



Whatne Johnson (left) representing Raika family, Jacko Tawharu (extreme right) representing Hohipuha family, (back to camera) Nick Te Wiata representing Te Wiata family.

unveilings.

Many of the ancestors have been interred at Rangiatea but because of poor records due to some extent by fire, it's not known exactly where some of them lie. Therefore it was decided to erect a memorial to all the past descendants of Maika and Harata Takarore.

Reverend Timoti Flavell, Pastor of Rangiatea conducted the ceremony. Each family placed a korowai over their particular memorial and these were then unveiled by the eldest representative and two youngsters from each family. Nikora Te Wiata (Te Wiata), Whatne Johnson (Raika) and Jacko Tawharu (Hohipuha) were the elders.

The memorial structures are three sided, eight foot tall and four feet across the base of each side. Each side has a brass plaque with the names of the children of Ketewhia, Raika and Hohipuha engraved. On the main memorial is a smaller plaque which reads "In memory of Maika and Harata Takarore who had three children, Ketewhia who married Te Wiata Horu, Raika who married Kerenapu, Hohipuha who married Riripotaka."

The intention with the family plaques is that they can be removed and the names of other deceased members of the respective families then added.

As shown in the photographs the memorial is attractive, modern in design and most important it has dignity.

Hemi Nikora.



Reverend Timoti Flavell-final blessing.