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Sub-No.
114/93

Maketu P. O.

Jan 13th 1942

Chief Surveyor
Lands & Survey Office
Gisborne

Dear Sir

I wish to state that a most extraordinary position has occurred in connection with a piece of land I purchased from the Native owners twenty years ago - This was a property comprising about twenty acres on the Eastern side of Hiwarau A block. I received a notice from one of the Hiwarau Maoris stating that Hiwarau A Blk was being partitioned, and that there was no record of my piece being on the A Block in the Maori Land Board Office. I wrote to my solicitors and they state that my piece is on the Western side of Hiwarau. I distinctly remember being shown over by the Owners Wiremu & John Rimika. As the property was within a stones throw from the sea, I purchased it. Mr Reardon & Clayton did the survey

~~Chief Surveyor~~

W.P.
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I now find that I am paying rates on B. 3C
There is no doubt some clerical error on
the person who drew up the deed. In the
first place I don't ever remember signing
for a deed, and at the present time I
have been informed that the deed cannot
be found. I take the word of the
Opotiki engineer & the Clerk. They are
of the opinion that my property is on
the Eastern side - I am enclosing a
rough sketch for your perusal.

I received two or three notices re
my property from the deeds office in
Gisborne re valuation but did not
reply as I thought my property was
outside the Gisborne area. I now find
that I am practically on the boundary
of ~~the Gisborne & Opotiki~~ ^{Whakatane & Opotiki} ~~and~~ ~~Opotiki~~. Have been paying
rates in Opotiki. I would be grateful
if you could straighten out the tangle

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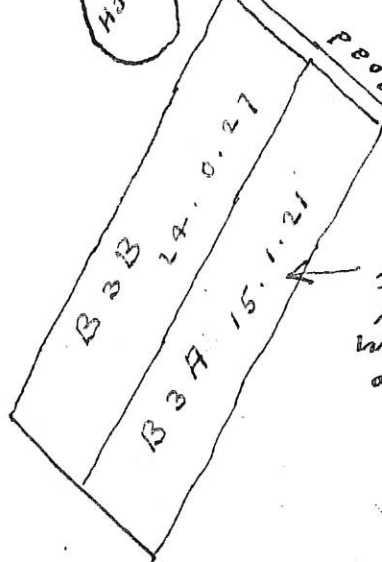
I am
yours faithfully
Arnold J Harris

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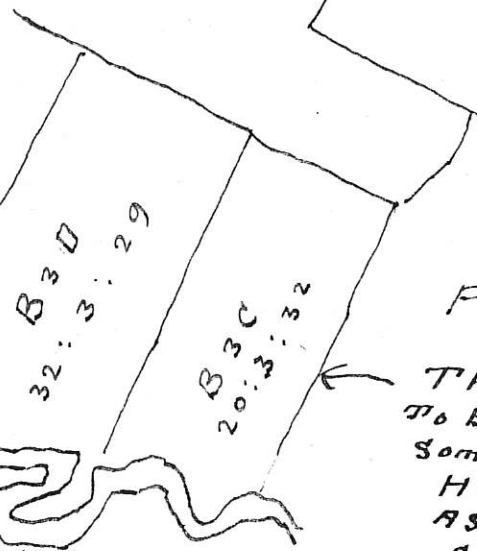
Ohiwa Harbour



Wrote to Opatiki Council
on various times to open
this road
Surveyed Road



This is my selected
piece 20 years ago.
Went over with
owners agreed to
buy.



Nukuhou Sea

Pt Hiwarau A. BIK.

This piece is supposed
to be mine, through
some clerical error.
Have never seen it
as it is on the western
side, with no road

GISBORNE, 20th. January, 1942.

Mr. Arnold T. Harris,
c/- Post Office,
MAKETU.

Dear Sir,

re: Hiwarau B3 Subdivisions.

In reply to your request of the 13th. instant relating to the above, I have to advise that I have completed an exhaustive search of all records in the Land Transfer Office and the Valuation Department, and I regret that I am unable to furnish you with very satisfactory results.

There are no deeds or certificates of title, covering the subdivision in question, registered in the Land Transfer Office.

The only pertinent information I am able to supply was secured from the records of the Valuation Department taken from their Assessment of 1939. The details are as follows:-

Hiwarau B3A: Area 15 acres 1 rood 21 perches.

Owner or Occupier: Tame Hape of Kutarere.

Hiwarau B3B: Area 20 acres 3 roods 32 perches.

Owner or Occupier: Arnold Theodore Harris, of Maketu.

A complete history of all dealings relating to the Hiwarau Block is no doubt available from the Waiariki Native Land Court at Rotorua, and I would advise you therefore, to communicate with the Registrar for further information on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

A. L. P.
CCL of Chief Surveyor.

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Hiwarau B3C, 20:3:32
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The above data has been compiled from
Valuation Dept. Records. Assessment of 1939 -

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