

*Native Reserve No. 25, at the junction of the Kanieri with the Hokitika or Browne; 25 acres.*

*Ihaia Tainui* sworn.—I live at Arapura. This land was set apart for Tarapuhi. He died in 1864. He left three children now living, two by one wife and one by another. The two elder are Tini Kaiwai and Hira Makarini; by the second wife is Te Riaki Tauwhare.

Objectors challenged. None appeared.

Crown grant recommended to be made in favour of Tini Kaiwai, Hira Makarini, and Riaki Tauwhare in equal shares. Alienation to be restricted.

*Native Reserve No. 26, on South Bank of River Taremakau, at Pa; 25 acres.*

*Ihaia Tainui* sworn.—This land was set apart by Mr. James Mackay for Hakiha. He wishes to give it to Te Wakena and Pita Mutu because their ancestor is buried on it. Waewae was his name. The real reason why the reserve was made originally was on account of that man having been buried there.

*Hakiha te Horo* sworn.—I have heard what *Ihaia* has said. It is correct. I wish to give this land to Te Wakena and Pita Mutu because of their deceased relative who is there. It was for me and Arapata and Purua and Kawa.

Objectors challenged.

*Ihaia Tuhuru*.—I appear to speak about the interest of Kawa, Waewae's wife, who lived and died upon the land.

*Inia Tuhuru* sworn.—Kawa was the name of Waewae's wife. She lived with her husband upon this land. He died first, and she continued to live upon it until it was set apart, and up to the time of her death. The proper person to succeed her would be Oriwia Tinako. She lives at Port Cooper. She is Kawa's niece; she is the next of kin to Kawa. Oriwia has a brother called Tatana.

*Rev. G. P. Mutu*.—On behalf of any claiming under Purua, I agree to let Pita Mutu and Te Wakena have it. Hineipakia agreed to do this.

Mr. Mackay produced plan signed by Mr. James Mackay, dated 16th May, 1860, minuted for Hakiha; and Purua Kawa's and Arapata's names were not mentioned.

Crown grant recommended in favour of Te Wakena and Pita Mutu, of Kaiapoi, in accordance with arrangement made by Hakiha; equal shares. Alienation restricted.

*Native Reserves Nos. 27 and 27A: 27, North Bank Taremakau, 85 acres; 27A, South Bank, 1 acre.*

*Ihaia Tainui* sworn.—The land on the north of the Taremakau was reserved for three persons: 50 acres for Meri te Awhakai, 24 acres for Mata Kara, and I heard also that there were 20 acres for Paretaha. He was a Ngatiraukawa, and does not live in this Island. I heard in 1861 that Paretaha's name would not be admitted, he not being a Ngaitahau. This land should be added to Mata Kara's. It has been considered to be added since 1866. Meri te Awhakai died in 1865 (June 23). It remained vacant till next year, when a European occupied at Taremakau, and Tarapuhi's wife said it should be given to Rutu te Ha, and she took possession of it in May, 1866. Te Ha is dead. Her child, Whakatau, is alive. Now, as to Mata Kara's share, in 1876 she sent to ask for some of the proceeds of that land. Mr. Mackay will explain about that. About the acre on the south side, the people told Mr. Mackay that there was a dead person buried there. She was an ancestor of G. P. Mutu's and of all of us. Her name was Moroiti. She was Waewae's first wife. It has been proposed by us to give it to Wakena and Pita Mutu.

The plan produced by Mr. Mackay showed that Mata Kara had 50 acres, and Mere 25 acres. I. Tainui admitted he was mistaken.

Mr. A. Mackay, Native Reserve Commissioner.—*Ihaia* is right about Paretaha. He only had a right to live there. As he is gone, his name should be struck out. The giving of Mere's share to Rutu te Ha is right. She received the rents up to her death, and her son, Whakatau Moroati Pakapaka, has continued to receive them since. His name should be put there, and Tini Kaiwai should also be put in.

Objectors challenged. None appeared.

Crown grant recommended in favour of Mata Kara and Hira Mutu for 50 acres (he being admitted by her) as joint tenants, and not as tenants in common; shares to be equal. Alienation to be restricted.

Crown grant recommended in favour of Whakatau Moroati Pakapaka for 35 acres; also Tini Kaiwai. Alienation to be restricted.

Crown grant in 27A recommended in favour of Te Wakena and Pita Mutu in equal shares, for one acre. No restrictions to be placed on the alienation.

*Native Reserve No. 28, at Waimea, on South Bank Upper Taremakau; 50 acres (now 12 acres).*

*Ihaia Tainui* sworn.—I believe this land to have been set apart for Hakiha and Arapata. We held a meeting when we saw the *Gazette* advertising this investigation, for the purpose of selecting names of proposed grantees. We did not do it. Therefore I say, Let Hakiha state whom he wishes to have put in. There are only 12 acres of the land left. The rest of it has been washed away. Fifty acres are in the schedule in the *Kahiti*.

*Hakiha te Horo* sworn.—This land was set apart for Arapata Horau and myself at first. No one else was in it. Now I will put in others. I wish to admit Henare Meihana and Moroati to my share.

Objectors challenged.

*Inia Tuhuru*.—I ask that the widow of Arapata, Wikitoria Waipapa, should be admitted to Arapata's share.

Crown grant recommended in favour of Hakiha te Horo, Henare Meihana, and Te Moroati, in equal shares, for one half; and Crown grant recommended in favour of Hera Arapata Horau, Tini Arapata Horau, Kura Arapata Horau, and Wikitoria Waipapa for the other half, being Arapata Horau's share, in equal shares. Alienation in both cases to be restricted.