

Abbreviations

Shuihǔdì	Shuihǔdì Qín tomb bamboo manuscripts (<i>Shuihǔdì Qín mù zhú jiǎn</i> 睡虎地秦墓竹簡), excavated in 1975 at modern-day Chéngguān Shuihǔdì 城關睡虎地 in Yúnmèng 雲夢 County, Húběi Province. The tomb is dated 217 BC. ²
“Qín lǚ shíbā zhǒng”	Documents titled “Eighteen Categories of Qín Statutes” (<i>Qín lǚ shíbā zhǒng</i> 秦律十八種) in the <i>Shuihǔdì</i> texts.
Yuèlù	Yuèlù Academy Qín manuscript collection (<i>Yuèlù shūyuàn cáng Qín jiǎn</i> 岳麓書院藏秦簡), purchased in 2007 by the Yuèlù Academy 岳麓書院 at the Hong Kong antique market. The texts span both the pre-imperial and imperial Qín periods (late 3rd century BC). ³
“Wéi yù děng zhuàng”	Documents titled “Four Types of Documents for Trying Criminal Cases and Other (Procedures)” (<i>Wéi yù děng zhuàng sì zhǒng</i> 爲獄等狀四種) in the <i>Yuèlù</i> texts. These texts date back to the Qín pre-imperial period and contain criminal cases from 246 to 222 BC. ⁴
Zhāngjiāshān	Zhāngjiāshān Hàn bamboo texts (<i>Zhāngjiāshān Hàn jiǎn</i> 張家山漢簡), excavated in 1983 and 1984 from a Western Hàn dynasty tomb of an imperial official who was active between 202 and 194 BC. The tomb is dated 186 BC and located near modern-day Jīngzhōu 荊州, Húběi Province. ⁵
“Èrnián lǜlìng”	Documents titled “Statutes and Ordinances of the Second Year” (<i>Èrnián lǜlìng</i> 二年律令) in the <i>Zhāngjiāshān</i> texts.
“Zòuyànshū”	Documents titled “Book of Doubtful Cases Reported to the Higher Authorities” (<i>Zòuyànshū</i> 奏讞書) in the <i>Zhāngjiāshān</i> texts. These documents mainly contain legal cases from 200 to 195 BC that were forwarded to a higher authority to be adjudicated due to their ambivalence or difficulty. ⁶
Shǐjì	The <i>Records of the Grand Historian</i> (<i>Shǐjì</i> 史記) is a history compiled by Sīmǎ Tán 司馬談 (165–110 BC) and his son Sīmǎ Qiān 司馬遷 (135–86 BC) under the auspices of Emperor Wǔ 武 of Hàn (141–87 BC). ⁷

² Gāo Mǐn 2000.

³ Zhū Hàn mín and Chén Sōngzhǎng 2010.

⁴ Lau and Staack 2016: 11–12; 310.

⁵ Jīngzhōu dìqū bówùguǎn 1985.

⁶ Lau 1999: 38.

⁷ Qiān Sīmǎ 1979.

