

# Life & Thoughts

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## PART I.

### INTRODUCTION.

Late Pingle Jenardhan Reddy comes down from the family of military officers of the Raja of Vijayanagaram. Three brothers after the defeat of Maharaja Adhiraj, Ramdev Rai in 1564 A.D., started on a journey to find a livelihood for themselves. On their way they slept under a tree near the village of Mallereddy Palli in the Purikal Taluq of Karimnagar district of H. E. H. the Nizam's Dominions. One of the brothers dreamt that if they started immediately they would get a State or Kingdom. The country around was then under Raja Chandragiri who was reputed to be a very tyrannical ruler paying tribute to the Deccan Kingdom. He had prepared an army to oppose his master the ruler of the kingdom and was then not much liked by his subjects for his misrule.

These three brothers early in the morning found a fort (ruins of which are still to be found on the Chandragiri hill near Mallereddy Palli) and took possession of it, and having defeated and killed the Raja of Chandragiri sent word to the Naib of the Emperor of the Deccan, that they had become masters of the place and that they would continue payment of the tribute as usual. The Governor,

on the other hand, wanted the whole balance of the tribute due by the late Raja and kept these brothers in surveillance.

In the meanwhile, another rich citizen of Vijayanagar who had escaped with all his property happened to pass by and hearing some of Vijayanagar men and relations had been kept prisoners there proposed to the Naib that he would pay the whole tribute if the State was handed over to him. In the meantime, one of the brothers had escaped, and remaining two brothers transferred their rights to the new comer gladly to get their freedom.

After some time the third brother put in his appearance and claimed the property and he was given a third of the State inasmuch as he had not signed the transferred deed. From him are descended the Pingle family who used to be once military officers of the army of the Raja of Vijayanagar and who have subsequently done loyal and meritorious service under the Kutub Shahi and Asaf Jahi rulers of the Deccan.

The deceased is the eldest son of Pingle Vankat Rama Reddy, who is known to all in Hyderabad. It is not necessary for me to say more about him. His love of education is manifest not only from the best of training he has been giving to his sons and relations but from the foundation he has laid for the education of his community by establishing the Reddy Boarding House and Library of which he is a doner and managing director. He is also the pioneer of social reform in his community.

