

REFERENCE FOR TAPE CASSETTE: R.T.90.9 SIDE ONE

Speaker: Mereaira

We're on Traffords Hill at the moment, Opato stream is just down below.

The time is 2:43

Speaker: Mack

... trout.

Speaker: Mereaira

What mountain trout?

Speaker: Mack

Yeah (muffled korero) might be all, the flood might have washed them all out but there was a few up ... up Opato anyway (muffled korero. Moonui valley straight ahead, straight up.

Speaker: Mereaira

What's it called?

Speaker: Mack

Moonui valley.

Speaker: Mereaira

Moonui.

Speaker: Mack

(muffled korero) It's still the Waioeka ... I think it's still the Waioeka, and you get this one here, Opato coming into it.

Speaker: Teriaki

On this is Opato over here.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah this is Opato.

Speaker: Teriaki

It's bigger over here aye ... at Opato? ... it's bigger over here, more water flowing.

Speaker: Mack

That's the Waioeka that one.

Speaker: Teriaki

It goes up to Moonui.

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Speaker: Mack

Yeah (muffled korero) ana te awa o Waioeka.

Speaker: Teriaki

That Wairata got a bigger attachment aye? ... bigger water ... alot of water in it Wairata.

Speaker: Mack

A narrower ... when you get in about 8 miles.

Speaker: Teriaki

It seems to be more volume of water, Wairata

Speaker: Mack

Gerrards bridge.

Speaker: Teriaki

He used to be a roadman here, Pahikara Gerrard.

Speaker: Mack

Pahikara?

Speaker: Teriaki

Yeah, they named that bridge after him. He's a maori fella, whose the one in town ... married Claudes sister? The one that married Claudes sister next to the garage ... Gildo ... Gildo.

Speaker: Mereaira

Sandys bridge. Can't remember what the maori name was?

Speaker: Mack

No ... (muffled korero)

Speaker: Mereaira

After Jacks mimi, we're on the road again. Just crossed over Mananuku bridge.

Speaker: Mack

(muffled korero) Omokoroa, Wairakau.

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Speaker: Teriaki

Wairakau.

Speaker: Mack

That's why I say very seldom ... know much about the area places like this from here to Mata... But they used to run away and come out to Moonui and head into ... right through to Gisborne that way from Wairata. Raids on Maraetai this is where Maraetai areas are. There's a cemetery up the top there.

Speaker: Teriaki

Up where these pines that area.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah, very tapu up there.

Speaker: Teriaki

Is ist a maori one or ...

Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... It's a maori one. Kei runga ra te Urupa.

Speaker: Mereaira

Can we stop here? We'll stop here for a while aye?

Speaker: Teriaki

Mack can tell you the story.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... well you know where we come through ... just as we come up on top of the hill, back there ... that's where that first fella was killed, Coleman, and as we come down ...

Speaker: Claude

Where's ... there was just three I think.

Speaker: Mack

George Kahika, Hau Coleman and Puhī Campbell.

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Speaker: Claude

What about that fella that got killed on a motorbike they don't ...

Speaker: Mack

No ... no they don't.

Speaker: Teriaki

It's only the workman working on the gorge.

Speaker: Mereaira

This plaque was unveiled by the Hon. W.S. Doseman. M.P. minister of works and chairman of the National roads Board on the 15th of December 1962, to mark the completion of the reconstruction by the Ministry of Works, of this highway, through the Waioeka Gorge and in remembrance of Hau Coleman, George Kahika, Puhirake, Huritu Campbell who lost their lives in the course of this work.

Speaker: Teriaki

Hau Coleman of Ngati Rua, George Kahika of Ngati Ngahere and Puhirake Campbell of Ngati Rua also. His mother is a sister to Rahia. Two Ngati Ruas and one Ngati Ngahere.

Speaker: Mereaira

We've just passed over the Omauroko bridge.

Speaker: Mack

Coming around to the Hapia ... Te Hapia ... see that narrowest part of the gorge where the river used to ... where the ... as far as the ... whitebait used to come. Te Maahine o Tamatea.

Speaker: Teriaki

How far is that away.

Speaker: Mack

Just around the corner.

Speaker: Teriaki

We can stop and let us ...

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Speaker: Mack

I'll pause ... then I'll pause ... right up into the early sixties ... The Ministry of Works ... my uncle and old Frank. One o'clock or twelve o'clock ... one time I went down to the river to dive in the holes for eels ... big eels here this is the Hapia.

Speaker: Teriaki

Is this how far the whitebait come?

Speaker: Mack

Yeah, see the narrow part used to be the narrow part there. It was shaped like a woman or a girl.

Speaker: Teriaki

That one down there?

Speaker: Mack

The narrowest part here ... this is it.

Speaker: Mereaira

Is that where they blasted it, to try and get more inanga.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah. They tried to make the hole bigger so ... oh well, the Ministry of Works opened it up. Yeah just that part the narrowest part of the gorge. The whitebait never used to get there, it was sort of a waterfall there.

Speaker: Teriaki

Te Hapia

Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... Te Hapia. That's why I say, we should come here and put names up aye? for these places get the names up.

Speaker: Teriaki

Yeah, a sign post there Te Hapia.

Speaker: Mack

This is where the whitebait used to come. Yeah ... I was diving for these

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eels and anyway I got two big ones. Two bloody big eels, or they must have been about ... fairly long aye. They were big as. And I strted to get this other eel and I see it and I come back out for some breath. Dive down again, she disappears so I ... and this other eel had a big yellow head ... so anyway I couldn't get it. By the time I look around for another place, I couldn't find anywhere else, so I come out. I gave up. One o'clock I had to start work. My uncle woke and he seen these eels hanging up, I said well we go back there's some big eels down there. Another one it's got a big yellow head. He told me to liave it alone ... oh well I didn't know. He was telling me ...

Speaker: Mereaira

And what was that a kaitiaki?

Speaker: Mack

He was telling me we've got enough, no I didn't know... I didn't. Yeah some sort of thing and he was playing with me.

Speaker: Mereaira

That's Oponae on the corner.

Speaker: Mack

They used to have their lookouts down here you know, now there runners. They used to just run back to Maraetai to all those fellas. Well they've got a lot of time to get going aye. Before all the troops get up there.

Speaker: Claude

Who owns this Oponae now, big house up there.

Speaker: Mack

I don't know who owns this place now. See all the building gone aye.

Speaker: Teriaki

Yeah just the bridge across to the ...

Speaker: Mack

Ministry homes they've gone ...

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Speaker: Mereaira

Used to be homes across there?

Speaker: Teriaki

By that bridge over here.

Speaker: Mack

Below here is the Karoro o Tamatea.

Speaker: Mereaira

Te Karoro o Tamatea.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah that waiata we've got it on a tape there and Ngapuhi claim it's theirs.
Their song, that moteatea book you got it under Ngapuhi.

Speaker: Mereaira

Yeah.

Speaker: Mack

Well that's a Whakatohea song. Yeah down here Te Karoro the narrow part
of the gorge. There's a rock in the middle of the river there.

Speaker: Mereaira

Tamatea ... which Tamatea? ... from Kahungunu?

Speaker: Mack

No ... Tamatea Muriwai ... Pokaiwhenua

Speaker: Teriaki

Tamatea Pokaiwhenua ... Muriwais husband ... husband yeah.

Speaker: Mack

Our own Tamatea. Muriwais. And up that other stream that's the waiata
stream ... coloured pebbles.

Speaker: Teriaki

That one there?

Speaker: Mack

No the main one back further. There's two streams, Oponae and Waiata. ...

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The main stream goes right in. They used that stream to go back into Tahora back over to Maungapohatu.

Speaker: Teriaki

What sort of colours ... white?

Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... coloured pebbles in that stream ... green all colours ... pinkish. Te Heru ... The comb of Tamatea.

Speaker: :Mereaira

Te Wairere ... Te Heru?

Speaker: Mack

No not that waterfall, that area that's the name of the place. The hill just going around it.

Speaker: Mereaira

Te Heru o Tamatea?

Speaker: Mack

Te Heru ... Tauranga river across.

Speaker: Mereaira

This one

Speaker: Mack

Tauranga stream.

Speaker: Teriaki

Oh ... coming down the next one.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah across the river ... yeah

Speaker: Mereaira

Tauranga.

Speaker: Teriaki

Was there a bridge over here?

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Speaker: Mack

Yeah a bridge down there.

Speaker: Teriaki

Was there a farm there?

Speaker: Mack

Goes right back into ...

Speaker: Teriaki

Back into Waiotahe.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah.

Speaker: Teriaki

Kahikatea.

Speaker: Mack

Goes right in ... right on Te Hapia.

Speaker: Mereaira

Waiotahe, Kahikatea.

Speaker: Teriaki

Was there a farm in there at one stage?

Speaker: Mack

No ... ah... just forest ... goes right in there, then so far in it's forest.

Speaker: Teriaki

And the bridge is along here somewhere.

Speaker: Mack

Below ... yeah that's (muffled korero)

Speaker: Teriaki

What is it a foot bridge, or a car bridge?

Speaker: Mack

Used to be for cattle and sheep. Can't get a vehicle down there. Down here Teriaki is where we get down to Kairakau. Further down Kairakau was a ...

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... lived in place.

Speaker: Teriaki

Stop over place for hunting.

Speaker: Mereaira

What's the name of that bridge up there?

Speaker: Mack

Which one? Oh they call it Grahams ...Grahams bridge.

Speaker: Mereaira

Kairakau.

Speaker: Mack

Ae ... then we go along to (muffled korero) around the corner. (muffled koreo)

Speaker: Mereaira

Who lives in there?

Speaker: Mack

It's used by campers. People use it for camping.

Speaker: Teriaki

There's a pa straight up there on the hill way up there. What's the name of that pa?

Speaker: Mack

Maika ... Maika (muffled korero) see that mountain. Ruahema ... Ruahema.

Speaker: Mereaira

Ruahema Te Maunga.

Speaker: Teriaki

See the pa site up there, but Ruahema is back this other way.

Speaker: Mereaira

What's that one?

Speaker: Mack

All these hills here.

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Speaker: Teriaki

Manahanea.

Speaker: Mack

Maraes used to be on top here ... three.

Speaker: Teriaki

Three maraes. Three pas.

Speaker: Mack

Kaikanohi.

Speaker: Teriaki

Kaikanohi

Speaker: Mack

Yeah this area here. (muffled korero)

Speaker: Mereaira

Kaikanohi. That's that flat bit up there where that little ... and what's this flat down here?

Speaker: Mack

They're all the same ... Kaikanohi flats ... yeah.

Speaker: Mereaira

Gee ... they'd get flooded aye?

Speaker: Mack

Gets flooded alright. Yeah maraes at the top there. Puke nui o raho, is that place there ... Kahikatea.

Speaker: Mereaira

Oh yeah.

Speaker: Mack

Puke nui o raho. And right at the end here used to be a fortified ... a fortified marae ... pa ... pa site just around the corner here somewhere. The only one here that was fortified apart from the one that was up on this top here. There's a bit of a creek come out of here to the side of it.

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Speaker: Mereaira

We should go and have a look.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... yeah in these trees.

Speaker: Mereaira

Is it far to walk.

Speaker: Mack

No you just come to scrub in there. This is all Matahanea ... Matahanea ...yeah, where those trees are, used to be a fortified marae.

Speaker: Mereaira

What do you mean a forty five marae?

Speaker: Mack

Stockades around it. What do you call it?

Speaker: Teriaki

Pa Tuwanawana

Speaker: Mack

Fortified.

Speaker: Mereaira

Oh ... fortified.

Speaker: Mack

Free diving, there's the sun. Omoko.

Speaker: Mereaira

Omoko bridge. Diving for eels?

Speaker: Mack

Diving ... lots of places just up around from Matahanea back to the pa.

Speaker: Mereaira

They spent that much time swimming in the Waioeka, they end up turning the colour of an eel. (laughter)

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Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... oh well in our days, not nowadays kids rather go to a swimming pool. No pants. Not allowed to swim with a pants on here you'll get drowned, if you swim with a pants. Amazing though aye? You know you haven't heard of any kids, locals ... get drowned in this river. Right through our generation, before us. Unless you take some of these streams coming off the river.

Speaker: Mereaira

Who's is that house?

Speaker: Mack

Oh ... I don't know whose house is that. I'll show you something. There's a rock across the river there. Toka over ... There's a rock that comes out of the water. Oh it's buried ... it's buried alright. Hinerae ... that's what you call the rock. And what happens here is the river will come back here and that will be a big island and in years to come that rock will come out again. That's what it's been doing. I don't know how many years it takes. This is all Hinerae, na, you might find a tuna here.

Speaker: Teriaki

Named after a tipuna.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... Way in the back right up on top is called Maraeroa. And as you go along the ridge and come back down ... come back down to there. I'll stop over here. A long climb down to here this is Taawhara ridge. Coming down. This is Maraeroa here. There's a place up there on Maraeroa called Te Nono. There's a Tawa tree there, and the water comes out of the Tawa. It's still ... still in the last five years or so. So you won't see the place up here.

Speaker: Teriaki

There's a house getting built here.

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Speaker: Mack

A log cabin across the river. In the last twenty years up here up the top here you can get a big can about that big and it used to take about twenty minutes to fill with water.

Speaker: Mereaira

The water ... that's that one where the water goes up.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... it goes right up to the top of the hill and comes out through the tree. You see that bit of a washout over there in that bit of a saddle there. Over there used to be a right on the knob there ... there used to be a cemetery there, Upokororo Te Upokororo and up there there's oh you won't see the cabbages tree now. There's a couple trees stand together, up there and they used to a what ... you call across. They used to hang their tupapaku on it.

Speaker:

On the trees.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah, hang them so it will rot over ... they used to have a big hole down below and all the meat would drop away into the hole and they used to take all the bones back to Taketakerau.

Speaker: Teriaki

Oh yeah ... to the tree at the Domain.

Speaker: Mack

Ae ... Te Iwi Kauka. Te Iwi Kauka.

Speaker: Mereaira

Who's building this log cabin here.

Speaker: Mack

Oh ... John Langbeam.

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Speaker:

John who?

Speaker: Mack

John Langbeam, he married a yankee lady. He's sharing the yankee woman.

Speaker:

Oh yeah ... she's got one across the river.

Speaker: Mack

That's it. Rangiheuea ... Rangiheuea.

Speaker: Mereaira

Why do they pick such tongue twisting names.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah I'll say ... real tongue twisters. There's a urupa up there it belonged to the Maikohas ... Te Maikohas I think some name like that you know the ... Te Maikoha that's it. Kei runga na just up on that ridge there. See on that ridge there.

Speaker: Teriaki

Not Te Maipaoa, Te Maipaoa?

Speaker: Mack

No it's not Te Maipaoa, they're from somewhere else. There's a big flat in there. They used to live up in there. In all these places.

Speaker: Teriaki

Minnie Te Maipaoa is you fellas isn't it. You know the lod lady? You know when they were little, Minnie married Jim Watson.

Speaker: Mereaira

Hinerae ... Historic Reserve.

Speaker: Mack

This is all scenic reserve.. That's scenic reserve all behind there belonged to Ngati Ira. Na Hira Te Popo aye. All that hill.

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Speaker: Mereaira

They still won it now?

Speaker: Mack

Oh it's scenic reserves now you know ... they've put it ... reserves.

Speaker: Teriaki

Who owns this maize, you fellas?

Speaker: Mack

Yeah Ngati Ira.

Speaker: Claude

How big is it?

Speaker: Mack

Oh I don't know. That big as you're looking at it. (laughter) Kiaora, Kiaora.

Speaker: Teriaki

Ka pai tera.

Speaker: Mack

Ten acres ... twelve acres I suppose, aye? about ten or twelve acres aye
Claude? or nine.

Speaker: Mereaira

Just passed the Waioeka Pa.

Speaker: Teriaki

Who is this maori fella here?

Speaker: Mack

This is Doc Ransfields son, Richard.

Speaker: Teriaki

He works for Charlie Young?

Speaker: Claude

Charlie Youngs cows. Charlie Youngs got all the maori boys working for
him. Charlie is alright he gives the maori boys a job.

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Speaker: Teriaki

Has Dick Anstis got a piece of land on this side.?

Speaker: Mack

Yeah that's it. Your looking at it. That's the boundary there.

Speaker: Teriaki

Is this Browns?

Speaker: Mack

This is Browns, Dons. This is all MacCallions, all along here. There's the Manakino stream coming from there. Come from Maraeroa, coming out and cross over here. The name of that land Mahuruhuru something over there the name of that land (laughter)

Speaker: Mereaira

What is it?

Speaker: Teriaki

Mahuruhuru ... Mahuruhuru.

Speaker: Mack

This is all Pokia Te Puia flats. Konei te ... this is where that marae was. They said it was the Hauhaus marae over here on these flats. They could hear the fighting going on over there. That's Te Tarata over there. Built on Jimmy Browns cow shed, that used to be the ... that's Tarata. That's where that fortress was. That's where they had that calvary charge, right there, where that cowshed. He's built his cowshed right on the sight. There's some people buried there.

Speaker: Teriaki

So he's got a historic cowshed.

Speaker: Mack

Kiore Kino ... Kiore Kino, that's the name of all these flats here ... Kiore Kino. It all goes down to Te ... ana back home there all that tiana. And all those hills over there Pakauranga.

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Speaker: Teriaki

Pakau Rangi.

Speaker: Mack

Pakau Rangi o Rakau Ranga

Speaker: Teriaki

Pakau Rangi.

Speaker: Mack

Ae ... just where you come off and come off going back ... that's Te Kahakaha. That's the name of that place. And here all these swamps here, comes out in a big circle, the swamps here. Kei roto Huka koina nga ingoa. That's where they are. Kei roto Huka. And going down that road see where that shed is second shed down there ... Panapanapa, koina a Panapanapa. Where we were going to build the meat works.

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Speaker: Mack

Kahutara is back down Guy Nicholls.

Speaker: Teriaki

Oh ... down there, Guy Nicholls?

Speaker: Mack

Yeah ... yeah. That's Kahutara down Guy Nicholls. Ko te Awaroa tetahi waahi. And of course Te Houhi, and all these streams head in there, come out the outlet of Te Houhi ... and you talk about kehuas there was plenty kehuas along this straight. (laughter) The horses used to go flying no shoes on this road, heading home. Kehua starts at Waitangi by the cemetery there. To the left hand side is Te Houhi, to the right hand Te Roherohe.

Speaker: Mereaira

Millstream bridge. Te Roherohe.

Speaker: Mack

Yeah, all this area back towards town here. This is all Te Roherohe.

Speaker: Mereaira

Coming to Opotiki.

Speaker: Mack

Hira Te Popo had his flour mill bought for two hundred pounds, down this road, at the end of this road. This is where he had his flour mill. Down there, Te Roherohe.

Speaker: Mereaira

Opposite factory road ... running parrallel to stoney creek road.

Speaker: Mack

That's the mouth, the mouth of the creek ... of course Waitangi.

Speaker: Teriaki

Waitang ... Waitangi coming up.

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Speaker: Mack

Waitangi. (cemetery)

Speaker: Teriaki

This is Waitangi.

Speaker: Mereaira

Just passed the cemetery. End of journey.

END OF SIDE TWO R.T.90.9