

Excerpts from a "Short note on the  
Geneology of the Chakravarthy Family" by V.N.Venkatavaradachariar

I belong to the Thirumalai Nallan Chakraavarthy family. My ancestral village is Vengarai, Salem District.

The earliest Progenitor or 'Kutasthar' as is known to family tradition is one Varadachariar, known to name and fame as Urupattur Aachan, an illustrious and learned disciple of the first Acharya Sri Naada MunigaL who flourished in the sixth century and who is credited with having revived the "Naalaayira Divya Prabhandham" of the Alwars

Our great ancestor Thirumalachariar was one of the seventy four Simhaasana Pathis or Achaarya Purushas ordained by Sri Ramanuja for the propogation of the vedantic philosophy, VISISHTAADVAITA, popularly known also as Ramanuja Darshanam. Our ancestor Thirmalachariar obtained the 'Birudu' or title nallaAn from the great Lord VaradarAja of kanchedepuram for having performed the samskara or rites of an unknown Sri Vaishnava which caused eyebrows to be raised by the orthodox. Lord Varadaraja is reported having said, "He may be OOrukku PollaAn AnAAI emakku naLLAAn". The title Vaishnava Chakravarthy was added as a further 'Birudu' reportedly by Sri Srinivasa PerumaAl of Thirumalai. Thus it was the Sri Thirumalachariar became "Thirumalai naLLAn Chakravarthy. His descendants came to be known as 'Chakravarthiyaars' Reference must be made here to our great ancestor Sri Anna Raaya Chakravarthy, a learned savant and disciple of Sri Manavaala Ma Munigal, the renowned Thengalai Acharya....

My grandfather Srinivasachariar was known as Doraiappa and my paternal uncle as Srirangachaariar.

I propose to trace my family descent from Kutasthar Venkatavaradachariar, the grandfather of my grandfather. He had three sons: Peria Srinivasa, Appaswamy and Chinna Srinivasa.

Peria Srinivasa had an only son Narasimhachariar. I refer to him because he was the 'SamaashrayaNa Acharya' of my grandfather Srinivasachaiyaar

Narasimhachariar had an only son Appanna Iyengar who adopted his own daughter's son Anayar Rajagopalachariar who lived from 1881 for more than 90 years. He had left two sons Srinivasa Raghavan and Narasimhan.

The second son Appayaswamy died issueless.

The third son Chinna Srinivasa left behind an only son Venkatavaradachariar and who in turn had an only son Srinivasachariar, my grandfather. He lived from 1823 to 1901

He had 3 sons Venkatesh Kumar  
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