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NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS  
ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1925.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 182 OF 1925, OF TE PAEA HAPE,  
PRAYING FOR REHEARING AS TO SUCCESSION TO MIRIAMAU TAU (DECEASED).

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*Presented to Parliament in pursuance of the Provisions of Section 34 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925.*

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Native Department, Wellington, 15th June, 1927.

*Petition 182 of 1925.—Miriamau Tau (deceased).*

PURSUANT to section 34 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1925, I herewith forward report of the Native Land Court.

In view of that report I recommend that no further steps be taken in the matter of the petition.  
R. N. JONES, Chief Judge.

The Right Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

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In the Native Land Court of New Zealand, Tairāwhiti District.—In the matter of the Hine-whaki and Paeroa Blocks ; and in the matter of a petition, No. 182 of 1925, by Te Paea Hape, praying for rehearing as to succession to Miriamau Tau (deceased), and which petition was referred to the Court for inquiry and report.

At a sitting of the Court held at Wairoa on the 4th day of March, 1927, before Harold Carr, Esquire, Judge.

The Court begs to report :—

1. That on the 3rd October, 1886, Hanita Mangere, Niwha Hamana, and Te Paea Hape were appointed as successors to the interest of Miriamau Tau in Hinewhaki, Paeroa, and other blocks, in accordance with the terms of a will then produced to the Court.

2. That by section 44 of the Native Land Court Act, 1886, where the Court was of opinion that such a document was intended to be a testamentary disposition, its terms were to be followed as near as may be.

3. It was contended before this Court that Miriamau did not make a will ; and, further, that the suspicions of the Court in 1886 should have been aroused because Hanita Mangere, one of the devisees, was the husband of the deceased, and that Niwha Hamana, another of the devisees, was the son of Hamana Tiakiwai, who prosecuted the application for succession.

4. The only evidence given in support of the statement that deceased did not make a will was that by Harata Apatari, who asserted that, as Miriamau lived with her, it was not possible for Miriamau to have made a will without her (Harata's) knowledge.

5. The will was made forty-three years ago, and, as the Court in 1886 was satisfied, the question of suspicious circumstances or undue influence cannot, after such a lapse of time, be now raised.

The Court has no recommendation to make.

For the Court.

H. CARR, Judge.

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ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1935.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION NO. 102 OF THE PARA HAPU  
STATEMENT FOR INFORMATION AS TO DECISION TO GRANT OR REFUSE (PROPOSED).

Presented to the House of Representatives of the Government of New Zealand in pursuance of the provisions of the Native Land Adjustment Act, 1935.

Native Department, Wellington, 14th June 1937.

Parson 102 of 1935.—Harama Yau (deceased).

Parson 102 of 1935.—Section 24 of the Native Land Adjustment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1935. I herewith forward report of the Native Land Court. In view of that report I recommend that no further steps be taken in the matter of the petition.

H. N. Jones, Chief Judge.

The Right Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

In the Native Land Court of New Zealand, Takahāhāhi District.—In the matter of the Petition of the Petitioner, HARAMA YAU (deceased), and in the matter of a petition No. 102 of 1935, by the Para Hapu, praying for adjustment of the land in the Petitioner's name, and which was referred to the Native Land Court for consideration.

The Court has to report.

The Court has to report that the Petitioner, HARAMA YAU (deceased), was a Native of the Takahāhāhi District, and that he was a member of the Para Hapu. The Court has to report that the Petitioner's name was entered in the Native Land Court's records as a member of the Para Hapu, and that the Court has to report that the Petitioner's name was entered in the Native Land Court's records as a member of the Para Hapu. The Court has to report that the Petitioner's name was entered in the Native Land Court's records as a member of the Para Hapu, and that the Court has to report that the Petitioner's name was entered in the Native Land Court's records as a member of the Para Hapu.