What did your grandparent (s) and/or great grandparent(s) do for a living谋生?

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1. Forebears祖先

The patriarch家族族长 of the family was a guy by the name of Roger de Comyn (or de Comines) who **hailed来自于 from** the northern French town of Comines (now in Belgium). He landed in England on 28 Sept 1066 with the vanguard先锋 Norman invasion入侵 force in Pevensey, East Sussex. He was immediately dispatched派遣 on foot步行 to Scotland to champion冠军/支持 the Norman ‘cause事业.’ His surname姓 eventually became absorbed吸收 into the Scottish surname Cumine and its clan氏族. 家族族长 诺曼人的 氏族

2. One of Roger’s descendants后代 settled around the London side of the River Lea after the English Civil War (1641–52), and for no apparent明显的 reason changed his surname to Lea or Lee. He was a merchant and supplied供应 provisions供应的食品 (but not arms) to both sides 双方of the Civil War. It seems that he was well liked by both sides and wasn’t hassled烦扰 by them at any time.

3. My great-great-great grandfather Peter in the early 1700s must surely be one of the world’s first people with an expatriate侨民 corporate relocation重新安置 package福利. He was a master mariner船长 who relocated to China and eventually set up as a merchant商人 there. He also defined下定义 the operating经营 policy for everybody in the family in business matters — Don’t trade in questionable有问题 goods. Treat对待 the locals as equals and don’t screw诈骗 them. Don’t **throw your weight around**仗势欺人 overseas because it’s not your own country. (Good call说的好.) 侨民 Benefit package 一揽子福利

4. Joseph was Peter’s son and was born in China in the mid-1700s. He too was a merchant and continued with Peter’s operating policy. He is famous in the family for helping the underdog弱者 and the local Chinese slaves or serfs农奴. He was also an equal opportunities employer and hired men and women alike相同的 and paid them equally for equal work — a practice行为 that didn’t go down+得到好评 well with the authorities or with the local and expatriate business leaders. But people flocked一群/纷涌而至 to him for employment.

5. Paternal爸爸的 grandparents

My granddad was a British architect建筑设计师 and town planner of world standing世界级. He was Director主管 of Public Works of the city of Shanghai in imperial and post-imperial后帝制时期

China. His lasting持久的 legacy遗产 was the sewerage下水道 system of Shanghai and a couple of许多 other Chinese cities. 公共建设工程 帝国的，后帝制时期

6.Grandma was a businesswoman. She became a company director主管 **at** the super tender嫩/**年纪小** **age of** 18 before the First World War — a rare thing even today. By her late 20s, she was on the board of directors董事会 of several international companies.

7.Maternal妈妈的 grandparents

Grandpa was a professional scientist before the First World War. He was trained in chemistry at Heidelberg海德堡 University, Germany. He worked for BASF and a few other German chemical companies.

8.During World War II, Grandpa was a guerrilla游击队 commando operating作战 in the southern regions of China. He conducted执行 assassinations暗杀 of Imperial Japanese military and civilian commanders and various许多 other operations军事行动. He was mighty非常 miffed生气 when he learnt that the Imperial Japanese Army placed a bounty of US$250,000 on his head — versus对比 a US$1 million on a Dutch荷兰 soldier on the island of Formosa (now Taiwan).

My maternal grandma was just an ordinary housewife. 游击队突击队

下面是我自己写的同一个话题下答案，今天只讲部分，单词主要来自这两周我们讲过的单词，所以相当于复习

I’ve severed切断 my connection with my father for almost 20 years, so I’d only recall some vague模糊的 descriptions描述 from my illiterate文盲 aunt, according to whom my great grandfather was purportedly据称 a Xiucai, the person who passed the imperial examination at the county县 level in the ancient times. I felt mortified丢脸 and horrified震惊 when I overheard my uncle’s attempt to dig挖 his tomb, not to exhume挖掘 himself, but to unearth the jewel in it, with his co-conspirators同伴.

The immoral不道德 behavior行为 derives from从哪里获得 my irresponsible不负责任的 and illiterate grandfather who idled浪费 his time away in the teahouse as a typical Sichuan man, who would use up花光 the money he earned from his manual labor体力劳动 and force his kids including my aunt to earn their own living through physical labor.

Lacking缺少 in the awareness意识 and ways of birth control, my grandma gave birth to 8 children, and almost half of them died probably of malnutrition营养不良.

My dad inherits继承 his stubbornness固执 and cruelty残忍 from his father, since he recalled being hung吊 by my grandfather and physically abused, hence所以 his similar parenting家庭教育 in his own family.

The austerity节衣缩食 **prodded激励** him **into** persevering坚持不懈 in his studies even when anti-intellectualism反智 prevailed盛行 in the Cultural Revolution, hence his success in the college entrance exam once it was recovered in the 70s and later his career in the public service in a third-tier city. It was a “great leap forward大跃进”，considering考虑到 that he was the only one admitted in his village and both his parents are illiterates.