



This is a photo of one of the early pas up the Waioeka and is thought to be one of Te Puia pa, as the nut pole mentioned by James Cowan is plainly visible. This pa was near the scene of the Wanganui Cavalry charge against the Hauhaus in October, 1865, and together with Pa Te Tarata and chief Hira te Popo's village (now Waioeka pa) is sited near the mouth of the Waioeka Gorge. These pa sites were visited by the Whakatane Historical Society under the guidance of the Opotiki Society in 1969.