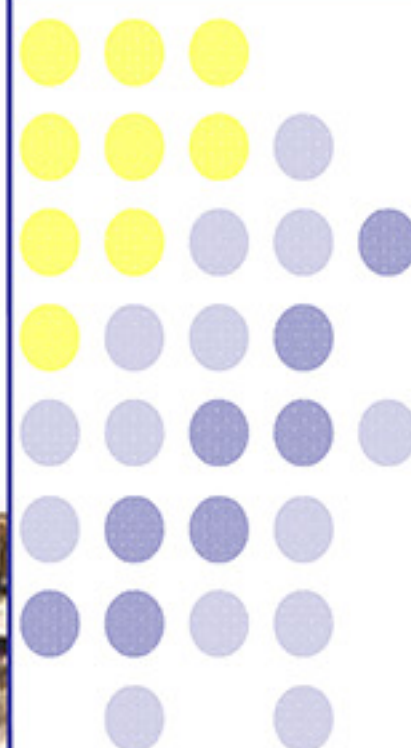




Xucun, Shexian: A Brief History and Ethnography



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Xucun is a village in northern She County, Anhui (ancient Huizhou), that has been dominated by the Xu lineage since the Northern Song. The talk will present a succinct account of its history and customs focused on its chief temples, ancestor halls, and festivals. The earliest god was the earth god, the earliest temple Buddhist. In 1292, a temple to Wang Hua was built, and in 1343 a temple to Xu Yuan and Zhang Xun. Ancestor halls were built throughout the Ming and Qing, and once territorial festivals became increasingly lineage dominated. Throughout, there is one constant: *fengshui*, particularly as expressed in the gradual construction of three successive *shuikou*.