

*Ihaia Tioriori*, sworn—I am a Ngatikoroki; I claim this land; Ngatiraukawa owned the land formerly; Ngatipaoa and Hauraki Tribes fought with us and also with Ngatiraukawa; we left Horotiu, and Ngatipaoa took possession; we went to Rangiaohia and Maungakawa; Ngatiraukawa went to Wharepuhunga; I came from Rangiaohia to Maungakawa; Ngatiraukawa went to Te Whaotu; Ngatimaru and Ngatipaoa followed Ngatiraukawa; Te Whatakaraka and Te Hereara were killed; Ngatiraukawa then went away to Kapiti. The land was taken possession of by Ngatimaru and Hauraki Tribes; after Ngatiraukawa went away, Ngatimaru and Ngatipaoa fought with us; we were defeated twice; Ngatipaoa left Horotiu and took possession of Maungatautari; they then attacked us at Maungakawa and we defeated them; they then came back and killed some of us who were living at Hamilton; we afterwards attacked and defeated them. After this Te Waharoa joined us, and we defeated Ngatimaru at Taumatawiwi; Ngatimaru and Ngatipaoa were then led back to Hauraki; we took possession of the land after this, *i.e.*, our own lands at Horotiu, and Ngatiraukawa's land at Maungatautari, and we have held possession to the present time, *i.e.*, Ngatikoroki and Ngatihaua have. Some time ago Te Waharoa and other chiefs invited Ngatiraukawa to return and leave Kapiti. Their answer was, "He aha te ngako o te oneone kia hoki mai Ngatiraukawa;" they did not accept the invitation.

By PARAKAIA—Ngatiraukawa were invited to come back; they did not accept the invitation; they said "He aha te ngako, &c." I had the sovereignty over the land when the Queen came here; I have heard that the Government invited the Maoris to give in claims for their lands, but your claim must be for your own land; this land is mine.

*Piripi Whanatangī*, sworn—I am of Ngatikoroki; I know the land Pukekura; Pukekura is one hill, Maungatautari is another; Pukekura is a small hill, Maungatautari is a large one; Pukekura was taken by conquest; in that time there was no talk of relationship or giving the land back; after I had conquered I occupied and held the land by force of arms. I did not hear of these expressions, "hawe kaehe," and "whenua tuku ki te tangata;" Hauraki, *i.e.*, Ngatimaru and Ngatipaoa took this land; there was no word then as "hawe kaehe," or "whenua tuku ki te tangata;" I fought with those tribes; Taumatawhiwhi was the last battle; I defeated Ngatimaru and Ngatipaoa, and took possession of the whole district; the only claim I acknowledge is that by conquest.

By PARAKAIA—Te Wera-o-te-Atua and other places you mention at Maungatutari are mine by conquest; when you came from the South you found me living at Maungatautari; Ngatikahukura have residences there as well as myself.

*Aperahama Tu Te Rangipouri*, sworn—I am a Ngatihaua; I live at Taupo, I went there on account of my wife; I know this land, Pukekura; the proper owners are Ngatihaua, Ngatikoroki, and Ngatikahukura, but not Ngatiraukawa; it belonged to Ngatikauwhata and Ngatiraukawa formerly; my ancestors fought with Ngatiraukawa, and took Rangiaohia and one side of Maungatautari; Ngatiraukawa went to Wharepuhunga; Kawhia belonged to Te Rauparaha; we took it, and he went to Kapiti; the Ngatiraukawa heard of this, they were at Te Whaotu; after this Ngapuhi came; and Ngatimaru and other tribes of Hauraki came here from fear of Ngapuhi; they lived here; they killed one of us called Te Hou; we went to Maungakawa, and this place we are now upon was taken by Ngatimaru; Ngatimaru killed the Whakaete; Ngatiraukawa lived at Purakanui; Ngatimaru attacked them, Te Whatakaraka was killed; Ngatiraukawa then remembered that Te Rauparaha had taken Kapiti, and they went there to join him; Ngatimaru then took possession of the whole district. We came from Maungakawa to Pukekura to attack Ngatimaru, and fought them at Hauwhenua; we were defeated, and lost thirty men; we attacked them afterwards and defeated them; they fought us afterwards and we defeated them at Te Kaweitiki, at Maungakawa: they then returned to Maungatautari; on their return they killed some of our people who were living where Cambridge now stands, they killed, cooked, and eat thirty of our people; Te Waharoa and other chiefs of Waikato then joined us; we attacked them at Taumatawiwi, and utterly defeated them, we cooked and eat them; the remnant who were saved were led back to Hauraki; after this we took possession of the whole district.

By PARAKAIA—The defeats I have mentioned, Ngatimaru inflicted on you; you have won a battle of them; our ancestors fought, but we personally have not fought with each other; Ngapuhi came to kill us all; Waikato were defeated by Ngapuhi; we were defeated by Ngapuhi, and fell back on Ngatiraukawa; the reason was that we were at peace with Ngatiraukawa at that time; Ngatihaua, Ngatikoroki, and Ngatikahukura own Tauaro, Raupekaepa, Tapae, Hauwhenua, Wera-o-te-Atua, and Pukekura, from conquest.

*Nepia Marino*, sworn—I live at Maungatautari; I am a Ngatikoroki; I know the land in question; I have no claim from my forefathers; my claim is my arm; I have heard claims made to this land through other channels, but the only one I recognize is conquest.

*Te Tira Te Kono*, sworn—I am a Ngatihaua; I live at Tamahere; I know Pukekura, I have a claim to that land from my forefathers, and by conquest; My ancestor was Kauwhata—Kuri was a descendant of his, from whom sprung Ngatikuri; my principal claim is conquest; the forefathers lived in time gone by, but the conquest is of recent date, and it is only now that the Court is opened that I consider that the matter will be settled; and I shall be awarded my land.

*Hone Te One*, sworn—I am a Ngatihaua and Ngahikairo; my ancestors lived at Ngaroto; I have not lived at Pukekura; Ngatiraukawa owned the land formerly, along with Ngatikauwhatu, but now it belongs to me; my talk is the same as the others; Ngatiwhakare, Ngatiraukawa, and Ngatikauwhatu were defeated by Ngatimaru, and went to Kapiti, and the land was held in possession by Ngatimaru; we defeated Ngatimaru, and now Ngatihaua and Ngatikoroki hold the mana over the whole district; the whole of the land from Maungatautari has been taken from Ngatiraukawa; I live at one end, and Ngatihaua live at the other.

By PARAKAIA—We fought against each other until you left for Kapiti; I went to Taupo and came back; I was driven away by Ngapuhi; you did not bring me back to my land; my mana I still hold over all the land outside the Government boundary, Ngatiraukawa owned the land formerly, but I hold possession of it at the present time.