

TAPE TRANSCRIPTION

The following is a tape transcription of a trip within the rohe of the Whakatohea towards the end of 1990. This trip with the Research team was joined by Claude Edwards, Jack Toatoa and Teriaki Amoamo. It started in the Waiarau/Omarumutu area, commenced to Matawai and the Whakapaupakihi blocks ending in a full circle through the Waioeka Gorge back to the present site of the Whakatohea Maori Trust Board building. (Corner of St. John and Elliot Street, Opotiki)

R.T.90.17 SIDE ONE:

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

The time now is quarter to one. Just passed the boundary for Waikohu and Opotiki ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

... soon be lunch Mereaira

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

(muffled) Motuhora is a whale you see (muffled)

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

Marumoko, and who does that belong to?

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

That's settled by a station by ... now it's Whakapaupakihi. That's probably coming to, going to Te Aitanga a Mahaki ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

The railway used to come to here ...

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

... yeah that's right (muffled) Moturoa ...

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

Moturoa. All hill country farming wasn't it. lot of hill farming isn't it ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

(muffled) Where they had their arguments in court. The Motu river was one of them ...

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

How big is Whakapaupakihi Uncle?

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

There's 6, 7 and 5 the blocks ... That five ... is not one of them ... isn't too big ... which one is it ... number 5 ... but they sent us \$50 for a koha for the kai ... but they're still waiting for number 2 ... you know it said one that had no money ... They sent \$50 ... the one that had no money (chuckle) But the other one, that was supposed to be 500 and under ... they haven't sent theirs yet ...

The Whakarau o runga o Tutamure. He saved the people of Ngati Kahungunu from getting annihilated ... so he stopped fighting ... that's the name Whakarau Te Whakarau ora. It come off, I think ... it's Mahaki's son. Yeah ... Mahaki come off Tamataipunoa

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Yeah ... here we are ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

That's Motuhora ...

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

We're over a small bridge at the moment at Motuhora ...

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

... The Railway station. This is all Whakapaupakihi ... I think Whakapaupakihi is to the left too ... as well as to the right ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

I think we'll go somewhere close so we can have lunch. Up further we could have a bit of a kai while you're talking ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

There's Petticoat junction ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

There was about 20 other homes there now all gone! (Chuckle) ... Petticoat junction ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

The Railway came right over to here ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Now (muffled) ... is right in town.

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

Mac pull up, fix the cameras there and have a look

**There was a momentary stop on the side of the road before carrying on**

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

Gee, they've done a good job of this place ... really cleaned it up

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

Who's leasing it Uncle?

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

Mangatu ... See the sheep over there where the bridge is?

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

They're working in the woolshed

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

Yeah ... they're working in the woolshed. This is the shearers quarters here. The shepards ... that's on the Whakapaupakihi land ... the shepards and shearers quarters. That's called Pakihi Station.

**There was a lunch stop at this point outside the Shearers quarters before we carried on ...**

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

Do you fellas know anything about the marae here?

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

I didn't know there was a marae here ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

(muffled) ... Matawai marae ...

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

Meatia mai ano please ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Toru Smith, that's his name ...

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

Toru what?

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Toru Smith ... this koroua, he came from the Matakana Island and he donated this land for the marae. It took them about twenty to thirty odd years to raise money to start it off ... anyway ... the people from here ... the people from here you know like that fella Ginger from Ngai Tai ...

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

Yeah ... Ngai Tai

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Well him ... they had a lot to do with it. Jimmy Apanui ... they had a lot to do with this place ... and then the Barbariches ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI CONTINUED**

they came from Matapihi Tauranga. Ngai te Rangī ... the Barbariches and the Dicksons ... that's where they came from Nga te Rangī and they're all here at this place and so is Tuhoe people there's a lot of them here ... living here ...

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

Is there a hapu here?

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

No ... well they tried I think> I think they had a try ... they're not funded ... but I know they tried. I think they asked Whakatohea eh?

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

I think they sent a letter to Whakatohea but no ... I haven't seen it ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Oh yeah ... they tried to look for help. They're sort of on the boundary here

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

I'd better come up. We better come and see them sometime Mac ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Yeah, they were looking for help. They're not funded you see and they're looking for help ... and I said oh well you can try the

**Speaker: MAC KUREI CONTINUED**

Whakatohea. I don't know whether they did or not ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

No, I haven't seen a letter or ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Cause Aitanga-a-Mahaki ... you know I don't think they're getting no help from there ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

I reckon we support them but but by approaching the Lotteries Board see (Mac cough). Charlie Aramoana he go 30 grand out of the Lotteries Board ...

**Speaker: MACK KUREI**

Well the fella that Kaumatua of this marae is the fella Kerekere ... he use to drive the buses ... Ned ... Ned kerekere ... that's the Kaumatua here Claude ...

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

He's from um thing Aitanga-a-Mahaki those Kerekere

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Yeah well yeah Kia ora

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

Charlie came to see me and so I wrote a letter to tautoko his

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS CONTINUED**

tono ... from the Trust Board ... and he got his um ... (Mac oh yeah) ... I also hel ... Well we did it again for Ngati Patu ... and the got theirs ... 30 grand I think their grant ... Charlie got thirty ... um ...

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

Do they gotta um return that grant ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

No (No) ... all you have to do is um ... (it's better then bliming Maori Affairs grants) ... all you got to is try and illustrate what your marae's for ... um ... the young people association to it and things like that ... sort of ... put a nice story ...

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

That was in the Maspac thing ain't it ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

because down some wheredown Motuhoro you they were living there in it ... they had a sort of marae on that area ... what they ... didn't they ... (vehicle going pass).

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

See that area see these fellas Charlie um Mac

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

In that area where we were Claude?



**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

Where?

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Somebody was saying there they use to ...

**Speaker: CLAUDE EDWARDS**

Which area are you talking about?

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

Motuhora

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

Where Pakihi station where the station was

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

They use to have a marae there somewhere yeah but I don't know where abouts so ... they said there was one there

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

I only heard there was a mill there

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

\_\_\_\_\_ yeah

**Speaker: TERIAKI AMOAMO**

A mill ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

I forget the Kaumatua the where talking about ... but it's from the Whakatohea anyway ... over here ... over here they call the boundary ... Waia\_\_\_\_\_ some sort of rakau roa there one side is the Aitanga-a-Mahaki ... Ngati Porou ... Whanau Apanui ... Ngatai ... Whakatohea ... Tuhoe ... Kahungunu ... cause (muffled) they all riding on on the boundary lines oh this place is ...

**Speaker: MEREAIRA HATA**

Just left Matawai the time is half past two ...

**Speaker: MAC KUREI**

I've been down 3 or 4 times (cut tape).

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**RT.90:17 SIDE TWO:**

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