

Opotiki 7th March 1940.

J. Harvey, Judge.

- 4OB. Hiwarau Block: Application under Section 38/1931 for amendment of an Order dated 2/9/1881 appointing successor to Mere Katene.
- 4OC. Hiwarau Block: Application under Section 38/1931 for amendment of an order dated 15/3/1904 appointing successor to Maria Watene.

Mr. Hislop: The two deceaseds were full sisters and consequently the two cases can be taken together.

Mihirangi Kotu sworn: My mother was Erana Akeake - her father was Wi Akeake - his father was Te Kohoki. Te Kohoki's parents were Hinetahi (father) and Kuratakiwhara (mother). Hinetahi had three children - no - only had one child. Had two children - Te Kohoki and Rahi Kohia. Rahi had Maria Takere and Mere Katene. Maria Takere married Watene and became Maria Watene. Both Mere and Maria are dead without issue. Te Kohoki had:-

Te Ani Akeake
Wi Akeake
Kaumaiwaho Akeake
Irihapeti Akeake

Irihapeti had issue - two only - both dead without issue surviving them.
Kaumaiwaho had no issue.
Te Ani had one child, Kokere, now dead - had no issue.
Wi Akeake had

Erana Akeake
Hoani Akeake
Horopapera Akeake
Patuwhare Akeake
Timotimo Akeake

Further descendants are set out on record.
Both Maria and Mere lived with me. When they died the Kotu family paid all expenses. The Mokokoko family did not pay any of the expenses and did not come to the tangi.

Hapua Apanui for Albert Mokokoko xxd. I have been drawing rent money from this block. I considered the Board was not paying me properly.

Mr. Hislop re xd. Mere Katene Tanaropaki was a different person from Mere Katene. I was still small when this one died. I think she was dead before this land was given back to us. I knew Hiro Tipa. Her father was from Tauranga. Irawaru was his name. Her mother's name was Rahapa Pawhare. Tikikini was Hiro Tipa's mother's husband - second husband. When Tikikini married Hiro she gave birth to Paki Pueru.

Rahi Kotu sworn: Hinetahi was Wi Akeake's father. Te Kohoki was Akurata Kaiwhata's son by Hinetahi. I made a mistake. Hinetahi - Akura Takaiwhara had two children Te Kohoki and Rahi Kohia. Rahi had Maria Takere (married Watene) and Mere Watene. They had no children. Rahi Kohia was a woman - do not know name of her husband.

Wi Kohoki had

Ani, Wi, Irihapeti and Kaumaiwaho, four in all.
Irihapeti had two children

Wera Talkete
Tu Kariaha.

They died leaving no issue.

they should be attacked now.

Only evidence is of two old ladies. Memory of Mihirangi is intermittent if not faulty. We remember their brother Wi Kotu - active minded and acquisitive by nature. Inconceivable that he would have let a thing like this pass. We submit these two ladies were near relatives of Tikikini father of Hiro Tipa and that it was with knowledge of all parties that orders were made as they were made. Wi Kotu was not an easy going person.

Reports to be made.