

tion with Orahiri Block, at Otorohanga Block, in 1888. A number of the divisions of the Otorohanga Block were completed by the Court at Otorohanga, and the balance of the divisions, including Tapuaehounuku, were adjourned to Kawhia for hearing on the 2nd January, 1889. During the hearing—as to subdivision some of the Native owners intimated that they wished to cut off a piece for Tawhiao, and on the 15th February, 1889, two or three owners appeared in Court at Kawhia, and applied to have a portion—namely, Tapuaehounuku, the boundaries of which were set out by Matapehe—set aside for Tawhiao. On the 18th February, 1889, Matapehe handed in the name of Tawhiao Potatau as sole owner of Tapuaehounuku. An order was subsequently drawn up and signed, and dated the 15th February, 1889.

The applicants contend,—

1. That no order was finally made by the Court, the entry in the minute-book simply stating, “Tawhiao’s name handed in and read out to Court.” There is no note of objectors being called nor any note that the order was made.

2. That it was not intended to award Tawhiao the whole Block of 4,780 acres, and the owners who appeared before the Court at Kawhia had no authority to agree to any such award. It was intended to allot him only 500 to 1,000 acres.

3. That the balance of the block, after cutting out 500 to 1,000 acres for Tawhiao, should have been awarded to the owners of Otorohanga No. 4, which adjoins Tapuaehounuku, and to whom the land really belonged.

The applicants were not aware until recently that the order had been finally made.

The applicants therefore claim to be entitled to shares in the said block, and hereby make application that the said order of this honourable Court be amended accordingly.

Dated the 9th October, 1909.

Application declined.

JOHN HETIT and Others

(By their Solicitors, EARL and KENT).

(Translation.)

Mangonui, , 1909.

Mr. Jackson Palmer, Chief Judge, Native Land Court.

FRIEND,—Greetings. I hereby apply, under section 39 of the Act of 1894, for a reinvestigation by the Court which will disclose the error of a decision given by the Court on the 9th October, 1869, in awarding to Wiremu Hopiona the interest of my father, Ngatawa Panakauere, *alias* Pene Karauri, in the land known as the Mangataiore Block.

The said Wiremu Hopiona is not next-of-kin to deceased; on the contrary, he is entirely an outsider; whereas I am the actual and only son of Ngatawa (the deceased). Ngatawa married Ramari, and I, Huirama Ngatawa, am their child.

I was very young when my father (Ngatawa) died; then Wiremu Hopiona applied for and was awarded the interest of Ngatawa (in this land).

When I became matured I applied to be appointed successor to my father in the Mangataiore Block. I made application in the years 1888, 1890, 1891, and 1892.

On the 22nd June, 1892, my applications were considered by the Court, and, as it was found that the interest had already been awarded to Wiremu Hopiona, the Court struck out my applications. As I was at that time ignorant of the provisions of the law, I neglected to follow the matter any further. To-day, however, I have been advised to proceed further in this way. I therefore now apply under the provisions of section 39 of the Act of 1894.

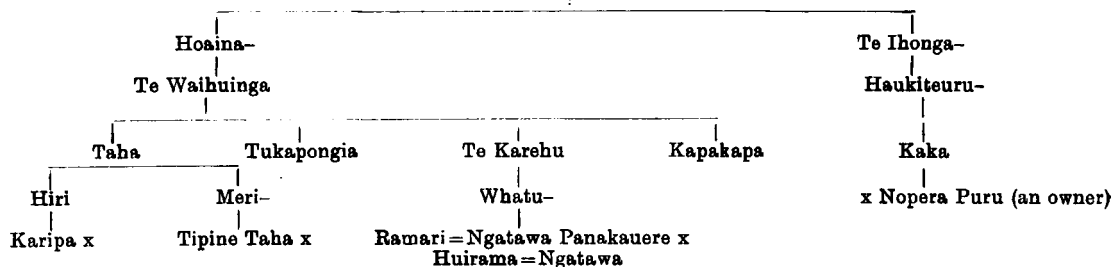
Enough. From your friend

HUIRAMA NGATAWA.

Witness.—A. McKay, J.P., Storekeeper, Mangonui.

GENEALOGY.

Huarere—



FRIEND,—You are to understand that the above is the genealogy of some of the owners of the Mangataiore Block. Of those you will notice the four marked with a cross. All these owners are succeeded by their own children, except Ngatawa Panakauere.

Application refused.