

Paratene, and there is no doubt in my mind that but for the existence of section 161 of the Native Land Act, 1909, the Court would have awarded the whole of deceased's real and personal property to them. It is to be commented upon that the main witness called by the opponents of the petition was a young man in the early twenties—in fact, he is shown on some of the Court records as still being a minor—and his knowledge of the alleged adoption can only be in the nature of hearsay. Elderly and prominent persons gave evidence in favour of the petitioner, and their evidence must carry considerably more weight than that of the comparatively young people who gave evidence against the alleged adoption.

The allegation in paragraph No. 13 of the petition was not denied by the next-of-kin. There are many recognized adoptions existing in the Whanau-Apanui district, but not one single instance of registration of adoption could be given me.

To briefly sum up: I am of opinion that Takimoana adopted in accordance with Native custom four persons mentioned in the petition, and their adoption by her was recognized by every one in the district, and that as her adopted children the deceased anticipated they would share in her estate. That the next-of-kin also recognized the adopted children is borne out by the fact that upon succession they gave up certain of deceased's interests to them.

I have strongly to recommend that the petition should be entertained, and suitable relief be granted to the petitioner and his co-claimants, Tiweka Anaru, Paretio Pereto, and Te Miro Paratene.

For your information I enclose copies of minutes from various hearings, and a list showing the real estate of deceased, approximate value and distribution under succession order of the Court. I also enclose a copy of Judge Carr's report upon petition when it was previously referred to him.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. HOLLAND, Judge.

His Honour the Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Wellington.

SUCCESSION ORDERS MADE TO TAKIMOANA.

Successors.	Area.	Valuation.	Successors.	Area.	Valuation.
WHANGAPARAOA 2G AND 2H BLOCKS (5s. per acre).			MATAPAPA 2A 2A BLOCK (£5 per acre).		
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Tiweka Anaru (m.) ..	295 1 0	73 16 3	Popata Mio (m., $\frac{6}{8}$) ..	7 0 25	35 15 8
Paretio Wi Tupaea (f.) ..	295 1 0	73 16 3	Mihi Iwi (f., $\frac{6}{8}$) ..	7 0 25	35 15 8
Karauri Anaru (m.) ..	295 1 0	73 16 3	Pau Appleton (f., $\frac{6}{8}$) ..	7 0 25	35 15 8
Te Miro Paratene (f.) ..	295 1 0	73 16 3	Tauoha Mio (f., $\frac{6}{8}$) ..	7 0 25	35 15 8
WHANGAPARAOA 2M BLOCK (£4 per acre); PAPAHAOA BLOCK (£3 per acre); TE WAITI 2C BLOCK (£1 per acre); ORETE G BLOCK (£10 per acre).			Mihi Tarena (f., $\frac{23}{8}$) ..	24 1 10	121 11 2
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Huræ Tiopira (m., 12) ..	12 1 20	61 17 6
Popata Mio (m., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	35 0 13	196 16 8	Tangira Pohoi (m., 6) ..	6 0 30	30 18 8
Mihi Iwi (f., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	35 0 13	196 16 8	Mika Eruera (m., 2) ..	2 0 12	10 7 6
Pau Appleton (f., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	35 0 13	196 16 8	Huræ Tiopira (m., 2) ..	2 0 12	10 7 6
Tauoha Karauna (f., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	35 0 13	196 16 8	Matekoraha Eruera (m., 2) ..	2 0 12	10 7 6
Mihi Tarena (f., $\frac{1}{8}$) ..	140 1 13	787 6 8	Mihi Eruera (f., 2) ..	2 0 12	10 7 6
Huræ Tiopira (m., $\frac{1}{8}$) ..	70 0 7	393 13 4	Waka Katae (f., 5) ..	5 0 32	26 0 0
Tangira Pohoi (m., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	35 0 13	196 16 8	POITO 8 BLOCK (£5 per acre).		
Mika Eruera (m., $\frac{1}{18}$) ..	8 3 0	49 4 2		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Raki Eruera (m., $\frac{1}{18}$) ..	8 3 0	49 4 2	Whare Moana (m.) ..	1 0 0	5 0 0
Mihi Eruera (m., $\frac{1}{18}$) ..	8 3 0	49 4 2	Te Whare Karapaina (m.) ..	1 0 0	5 0 0
Matekoraha Eruera (m., $\frac{1}{18}$) ..	8 3 0	49 4 2	Atamira te Kani (f.) ..	1 0 0	5 0 0
ORETE 3M BLOCK (£5 per acre).			Waitangi Karapaina (m.) ..	1 0 0	5 0 0
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Pirihī Karapaina (m.) ..	1 0 0	5 0 0
Paretio Wi Tupaea (f., $\frac{3}{8}$) ..	30 0 0	150 0 0	Te Rua Karapaina (m., 15) ..	1 0 0	5 0 0
Popata Mio (m., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	3 3 0	18 15 0	Hohepa te Kani (m.) ..	1 0 0	5 0 0
Mihi Iwi (f., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	3 3 0	18 15 0	Mihi Haruru Tawhai (f.) ..	1 0 0	5 0 0
Pau Appleton (f., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	3 3 0	18 15 0	WHANGAPARAOA 1B AND 3B BLOCKS (500 acres; £1 10s. per acre).		
Tauoha Mio (f., $\frac{1}{12}$) ..	3 3 0	18 15 0		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
IWIROA 3 AND 8 BLOCKS (£1 per acre); POHATUROA BLOCK (£6 per acre).			Wiremu te Whare ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	27 3 4	41 13 4
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Ahiwaru Waenga ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	27 3 4	41 13 4
Popata Mio (m.) ..	5 1 0	6 10 0	Hineipoua Waenga ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	27 3 4	41 13 4
Mihi Iwi (f.) ..	5 1 0	6 10 0	Heni Kamaea ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	27 3 4	41 13 4
Pau Appleton (f.) ..	5 1 0	6 10 0	Waikohu Waenga ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	27 3 4	41 13 4
Tauoha Mio (f.) ..	5 1 0	6 10 0	A. B. Watene Waenga ($\frac{1}{36}$) ..	13 3 22	20 16 8
ORETE 2 BLOCK (£5 per acre).			Irihapeti Waenga ($\frac{1}{36}$) ..	13 3 22	20 16 8
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Paerau te Kani ($\frac{1}{12}$) ..	41 2 26	62 10 0
Popata Mio ($\frac{1}{12}$) ..	58 1 13	291 13 4	Te Atamira Ranapia ($\frac{1}{36}$) ..	13 3 22	20 16 8
Mihi Iwi ($\frac{1}{12}$) ..	58 1 13	291 13 4	Mihi Haruru ($\frac{1}{36}$) ..	13 3 22	20 16 8
Pau Appleton ($\frac{1}{12}$) ..	58 1 13	291 13 4	Hohepa te Kani ($\frac{1}{36}$) ..	13 3 22	20 16 8
Tauoha Mio ($\frac{1}{12}$) ..	58 1 14	291 13 4	Heni Kamaea te Kani ($\frac{1}{12}$) ..	41 2 26	62 10 0
Mihi Tarena ($\frac{1}{2100}$) ..	200 1 14	1,001 13 4	Merika te Kani ($\frac{1}{12}$) ..	41 2 26	62 10 0
Huræ Tiopira ($\frac{1}{8}$) ..	116 2 26	583 6 8	Ngamotu Tukaki ($\frac{1}{8}$) ..	83 1 13	125 0 0
Tangira Pohoi ($\frac{1}{12}$) ..	58 1 14	291 13 4	Te Tane Tukaki ($\frac{1}{8}$) ..	83 1 13	125 0 0
Mika Eruera ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	14 2 13	72 18 4	MATENGAREKA 3 BLOCK (£2 per acre); ORETE F BLOCK (£8 per acre); PUHUEROA BLOCK (£1 per acre).		
Raki Eruera ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	14 2 13	72 18 4		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Matekoraha Eruera ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	14 2 13	72 18 4	Mihi Tarena (f.) ..	22 0 0	44 0 0
Mihi Eruera ($\frac{1}{18}$) ..	14 2 14	72 18 4	Tiweka Anaru ..	31 0 0	248 0 0
Ruakirikiri Hohepa ($\frac{1}{700}$) ..	11 0 0	55 0 0		84 0 0	84 0 0
Rawinia Ropiha ($\frac{1}{700}$) ..	11 0 0	55 0 0	Totals ..	3,097 3 9	7,999 5 0
Kanarahi Pururangi ($\frac{1}{700}$) ..	11 0 0	55 0 0			