

Parakara Te Korako, sworn—I am a Ngatihaua; I claim this land from conquest; I own conjointly with Te Raihi and others; my only claim is from conquest of Ngatimaru; I did not take the land from Ngatiraukawa; our fighting with Ngatiraukawa was in former times.

Teni Ponui, sworn—I live at Matamata; I am a Ngatihaua; I have a claim to a portion of this land at Hauriro and Kariarubi; my claim is not from my forefathers, but Ngatimaru and Ngatipaoa held possession of the land under Marutuaho; I drove him away, and took possession of the land.

Te Whitu—I am a Ngatiraukawa, and related to Waikato; I live at Maungatautari; I lived there before the rebellion; I know the land called Pukekura; I have a claim to it; I claim it through Kauwhata, Wehiwehi, Tutete, Parekarewa Ngatokowaru, Matanu, Pani, Pani No. 2, Iriwhata, Te Toanga Te Whitu, Te Whitu (myself); I have always lived at Maungatautari; I am the rightful owner of Pukekura.

Huka,—recalled at the request of Parakaia. Pukekura is land which was given to me by Te Wharepakaru, Te Whatu, Te Whena and Matauruaho; it was given to myself and Harete Te Waharoa; we occupied the land with Ngatiraukawa; Ngatiraukawa went away, we remained; we were there during the fight with Ngatipaoa; we fought with Ngatihaua and all the Waikato tribes against Ngatipaoa, and Ngatipaoa were defeated, and we occupied the land with Ngatihaua unto the present time.

The Court then told the Natives that the evidence in this case had been written down; that the Judges would give their consideration to the claims of both parties, but would advise them to settle the matter if possible amongst themselves. If they could not do so, the Court would deliver their judgement when they had arrived at a decision. At the same time the Court would hear the evidence in the next case.

9TH NOVEMBER, 1868.

The Court then proceeded to give the following judgement on the claims to the Pukekura, Maungatautari and Puahue.

The claims preferred by the Ngatiraukawa Tribe, who reside at Otaki to the land called Pukekura and Maungatautari containing respectively 8393 acres and 5491 acres, having been formally abandoned by Parakaia in Court on Saturday last, a certificate will be ordered in favor of Te Raihi, Piripi Whanatangi, Horomona, Hakiriwhi, Irehia, Hori Wirihana, Hemi Kokako, Parakaia Te Korako, Maihi, Karaka, Te Waata, Te Reweti, Te Hura, Te Ngirangira, Huka, Te Waaka Ngai, Meretana, Hori Puao, Harete Tamehana, Reone, Wiremu Te Whitu, Ihaia Tioriori, Aperahama Tu Te Rangipouri, Nepia Warino, Te Teira, Te Kono, Hone Te One, and Teni Ponui, for the block of land called Pukekura.

12TH NOVEMBER, 1868.

Letter read signed by a number of the acknowledged owners of this Block requesting that the names of Te Watu Tahi, Harete Tamehana, Reweti Waikato, Hakiriwhi, Hori Puao, Piripi Whanatangi, Hemi Kokako, Wiremu Te Whitu, Pirihī, and Hori Wirihana be inserted in the Crown Grant for this block.

Ordered by the Court that the Crown Grant for Pukekura be made in favor of the above named persons in trust for themselves and the other persons acknowledged as owners, and mentioned as such by the Court in their judgement delivered on the claim to this block of land on November 9th, 1868. There was on opposition to this on the part of any of the claimants.

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Investigation	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
Examination of Plan	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Certificate	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Crown Grant	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
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Enclosure B.

MAUNGATAUTARI.

CLAIM CALLED AT CAMBRIDGE, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1867.

Present—John Rogan, Esq., Judge; and Hare Wirikake, and Hone Mohi Tawhai, Assessors.
Notice read. No appearance. Plan produced. Case adjourned.

CALLED AGAIN AT CAMBRIDGE, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1867.

CLAIM READ.

Pene Tamahiki, called—No appearance.

Hakiriwhi made a statement that when he and Te Raihi were at Maketu they saw Pene Tamahiki, and he said to him, "Have you received a notice about your land, Maungatautari?" He said "Yes." I said—"If you wish to go there think within yourself for some reason for your going, lest you should tire yourself to no purpose, or it will be like your going to the last Court for nothing." He said—