



Rora Te Oiroa. Born 1853 – 23 April 1918
Utiku Pehitaane Potaka. Born 1839 - 1922



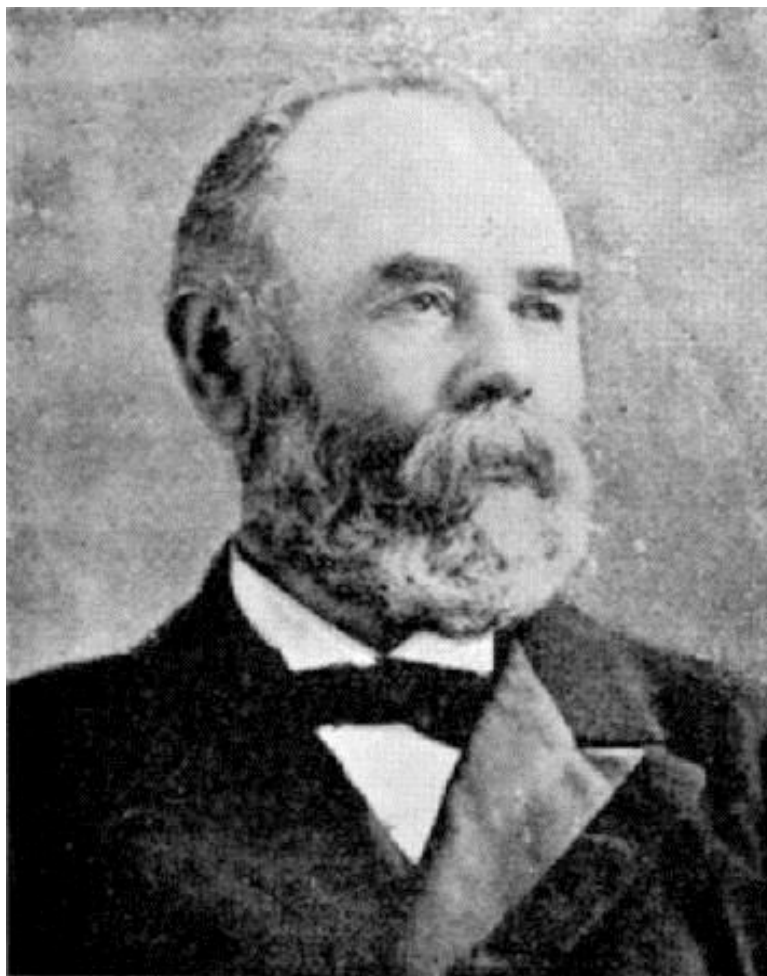
Arapeta and his father Utiku.



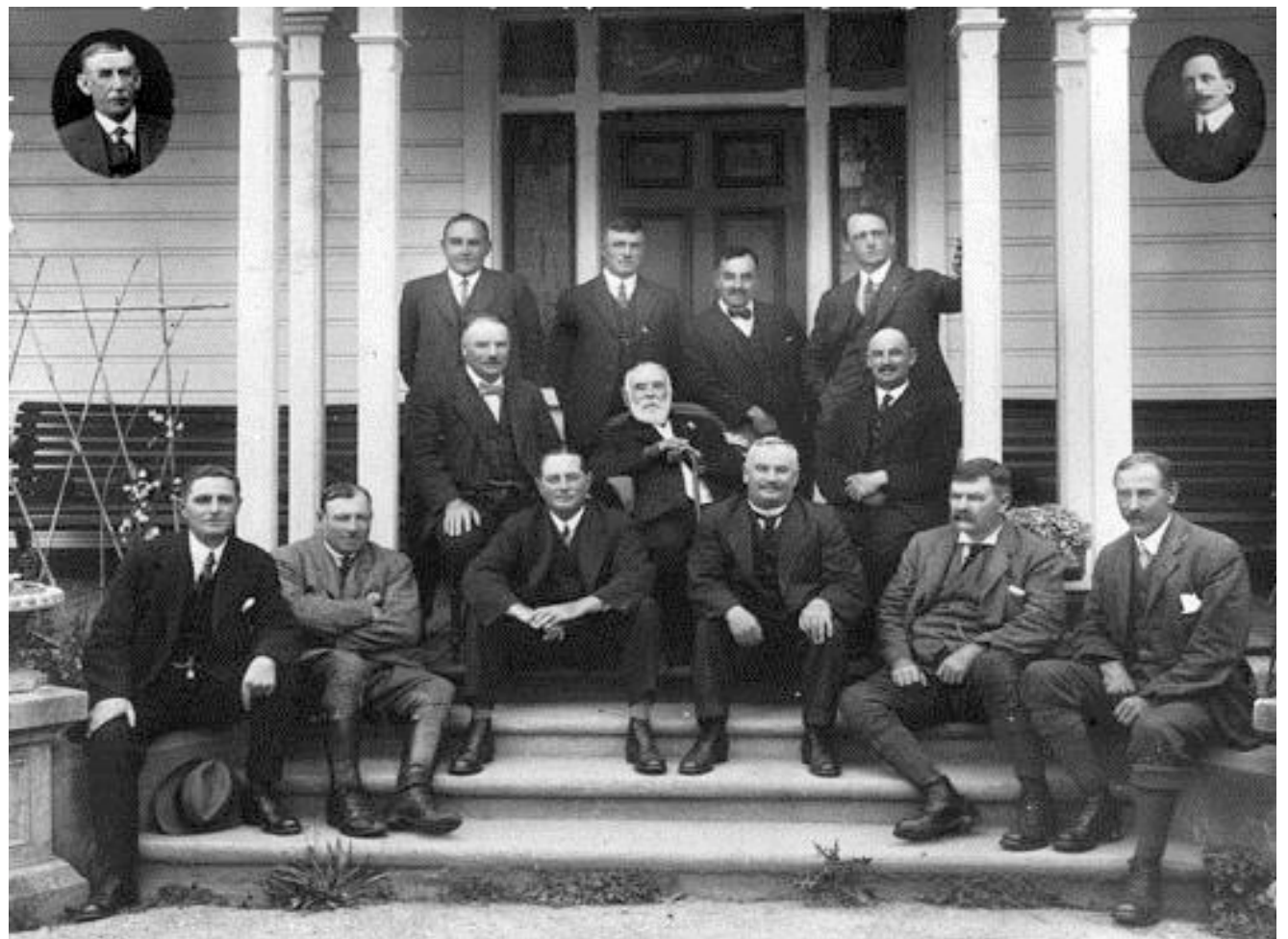
Arapeta and a friend.



Merchant store, Caselberg and Stephens.
Mangaweka



Myer Caselberg.



Managers and directors of the Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Association (WFCA) at the Masterton home of Myer Caselberg

[Myer Caselberg](#) (middle row, seated centre) was managing director of the WFCA from 1892; his sons Joseph (middle row, right), Alfred (back row, second from right) and David (front row, third from right) later managed various departments.



Dr Louis Hauiti Potaka.



Our Grand Aunties and Grand Uncle. Koro's siblings
Rora, Wera, Nuku, Pud and Wilson.

A.P.-2.]

WAR SERVICE.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Applications for Aircrew Section.

5/2/42

N/F

I DESIRE to be trained for service as an:—

(a) Airman Pilot ☐ 1

(b) Air Observer ☐ 3

(c) Air Gunner ☐ 2

Applicants will indicate their order of preference by 1, 2, &c., in the squares provided.

Please read these notes before completing the form:—

(a) All questions must be answered in candidate's own handwriting; it is not sufficient to leave the space for reply blank or insert a dash. Incorrect answers may prejudice an applicant's chance of selection.

(b) The certificate on page three must be completed. The parent's or guardian's signature must be appended if the candidate is under twenty-one.

(c) The envelope containing this form should be marked "Recruiting Section" in the left-hand bottom corner and despatched to the Air-Secretary, Air Department, Wellington, O. 1.

(1) Surname (block letters) POTAKA. UTIKU ALBERT,

(2) Christian name in full (block letters)

(3) Usual address Kawa Kawa

(4) Present address (date must be stated) Kawa Kawa Hotel further notice

(5) Are you married? Married

(6) Number of children 2

(7) Date and place of birth 24-11-1914 Wanganui

(8) State whether of pure European descent No.

(9) Nationality (Full particulars of any change of nationality must be given.) British

(10) Father's name in full, permanent residence, profession, and birthplace (If deceased, last residence, profession, &c., must be stated.) Albert James Potaka (Deceased) Retired Farmer. 14 Bignell St. Wanganui.

(11) Mother's maiden name in full, and birthplace Esther Caselberg. Aberanum, Wales.

(12) Nationality of parents at their birth:—
(a) Father British
(b) Mother British

Has either parent acquired any other nationality? (If so, full particulars must be given.) No.

Are you been convicted of a criminal offence? (If so, state nature.) No.

Section since leaving school or college. (Candidates must be carefully screened.) Working on own behalf since leaving college

Signature of Candidate

Name, Address and Position of Employer

Nature of Work on which Candidate has been or is engaged

Date of Interview

Royal
New
Zealand
Air
Force
Application
For
Utiku Albert
Potaka.



Koro Utiku and his air force comrades.

He's in the middle. He served from 1942 to 1952 and was awarded the Queens commendation for services in the air. Also the Kings commendation. RAF 148/624 Halifax squads, RAF 161/46 Stirling squads and CVSA (commendation for valuable service in the air. He served with 148 and 624 squadrons RAF (both Halifax airplanes), and 161 and 46 squadrons (both Stirling airplanes).



Agnes, (nee Downs), and Utiku Potaka.
My Grandparents.



Arnold Hauiti Potaka
20.01.1937 - 24.05.1973
R.I.P.



Six of nine siblings, Arnold, (Dad), Louis, Lionel, Jane, Beverley, Shirley.
Missing is Jim, Janice and Karaitiana. Beverley is only surviving one.