

Saturday, March 16th Court opened at 10 A.M.

Mereana Waiti's claim resumed.

Claimant points out her land on the Pink lot & Plan. Wirema Ngamoko, I belong to the Ngatimo tribe. I am unable to point out the land on the plan. It is through her ancestors that the claimant is entitled to the land. One of the boundaries is Mataka. Ohia is another. Mapou is one of her lots. I am unable to tell whether the land marked on the plan is Mereana's. Here is a small lot.

The boundaries consist of Mapou, Mitapukia, Kiropango, Mataka, Panepoaki, then continues across the river Ohopotaka to Hinote range & in Ohia then to Tukerohou on the river, then down the river and across to Te Tutu at Kiropango. Te Mapou is a separate lot.

Witness does not know size of land. Is acquainted with Mohi Tukitaki. He is a thief. I call him a thief because he disposed of the land without my permission and made away with all the money. He owned no land. His mother was taken as a slave and he himself was born in slavery at the Bay of Islands.

It is not right for a man to sell land without the permission of the tribes. A sale of this kind would not be held binding by the people. No one had a right to dispose of any of Mereana's land.

I am not aware whether the land was sold privately to the Commissioner. Saw some of the payment. It was sold by the elders. I was a boy at the time. Do not know the names of sellers.

When we understood how land was disposed of in other localities we discovered that we had been duped and we repurchased the land. Each hapu recovered what land they had sold.

F. H. Beerston. I made a survey of the land colored pink on the plan. I have been employed by the Govt and am a licensed surveyor. The boundaries were pointed out to me by Tiwai and another. The upper part is 972 acres, the lower —

^{which} this country is very good being well wooded and watered. It has a few swamps and is watered at more than 200 acres. The upper portion is about 3 miles distant.

Mr. Cairns

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Marsden

Mr. Wilson

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Mr. Wilson

Had valuable land in the other colonies. Have long
land but not at Opoitiki. The land here abounds in
high grass. Did not cut lines round it but merely ran
the chain over it. Did not give an exact survey. Has
surveyed for Government. Have surveyed at Opoitiki
the above survey was inaccurate, instrument being out
of order but used chain with a d. Mr. White went over to
land with me

Mr. Marston

This lot consists of 1519 acres which I surveyed.

Mr. Wilson

Revisi Rangimatahaka, I am a Whakatane
chief am acquainted with Meriana Waiti. Know
all the claimants at Opoitiki. The land
I map belongs to Meriana. I can name the lots I will
tell you whether her land is large or small. In Napier
Matahara, Haponga are large lots, the last having
a wood in it. While Ochi is a small lot with wood,
and running through it. The land is excellent. In Napier
is a separate lot and belongs to claimants

Mr. Maize

Place claimed through ancestors, Panniomaroma,
Tamaahitu to Hape down to herself. No one else has
a right there.

Mr. Wilson

Matahara belongs to claimants. The lot on the shore was
cultivated. She worked by herself. The Meriana was
her but the cultivation amounted to little or nothing
says claim to Napier through ancestors. Meriana's
was included in mine in the sale to the Rev. Mr. Wile
by my father. This lot was three years in the hands of
Europeans. It was Mr. Burrows who first spoke to me
about the land. The Committee resolved that the land
should be offered to us. Mr. Burrows asked "I
come to offer you the land for £300." I said, I have no
but he said and he said "good." I gave him possession
of the £300. The Committee said the price should be
£300 (£100 in money was given to us in the first place
for the land. —

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Takahi gave one horse. Hap
Tukuru 1. Teina Mother 1. Peri 1 Cow Horitama
gave 5 horses. Peri Te Maipi was killed by the Ara
at Te Anau Te Otua. (He shot Toke Te Uruoqi.) St.
Te Tamahi fought at the Gouta against the European
I gave six horses. Gave Meriana's land. Teipua's horses
Mr. Burrows. Hekara gave a horse. Tehoe 1. Tukawa 1
Te Kanapia 1. Teana 1. The tribe to which I belong fought
against the Government. Hekara, Teipua Te Hoe (White)
belong to my tribe. (They are the latter did not fight.
He has been dead a long time. He was my uncle. I am
of opinion that I should have a piece of that land in
return for my six horses. Should have more than he

who only gave one horse. The land which was purchased from Mr. Burrows began at the Panipook. Runaki, Rukimui from thence to the stream by Irohanga then to the burial place on the beach and then on Pakihia then up the Harato to the Panipooka. Merena's parents resided at Mataka which was used as a fighting place against our relatives regarding the land. Mr. Giff Mataka to proceed to Waiwira and Awawakine. This was long since. Merena worked at Mapou, Mataka, Wairopu and another place. These lots were all separated. It is now four years since. I am not very sure but it was before the fighting. Merena's claim is just.

Te Awani Am a Ngatiwaka chief. Am acquainted with claimant and the location of her claim. Am aware that Mataka, Mapou, Irohanga belongs to Merena. Her land is on both sides of the river part of which is good and part bad. The eastern portion is bad. Claimant through her ancestor Panioniamama, Tamatikau, she slips down to herself. She resided at Mataka, Koropanga and Ahuwaia, these are all the places I am aware of. The lots claimed are hers only.

Mr. Mair

Mr. Mair

Mapou is not clear there being no names on it. Claimant's land is not in one block. One block is by the sea and another inland. I cannot decide the distance in miles. I have land next to claimant at Mataka. Am not aware to whom Otaraki belongs. Do not know to whom it belongs particularly as there are many owners as it is owned by the Ngatiwaka generally. Am ignorant of the divisions (it is within the claim as shown on plan) but able to define the upper boundary of Ngatiwaka land.

Mr. Mair

Know it is Merena's land.

Tieri. Acquainted with claimant. Am not a chief. Claimant is one of my tribe. She is of high rank and descended from chiefs. Am not aware that claimant is married but am aware she has been living with Europeans. She has been absent from this place three years. Do not know how long she lived with Johnson. She has not been 15 years away. She went away before the war began. Resided in an island. Am aware she has put in claim for land at Opohiti. I have resided at Opohiti. Have a knowledge of the claims here. Know Merena's lots. Have no idea of maps but know her boundaries. Panipooka, Koropanga form the east side. Not able to say whether large or small. There is timber on it. Claimant's land is that block. Do not know how far it runs east of the river. It takes in some timber and that side and is partly good and partly bad. There are some swamps. She derives her claim through her ancestors.

There have been no disputes about her right to the land. No one was entitled to dispose of her land.

Mr. Meier
Mr. Wilson

Claimant owns three lots, Te Mapeu, Matapukerua and Matatapu which are three distinct pieces.

Matapukerua has not been cultivated by claimant for three years. Tairua and Ngaitima planted and cultivated there at different times.

Pissie lives at Apuriti. She belongs to Ngaitima tribe does claimant. She has been in New Zealand four years was married to a man of the name of Johnson. They live in Auckland. After being married two years he died. She has been married two years to Bennett Whitehead left this long before the fighting commenced. She is chief's daughter and is entitled to land. Know the name of her claimant. Know her land on plain which is a large including a wood. It crosses the river to Rangikapakapa to Parapara and to the Tutu and down to flow from thence to Matatapu dividing at Panipoko to the Tutu then ending at Rangikapakapa. Te Mapeu separate lot of hers and commences at the beach continues to Whenua Karangi. Am ignorant of the eastern boundary. No one was entitled to dispose any portion of this lot. The tribe would not consent to without her permission. It is usual to allow others to work the land. Erecting houses on it would not impair her claim. Claimant has never given up part of her land which is of good quality.

Mr. Wilson

Claimant gave Mr. Burrows one third in payment the share of the land she formerly had. The first he was a European. Ngaitima owned the Hauhau pa Te Mapeu as well as the horses there. They lived there a three years. Their living there had nothing to do with the war. Am not aware whether Te Awania was at Te Matapukerua.

Mr. Meier

The claim was not affected by the sale of the land.

Norman, belongs to the Ngaitima tribe. Reside at that locality belongs to Ngaitima. Te Whenua and Apuriti claim Panapoko. We have had a dispute about that place. It is usual for Maoris to place others on their own land in order to cultivate it. Title of land is not impaired by allowing others to cultivate.

Mr. Wilson

It is essential that parties occupying should be reminded of the ownership of the land. I would not lose the land if absent five years then on his return he found people working there and some claimed they would behave well to him and he would obtain his father's land. Do not know me

much about Opehiki. A chief named on the land would have a claim if his father was placed on the land by the owner. He heard chiefs of Ngatiwhakaia are Ketutake, Rangimataitua, Te Awani and Te Atia etc.

Mr. Munro

do not know human's ancestors.

Court Adjourned at 2 P.M till Monday, 17th inst

Monday 18th March, Court Opened at 10 A.M.

Mercana Wait's case resumed

Mr. Munro

Mr. Hooper, Surgeon Am acquainted with this district being the owner of some land in the neighbourhood. Know the land about the second bush and am of opinion that it worth on an average about £1 per acre. The land is of easy cultivation. It is very good land. Does not require manure. I am of opinion that it will prove productive. Cannot state whether it is better than Auckland land. I believe the freight to Auckland is 50¢ per ton. Do not know whether the land is as good as that at Howick.

Mr. Wilson

Consider £1 per acre a fair value to place on the land. The land on the other side of the river is not all so good. If there was no one here to cultivate the land would be valueless when in possession of the Maori. Had been a farmer for a short time in New Zealand. If only £4. 10/- or £5 could be got for potatoes it would not pay to cultivate them. Do not know if there was any market for land before it was allocated up to the present there has not been any government sales. There can be no fixed rate for land. Land is of as much value now as when confiscated.

Mr. Munro

I have been here for about 18 months. Am unacquainted with the previous value of land in the district. In the habit of buying potatoes here. Have paid at the rate of £8. 10. 0. Do not know if they export to Auckland at that price.

Mr. Wilson

At the present time Bennett White. Value of potatoes in Opehiki £9 per ton. Bought and sold at that price at the present time. May be sold for less by other parties. Do not know of a contract to supply Govt at 6/- per cwt. Have given 7/- lb and sold at the same rate.

Claimant's case closed

Reference

H. Wriggs. I am a surveyor and am pretty well acquainted with the land. In order to survey land correctly you must cut lines. Unless that were done I should not call it surveyed at all. Am aware that Mr. Bursland surveyed for Government. I have looked across of his work. Some of the lines agreed with the field but have discovered an error of 10 acres in a 500 acre block.

Mr. Granston

It would depend upon the nature of the country to take a survey without cutting lines. He surveyed about 8 miles. There were errors in the bearings and area of Mr. Bursland's survey.

Wi. Teria. Am a chief of Ngatiwa. Am acquainted with portion of the land about Papiroka and Ohia. It is the property of all Ngatiwa. Am acquainted with the whole of Ohia. Am acquainted with the piece belonging to Te Awanui. Poroua is the property of Ngatiwa. Lies by the river.

Mr. Wood
Mr. Granston

Most of the land there belongs to Ngatiwa. Land may be cultivated by a man who is not the owner. Ohia is the property of Te Awanui.

Mr. Wood

Wi. Kingi. I am the chief of Ngaitai. Am acquainted with the claimant. She has not been long with B. White. Her first husband was Tiwai. After that she was married to a European. She had another man. His name was Te Kahi. He is in the bush. After him she married Bennett White. She was along with Te Kahi before the last war. Motives attracted Te Kahi. A portion of the Whakatane fought the Europeans at Tauranga. Am acquainted with the Ngatiwa hapu. My White has some connection with them. Am acquainted with the lands of Ngatiwa. The land in the vicinity of Papiroka is the property of Ngatiwa and Ngatiwhare. The whole of the land coloured pink on the plan does not belong to claimant. She may possess a right over a portion of it. I have never seen her working there. She may perhaps be a chiefess. Taijua is a chief. He is her nearest relative. The whole of her people would have a claim. A woman's claim is always less than that of a man's. It is my opinion that, since Meremua is the sole one belonging to her. Hapu who is not compromised it has been arranged that the whole of the land should be represented as hers so that some of it might be got back from Government. Taijua was in the habit of coming here to make arrangements with Meremua about claim. He lives at Tauranga. Am acquainted with Moko Witiatahi. It was settled at first that he should claim this

land that he became compromised and that was abandoned. The papers sent to Government were not seen by me. The various places named or claimed (129) were the property of the hapu as well as those not claimed (94). That land is not the property of Mereana and Moki but belong to Ngatiwaka and Ngatiwhaka. All the tribes on the Coast were aware of the sale to Rev. Willson and it was only in this court that I heard they were not satisfied with it.

Mr. Marsden

I am a chief of my tribe. 30 years ago they were a large tribe. About 20 years ago we could muster 100. At the same time Ngatiwaka were 100. The whole of the Whakatohea might amount to 400. Te Wherangi of Apurua mustered about 150 men. My recollection goes back 15 years. A party of Whakatohea went to Opapa. They did not cut down trees at Tarakaka. Can I collect their planting at Kaiwaka. Te Awarua possessed himself of land at Opapa and cultivated there but we destroyed the crops. This began the disturbance in that quarter. A large piece of land cannot be held by one person. I bear testimony to what I have seen and heard within the last fifteen years. Claimant cannot be the owner of all this land. I know it cannot be claimant. I form my opinion on Maori customs.

Mr. Williams

Henri. Te Rau. Am acquainted with claimant and her tribe. Do not know the other side of Opurua. Am acquainted with the lands about Motepuku and Te Maipou. They are the property of Ngatiwaka and Ngatiwhaka. Ngatiwaka are connected with us. About 50 of them are living with us. We are kind to them because they are our relations. The claim now before the court is the property of two hapu. As much land could never have belonged to claimant. She may have some lots but I do not know them. I can recollect claimant living with Te'ai and Te Haki. Te Haki is in the bush. He is with the Hinemau. He is in part Whakatohea and in part Ngatiwaka. Know that Teipua is closely related to Teipua. I believe the claimant imagined that as she was living with Europeans she would be able to give the land of the hapu. Here is a large claim. Ngatiwaka and Ngatiwhaka had had a pa near Te Maipou. I never saw claimant living there.

Mr. Marsden

She (Mereana) sought to know her own claims. I would know my claims in a division of land in my tribe. An air and she lived with a man of the name of

Johnson. Do not know how long she was married to him. One individual cannot have as much land as claimant. Doubtless she has a claim to part of the land. We were Kingites. Do not know how long she has been married to Bennett White. Do not know Matakas. Do not know Koropua. Am acquainted with Ohia. Do not know who cultivated. Did not see the cultivations.

Mr. Wilson

Tivai Pihana. Know Matapuketia. Have seen the mother of claimant working there formerly. Accompany claimant, Jaipua, Te. Ana, Moki and yourself across the Otara River. I have looked over the land claimed. Know that his wife Eriapeta, Hemi Manahi Ngamako, Matui and others (list of names near town) these are all Ngatipuhia. Another list these are all Ngatipuhia.

Mr. Mansford

Belong to the tribe that owned this land. When Moko lived here it was a large one. Every man had a portion of land. A man of Wharara often owned a considerable piece. Some had large and others small lots.

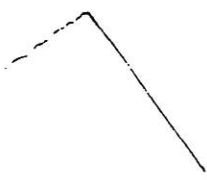
He (the claimant) has a right to claim a piece but not so large a lot as is shown on the map. Know that the title being at war could not know much about each others boundaries. Am of opinion that Kingi does not know anything about the boundaries. He has a right to the land claimed by Meara. Found what I have heard Meara has put in a claim to the same land as Kingi. That was because of jealousy but he attacked opposing his claim to Opa.

Mr. Wilson

Ngatipuhia lands extended from Kipipara down to Otara to Panipara then to Wairua and back to Kipipara. They included part of that claimed by Meara.

Waka Renera. Am acquainted with Moki but when Mr. Wilson first went over Otara I went with him. Did not cross the river. Stood on the opposite side.

Raperi. Am a chief of Ngatipuhia. Am acquainted with the Whakatapu. Know the land but do not know the boundaries. Do not know Moki's land if possessed of a great deal of land he would have heard of it. The claim is a large one it might include the lands of two or three hapu. The piece from the beach to Ohia is a large one also as large as a tribe would own. Do not know the land in Whakatapu. Know the fern hills about Kipipara. That part from there to the Panipara there would be sufficient land for a tribe. That land could not have been sold by a single individual it must have been the work of a tribe. Several parties own this land.



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C. R. Jeffs. Reside at Apotiki. Know the land well. Know of several transactions in land here. Hughes sold 80 acres in Penslem's survey for £100. It is very good land. March 11th D. Hughes bought 50 acres for £40 in Blake's survey perhaps 2 1/2 or 3 miles by the track, very good land. Howell bought 50 acres for £25. Mr. Roubottom sold 50 acres for £20. He had sold 80 acres for £70, adjoining Capt. Brodie's. Matapuketia is not worth near £5 per acre. Can buy much better land much cheaper. Would buy half the land here at £1 per acre. Know many transactions in land here. Think 18% about the average.

Matapuketia is worn out land. Covered with shingle or ducks. Would not give £1 per acre for Matapuketia. Know nothing of former value.

Council for claimant. Know that town acres have been sold, one by Roubottom for £5. Have not heard of one being sold as high as £28. Belier's Lieutenant Turner sold his acre for £45. Acres have been offered to me for £5 or £6.

Ranapia: Recollects going with Mr Wilson to look at the boundaries of claimant's land. Showed the boundaries to Mr Wilson

Mr. Marston Am acquainted with Merena's claim. Know the amount of land she claims. Know a piece outside of boundaries does not belong to her.

Mr. Wilson Claim was sent in to Government in Merena's name and Moki Wikihiti's name. He has been compensated for his share. He received £120 for his share. £20 being for Moki.

Case Closed.

Claimant has provided a claim to part of the land. Award will be made at a future time.

Mr. Marston In Merena's case for Matapuke the following evidence was taken regarding value and area.

(Claim 40) March 19th 1867 Court Opened at 10 A.M.

Merena Waiti's claim. Matapuke

J. H. Burslem. I am a licensed surveyor. Made survey of Matapuke. Consider £5 per acre to be about its value.

Mr. Marston Area of land 12 acres. 2 natives pointed out the boundaries. Mrs White was with one at the time

Mr. Wilson It is close to the town. The land is good, it has been under cultivation. The actual value is £5. Not as many town allotments. At present it is covering. Part of the land is gravelly, part good soil. It has cropped but do not know how many years. It has been cropped for the last two years. It is not subject to floods. Do not recollect seeing docks on it. As clear as any land hereabouts.

Mr. Marston J. H. Burslem. It would make a valuable site a gentleman's residence.
Case Closed.

Wakata. Belong to Ngatima. Also the wife of Dr. Agassi
 My claim is Manamata. The claim is by this. It extends
 to Liwai's claim. The land is long and narrow. My father
 resided on the land. It is many years since he died. I
 claim through an executor, Te Kereina.
 I have seen my father work there. His name was Te Keta.
 My father and other were Ngatima. My only relation is a
 sister. She is staying at Teneu. Am not aware that she
 has been a Haubani. When Mr. Wilson was killed I was
 at Opaia. Was at Tereu when the troops landed. Went
 there along with Te Aina and Papa Kakaia. Am not
 aware whether my father was a chief or a slave. No other person
 worked there. Cannot say how many baskets of seed would
 be required to cultivate it.

Mr. Wilson

Pine. Know Manamata. It is a long piece but not
 large. It is Wakata's. She inherits it from an executor.
 Wakata worked there. Her father worked there before her.
 No other person has any interest in it. Claimant has no interest.
 She ploughed the land herself with horses. Wakata's parents
 died many years ago when she was an infant.

In my estimation the land about the Priest is a small
 piece.

Murema Ngamoko. Know Manamata. It is a large
 piece (agrees with plan produced) It is the property
 of claimant. She inherited it from her father. They
 both worked there.

Mr. Wilson

Claimant has a sister, Kote Pake, lately returned
 from the Haubani. Wakata was there when the troops
 landed. Her sister possesses no land about Pakoaki.
 Claimant was the only one who worked on Manamata.
 The rest of land belongs to Teneu.

Note by Mr. Blair. This witness is evidently a great liar.

Piakaia Teneu. Am acquainted with claimant.
 She owns land in Opaia at Manamata. It does
 not extend to the river. The land on one side is Te
 Aina. When she was a child claimant worked there.
 Claimant has a sister, Kote Pake. Her land is about
 Koropara and Kohipara.

Mr. Wilson

Kote Pake has a claim at Matapuka. Mr. Ringi
 brought her from the Haubani. Looking at the case in
 the town I should say there are 2 1/2 acres in the
 claim now before the court.

Te Awanui Know Manamata. The boundary
 beginning at some distance from the river runs by the
 swamp and then crosses to Te Aina. It is the property
 of claimant. Claimant has lived there with her husband.

Mr. Wilson

Towards the sea it is bounded by a flap bush. The inner boundary is a low flap. Am unable to say whether there are one, two or three acres. Heri worked on one side. The whole Ngatia gaher worked in Aia's pine. No other person claims along with Wakata. During her absence the land was not cultivated. Claimant used to work at Te Taumata o hin kwe and other places.

J. H. Beers Esq. Am a surveyor. Made a survey of Wakata's claim. Nine acres in extent. Claimant showed me the land along with the witnesses Pini and Wi Nyamoko. The ground seems to have been cultivated. It is in the Commercial township. Am ignorant of the Government reserved price. It might make a good millrace.

Mr. Wilson

Am not aware what would be the cost of a millrace. The mill would work both ways as the tide flows there.

Claimants Case concluded

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Pewiri Moka claim at Waioteka. Belongs to the Ngitira. His boundary begins at Maroreiri, Potohuka, Otareparai, Taumata, Pohakatu back to Maroreiri. Another lot begins at Tarupua, Otaraoro, Whare o Kamati, Te Kupenga, Kerokimo ending at Tarupua. Another begins at Te Whare o Kamati, Te Wukowhichu, Te Mapaka, Kerokimo back to Te Whare Kamati. Another piece begins at Te Ahikoaupapaku, Ngahinawhau Koti, Te Patapi, Parawerani, Te Kitiawa, Te Pofihua ending at Te Ahikwa. Another piece begins at Maoriwai, Apsapa, Otamapaka, Te Kakaho then follows the river to Apsapa. Another lot begins at Marikirahi, Tasmuresai, Te Parawani back to Marikirahi. Another Maori piece. Hairuru, Mihi marino, Kee tapoupepe, Te Ahi take take, Te Pa i tutakaro. Te Uenuariki and endo.

Another piece. Romatahi, Karuka, Te Papa, Kowarui, Mutahana, Te Pukenui, Araara, Papapinga tahi, Oporo back to Kowatahi (& lots)

Claims through my another and my ancestors. All these lots are mine. No other person has a claim. Was born at Waimata, Bay of Islands. Had been backward and forwards six times. Excepting small lots these lands have not been under cultivation. They cultivated without my permission. On one piece timber was cut for a church and a vessel. Some of the lots are on the flat, others on the hills. Some are rocky. Have seen the bush lands.

Mr. Wilson

My claim is for 8 pieces. My father was from Ngapuhi. One other from Ngatia. Father and mother were sold ~~by~~ ^{to} the King of Islands natives. Mother was taken north and on an island to Moka. I returned with the boat at hand when they came back from slavery.

The Whakatohea after being beaten went scattered all over the country. Was at the North during the fighting here.

Mr. Wilson

Pahiriki. Known claimant. He is a near relation of mine. The lands are his own. We Tira has land at Pahiriki and he but they are quite distinct.

Mr. Wilson

Have lived for a long time at Wairoa. (List road) There are Ngatira. And acquainted with the boundaries of the Ngatira land. (Points them out on the map) Claimant's lots are all within those boundaries.

Maunipipo (Case closed)

No witnesses called for the defence

Judgment for claimant for a fair share of the land of Ngatira.

Case 7:

Hana Arapeta. Belong to the Ngatira and claim land at Wairoa named Wakatapa o Hawaiki, Marowaiwai, Matakeman, Papa Hara, Huriroua. Four lots. These have all been worked by me with the exception of Marowaiwai. That is the largest lot. I claim from my mother. The land descends to her from her father. When the pauhau came I left Otago. I went to Whangarei.

Mr. Wilson

There is timber on Marowaiwai. I did not cultivate it. Timber for a church was cut there. Had no brothers or sisters. Have no near relations. My husband belongs to Te Whanau Owaro. We resided at Wairoa. We were here when Mr. Volkner was killed. My father came from Taranaki. The 4th lot is in the township.

Mr. Wilson

Heuri Moka. Am acquainted with claimant and know her land. Part was cultivated and part not. They are solely hers. She has part of Marowaiwai. Claimant may have been married for about 10 years.

Mr. Wilson

Matua. Belong to the Ngatira tribe. Am acquainted with claimant and know her land. There are four lots. Three of the lots are small the fourth is large and has timber on it. The land belonged to her mother.

Mr. Wilson

When Mr. Volkner was killed claimant and her husband were living at Wairoa. All the tribes of the Whakatohea went to fight the arava. The strong men belonging to each hapu went. Claimant's husband went to fight at Riwiti. Am not aware whether he went to fight at Matua. After Mr. Volkner was killed they went to the Eastward for safety. Claimant came here in the youth force. I was engaged.

Hukana Acquainted with Hana and know her land. Have seen her at work on it. Her lots are small except Munawaiwai.

Mr. Wilson

Was at Warioke when claimant went Eastward. Husband did not go to Maiketw to fight. He went to Rowiki. Claimant has been on land a long time. Were married when witness was young.

Mr. Wilson

Wi Teria Know claimants land. The lots are very small except one. No other person has any right to them. Claimant and husband lived a long time at Warioke. Was not regarded as a Hakatohe. When Mr. Polkner was killed they went to the Eastward.

Claimants Case closed.

No witnesses called for the defence.

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Hirini Karaka. One lot at Ohewa, it commences at Tokitiki, Te Puncawai Wharaiti, Kahuta per, Waiomae. Another piece at Waiakutaitoi, Ohe, Metakan per. Two lots at Wawitā, Te Terata and Otarawa. In all four lots. Land belonged to his forefathers. Inherits from a paternal ancestor Weberaraiti, Kōtikoti, Tauruhimaiti, Kairiā Ruri to Te Hone who was my father was born here and had lived on the lands claimed. Belong to Ngātira. My father also lived on the ground claimed. Have been residing at the Thames. Did not live constantly on my land but came here occasionally to look after it. My absence to see after the land and died here.

Mr. Wilson Pehimana, the other claimant, is not here. He belongs to the Ngātira tribes. His mother was from Ngātira. (She was called Hia). She was made a slave at Te Papu. My father and another died at Waioteka. I was taken in slavery at Te Papu. Was always coming and going till the war began. I first returned a year or so after the Whakatohea came back. On my return the second time the Revd. J. A. Wilson was here. I often came after that. Pehimana was also here. The Ohewa claims includes the whole of the Ngātira land at Ohewa. It was the property of Kōtikoti. Kōtikoti had younger brothers Kairuhimaiti was one of them. Heard of Manutahi. Perhaps he was another brother. He is in Pehimana's claim. The Ngātira claim from the whole three Rewiri and Wiriā are my cousins. Pehimana's brothers are dead. It was about 2 years before Mr. Volkner was killed when my son died. Am unable to point out the Ohewa land on the map. The Waioteka lots were not much cultivated. Yesterday I heard Rewiri say that Maraeu belonged to him. It is partly his. One side belongs to him. Am acquainted with Tamihana who lives at the North Shore in Auckland. Tamihana has no claim to Maraeu. He is a descendant of Kōtikoti. Tamihana's land is at Waioteka. Otarawa is a small lot.

Hoana Belong to the Ngātira tribes. Am a cousin of Pehimana. Meretai Te Aua o utuā, Tikahā, Pōkete, Te Hāpuru, the Keraka the owner of Meretai the other lots belong to me and Pehimana. Waiwhaka taitoi also belongs to me. The Pōkete has a claim. Te Terata belongs to myself and Pehimana. Kōtikoti is another lot. Wiriā Karaka is a cousin of mine. The whole of my claim from Kōtikoti. Otarawa as far as Te Puni also belongs to me. Claim from Kōtikoti. Reside here and at Waioteka. Hāututu to Te Hāpuru is also ours. I have left out some pieces on account of the title fighting (having fought) against the Government.

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson

Further belong to the Ngātira. Another Ngātira. I am the wife of Kōtikoti. Born at Whakatohea but have lived here for a considerable time. The lands belonging to Manutahi are quite distant from those of Kōtikoti. From Te Terata

to Te Raia the land was Kōhikōhī. Pehimana's first name was ~~Wharua~~ Wharua. An ignorant report of the sale of Te Hikutia and the lands of Maratāi.

Reuiri Meka. The two claimants along with Hoana are the owners of the land claimed at Ohiva. The outer part Maratāi belongs to Karaka. Te Anamūtāi is owned by Pehimana and Hoana. Their claim extends to Waipapa. Karaka claims Maratāi.

Mr. Wilson

Do not know anything about the sale of Kauhakōhī. Karaka has not spoken the truth respecting Maratāi. The land belongs to me and not to him. He has taken his own word what Karaka stated.

Mr. Mair

Wi Taria Maratāi belongs to Karaka. Te Anamūtāi belongs to Pehimana and Hoana. Tege to Paimini. Also through Kōhikōhī. It is through Kōhikōhī that they lay claim to Waikōhikōhī. A small piece at Te Tūtā belongs to Hoana. She has also a piece at Ohawa along with Pehimana. A piece at Te Māpōi belongs to Hoana. For Karaka owns a piece at Oharua.

Mr. Wilson

Kōhikōhī had 3 children. Karaka is descended from Pehimana and Hoana from another and I am descended from the third. Kōhikōhī's descendants are numerous. The various branches unmarried Ngaitama and Ngaitara pieces Karaka. The land about Maratāi belongs to the claimants and Mura and Taipai. Shukati was a part of the Ngaitama and Ngaitara.

Claimants Case Closed.

Reuiri Metanika know Ohiva. The Whakatohe have land there. Tāwhiri belongs to them. Ngaitama, Ngaitara have claims there. Ngaitara have also land both on the eastern and western sides. Maratāi belongs to them. Hokiangā is owned by the Ipihōriki. I have seen Pehimana and Hoana in this place and am aware the claims at Maratāi.

Crown Agent put in a copy of deed to show that Waikōhikōhī had been sold.

Te Awanui. Am familiar with the places claimed at Ohiva. Am of opinion that they belong to Ngaitara.

but have not seen them living there. It is only now that I heard that claimants were the sole owners of that land. Ngatira might have been living on the land although I did not see them.

Hoana, recalled: Have a small piece in town where the canoe stands and another piece south of the town where Mr. Wilson's house is. On the return of the Whakatohu my mother lived on these pieces. She cultivated them. I am the sole owner.

Maunui, lit is on one side and Peirri's on the other side of piece. I do not claim through my ancestors. Have had 3 disputes about the land.

Pateriki Hoana used to cultivate the land when the canoe was on stands. When they came back to Opeke he mother took that piece. I saw no other one cultivated there. Each one had his or her own piece. Her mother had another piece across the canoe bridge.

Claim through my ancestors as well. Mother and myself lived on the land in question. Am of opinion that all the land in that part of the town belonged to Ngatira. The piece of ground on which the Church stands was disposed of by Ngatira to the Rev. Mr. Wilson for four blankets.

Matui Have heard that when the Whakatohu returned from slavery each one took a piece of land which they had held till now. Land in question is a small piece. The piece claimed was occupied by mother of claimant.

— Case closed. —

Extract from Mr. Mair's Notes. Judgment. Minemai Karaka and Hoana will get this share of lands of Ngatira

Hoana will get compensation for her claims in the township.

Pehina claims not proved.

March 22nd 1867 Court opened at 10 A.M.

Marston's Claim

Excerpt from
Mr. Harris's notes

Claimant leaves his claims to be arranged by the Crown Agent. Wife knew dead for several years. Died made shortly before her death.
Crown Agent admits the right of claimant to a fair share of the land of wife's title, Ngatimua.

Mita Watene, and others. Opoitiki.

Mr. Henry

Meremana know land in question. Te Pua, Tamureniu and Te Motupoko are situated in the Opoitiki valley. There are six pieces in claim, all large. Remember the names of 5 at Opoitiki.

Mr. Puaia

Claim through my ancestor Paka. He was from Ngahinga, and was my great grandfather on the mother's side. Up to the time my mother was taken into slavery she lived there. Mita Watene lived at the Thames.

Mr. Wilson

Father from Ngatimua. My mother was taken into slavery and I was born in the North. I came here many years ago, the first time I came in a native vessel. Paka cultivated the land claimed. The boundaries were pointed out to me. I know Paka's cultivations. I was born here during Mr. Wilson's time. Cultivated here for three years and went to my own tribe. Te Aira is my sister. I have no brothers. Both Te Watene's father and mother were from Opoitiki. I claim from my mother's side. Mother was taken into slavery. Te Aira has six children. Te Aira was their father. Am not able to recognize my claims on the map and cannot state the boundaries of the Waikanae claim. Tamureniu is about the wood close the other. Know that all the land about that part belongs to me. Opoitiki is on the other side of the river. Possess no claims beyond Tamureniu. Te Waikanae East of Tamureniu.

Mr. Puaia

Meremana Taiarii (claimant) know land claimed. Do not know the boundaries of Pua. Know Paka's road. Claim through ancestors. Mother's ancestors. Am ignorant of the names of many of the claims. Mother and myself lived on them. Hemaima, Ani Te Potehaka, Te Anupia, Te Kawa, Tawhara, Te Au all claim along with me. Likewise Meremana and Mita Watene.

Mr Wilson

Tamihana has a piece apart from mine.

Mr Gray

Mr Brown

Tamihana. The claimants Meremā and Meremā have a right to the land in question. I have seen them on the land. Their statements are in part right and partly wrong. Te Pūia belongs to Te Aira and Meremā, so does Apwāpo. Wāhira and belongs to Meremā. Pūkukūtia is some 25 miles inland. It is Meremā's. Tamurouia is a boundary of the Ngaitama and Ngaitiāhā. Meremā and I have Te Pūia. Wairau is Te Aira's. Meremā and myself have Te Motupoh. Pūwha is Wāhira's as well as Wāhira's. Te Pākira is a considerable distance inland as is Tangatutu, Te Aha etc Aha and Motu. It would require two days to reach there. Last claim is outside of the boundaries.

Mr Wilson
Mr Gray

Claim some of the aforementioned places myself. Claim through ancestors.

Te Aira. Te Pūia belongs to Meremā, Meremā and myself. Claim through ancestors. I have seen the claimants at work on the land claimed. Apwāpo belongs to me and Meremā. Wairau is mine. Te Pūia is Meremā's and mine. Motupoh belongs to Meremā. Pūwha is Aha's. Wāhira is Meremā's and Aha's, so is Tamurouia. Wāhira is Meremā's and Aha's and Meremā's likewise Te Pūia, Tangatutu, Pūkukūtia Te Aha etc Aha and Motu are far inland.

Mr Gray

Land in question was under cultivation.

Mr Blair

Wāhira Meremā know claimants and the land in question. Te Pūia and Apwāpo are Meremā's, so is Wairau, Te Pūia and Motupoh. Pūwha is Meremā's. Wāhira is Meremā's. Wāhira is between the claimants and Ngaitama, so is Tamurouia. However, Te Pūia, Te Pākira, Tangatutu, Pūkukūtia and Te Aha etc Aha and Wāhira are inland. Claimants title to their lands is through their ancestors. They worked on their lands.

Mr Gray

They claim through their ancestors and I have seen them working on the land.

Claimants case closed

Defence

Mr Wilson

Te Kani ariā known Wairau on the East side of the Otara and above Matapuka. Also know Te Pouga (Matapeke) Newka, Tamaremei, Wahiuru (Witness points out these places on the map.) Do not understand part of claim on map. Cannot speak about Te Puia and Apoapo. They are situated on the Waioika side. Te Puia is Hira's. Have seen Ngatingahau cultivating at Wairau. Mueana owns. Oeloha. Waka Kuru looked after Whienu. She and her mother went north. Te Puia cultivated at Te Pouga.

Mr Leary

Claimants were never in arms against the Government

Mr Wilson

Arapeta. Know Te Puia. It belongs to Hira Te Poro.

Apo apo belong to Te Puia

Case closed

Excerpt from Mr Mair's notes

Mita Waiene no claims. Meremana has proved a small claim to Ngatingahau land and Mueana Hauaenu has proved a claim to fair share of Ngatingahau lands.

Mr Mair

Mr Mair

Mori Petero, claim Waioeka. Claims from ancestors through three generations down to my mother, all belong to Ngatingahau. Was born in Bay of Islands. Came here when I was about 7 years of age. I lived on the land for some years and then went back to the North. I then came here again and lived at Waioeka. Mother has been dead two years. Died at Opehiki. Do not know the name of all the claims. Wharitekopou, Te Whakamauere, Tuhua, Otara — these are all the names I remember. There are several lots.

Mr Wilson

The names in the claims include all the lands of Ngatingahau. There are pieces of my own within those boundaries

Mr Mair

Tuhua was a claim given to me and my husband and children. I have six children. We lived there six years. Then went to the Wairau, Auckland. We built a house. It was destroyed by the troops.

Case closed.

Excerpt from Mr Mair's notes

Claimant to receive a fair share of the lands of Ngatingahau

Claims of Watawa Tumu & others. Pakowhai.

Claimant. Belong to Ngaitama tribe. Claim all the land between the two rivers as far back as the confused boundary. Pehanga, Hakawai, Kiekie & Ngaheraka have also a claim. Some of the claimants are dead. The others are alive and will give evidence. Claim through my ancestor Rongomai who through 4 generations down to myself. Father, Ngaitama. Mother, Teina Ngaitama. The land at Hauraki which belonged to my father is mine. I was born there. Have made 8 visits to this place.

Mr. Mair

Father Tama was a chief of the Ngaitama. Have no brothers or sisters. Mother has no relations in Orotiki. She was taken into slavery by Ngaitama. She is dead. The other parties named in the claim are only witnesses.

Mr. Wilson

Te Ranapia Claimant from Ngaitama. The claimants statements are correct. He had the Orotiki tribe was beaten therefore came to claim his land. He has pieces within the boundary, Otamerakapu, Tehiria, Mahimua and Te Urua to Kuku. Tumu has claims at all these pieces and it may be at others.

Mr. Mair

Have seen claimants mother. Do not remember her name. She is a connection of ours.

Mr. Wilson

Paura Tiaia Claimant has a share in Mahingaia, Takiriatu Te Pehanga matia, Pakihi toki, Whaitomuri, Peraunui, Otamawairangi and Poutangata. Have seen her but not his mother cultivating these lands. Have heard that his claim was from Kapuranga. Have heard the old people say so.

Mr. Wilson

The descendants of Kapuranga are Tuihana, Tuiwai and Miriamu Makawa. Claimants branch is the principal one.

Wahana Tuiwai Know claimant and is aware that he has a share Otamerakapu, Pakihi toki, Whaitomuri and Koko. Do not know the names of some of the small claims. Claims through his mother Kairaki. She died at Hauraki. Claimant usually stays at Hauraki but he frequently comes here. Have seen him at work on the land.

Mr. Mair

Wahana Paki Know that Claimant has land at Orotiki valley. He has a small lot at Otamerakapu and another in the bush at the other side of European house. He has several other pieces some large, other small. Have seen him working on 6 of the claims.

Mr. [unclear]

Claimant used to work with Panepia and family: Panako, Hura and others. Kie Kie was at Hauraki.

Mr. [unclear]

Revia Ngaitama tribe. An. related to Wataana. Claimant owns land at Otamarakapu, at Mahechured, Pahitotoki, Takirata, Te Whataiurau, Whaitonui, Haraunui, Poutangata, Otamarawainone all small pieces. Have seen him working on the whole of them. First time Wataana came here do not know how long he remained.

Claimants case closed.

March 23rd 1867 Court Opened at 10 AM

Wataana Turua's case resumed.

Mr. Williams

Martin Te Hika of Ngaitama. Know some lands of Ngaitama. Sent in a letter to show my claims in order to prevent others laying claim to them. They are forfeited for my crime against the Europeans. Claimants piece at Otamarakapu is very small, only large enough for house. A considerable number of persons live there. I have seen Turua and wife working at Mahechured. She is half Mahechured. Recalled having seen Te Hika at Rangitikei working at Haraunui. He is an ancestor of claimants. He is the Rangitikei of Ngaitama. Also an arguer with the Teira of Ngaitama. Belong to that tribe myself. List read over to witness. There are the names of Ngaitama. Map shown to witness and he describes part of the boundaries of Ngaitama.

Pahiriki of Ngaitama. Know claimant. Have seen him here before, this is his second visit. Was living at Hauraki when he came the first time. Sent in a list of my claims to prevent others from getting them. They are forfeited for my crime against the Government. Know the boundaries of Ngaitama. Witness describes them. The side of this court lies within their boundaries but belongs to Ngaitama. The side of the Military Township was cut up among the different hapus, Ngaitama, Ngaitama, Ngaitama &c.

Case Closed.

Extract from Mr. [unclear]

Claimant will get a fair share of the lands of Ngaitama.

Kapiriene. Sent in 2 Claims at Whakatana in order to prevent others from obtaining them and out for the purpose of obtaining possession himself.

Wakata, Te Tuatara and other places.

Mr. Main

Mr. Wilson

Claimant: Claim through my ancestor Te Auru. My father as well as myself lived on the lands now claimed. No other persons claim along with me. I also claim Te Wapu. Te Tuatara is at Papakamiri Te Tumu a te Whakapaki. -inga does not belong to me. My claims are on the East side of the Otara.

Mr. Main

Reveri Know Wakata. She has only three pieces Otara. Mairi and Manametu.

Mr. Wilson

Has no other claims. Did not buy any land.

Mr. Main

Wakata recalled. Claims Wapu.

Wairimu Kingi. Know claimant. Have seen her and her sister walking at Te Wapu but do not know her boundaries. Has seen her lying at other places across the Otara.

Mr. Wilson

Te Wapu is on the beach. It formed part of the land sold by Mr. Burrows to the natives.

Mr. Main

Te Awanui. Claimant has a small piece at Te Taunata a Hinakoe. Another small lot at Te Terepau. She has also a small claim at Pongitahi. Do not know anything about her other claims. They are all to seaward of the Panipaka.

(Claimants Case Closed)

No Defence.

Richard Brown
Pa. Mairi's sister

Will have a small share in lands of Ngatitika.

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March 25th 1867. Court Op. ev. d at 10 A.M.

(Claim 1867) Kepa Toihau and others. Claim from my ancestors
 Tairua, Aniwahe, Tukokoke, Tamate and, Taihikana
 Kuratā piniangi, Wikaputea, Hapanga, Tamakaha,
 Tamaka, Tohotū ururangi. Te Wai Op. has to Toihau
 my father. I claim through these ancestors as well as
 through war. Have lived sometimes at Whakatana and
 sometimes at Ohewa. At the time Europeans first came
 to this neighbourhood I was staying at Ohewa.
 Between us and the Whakatana's there has been a good
 deal of fighting about Ohewa but it has never been
 taken from us. I fought against the Whakatana's
 in my father's time

Mr. Main

Mr. Wilson

I recollect when the Rev. Mr. Wilson and the
 missionaries first came. I was then living on the
 Uretara island and at Ohewa. The Whakatana's
 were living at Opehiki. The Upokonehe had not
 gone to Hokiaia island. We took Opehiki in the
 fighting. The Whakatana's want to Whakatana but
 they did not take the land. Am willing to leave the
 ancestors on our side. I have fought against the
 Government. Was at Maketu and the Potoiki to
 fight the Arawa. I stated to you at the meeting at
 Whakatana that the Ohewa River was my boundary.
 You said a portion of the land should be set aside
 for Ngatikokapu and Ngatewharepaia. Will not
 consent to Whakatana's claim.

Te Opehiki. I claim on two grounds, through my ancestors
 and my strength in war. My ancestor was Hapanga spoken
 of by last witness. He begot Te Kapua, Rangatohia itiki,
 Te Hikamaroke, Paka, Hatua, the Tukoke and myself.
 Have been concerned in the war about Ohewa as Kepa
 stated. The fighting ended at Te Papa. When it was
 taken they fled to Whakatana and other places.
 Ngatini fled to Ngatipora who took their side. Toke
 they attacked Te Whanau o Apunui at Marau.
 The refugees then fled to Omara. After this Ngatini
 went and took that pa. The rest of the Whakatana
 went to Turanga. Kepa Toihau afterwards brought
 the Whakatana to Opehiki and settled them here.
 He also brought the Upokonehe back and settled
 them at Waiohaki. At that time it was a rule that
 a man put on land in this way had to pay tribute in
 food to his benefactor. If he paid it to others he
 would suffer for it. In the time of your ancestors

Mr. Main

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There were many disputes about Ohiva. A pa would be destroyed and people were killed on both sides but the land still continued to belong to Ngatiawa.

At the time the Europeans came Ngatipohokopu held Ohiva. The first European who lived at Ohiva was Lt. Kati. Kipa settled him at Hokianga. Kipa at the same time brought up Koraha from Haurake and settled them at Hokianga to raise food for Lt. Kati. Titokoa principal chief of Whakatohia went to Hokianga and likewise planted food. He proposed to Kipa that the East side of Ohiva should be left to him while Kipa should take the West. This was agreed to. They cultivated

two years. Two years after the arrangement had been made to Kipa sold Hokianga to a European of the name of Monkey for a mare called Piti. The Whakatohia's upon hearing this went to Hokianga and destroyed the houses. In return Kipa and Kawakura burnt the Whakatohia pa at Onkawa and destroyed the crops. The quarrel then ended. The third European who came was Nicholas. He lived on in Matarua. He bought it from Lt. Kipa for ten shirts. The Whakatohia's had nothing to do with the sale, they were against it. Ngatipohokopu lived there. During the shark fishing season the Ngatiawa joined them. When Nicholas went away he left the Island to Thomas Black and his. When his went away he left it in charge of Kipa. From the time Papa fell up to the present the Whakatohia have never crossed the Ohiva for the purpose of cultivating food.

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Titokoa and Parauran chief of Whakatohia took Mr. Shortland to Ohiva and allowed the boundary to be marked. Titokoa was not aware of this. When Mr. Shortland showed the papers to Kipa he tore them up. The Whakatohia's disputed about the boundary and said they should remain as before. After Mr. Shortland's time Ngatiawa and Whakatohia came to Ohiva to catch sharks. They had some dispute about the boundary. They held a meeting at Hokianga. In this case he and collected the Whakatohia's. They crossed the Ohiva, 400 strong during the night and conducted pako. Kati brought the information from Hokianga and Lt. Kipa sent Mr. Mearns to propose that the Papiro should be the boundary. To this the Whakatohia's objected. When they went but they wanted to kill Mr. Messers Smith and Clarke were then sent for who, having heard both sides decided that the river at Hokianga should be the boundary. The Whakatohia's were still dissatisfied and having sent to the King W. Thompson and gave his decision in our favor.

When the war began Timoni was deserted by the
Whakatohia who went to fight against the Emperor

Mr. Wilson

I believe that we have a superior claim to the
Whakatohia to Timoni, Whakatohia and Ngati
have both sinned against the Government.
I have related the history of Ohia as that matters
be understood and that he may get a share of it.
Mr. Wilson's father was the first who brought horses
to Ohia. There were many horses here before the man
came. I think Ohia claim the horses right
claim at Ohia

Ohia Kerei Kawakura Claim through ances

Tai I am a Kerei line to Pahi to use
Matiaata to Te Koko my father. Also claim by
in war. I have cultivated at Hokiang and
many other places but not on this side. When you
I lived with the Europeans at the Bay of Islands. On
my return to Ohia I found Ngatihokapu
Nicholas was there at that time. I lived there five years
with the Ngatihokapu. Afterwards went to Whakatohia
New Zealand the Whakatohia cultivated on the East side
of Ohia. Lived for about 12 months at Whakatohia.
Then some disputes arose and I was sent for. Had the
Whakatohia lived for any considerable length of time
on the other side I would not dispute their claim.
The river at Hokiang is the boundary. I claim
from my claims to all beyond the river in order that
a portion may be left to me after a portion has been taken
for my claims against the Government.

Mr. Wilson

Two tribes living on beach Ohia. (Prove names of
Ngatihokapu and Ngatihupai. The whole of the
On this coast have sinned against the Government
Te Rohikohi, Paia, Apamahi are the only people of
Ngatihupai who have not sinned against Govt.
Wi Hapa, Takotohira, Hara and Patea never fought
renounced Christianity. Tebunaki looked after the
property of the Catholic priest. Am not aware whether
Karanema went to Whakatohia to fight. Kapiha was
sent in the claim so that Government might know
who are the owners and to prevent others claiming it

Aetaraka. Remember the time when my father placed me at Ohewa. I lived at Tokitoki and Hokianga. Cultivated there. After it was sold to Wirimu Maki I went to Te Urewera and have remained about Ohewa ever since. My father lived and died there. My line of ancestors is the same as Kapa's. Heard from my father that I had a claim to the land through these ancestors.

Mr. Wilson

In former times there was fighting between Ngata and Whatatoha respecting Ohewa. I fought for the King at Rotiti and Maketu but I never became a Hakaanu.

Kepiha Te Pono I have heard the old people say his ancestors and father lived at Ohewa. They held it before wars. They often fought for it till my time. The other claimants have given the history of Ohewa correctly. I possess a claim there too.

Mr. Wilson

I have never been a Hakaanu but went to Rotiti and Maketu to fight for the King. Kereama went there also. Am ignorant of what took place at the meeting at Whatatana.

Mr. Meair

Kereama has no claim to Ohewa.

Hori Kuni I claim on two grounds, through my ancestors and my strength in war. (The same evidence as that given by Te Pono.) I lived at Te Erua a Muri. I pushed there as my ancestors did but I did not cultivate the land.

Mr. Wilson

Am a Tureenite. I went to Te Awa o Te Atiwa for the purpose of making peace with the Arawa after the fight at Te Kakaowā and burying the dead.

Hohia. Agree in part with what the last witness has stated. I claim Ohewa through my ancestors. In the wars about Ohewa I was ever ready to support Te Kapa. I came with Reihana and endeavoured to make peace with the

Whakatane

Mr. Wilson

I am an assessor at Whakatane and was there during the difficulties about connected with the Haudana. Matau, Tam and Waka Kahaki and Hori Tumu did not fight. They were out in arms against the Govt. Hori Tumu had gun powder in his office. One cask was taken to Whangamui by Matau Rata and given to Tumu. Pota took the cask from the top at the Mill. Do not know if there were three casks. The powder was in George's box. It got wet and had to be dried. Heard of full-wards that it was given to Rata.

Mr. Wilson

Kaperiere agree with George's statements regarding his claims to Ohiva. He has a claim at Ohiva

Mr. Wilson

Went to Whangamui with Rata. Was taken a prisoner at Wairoa. He took one of the casks of powder belonging to Hori along with our party. Pota took it. Saw them drying it one day. Saw Pota attending to it. Did not see it the day it was taken

Mr. Wilson

There were five casks taken altogether. Rata owned 2. Haka 1 and a bag, 1 from Rata and a bag, and 1 from Pota.

Tamanohowaka Through my ancestors I have a share at Ohiva. Fished for sharks there. Did not cultivate. Kipa took charge of the land. Boundary of Ohiva is at the river. Precedor was murdered at Auckland.

Mr. Wilson

Even when we fought against Kipa he still took charge of Ohiva for them. The powder at the Mill belonged to one and Hori. 2 casks were wet. Pota took it. Mr. Wallis hid the powder. It was dried. Titipua came to Whakatane in order to get guns wherewith to fight the Europeans. He obtained 3 or four from Ngatiputika. Moki gave a gun. Thomson gave another. Ranipika gave a musket. Has one cask of powder at Whakatane bought it from Thomas. Bought 4 casks at that time. Paid £2 and £8 each for them. Got 30 bars of lead.

Hori Kerei Kawakura. Went with the party to get possession of the canoes belonging to the Whakatohea at Te Awa o Te Atua. Saw George and Hori there. The Arawa had broken into Mr. Grace's house and some of us also broke into afterwards. Some of the goods were planted. There were some testaments. These we divided amongst ourselves. Flax too was taken and cooked by the party. Some wine which I saw at Hori Tunnis' house at Whakatana was said to have been removed from Mr. Grace's house. Maki took the wine. They were drinking in Hori's house and they told him the wine came from Whakatana. Did not see Hori drinking the wine. Found a saddle in George's house. He said his saddle was not in the house.

Tiopia I was along with the party that went for the canoes. We camped on Ohau. Could not trust the war party. Hori was one of them. That party broke into Mr. Grace's house. Arawa said not to plunder the house. When the expedition returned they brought the boats and canoes with them and gave them to the Whakatohea. Turkehu desired them to leave them for the Arawa but they would not listen to him. There were one or two boats and 5 canoes. Arawa has destroyed the rest.

Rewiri Rangimataheke. Those claiming Ohia have no right to it or Whakatana. They belong to me. My ancestors owned Whakatana. Ngatiawa ought to return to Rangitiki where they would have been by the time but for the Europeans. The statements made by claimants and their witnesses are not correct. I saw Apanui among the war party that went to Maketu he returned from Te Awa o Te Atua Wepiha proceeds on. I destroyed Kipi's crops at Uretana. Nicholas was the first European there.

W. J. J. J. I claim for three reasons. Whakatohea boundary is Pukemai. When I say the Whakatohea have three reasons for claiming I say and three great ancestors. Kingi and Hauhanui both came to us from

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Ngatikawa. When the troops came they deserted
us. Let their land go to pay for their sins and
our land for our crimes. Kereopa was brought here
by the chiefs of Ngatuewa, Apanui, Kapa, Apanui &
Wepiha, they all went to fight the Pakehas.
Apanui came back from Awa^{atua}. His son was
on. Awa is mine. If Ngatikawa have a claim
Ngatikawa and other tribes would have a claim
also.