

Upoko-Rehe

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The ~~past~~ ^{people} known by this name lived ~~at~~ in Waiotake Valley and at Ohiva. They are descended in part from Raumoa, Haeora and Tamatea, an ancestor of Te Whakatohea.

Te Upoko-Rehe were awarded a portion of the Tahora No 2. Block by the Native Land Court. Pahi-rake, Orona, Tuhua and Tokorangi were some of the Upoko-Rehe pa at Waiotake. Tuhua is situated on a hill peak on the left bank of the Waiotake stream. Orona pa is on a spur south of, and near Tuhua. The Wai-whero creek runs between them. These two forts are mentioned in an old waiata song -

Kai Tuhua pea

Kai Orona pea

He kore tangata ki tua

Ki te kope o Tama-tea

Te huna te rawea

te tau mai e ia.

Tokorangi stands on a hill above Wakatana pa on the right bank of the Waiotake opposite Orona. Pahi-rake is situated on Mr Chapman's farm at Waiotake.