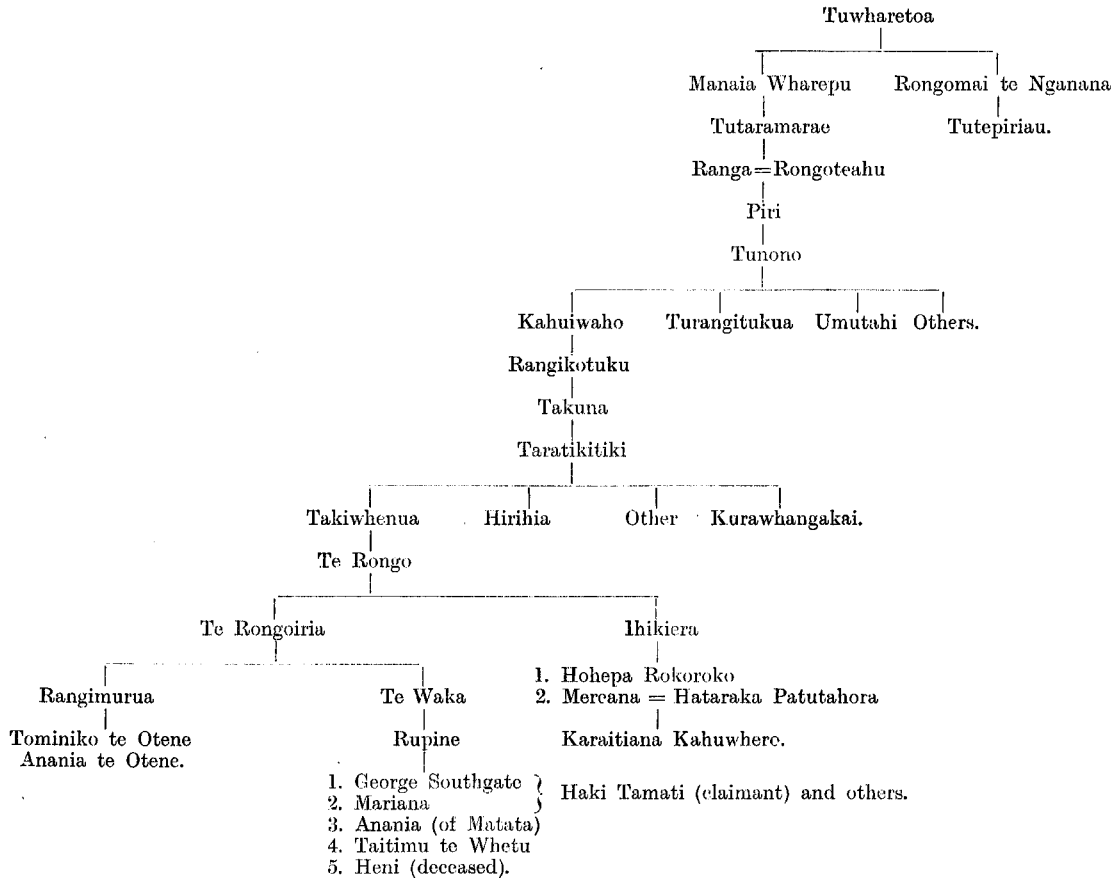


(Case.)

HAKI TAMATI (or KARAWANA) (recalled and sworn): No part leased or sold—not confirmed. I will trace:—



I claim that all under Tunono should come in.

WHAKARAU PETERA: No questions. I admit the genealogy.

HAKI TAMATI (*continues*): The general occupation was some time ago. The trouble has been over the title. I say present owners are the same as before the confiscation, and that grantees are their representatives.

(Report to be sent in.)

Extract from Maketu Minute-book No. 5, Pages 371-76, 378.

(23rd June, 1883.)

PARISH OF MATATA, LOT 39—CROWN CLAIM.

Captain Mair appeared on behalf of the Crown.

GILBERT MAIR (sworn): I apply to the Court for an order declaring the interest of the Crown herein. I put in a *Gazette*—No. 60, of 12th November, 1874—vesting this block of 13,675 acres in ten Natives as owners. Five of these have sold their interests to the Crown—viz., Hohepa Rokoroko, Tomeniko te Otene, Harata Paraone, Hirini, and . . . The Crown has made advances amounting to £1,419 6s. 9d., having originally negotiated for a lease of the block, which was never completed, and then it was agreed to purchase the freehold for £2,500. The Crown had thus paid more than half of the entire sum first arranged for to the five who had sold. I only pray for an order for the amount of their five interests—amounting in all to 6,837 acres 2 roods. I put in a conveyance.

I have been trying for several days to arrange with the non-sellers for the subdivision, but they refuse to give the area which I claim as justly due. We have agreed as to the direction the dividing-line is to take; it is shown in pencil on the plan endorsed on the deed put in. (General direction of line east-north-east to west-south-west.)

Some of those who now refuse to sell have received money direct from the Crown on this account.

I know the whole of the block. The southern portion, which I ask the Court to award to the Crown, possesses no special advantage. The northern part would indeed have been preferable, but the Government waived their choice in consequence of the northern part being contiguous to the other Native lands.

Three of the five non-sellers are present.

Raimona Petera, as representing the non-sellers, desired to cross-examine.