

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 322/1920, OF TUHERE TAUTUHI, RELATIVE TO THE SUCCESSORS APPOINTED TO THE INTERESTS OF HEKIERA TAURARE IN RANGI-KOHUA AND OTHER BLOCKS.

Re *Petition No. 322/1920—Hekiera Taurare (deceased)*.

ENCLOSED herewith I forward the Court's report, under section 35 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921-22, and pursuant to that report I recommend that legislation be passed cancelling the succession orders made by the Native Land Court on the 6th December, 1919, granting succession in respect of the interest of Hekiera Taurare (deceased) in respect of the following blocks--viz., Makarika D, Maungawaru 2, Tutuwihinau 1b, and Puhunga 2.

The Hon. Native Minister, Wellington.

R. N. JONES, Chief Judge.

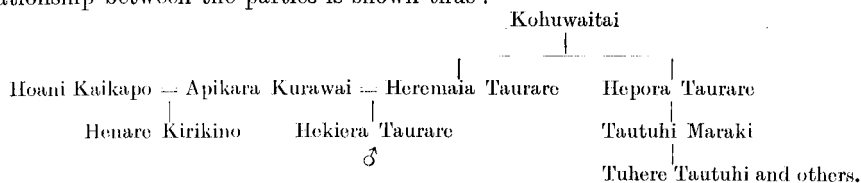
*The Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921-22.*

In the Native Land Court, New Zealand, Tairāwhiti District. In the matter of the petition, No. 322/1920, of Tūhere Tautūhi, praying for an inquiry to succession to Hekiera Taurare in Rangikohua and other blocks, referred to the Court under the provisions of section 35 of the above-mentioned Act.

At a sitting of the Court held at Manutahi on the 4th day of May, 1923, the Court made inquiry into the above matter, and reports as follows :—

1. Petitioner was present and gave evidence, as did Keepa Wharekura and Hare Maruata on his behalf. Henare Kirikino, the appointed successor to Hekiera Taurare, was not present or represented.

2. The relationship between the parties is shown thus:—



3. The report of the Registrar (12th October, 1921) attached to Native Department file, details the orders made and evidence given at the hearing of the applications for succession.

4. The petitioner claims that the right of deceased in certain of the blocks came down through Koluwaitai was supported by Hare Maruata.

5. The Court when sitting at Tokomaru Bay on the 6th December, 1919, was not made aware of the relationship of the parties now claiming, or of the rights under which deceased derived his interests, and it had apparently overlooked the arrangement mentioned at the Manutahi Court on the 3rd May, 1919, whereby Puhunga was to go to certain of the Tautuhi family (the petitioners).

In view of these circumstances it is recommended that all orders appointing successors to Hekiera Taurare (deceased) be cancelled, and the applications for succession be heard *de novo*; and, should petitioner's rights in Taoroa 2b 9 be upheld to the exclusion of Henare Kirikino, that the Court be authorized to entertain the claim that the petitioner be awarded deceased's share in Tutuwahinau 1E and Totaranui 3b as compensation for the loss sustained in Taoroa 2b 9, since sold.

H. CARR, Commissioner.

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