

Native Reserve No. 29, at Pakihi, on North Bank of the Upper Taremakau; 150 acres.

Ihaia Tainui sworn.—Makarini asked Mr. Mackay at Pohuerua for this land for himself, for Hakiha, and Arapata Horau. Mr. Mackay agreed, and it was described on the plan as for Makarini and others. Makarini a short time ago, when he knew that this inquiry was to take place, proposed that it should be divided into three portions—one for Hakiha to deal with, one for himself and others, and one for Ripini and Hoani Tainui to admit others into.

Makarini Tohi sworn.—I heard what Ihaia Tainui said. He is correct. The persons I admit are Hakiha, Henare Meihana, Inia Tuhuru, Teoti Tauwhare, Hoani Tainui, Ripini Waipapa, Kinihe te Kaoho, Kere Tutoko, Whakatau Moroati Pakapaka, and myself. I selected the names on account of having received a letter from Mr. Mackay asking me who they were to be. I do not want to take advantage of them. Mr. Mackay did not mention Arapata's name. He said it was to be for all of us. I admit Arapata Horau.

Hakiha te Horo sworn.—Arapata and I told Makarini to ask Mr. Mackay for land at Pakihi. He got 150 acres. I considered it was to be for us all.

Crown grant recommended in favour of Makarini Tohi, Hakiha te Horo, Henare Meihana, Inia Tuhuru, Teoti Tauwhare, Hoani Tainui, Ripini Waipapa, Kinihe te Kaoho, Kere Tutoko, Whakatau Moroati Pakapaka, Hera Arapata Horau, Tini Arapata Horau, and Kura Arapata Horau (one share for the three last), in unequal shares. Thirty acres for Te Makarini; the rest to be divided equally. Alienation to be restricted.

Commission adjourned at 5 p.m. till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

GREYMOUTH, THURSDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1879.

Commission met at 10 a.m.

Present: Thomas Edward Young, Esq., Commissioner; Alexander Mackay, Esq., Native Reserves Commissioner.

Native Reserves Nos. 20 and 21—continued.

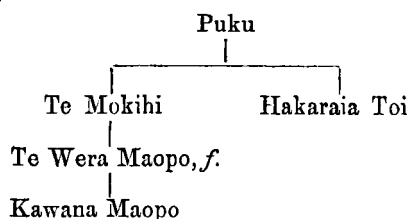
Kinihe te Kaoho appeared, and withdrew in favour of Ihaia Tainui and Wikitoria Mutu as successors to Kupenu and Huteke.

Rev. G. P. Mutu sworn.—With reference to Pakahoni's (deceased) share I ask that Ihaia Tainui and Wikitoria Mutu be admitted. Pakahoni was the son of Tikina; and, as Ihaia and Wikitoria have been already admitted to be the next of kin to Tikina, I ask that they be admitted in this case. This claim is through the mother. I do not know if the father's side have anything to say.

Objectors challenged. Wirihaia Pohata appeared, but withdrew in favour of the claimants.

This exhausts the list of deceased, except Kou and Parau. The living are Hakaria Toi, Teone Pako, and Tihau.

Kawana Maopo sworn.—I ask to have my name joined with that of Hakaria Toi in his share. This shows my relationship:—



Objectors challenged. None appeared.

Application to be recommended.

Adjournment of this case applied for, for the purpose of supplying names which had not already been supplied. Granted.

Native Reserve No. 35, at Kararoa, on Beach North of Mawhera; 26 acres.

Ihaia Tainui sworn.—It was stated that this land was to be for Poharama Hotu. He belonged to Ngatiawa. He died in 1861. He was burnt to death. His wife, Kataiau, survived him. In September, 1861, the woman died also. Before she died she wished the land to be left to her foster-children, Mere te Awhakai, Katiki Tarapuhi, Tini Kaiwai, Hira Makarini, and Wikitoria Tauraka. In 1865 the Europeans came to this district in numbers, and Poharama's relations attempted to set up a claim through him to the reserves here. I did not approve, because he did not belong to our tribe. He belongs to the North Island. I then thought it would be well to give it to his relatives at the West Whanganui (Taitapu); and they proposed to send some one here to look at the land. It was Hemi Matenga who came, and I went with him upon the land, and came back from it; but Matenga never said anything about it from that day to this. I wish Mr. Mackay to explain.

Mr. Mackay, with reference to Ihaia's statement.—I admit that Poharama was placed upon the land, but it was not intended to become his absolutely; it was an act of grace on the part of Katiki towards him and his wife. I think the land should revert to the heirs of Tarapuhi and Katiki. I did not hear of Ka's last words. I think that the proper persons to have that land are Tini Kaiwai and Hira Makarini, as being the heirs of Katiki.

Objectors challenged. Inia Tuhuru said the heirs of Poharama ought to be included. Objection not entertained.

Grant recommended in favour of Tini Kaiwai and Hira Makarini in equal shares. Alienation to be restricted.