *P'u-chou ssu-ts'ang ts'an-chün* 濮州司倉參軍.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 679:4.  
 h. 5 years, 6 months.  
 i. Two sons have official careers.  
 j. Biographies assume Yen's innocence of treason. *Fonctionnaires*, p. 12.
68. Kuo Cheng-i 郭正一. *CTS* 190 *chung*: 3581:4, *HTS* 106: 3924:4.  
 a. Executed 689 at age 82.  
 b. Ting-chou 定州 in Ho-peì.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. *Chin-shih*.  
 e. *Chung-shu she-jen* 中書舍人.  
 f. Hsüeh Yüan-ch'ao (no. 61).  
 g. 682:4.  
 h. 1 year, 8 months. Dismissed when Chung-tsung deposed.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.
69. Ts'en Ch'ang-ch'ien 岑長倩. *CTS* 70: 3319:3, *HTS* 102: 3917:1.  
 a. Executed 691.  
 b. Chi-yang 棘陽 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Nephew of Ts'en Wen-pen who adopted him (see no. 26).  
 d. No examination.  
 e. *Ping-pu shih-lang* 兵部侍郎.  
 f. None.  
 g. 682:4.  
 h. 9 years, 1 month. Opposed elevation of Wu Ch'eng-ssu to crown prince.  
 i. Son has career, executed shortly after his father, and the tombs of his ancestors desecrated. A grandson is appointed to high office by Empress Wu in the *ch'ang-an* period [701-705], an act signaling the restoration of political rights for the descendants of many of her victims.
70. Wei Hsüan-t'ung 魏玄同. *CTS* 87: 3352:1, *HTS* 117: 3945:4.  
 a. Ordered to commit suicide in 689 at age 73.  
 b. Ting-chou 定州 in Ho-peì.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. *Chin-shih*.  
 e. *Ssu-lieh ta-fu* 司列大夫.  
 f. Li Shen-li 李審禮.  
 g. 682:4.  
 h. 7 years, 5 months.

- i. Third son an official of Hsüan-tsung.  
j. Well-known memorial on examination system. *Examens*, p. 247.
71. Wei Hung-min 韋弘敏. No biography.  
a. Dates unknown.  
b. --  
c. --  
d. --  
e. --  
f. --  
g. 684: *cheng*.  
h. 10 months. Demoted because of connection with P'ei Yen.
72. Liu Wei-chih 劉緯之. *CTS* 87: 3351:4, *HTS* 117: 3945:3.  
a. Ordered to commit suicide in 687 at age 57.  
b. Ch'ang-chou 常州 in Chiang-nan.  
c. Grandfather a Ch'en prince, father holds high office in Sui and T'ang.  
d. No examination.  
e. Reputation for literature, appointed to *Chao-wen-kuan* 昭文館.  
f. Probably Liu Ku-yen 柳顧言 and Li Po-yao 李伯藥.  
g. 684:2.  
h. 3 years, 5 months.  
i. No sons mentioned. Elder brother held high posts.  
j. Paramount minister while he held *tsai-hsiang* status. North Gate scholar.
73. Wu Ch'eng-ssu 武承嗣. *CTS* 183: 3553:1, *HTS* 206: 4109:2.  
a. d. 698 reputedly of chagrin.  
b. T'ai-yüan 太原 in Ho-tung.  
c. Son of Wu Yüan-shuang 武元爽, half-brother of the Empress Wu.  
d. No examination.  
e. *Shang-i feng-yü* 尚衣奉御.  
f. Called from exile to be heir to Empress Wu's father.  
g. 684:5.  
h. 8 years, 9 months.  
i. One son forced to commit suicide by empress after offending the Chang brothers, another active in the reign of Chung-tsung until the coup against San-ssu.  
j. See text.
74. Li Ching-ch'en 李景謏. No biography.  
a. --  
b. --  
c. --  
d. --  
e. --  
f. --  
g. 684:10.  
h. 1 month. Transferred to lower post.
75. Shen Chün-liang 沈君諒. No biography.  
a. --  
b. --  
c. --

- d. --  
e. --  
f. --  
g. 684:10.  
h. 4 months. Transferred.
76. Ch'ien Wei-tao 審味道. No biography.  
a. Executed 688, probably in connection with Princes' Rebellion.  
b. --  
c. --  
d. Decree examination in 675.  
e. --  
f. --  
g. 684:10 (disputed; second appointment 688).  
h. 9 months.
77. Ts'ui Tzu 崔訢. No biography.  
a. --  
b. --  
c. --  
d. --  
e. --  
f. --  
g. 684:10.  
h. 5 months. Sent as commissioner to Ho-pei.
78. Wei Fang-chih 韋方質. HTS 103: 3919:4.  
a. Executed in early Chou for opposition to Wu Ch'eng-ssu.  
b. Ching-chao 京兆 [Ch'ang-an].  
c. Grandfather was *ming-ching* and officeholder in Sui.  
d. No examination.  
e. Not noted.  
f. None mentioned.  
g. 684:11.  
h. Disputed. Probably 5 years, 3 months.  
i. Family extinguished.  
j. Eberhard, p. 386, no. 84.
79. Wei Ssu-ch'ien 韋思謙. CTS 88: 3353:2, HTS 116: 3943:2.  
a. d. 689.  
b. Cheng-chou 鄭州 in Ho-nan but remotely from Ch'ang-an area.  
c. No ancestors mentioned.  
d. *Chin-shih*.  
e. *Ying-ch'eng ling* 應城令.  
f. Kao Chi-fu (no. 31) and Huang-fu Kung-i 皇甫公義.  
g. 685:2.  
h. 2 years, 1 month. Resigns due to age.  
i. Two sons both reach *tsai-hsiang* status. See nos. 131 and 135.  
j. An admirable and uncompromising official. Eberhard, p. 72, no. 85.
80. P'ei Chü-tao 裴居道. CTS 86: 3350:3.  
a. Dies in prison in 690.  
b. Chiang-chou 絳州 in Ho-tung.  
c. Father and grandfather officeholders, his daughter married to Crown



Prince Hung. Eminent clan.

d. No examination.

e. *Na-yen* 魚內言.

f. None mentioned.

g. 685:2.

h. 5 years, 6 months. Slandered by evil officials.

i. No sons mentioned.

j. Eberhard, p. 380, no. 61.

81. Su Liang-ssu 蘇良嗣. *CTS* 75: 3329:1, *HTS* 103: 3919:2.

a. d. 690 at age 85.

b. Yung-chou 雍州 near Ch'ang-an.

c. Father and grandfather held office in Chou and Wei, and father also had successful career in Sui and T'ang.

d. No examination.

e. *Chou-wang-fu ssu-ma* 周王府司馬.

f. None mentioned.

g. 685:5.

h. 4 years, 9 months.

i. Son has career but exiled to Ling-nan in Chou, causing erasure of family honors. Grandson regains dukedom at restoration.

j. An example of an innocent man charged by evil officials and saved by intervention of the Empress Wu. Eberhard, p. 381, no. 63.

82. Wei Tai-chia 韋待價. *CTS* 77: 3333:3, *HTS* 98: 3910:2.

a. d. in exile ca. 690.

b. Yung-chou 雍州 near Ch'ang-an.

c. Grandfather high Sui office, father, Wei T'ing 韋挺, high office and noble title in early T'ang. Married into T'ang family.

d. No examination.

e. *Tso-ch'ien-niu* 左千牛.

f. None mentioned. Military renown.

g. 685:6.

h. 3 years, 11 months. Exiled for defeat by T'u-fan.

i. Younger brother has successful career. Son awarded fifth rank because of father's early military success. Cousin to Wei An-shih (no. 125).

j. Little talent in civil realm. An object of scorn when he was placed in charge of examination system. Eberhard, p. 386, no. 84.

83. Chang Kuang-fu 張光輔. *CTS* 90: 3360:3.

a. Executed 689 for sorcery and possible treason.

b. Ching-chao 京兆.

c. No ancestors mentioned.

d. No examination.

e. *Ssu-nung shao-ch'ing* 司農少卿.

f. None mentioned. Gained merit in Princes' Rebellion.

g. 687:5.

h. 2 years, 3 months.

i. Family extinguished.

84. Wang Pen-li 王本立. No biography.

a. Dates unknown.

b. --

- c. --  
d. --  
e. --  
f. --  
g. 688:9.  
h. 1 year, 5 months.
85. Fan Li-ping 范履冰. CTS 190 chung: 3581:4, HTS 201: 4100:3.  
a. Executed 690 for collusion in treason.  
b. Huai-chou 懷州 in Ho-peì.  
c. No ancestors mentioned.  
d. No examination.  
e. Chou-wang-fu hu-ts'an 周王府戶參.  
f. North Gate scholar.  
g. 689:1.  
h. 6 months.  
i. No sons mentioned.
86. Hsing Wen-wei 邢文偉. CTS 189 hsia: 3576:4, HTS 106: 3926:2.  
a. Suicide in exile 690-1. Demotion to provinces for graft.  
b. Ch'u-chou 滁州 in Huai-nan.  
c. No ancestors mentioned.  
d. No examination.  
e. T'ai-tzu tien-shan ch'eng 太子典膳丞.  
f. None mentioned, but early fame as scholar.  
g. 689:10.  
h. 1 year. Demoted.  
i. No sons mentioned.
87. Wu Yu-ning 武攸寧. CTS 183: 3553:3, HTS 206: 4109:3.  
Cousin 從父兄弟 of the Empress Wu. See text.  
g. 690:2.  
h. Disputed. Probably 3 years, 3 months.
88. Shih Wu-tzu 史務端. CTS 90: 3360:3, HTS 114: 3941:1.  
a. Committed suicide in 691.  
b. Hsüan-chou 宣州 in Chiang-nan.  
c. Father officeholder.  
d. No examination.  
e. No information.  
f. None mentioned.  
g. 690:9.  
h. 4 months. Slandered by Lai Chün-ch'en.  
i. No descendants mentioned.
89. Fu Yu-i 傅遊藝. CTS 186 shang: 3564:4, HTS 223 shang: 4163:4.  
a. Suicide in prison 691.  
b. Wei-chou 衛州 in Ho-peì.  
c. No ancestors mentioned.  
d. No examination.  
e. Ho-kung chu-pu 合宮主簿.  
f. Rises by flattering Empress Wu, claiming to have seen favorable omen for usurpation.  
g. 690:9.

- h. 11 months. Probably planning treason.
  - i. Sons and grandsons imprisoned for some crime between 705 and 707.
  - j. Called the "Minister of the Four Seasons" from the various colors of his robes when he received four promotions in one year. Responsible for the notorious massacres in Ling-nan of the exiled families of the victims of the terror.
90. Ko Fu-yüan 格輔元. *CTS* 70: 3319:4, *HTS* 102: 3917:1.
- a. Executed 691:10. Opposition to Wu Ch'eng-ssu.
  - b. Pien-chou 汴州 in Ho-nan.
  - c. Uncle a Sui official.
  - d. *Ming-ching*, and famed for literary attainments.
  - e. *Yü-shih ta-fu* 御史大夫.
  - f. None mentioned. Elder brother an official of Kao-tsung.
  - g. 691:6.
  - h. 4 months.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
91. Jen Chih-ku 任知古. No biography.
- a. No dates.
  - b. --
  - c. --
  - d. --
  - e. --
  - f. --
  - g. 691:6.
  - h. 7 months. Demoted to provincial post.
92. Yüeh Ssu-hui 樂思晦. See no. 49.
- a. Executed 691:10. Opposition to Wu Ch'eng-ssu.
  - b. Son of Yüeh Yen-wei (no. 49).
  - c. --
  - d. --
  - e. --
  - f. --
  - g. 691:6.
  - h. 4 months.
93. Ti Jen-chieh 狄仁傑. *CTS* 89: 3356:1, *HTS* 115: 3941:2.
- a. 630-700.
  - b. Ping-chou 并州 in Ho-tung. Same native place as Empress Wu.
  - c. Father and grandfather officeholders.
  - d. *Ming-ching*.
  - e. *Pien-chou p'an-tso* 汴州判佐.
  - f. Yen Li-pen (no. 58).
  - g. 691:8 for 4 months. Reappointed 697:8.
  - h. 2 years, 10 months.
  - i. Sons and grandsons officeholders. Two sons known as bad officials.
  - j. The most famed official of the Chou, and only one who enjoyed the whole trust of the Empress Wu. See text.
94. Ou-yang T'ung 歐陽通. *CTS* 189 *shang*: 3575:3, *HTS* 198: 4090:4.
- a. Executed 691 for opposition to Wu Ch'eng-ssu.
  - b. T'an-chou 潭州 in Chiang-nan.



- c. Three generations of officeholders from Ch'en dynasty.
  - d. No examination but early fame as scholar.
  - e. *Chung-shu she-jen* 中書舍人.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 691:8.
  - h. 2 months.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
95. P'ei Hsing-pen 裴行本. No biography.
- a. No dates.
  - b. Possibly brother of P'ei Hsing-chien.
  - c. --
  - d. --
  - e. --
  - f. --
  - g. 691:9.
  - h. 4 months. Exiled to Ling-nan.
96. Li Yu-tao 李游道. HTS 197: 4088:1.
- a. No information.
  - b. Chao-chou 趙州 in Ho-peì.
  - c. Grandfather and nephews officeholders.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Not mentioned.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 692:1.
  - h. 8 months. Exiled to Ling-nan.
  - i. No sons mentioned.
  - j. Eberhard, p. 376, no. 43.
97. Ts'ui Shen-chi 崔神基. CTS 77: 3335:3, HTS 109: 3930:2.
- a. Died in reign of Chung-tsung.
  - b. Pei-chou 貝州 in Ho-peì.
  - c. Father a military career and, as early partisan of Empress Wu, recipient of title to which Shen-chi succeeds.
  - d. No examination, though younger brother is *ming-ching*.
  - e. *Ssu-pin ch'ing* 司賓卿.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 692:2.
  - h. 7 months. Exiled to Ling-nan.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
98. Yüan Chih-hung 袁智弘. No biography.
- a. No dates.
  - b. --
  - c. --
  - d. --
  - e. --
  - f. --
  - g. 692:2.
  - h. 7 months. Exiled to Ling-nan.
99. Li Chao-te 李昭德. CTS 87: 3352:3, HTS 117: 3936:1.

- a. Executed 697 after being slandered by Lai Chün-ch'en.  
 b. Ch'ang-an 長安.  
 c. Father a censor and prefect under T'ai-tsung but dies in disgrace.  
 d. *Ming-ching*.  
 e. *Feng-k'o shih-lang* 鳳閣侍郎.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 692:8.  
 h. 1 year, 5 months. Posted to Turkish army.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.  
 j. Dominant minister during period of *tsai-hsiang* tenure. Too uncompromising to be popular and his dismissal a result of his having too much power.
100. Yao Shou 姚瑋. CTS 89: 3358:1, HTS 102: 3918:1.  
 a. d. 705 at age 74.  
 b. Wan-nien 萬年 near Ch'ang-an.  
 c. Grandfather officeholder, orphaned while young.  
 d. *Ming-ching*.  
 e. *T'ai-tzu-kung men-lang* 太子宮門郎.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 692:8.  
 h. 3 years, 1 month. Transferred to provincial post.  
 i. Younger brother passes *ming-ching*, has rapid rise, holds many of same posts as brother.  
 j. A wholly good minister. Expert on *ming-t'ang* and ritual generally. Responsible for creation of office of *shih-cheng-chi* *Fonctionnaires*, p. 159; Eberhard, p. 386, no. 86.
101. Li Yüan-su 李元素 HTS 106: 3925:4.  
 a. Executed 697.  
 b. Younger brother of Li Ching-hsüan (no. 59).  
 c. See no. 59.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. *Wu-te ling* 武德令.  
 f. None mentioned. Probably aided by brother.  
 g. 692:8.  
 h. 4 years, 5 months. Charged with treason.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.
102. Ts'ui Yüan-tung 崔元綜. CTS 90: 3360:3, HTS 114: 3941:1.  
 a. d. age over 90 in reign of Chung-tsung.  
 b. Cheng-chou 鄭州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Grandfather an officeholder under Kao-tsu.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. *Ch'iu-kuan shih-lang* 秋官侍郎.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 692:8.  
 h. 2 years. Exiled to Chen-chou 振州 because of enmity of other officials.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.  
 j. Known as a harsh official.
103. Wang Hsüan 王璿. No biography.  
 a. Dates unknown.

- b. --
  - c. --
  - d. --
  - e. --
  - f. --
  - g. 692:8.
  - h. 1 month. Exiled to Ling-nan.
104. Lou Shih-te 婁師德. CTS 93: 3366:2, HTS 108: 3929:4.
- a. d. 699 at age 74.
  - b. Cheng-chou 鄭州 in Ho-nan.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned.
  - d. Chin-shih before the age of 20.
  - e. Chiang-tu wei 江都尉.
  - f. Lu Ch'eng-yeh 盧承業.
  - g. 693:2 [disputed].
  - h. 6 years, 2 months.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
  - j. A rare combination of civil and military talent, serving the state in high posts for over 30 years.
105. Wei Chü-yüan 韋巨源. CTS 92: 3364:4, HTS 123: 3958:4.
- a. Killed 710 at age 80 in coup.
  - b. Third cousin of Wei An-shih (no. 125). Related to Empress Wei.
  - c. Three generations of officeholders.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Ssu-pin shao-ch'ing 司賓少卿.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 693:9.
  - h. Disputed. Probably 1 year, 10 months in all.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
  - j. Rise due to connections but a highly competent official.
106. Lu Yüan-fang 陸元方. CTS 88: 3354:4, HTS 116: 3944:4.
- a. d. 701, shortly after demotion.
  - b. Su-chou 蘇州 in Chiang-nan.
  - c. Eminent clan. Offices since Ch'en but father unmentioned.
  - d. Ming-ching and decree examination 八科.
  - e. Chien-ch'a yü-shih 監察御史.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 693:9.
  - h. Disputed. Probably 2 years, 2 months. Demoted for arrogance about tsai-hsiang prerogative.
  - i. Son rises to tsai-hsiang under Chung-tsung.
  - j. Regarded as incorruptible. Consulted by Empress Wu on all promotions and demotions.
107. Tou-lu Ch'in-wang 豆盧欽望. CTS 90: 3360:2, HTS 114: 3941:1.
- a. d. 709 at age over 80.
  - b. Ching-chao 京兆 [Ch'ang-an].
  - c. Three generations of officeholders, marriage into both Sui and T'ang families.
  - d. No examination.



- e. *Ssu-pin-ch'ing* 司賓卿.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 693:9.
  - h. 2 years, 4 months. Transferred (no reason given).
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
  - j. Considered an expert in political survival. Possibly Eberhard, p. 382, no. 70.
108. Su Wei-tao 蘇味道. *CTS* 94: 3368:1, *HTS* 114: 3940:4.
- a. d. 706 at age 58.
  - b. Chao-chou 趙州 in Ho-peì.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned.
  - d. *Chin-shih* before the age of 20.
  - e. *Hsien-yang wei* 咸陽尉.
  - f. P'ei Hsing-chien.
  - g. 694:3.
  - h. 6 years, 7 months. Dismissed for overburdening the common people when he moved father's tomb.
  - i. No sons mentioned. Younger brother has career.
  - j. Criticized for failure to innovate in his long tenure of high posts. Known as the "fence sitter."
109. Wang Hsiao-chieh 王孝傑. *CTS* 93: 3366:2, *HTS* 111: 3935:3.
- a. Killed 696 in Khitan rebellion.
  - b. Ching-chao 京兆.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. Military career. T'u-fan expert.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 694:4.
  - h. 1 year, 11 months. Dismissed because of defeat.
  - i. Son has career, becoming general for Hsüan-tsung.
110. Wu Shih-fang 武什方. No biography.
- a. Dates unknown.
  - b. --
  - c. --
  - d. --
  - e. --
  - f. --
  - g. 694:7.
  - h. 1 month. Retires to search for magic elixir.
111. Yang Tsai-ssu 楊再思. *CTS* 90: 3360:1, *HTS* 109: 3930:3.
- a. d. 709.
  - b. Cheng-chou 鄭州 in Ho-nan.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned.
  - d. *Ming-ching*.
  - e. *Hsüan-wu wei* 玄武尉.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 694:8.
  - h. 5 years, 4 months. Transferred to become censor.
  - i. Younger brother and grandson have careers.

- j. Known as a flatterer, sycophant to Chang brothers and expert in survival.
112. Chou Yün-yüan 周允元. CTS 90: 3360:4, HTS 114: 3941:1.  
 a. d. 696.  
 b. Yü-chou 豫州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. Chin-chih before age 20.  
 e. Su-cheng yü-shih chung-ch'eng 肅政御史中丞.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 694:10.  
 h. 1 year, 4 months. Dies in office.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.
113. Sun Yüan-heng 孫元亨. No biography.  
 a. Executed 697.  
 b. --  
 c. --  
 d. --  
 e. --  
 f. --  
 g. 696:4.  
 h. 9 months.
114. Li Tao-kuang 李道廣. No biography.  
 a. d. ca. 700 in honor.  
 b. Remotely Hua-chou 滑州 in Ho-nan; moved to Wan-nien in the Sui.  
 c. Father a Sui general who joined T'ang and was rewarded with dukedom and imperial surname.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Pien-chou 汴州 prefect.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 696:9.  
 h. 1 year, 4 months. Transferred to provinces.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.
115. Wang Fang-ch'ing 王方慶. CTS 89: 3357:3, HTS 106: 3942:4.  
 a. d. 702 in honor.  
 b. Yung-chou 雍州 near Ch'ang-an. Until moving north in the Chou, considered an eminent Chiang-tso clan.  
 c. Four generations of officeholders, but Fang-ch'ing orphaned at age 16.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Yüeh-wang-fu ts'an-chün 越王府參軍.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 696:9.  
 h. 1 year, 11 months.  
 i. Son holds office under Hsüan-tsung.  
 j. A bibliophile and expert in ritual. Much honored by Empress Wu. Possibly Eberhard, p. 385, no. 81.
116. Wang Chi-shan 王及善. CTS 90: 3359:1, HTS 116: 3944:3.  
 a. 617-699. Dies in semi-disgrace after criticizing Chang brothers.  
 b. Lo-chou 洛州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Father a Sui general, joins T'ang, wins dukedom, and dies in Korea.

- d. Chi-shan succeeds to father's title. No examination.
  - e. *Tso-feng-yü* 左奉裕.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 697:4.
  - h. 2 years, 4 months. Asks for holiday and never recalled.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
  - j. Lacked formal education, but much praised by contemporaries. Large role in ending of terror.
117. Tsung Ch'u-k'o 宗楚客. *CTS* 92: 3365:4, *HTS* 109: 3930:4.
- a. Executed 710 in coup.
  - b. P'u-chou 蒲州 in Ho-nan.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned, but marriage relationship to Empress Wu.
  - d. No examination.
  - e. *Fang-shao-chien* 方少監.
  - f. None mentioned. Elder brother urges usurpation.
  - g. 697:6.
  - h. Disputed. Probably 11 months in all.
  - i. Family extinguished.
  - j. Closely connected with Chang brothers.
118. Wu San-ssu 武三思. *CTS* 183: 3553:2, *HTS* 206: 4109:4.  
Son of Wu Yüan-ch'ing 武元慶, half-brother of the Empress Wu.  
See text.
- g. 697:6.
  - h. Disputed. Probably 2 years, 2 months.
119. Tu Ching-ch'uan 杜景佺. *HTS* 116: 3944:4.
- a. d. ca. 698 on the road to provincial post.
  - b. Chi-chou 冀州 in Ho-peì.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned.
  - d. *Ming-ching*.
  - e. *Tien-chung shih-yü-shih* 殿中侍御史.
  - f. None mentioned.
  - g. 694:8 for 5 months, 697:10.
  - h. 1 year, 2 months. Transferred.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
  - j. An upright man, contributed to preservation of justice during the terror. Eberhard, p. 68, no. 78.
120. Chi Hsü 吉頊, *CTS* 186 *shang*: 3565:3, *HTS* 117: 3946:2.
- a. d. in exile 700.
  - b. Lo-chou 洛州 in Ho-nan.
  - c. No ancestors mentioned.
  - d. *Chin-chih*.
  - e. *Ming-t'ang wei* 明堂尉.
  - f. None mentioned. Rises by denouncing conspiracy.
  - g. 698:11.
  - h. 1 year, 3 months. Dismissed for insulting Wu I-tsung and because his brother gains a post under false pretenses.
  - i. No descendants mentioned.
  - j. Responsible for many executions during the terror and closely connected with Chang brothers, but secretly a T'ang loyalist. Much favored by Empress Wu.



121. Wei Yüan-chung 魏元忠. CTS 90: 3362:4, HTS 122: 3954:4.  
 a. d. ca. 710 at age over 70.  
 b. Sung-chou 宋州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. Failed examination candidate.  
 e. Appointed to *mi-shu sheng* 密書省 on strength of unsolicited memorial in 678.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 698: intercalary last month.  
 h. 4 years, 1 month.  
 i. 2 sons have careers.  
 j. A principled and uncompromising official. Three times exiled from capital but much valued by Empress Wu. Helped compile her *shih-lu*.
122. Yao Ch'ung 姚崇. CTS 96: 3371:1, HTS 124: 3959:1.  
 a. 651-721.  
 b. Loyang, more remotely from Shan-chou 陝州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Father an officeholder under T'ai-tsung.  
 d. Decree examination 下筆成章.  
 e. *P'u-chou ssu-ts'ang* 漢州司倉.  
 f. Su Liang-ssu (no. 81).  
 g. 698:1.  
 h. 5 years, 7 months. Resigns to care for mother.  
 i. Three sons have official careers.  
 j. Also known as Yao Yüan-ch'ung 元崇 or Yüan-chih 元之. Wept at deposition of the Empress Wu. *Examens*, pp. 254-5.
123. Li Chiao 李嶠. CTS 94: 3368:1, HTS 123: 3957:4.  
 a. 644-713.  
 b. Chao-chou 趙州 in Ho-peï.  
 c. Three generations of officeholders. Considered eminent clan. Nephew of Chang Hsi 張錫.  
 d. *Chin-shih* before age of 20.  
 e. *Chien-ch'a yü-shih* 監察御史.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 698:10.  
 h. 3 years, 4 months. Demoted at restoration.  
 i. No sons mentioned.  
 j. A remarkable career, balancing sycophancy to Wu clan with some of the frankest remonstrance of his time. An important literary talent, leaving collected works in 50 *chüan*. Nephew of Chang Hsi (next entry). *Examens*, p. 245; Eberhard, p. 52, no. 51.
124. Chang Hsi 張錫. CTS 85: 3349:1, HTS 113: 3939:3.  
 a. Died early in reign of Jui-tsung.  
 b. Pei-chou 貝州 in Ho-peï.  
 c. Nephew of Chang Wen-kuan (no. 57) and uncle of Li Chiao (no. 123).  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Not mentioned.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 700:7.  
 h. 6 months. Exiled for accepting bribes.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.

125. Wei An-shih 韋安石. CTS 92: 3364:1, HTS 122: 3955:4.  
 a. d. 714 at age 64.  
 b. Ching-chao 京兆.  
 c. Three generations of officeholders. See no. 82.  
 d. *Ming-ching*.  
 e. *Ch'ien-feng wei* 乾封尉.  
 f. Su Liang-ssu (no. 81).  
 g. 700:10.  
 h. 3 years, 10 months. Demoted for opposition to Changs.  
 i. Two sons and several other family members have official careers. Related to Empress Wei.  
 j. Eberhard, p. 386, no. 84.
126. Li Huai-yüan 李懷遠. CTS 90: 3360:2, HTS 116: 3945:1.  
 a. d. 706 in honor.  
 b. Hsing-chou 邢州 in Ho-peì.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned. Improverished orphan.  
 d. *Ssu-k'o* 四科.  
 e. *Ssu-li shao-ch'ing* 司禮少卿.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 701:2.  
 h. 5 months. Resigns because of age.  
 i. Son and grandson have successful careers.  
 j. Much favored by the Empress Wu. Known for his frugal tastes and love of nature.
127. Ku Ts'ung 顧琮. HTS 102: 3918:4.  
 a. d. 702 in honor.  
 b. Su-chou 蘇州 in Chiang-nan.  
 c. Father and grandfather officeholders from Sui.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. *Li-pu shih-lang* 吏部侍郎.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 701:5.  
 h. 1 year, 5 months. Dies in office.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.
128. Li Chiung-hsiu 李迥秀. CTS 62: 3304:1, HTS 99: 3911:2.  
 a. d. between 707 and 710.  
 b. Eminent Lung-hsi clan.  
 c. Three generations of office and titles.  
 d. Three decree examinations 英材傑出 and *chin-shih*.  
 e. *Hsiang-chou ts'an-chün* 相州參軍.  
 f. Empress Wu values his literary talent and places him precipitately in charge of examinations.  
 g. 701:6.  
 h. 2 years, 8 months. Demoted when attacked by other officials for his association with Chang brothers.  
 i. Son has career, but family extinguished in *k'ai-yüan* (713-742) because of his treason.  
 j. His mother was of low-born family, but his wife of the eminent Ts'ui clan. Eberhard, p. 48, no. 50.

129. T'ang Hsiu-ching 唐休景 . CTS 93: 3366:3, HTS 111: 3935:4.  
 a. d. 712 at age 86 in honor.  
 b. Ching-chao 京兆.  
 c. Grandfather and great-grandfather have military careers. Father un-mentioned.  
 d. Ming-ching before age 20.  
 e. Wu-wang-fu tien-ch'ien 吳王府典籤.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 703:7.  
 h. 1 year, 5 months. In office at restoration.  
 i. Elder son succeeds to rank and has civil career. Second son a general.  
 j. The greatest expert of his time on western frontier affairs. Much valued by Empress Wu.
130. Chu Ching-tse 朱敬則 . CTS 90: 3359:3, HTS 115: 3942:3.  
 a. d. 709 at age 75.  
 b. Po-chou 亳州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Notable family; famed since Chou for Confucian virtue. Ancestors un-mentioned.  
 d. No examination.  
 e. Po-shui wei 泊水尉.  
 f. Wei Yüan-chung (no. 121).  
 g. 703:7.  
 h. 7 months. Resigns because of age.  
 i. No descendants mentioned.  
 j. Known for frankness. An historian of note.
131. Wei Ssu-li 韋嗣立 . CTS 88: 3354:4, HTS 116: 3943:3.  
 a. d. 719 at age 66.  
 b. Cheng-chou 鄭州 in Ho-nan.  
 c. Son of Wei Ssu-ch'ien (no. 79).  
 d. Chin-shih.  
 e. Shuang-liu ling 雙流令.  
 f. Recommended by his father.  
 g. 704: cheng (disputed).  
 h. 11 months. Transferred when his brother reaches tsai-hsiang status.  
 i. Three sons, all have good careers.  
 j. A relative of the Empress Wei. Eberhard, p. 72, no. 85.
132. Ts'ui Hsüan-wei 崔玄暉 . CTS 91: 3361:4, HTS 120: 3952:3.  
 a. 638-706. Dies on road to provincial demotion.  
 b. Po-ling 博陵 in Ho-pei.  
 c. Eminent clan. Father held low post.  
 d. Ming-ching.  
 e. K'u-pu yüan-wai-lang 庫部員外郎.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 704:6.  
 h. 6 months. Still in office at restoration.  
 i. Two sons have official careers. Younger brother a high official in own time.  
 j. Exemplar of the best features of the northeastern aristocracy. Eberhard, p. 65, no. 77a.



133. Chang Chien-chih 張柬之. *CTS* 91: 3361:4, *HTS* 120: 3952:4.  
 a. 625-706. Destroyed by Wu San-ssu.  
 b. Hsiang-chou 襄州 in Shan-nan.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. *Chin-shih*, and decree examination of 689 when he was first of more than 1,000 candidates.  
 e. *Ch'ing-ch'eng ch'eng* 青城丞.  
 f. Ling-hu Te-fen, Yao Ch'ung (no. 122), and Ti Jen-chieh (no. 93).  
 g. 704:10.  
 h. 3 months. In office at restoration.  
 i. Son a bad official, partly responsible for father's downfall.  
 j. Leader of restoration coup.
134. Fang Jung 房融. *CTS* 111: 3403:3, *HTS* 139: 3985:3 [Biography of son Fang Kuan].  
 a. Exiled 705, died shortly thereafter.  
 b. Loyang.  
 c. No ancestors mentioned.  
 d. No information.  
 e. No information.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 704:10.  
 h. 3 months. In office at restoration.  
 i. Son has biography.
135. Wei Ch'eng-ch'ing 韋承慶. *CTS* 88: 3354:2, *HTS* 116: 3943:3.  
 a. d. ca. 709 in honor.  
 b. Son of Wei Ssu-ch'ien (no. 79).  
 c. Above.  
 d. *Chin-shih*.  
 e. *Yung-wang-fu ts'an-chün* 雍王府參軍.  
 f. None mentioned.  
 g. 704:11.  
 h. 2 months. Demoted at restoration for connection with Chang brothers.  
 i. No sons mentioned.  
 j. Much praised for his work in presiding over examination system. Skilled in literature and helps compile the *shih-lu* of Empress Wu as well as composing a separate work called *Tse-t'ien huang-hou chi sheng-wen* 則天皇后紀聖文. Eberhard, p. 72, no. 85.