

Appendix 12 Copper plate charters

There are four known copper plate charters given to four separate communities by different kings in Malabar over the first millennium (T K Joseph 1930:5,201-4).

Current name of charter, and details	Granted by	Recipient	Approximate year	Current location of originals
Jewish copper plate	unknown	Joseph Ramban	2 nd century	With the Jewish community in Kochi
Knai Thoma plates 6 plates, of which 2 were lost.	the of, given by Cheraman Perumal	Knai Thoma	345	Unknown, presumed lost c.1544, or taken to Portugal by the Franciscans. A copy which was in the possession of SC, now in the possession of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church.
Iravi Corttan plates	King ViraRaghava Chakravarthi	Iravi Corttan, Chief of the <i>Manigramam of Kodungalloor</i>	Unknown (Milne Rae dates them to 774, but this is not conclusive (1892:55-6).)	Unknown
Kollam copper plates	Sthanu Ravi Gupta, King of Kollam.	Maruvan Sapor Iso	9 th century / 849 AD	Partly in the HQ of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Tiruvalla, Kerala, and the HQ of the Malankara Indian Orthodox Church (also known as the Orthodox Syrian Church), Kottayam.

The four Copper-plate charters mentioned in Syrian Christian histories, based on T.K. Joseph (1929:) *The Malabar Christian Copper Plates*, in Kerala Society Papers, Series 4, pp.201-204.