

O A M A R U A N D T A H O R A

B L O C K S

Native Land Court Minutes
1888 - Opotiki

**Transcript of Judge Wilson's notes on 9th August 88 in re
Tahora No's 2 and 3.**

Rakuraku. states that a surreptitious survey has been made of the country from Waikaremoana, Kahikatea, Waiotahi, Te Kahoroa, Waipawa, at Wairoa and at the Ngati Kahungunu country, and further states, I don't know how far else to the South. We (Tuhoe and Te Upokorehe) claim a very large part of this land, and Ngati Kahungunu own the Waipawa land I think. I claim that this land shall not be heard.

Tauha Nikora. Objects that the ownership of this land is unknown, and therefore it is right to have the land surveyed.

Rakuraku to Judge. This surreptitious survey was made at the instigation of the last speaker.

Tauha to Judge. A survey has been made.

The Court. It was only on the 7th without that application was made for permission to have a survey made. Therefore if what Tauha says is true the survey has been made without permission, and the surveyor has rendered himself liable for breaking the law.

Tahora No.2 and 3

I dismiss these claims Nos 8 and 9 on the application of Rakuraku for want of a plan, and because the survey, if any, has been illegally made, and because no one, man, or no one party, could claim to survey this large territory.