



The History of the Hokkien People

(Part 1)

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Bǎiyuè	百越	The ancient Baiyue people of southern China
Chang'an	长安	The ancient capital of several early dynasties. Present day Xian
Chánglè	长乐	A county-level city in Fuzhou
Cháoshàn	潮汕	The region comprising the cities of Chaozhou, Shantou and Jieyang
Chén Yuánguāng	陈元光	Son of Chen Zheng
Chén Zhèng	陈正	Tang dynasty general sent down to put Fujian province in order
Chǔ	楚国	The Chu State
Chǔ-Hàn Contention	楚汉战争	The final showdown between the two contenders: Liu Bang and Xiang Yu (206–202 B
Dī	氐	Another nomadic people of the steppe
Dōngyuè	东越	A part of the re-formed Minyue Kingdom after the Han stepped in
Dōngyě	东冶	Eastern Ye
Empress Lǚ	吕后	Wife of Emperor Han Gaozu. 241-180 BCE. A real terror she was.
Fújiàn	福建	Coastal province east of Guangdong and south of Zhejiang
Fúqīng	福清	Another county-level city in Fuzhou
Fúzhōu	福州	Capital of Fujian province
Fúzhōu Rén	福州人	Fuzhouese

Fūchāi	夫差王	Pugnacious King of Wu State
Gāozǔ	汉高祖	The first and founding emperor of the Han Dynasty
Gōujiàn	勾踐王	King of Yue State
Gǔtián	古田	A county in Ningde, Fujian
Hakka	客家	The Hakka People. Hakka means Guest People.
Hokchiu	福州	Fuzhou or Fuzhou people
Hokkien	福建	The people of southern Fujian, mostly from Quanzhou, Zhangzhou and Xiamen
Hoklo	福佬, 河洛, 鹤佬, 学老, 学佬.	People from Fujian, more specifically from Southern Fujian
Huángcháo Rebellion	黄巢起义	A peasant uprising that ran 875-884 led by someone named Huang Chao
Huáxià	华夏	An ancient name for China
Jiànzhōu	建州	Ancient capital from which Fujian gets the "Jian"
Jié	羯	Another nomadic people of the steppe
Jin Dynasty	晋朝	Chinese Imperial Dynasty. Ran from 265-420 including Western and Eastern Jin
jùn	郡	A commandery (like a fort)
Kāi Zhāng Shèng wáng	開漳聖王	The Sage Ruler of Zhāngzhōu
Kāifēng	开封	Capital of the Northern Song dynasty, located on the Yellow River in Henan
Lim (Lín)	林	One of four surnames of noble families who migrated from north to the south of China
Liú Bāng	刘邦	The founder of the Han Dynasty
Lǚ Bǔwéi	吕不韦	3rd century BCE insider to the Qin Court
Lǐngnán	岭南	Region of Southern China
Lǚshì Chūnqiū	吕氏春秋	The Annals of Master Lü, 3rd Century BCE classic written by Master Lü Buwei.

Mǎzǔ Islands	马祖岛	Islands off the coast of Fujian
Mǐn	闽	An abbreviation for Fujian
Mínhóu County	闽侯县	County adjacent to Fuzhou
Mǐnnán	闽南	The term to describe the culture, language, food of southern Fujian, namely the areas in
Mǐnyuè	闽越	The ancient Yue people who lived in and around Fujian Province
Ng (Huáng)	黄	One of four surnames of noble families who migrated from north to the south of China
Nán píng	南平	Another prefecture-level city in Fujian
Níngdé	宁德	A prefecture-level city in Fujian
Qiāng	羌	Another nomadic people of the steppe
Quánzhōu	泉州	Also called Zayton by Marco Polo
Qín Shǐhuáng	秦始皇	The First Emperor of China
Shèng Wáng Miào	圣王庙	Temples that honor the memory of Chen Yuanguang
Sīmǎ Qiān	司马迁	China's Grand Historian, 145-86 BCE
Tan (Chén)	陈	One of four surnames of noble families who migrated from north to the south of China
Teh (Zhèng)	郑	One of four surnames of noble families who migrated from north to the south of China
Teochew	潮州	The people who trace their roots back to the Chaoshan region of easternmost Guangdong
Táng Gāozōng	唐高宗	The third Tang emperor, reigned 649-683
Wáng Mǎng	王莽	Usurped power from the Han emperor and reigned from 9-23CE and lived from 45 BC
Wú State	吴国	The Wu State
Wú Tàibó	吴泰伯	Legendary founder of Wu State during the Zhou Dynasty
Wǔ Hú	五胡	The Five Barbarian Tribes (See below)

Wǔ Zétiān	武则天	First and only empress of China to rule in her own name. Reigned 690-705 and lived fr
Wǔhú Luàn Huá	五胡乱华	The period when the Five Barbarians ran roughshod over north China, 304-316
Wǔyíshān	武夷山	Near Nanping, beautiful and ancient city with great tea
Xiàmén	厦门	Major port city in Fujian, also known as Amoy
Xiānbēi	鲜卑	Another nomadic people of the steppe
Xiōngnú	匈奴	A nomadic people usually referred to as Huns
Yě	冶	Ancient Minyue capital
Yī Guān Nán Dù	衣冠南渡	”well dressed who crossed the river and moved south”, these 4th century people who r
Zhào Mò	赵昧	Son of Zhao Tuo, second king of Nanyue
Zhào Tuó	赵陀	Qin military leader and later founder of the Nanyue Kingdom
Zhèng Hé	郑和	The famous Ming Dynasty admiral, diplomat and explorer who lived 1371 to 1433
Zhāngzhōu	漳州	Prefecture level city in southern Fujian
Ān Lùshān	安禄山	Lived 703-757, launched a rebellion from 755-763 that spelled the beginning of the end