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temple was managed by the petitioner's great-grand-father could know from his parents and other persons in the village, the ancestors as trustees hereditarily. So far as the petitioner's 3. The temple was accordingly managed by the petitioner's of his posterity.

petitioner, with his own funds for the benefit and welfare more than 200 years ago by one of the ancestors of the 2. The temple is a small but ancient temple constructed

situate in Vendakkottai village, Pattukkottai Taluk. 1. There is a temple called Sri Subramaniaswami temple

III. The petitioner begs to submit as follows:-

II. RESPONDENT: NIL

A.F.S: THIRU TH. SRINIVASAN, B.Com., B.L.,
Advocate
THANJAVUR.

I. PETITIONER: Dharmaraja Velalar, son of Perumal Velalar, Hindu, Savite, aged 55; residing at Vendakkottai village and post, Pattukkottai Taluk, Thanjavur District.

Ch. J. Velalar
Respondent
V. Velalar & Sons (G. Velalar & Sons) of Act XXII of 1959
Petition under Sec. 63(b) of Act XXII of 1959

Dharmaraja Velalar
Vs.
Respondent

O.A.No. 7 of 1972

BEFORE THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, H.A. and C.E. (ADMIN)
THANJAVUR



Dharmaraya Velalar who was its hereditary trustee till
 his death. After his death, his son Govindasamy Velalar
 became trustee of temple on succession and he was managing
 the affairs of the temple for more than 50 years till he
 died in or about 1945. Afterwards his son Perumal Velalar
 (petitioner's father) became the trustee on succession
 and he died in 1956. Even while he was alive, as he was
 sickly, the petitioner was assisting him in the management
 of temple affairs. After the death of his father, the
 petitioner succeeded as the trustee of the temple and he
 is in management of the temple affairs in his capacity as
 its hereditary trustee till today.

4. The management of the temple has all along been
 vested in the family of the petitioner ~~and~~ and his ancestors
 alone were actually acting as its hereditary trustees
 continuously without any break. No other than the members
 of the family of the petitioner had ever managed the affairs of
 the temple at any point of time, though at times some
 respectable persons of the village also were allowed on
 permission by the petitioner's ancestors to participate
 in the temple functions along with them, out of respect and
 regard and also with a view to enlist of the cooperation
 of all the villagers in making the temple functions a grand
 success. But no trusteeship right or right in the actual
 management of the temple was ever given to any of those
 persons. Further none of them had any hereditary rights
 and they never interfered in the management of the temple.
 The petitioner is herewith filing ancient documents relating
 to the temple to show that the management was always with
 the petitioner's family alone.

5. The temple owns 8 acres 31 cents of wet lands out of which only 6 acres 90 cents are under actual cultivation.

The remaining lands are river bund and hence not suitable for cultivation. The petitioner is paying the kist for the lands in his capacity as its hereditary trustee. He has leased out the lands to several tenants and he is collecting the rents from them every year. Out of the above said income from the lands, the petitioner is ~~not~~ spending for the temple's maintenance.)

6. Everyday one kala Pooja is performed by a Gurukkal who is paid by the petitioner an annual salary of 40 kalams of paddy. Every year festivals are conducted during Visakam in the month of Vaikasi, Vijayadasami in the month of Purattasi, Karthigai in the month of Karthigai. The income from the lands are not sufficient for all these expenses and hence the petitioner used to spend out of his pocket apart from local contributions.

7. Recently, the petitioner has constructed a compound wall by his efforts and by contribution from the villagers at a cost of Rs. 6000/-. The work of renovation is not yet completed.

The temple was also recently visited and inspected by the Special Inspector, H.K. and C.E., Ratnakkottai.

8. Recently the petitioner received a notice dated 13-7-72 from the Office of the Assistant Commissioner, H.K. and C.E.,

Thanjavur calling for applications for the appointment of non-hereditary trustees for the suit temple. The petitioner

submits that the said move is illegal and he was not given any opportunity to make his objections as to why non-hereditary

trustees should not be appointed and to put forth his claim of hereditary trusteeship. The petitioner is advised to file an

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Act.

(1) declaring that the petitioner is the hereditary trustee of Sri Subramaniaswami temple, situate in the village of Vendakkottai in Pattukkottai taluk and

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I, the petitioner herein, do declare that the facts stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I signed this at Thanjavur on 26-8-72.

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Dhamaraya Velalar
 Govindasamy Velalar
 Perumal Velalar
 Dhamaraja Velalar
 (Petitioner)

Petitioner

Remmivannu

Advocate

26.8.72

O.A. of 1972

Dharmaraya Velalar -- Petitioner

Vs.

Nil -- Respondent

List of documents filed by the petitioner

No.	Date	Description	Remarks
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1.	5-7-1930	Notice under Land Acquisition Act issued to petitioner's grand father	original
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2.	Sep. 1930	-do-	"
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3.	22-10-1934	Permit for irrigation with Cauvery water issued to petitioner's grand father as trustee for temple lands	"
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4.	22-10-1934	-do-	"
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5.	6-7-1965	Notice under Act XXVI of 1948 in respect of temple lands issued to petitioner as trustee	"
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6.	10-9-1965	Order under Sec. 39(4)(a) of Act XXVI of 1948 in respect of temple lands issued to petitioner as trustee	Served copy
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7.	17-12-1965	Copy of G.O. Ms. No. 3451 served on the petitioner as trustee in respect of temple lands	Served copy
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8.	29-11-1965	Notice under Sec. 38(2) of Act XXVI of 1948 issued to petitioner as trustee in respect of temple lands	Served copy
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9.	18-10-66	Copy of G.O. Ms. No. 2652 Rev. dt. 25-8-66 with communication served on the petitioner as trustee	Served copy
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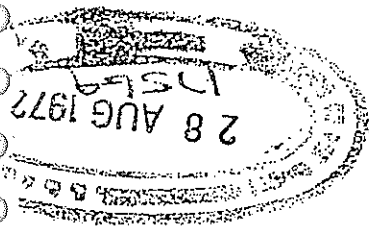
10.	12	12 kist receipts issued to petitioner as trustee in respect of the temple lands by the V.H.M.	original
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11.	18-7-72	Notice calling for applications for the post of trustee issued by the A.C., H.A. and C.E., Thanjavur	Served copy
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The above documents are filed herewith.

ADVOCATE 26.8.72

ADVOCATE: THIRU T.R. SRINIVASAN
THANJAVUR



BEFORE THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
H.R. AND C.E. (ADMIN) THANJAVUR

O.A.No. of 1972

Petition under Sec.63(b) of Act
XXII of 1959

Encl:

Petition - 1
Do-copies - 2
Vakalat - 1
Documents - 11

Total 15