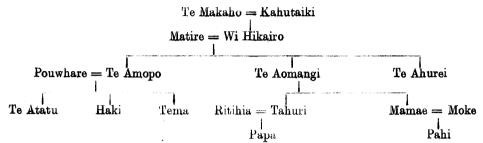
EXTRACT FROM MERCER MINUTE-BOOK No. 18, PAGE 351, KAWHIA S, A, AND W BLOCKS AND KAWHIA M TOWNSHIP.

Reference under Section 2 of the Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1913.

Tema Pouwharetapu: I appear in support of the petition. I ask that the names of myself and Haki Amopo be included in the title to above blocks. All four lands were awarded through Te Makaho. We were direct descendants of Te Makaho, and were alive at the time when the blocks were investigated. Our mother and sister are owners in this block. We were apparently forgotten from the list of names.



Papa is included in the title, so is Ritihia, who was of N'Hourua and N'Mahanga. Pahi Moke is also included. I contend that we are both entitled to share in the land. The Chief Judge could not include us in the title, but said we were entitled to come in, and advised us to petition Parliament.

KANOKANO POHEPOHE, TE RAUHINGA PIKIA, WAATA PUMIPI: All object to Tema's application for inclusion.

KANOKANO POHEFOHE: Pouwharetapu, Hone Kaora, and Tahuri were the persons who fixed the lists. Pouwhare was not likely to forget his own children. These people were left out on purpose. I do not know the reason. It was Pouwhare who left Haki and Tema out and included Te Atatu. It was perhaps because Tema and Haki were only children that they were left out. Some of the owners of Kawhia A and W have sold. Why should these children share in what is left?

TE RAUHINGA PIKIA: When these blocks were investigated it was arranged that Te Atatu should take her mother's lands, and that Tema and Haki should take their father's lands. I cannot give any lands in which Haki and Tema have been included and Te Atatu excluded. I think Pirongia was one of these blocks in which Tema and Haki were included and Te Atatu excluded.

WAATA PUMIPI: Tema and Haki are entitled to share in the land. Pouwhare stated in meeting that the girls of the family should share in the mother's land and the boys in their father's land. Pouwhare himself left out the two children. I can give no instance in which Pouwhare carried out his stated intention except in Kawhia Block. I have many children of my own who were born at the time when the block was investigated, who are not included in the title: they are rightfully owners.

Tema Pouwharetapu (in reply): All parties who have spoken admit that we are entitled. Statements made by others are incorrect; they cannot be proved by one instance. I would ask the Court to include our names in the title.

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