I, Mary Lou Eng, object to the publication of The Royal Café Over a Century in Baker City 1936-1990 written by Gary Dielman so as to protect my good name and the name of my family. I had never seen, reviewed, or approved of this article in advance of its publication. The author of the article and I had had some private correspondence about my family’s history in Baker, but I was never told prior to providing the correspondence that my personal family history would be published. I request that this article be removed for the following reasons:

(1) Privacy and Security of Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Private family pictures of my family were published and placed on the internet without their knowledge or approval, nor my knowledge or approval. These are private individuals (not celebrities) who are still alive and should have the expectation of privacy.

(2) Journalistic Ethics and Professional Conduct. Although the author identified me as the source for this article, I was not provided the opportunity to know that the article was written for publication, to review the article, to verify the accuracy of the article by contacting relatives, or to obtain the approval from me or my relatives.

(3) Historic Accuracy. The article was based on informal correspondence based on my understanding and thinking at the time, which would have required further fact checking with relatives and other sources. However, the unauthorized article was published without such a fact checking. Consequently, the article contains a certain amount of mis-information, dis-information, and inaccuracies that could mislead the public on our family history. By my being identified as the source, all mis-information and inaccuracies might be blamed on me and not the author of the article. Consequently, my integrity and reputation as a researcher is subject to question.

(4) Intellectual Property Rights. I have spent 48 years researching my family history through work on oral history, visiting onsite National Archives, libraries, and correspondence with various federal, state, and local agencies. I have obtained numerous source documents and have documented my research. I have shared with findings with my relatives and they have helped to clarify whether the documents are accurate, as well as providing supplementary information about the history behind the story. My family research interest is important to me for my own identity, and its integrity needs to be protected from unauthorized use. For example, personal family pictures which I shared with the author of the unauthorized article in private correspondence were published without my permission. I believe I have
Intellectual Property Rights for my hard work that are being compromised by unauthorized publication of my family history.

I realized that I have a rich Chinese American family history. Three generations of my family lived in Baker, Oregon. However, being a Chinese American family does not mean that our family should be submitted to unauthorized publicity to satisfy the curiosity of the public. I ask that this article be removed to respect my family’s privacy. We want to honor our family’s legacy in a way of our own choosing, as any White American family living in Baker might expect. We do not need a third party to tell our story without our knowledge and permission.