

and an answer came back that it was not to be found. Then, during the same day, when the Court was still sitting—it was a long session—a chief of Rangitane called Hanita te Aweawe brought me a roll of papers, and I opened the roll, and I said, “Why this is the missing list,” judging only from the character of the writing. I showed it to Kemp; but by that time I had taken employment as interpreter for Mr. Barnicoat, and, consequently, was treated as hostile by Kemp. I handed the paper in to the Court as being, to my belief, the first list, and the Court received it. I recollect that when I was actually depositing it in the Court, either Kemp or some one came rushing into the Court, and said it was not the list at all, and asked the Court not to receive it; but the Court did receive it. But I must not be understood to vouch for it as the list. But, in my opinion, it was the very identical list made in 1886.

159. You do not know whose handwriting this is?—I do not; the list was on a separate piece of paper; I should not know that to be the list I handed into Court except by that note. I have been given to understand that Aparahaima Puke has been examined before a Parliamentary Committee, and has identified it as his writing. I think it is on Mr. Marshall’s authority that I say this document has been identified by him as his handwriting.

160. *Mr. Fraser.*] Subdivision 7 was cut out for Hoani Meihana, Waata Tamatea, and Te Peeti te Aweawe. Why was that so? Were they *taki kores*?—I understood them to be chiefs having a personal right in this block.

161. And they were to have no participation in any other division?—Yes.

TAMEHANA TE HOIA examined.

162. *Mr. Stevens.*] To which tribe do you belong?—Ngatiraukawa.

163. Where have you lived from the time of your infancy to the present time?—At Poutawhao.

164. Is that near the Horowhenua Block?—Yes, near the western boundary.

165. Did you know the late Te Hakeke?—Yes.

166. Who did Te Hakeke marry?—Kaewa.

167. Who was Kaewa?—She belonged to the Muaupoko.

168. To which hapu of the Muaupoko?—Ngatipariri.

169. How many children had she?—I have seen two—Kaihuna and Te Wirihana.

170. Is that the brother of Warena Hunia?—The younger brother of Hunia.

171. Where was Wirihana’s permanent place of abode?—He died at Horowhenua in 1855 or 1856.

172. Where was he buried?—At Horowhenua; his burial ground is to be seen there now.

173. On which side of the stream which runs out of the Horowhenua Stream is it?—It was close to the Horowhenua Lake; on the boundary.

174. On the north side or the south side?—On the southern side.

175. On the Otaki side or on the Manawatu side of the stream?—It was close to the Muaupoko Pa.

176. But on which side of the Hokio Stream?—He is buried on the borders of the lake.

177. Do you know where Te Hakeke is buried?—At Tirotirowhitu.

178. Where is that?—On the south side of Hokio Stream.

179. When Wirihana died, what age was the present Warena Hunia?—I could not say how old he was; but he was able to run about, and he was stopping at Horowhenua.

180. Did he stop there any length of time, or was he only there on a visit?—He was staying with his uncle Hanita Kowhai. He stayed there a long time; more than three years.

181. What position did Kaewa hold in the tribe? Was she looked upon as a woman of ordinary rank and file, or as a woman of high rank amongst the Natives?—She was a great chieftainness.

182. Do you remember the building of that house called Kupe—when it was built, and who built it?—Yes; I recollect the house, and I know who built it.

183?—Will you tell the Commission, please?—Kawana Hunia built it, and Hoani Puhi, who is here now.

184. What was the object of building this large house?—It was to seize the land from Rangitikei to Otaki.

185. By Kawana Hunia?—Yes.

186. Do you remember whether Kemp was present at the building of the house, and took any part in the disputes?—No.

187. When did Kemp’s name first become prominent in connection with the Horowhenua Block?—From the time the Court sat in 1873.

188. But previously to that, who was the man who took the most prominent part in endeavouring to maintain the rights of Muaupoko?—Kawana Hunia, and his friends Puihi and Hanita Kowhai.

189. Do you know what relation Hanita Kowhai was to Kawana Hunia?—He would be an elder cousin.

190. In 1873, the Court sat in Foxton: is that not so?—Yes.

191. What tribes were present there?—Ngatikahungunu, from Wairarapa; Ngatikahungunu, from the East; Rangitane, Ngatiapa, Ngatipariri, Ngatiwhiti, Wanganui.

192. At whose instance did these tribes assemble?—At Kawana Hunia’s. I did not hear this from outsiders; I heard it from Kawana Hunia himself.

193. For what purpose did these tribes come? Did they come to assist the Ngatiraukawa’s claim?—They came to help Kawana Hunia.

194. Who was Kawana Hunia helping?—Muaupoko.

195. Were you in the Court at the adjudication of this block of 2,000 acres, in 1873, at the time the list of names was read over?—I was present conducting my claim.