

## EXTRACT FROM MERCER MINUTE-BOOK 19, FOLIOS 289-292.

Ngaruawahia, Wednesday, 2nd June, 1915.—A. G. HOLLAND, Judge.

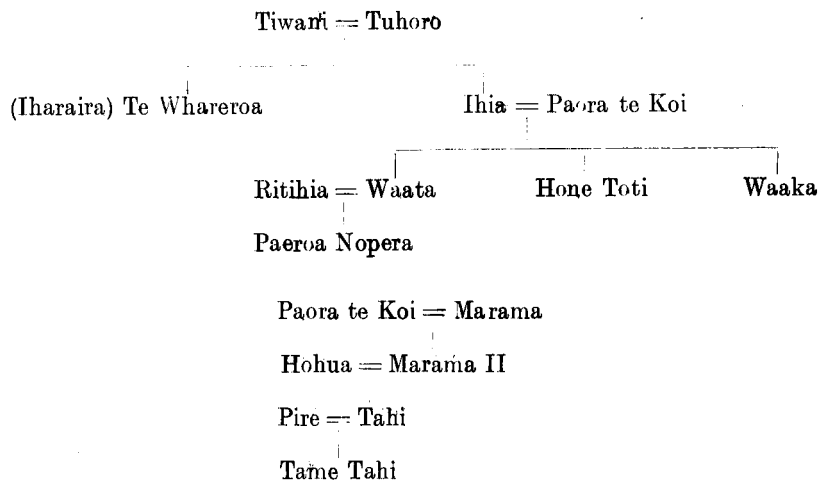
No. 100.—*Te Akau A No. 5*.—*Inquiry under Section 14 of the Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1914.*

TEMA POUWHARE: I appear for applicant.

NGAPAKA KERETI: I appear for Wati Tahi.

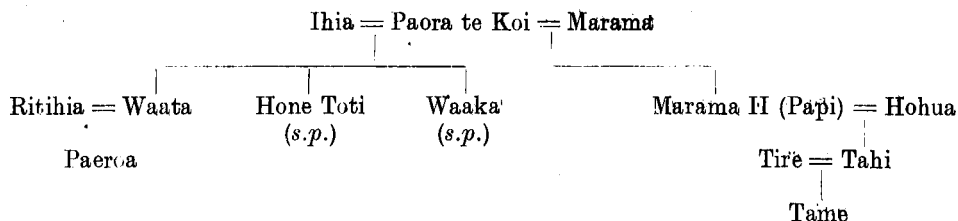
PAEROA NOPERA (sworn): This land came through Ihia. The land should therefore come to me alone.

NGAPAKA: No questions.

To Court: I signed agreement out of *aroha* to Tame Tahi.

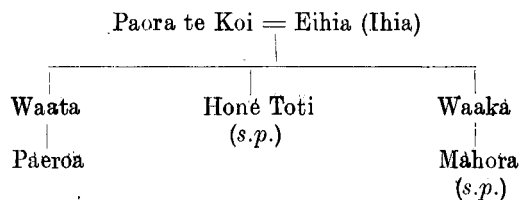
Agreement was suggested by Henare Kaihau. He said to me, "Show love for your *tamaiti*." I agreed. I agreed to include Tame Tahi, Katikati Ritihia, and Te Tawha Ritihia. I now wish to break this agreement, because I have been put to this expense. I certainly admit that I agreed the three persons mentioned should share in *Te Akau A No. 5*. I now wish this interest should go to me alone. I clearly wished Katikati and Te Tawha to share in *Te Akau A No. 5*. I admit that they did not oppose me in the succession, nor did they take any action whatever in the matter. I have been put to so much expense that I do not wish to now include them. I say that all the expense was caused by my giving a wrong *whakapapa*.

HOHUA RUIHANA (sworn): I knew Ihia. She was of N'Tahinga.

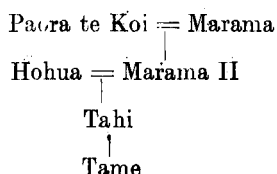


Paora was my *hungawai*. I know his *whakapapa*. I do not know whether Tame Tahi has any interest in this land. Paora was of Ngati-te-Ata. So also was Marama. Interest to *Te Akau* came through Ihia of N'Tahinga.

REMANA NUTANA (sworn): Tahinga was the ancestor for this block. I acted as agent for owners.



Ihia had no other children.



Both Paora and Marama were of Ngati-te-Ata. Paeroa Nopera is the rightful successor to Waaka.