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Taihape: Rangitīkei ki Rangipō Inquiry

Wai 2180
Wai 37
Wai 933

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| Aorangi (Awarua) Block | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | |
| Date | August 1910 ¹ | | | |
| Venue | Hastings ² | | | |
| Judges | Judge Rawson | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1865 & Native Land Act 1867 ³ | | | |
| Counsel involved | J. M. Fraser | | | |
| | David Scannell (former NLC Judge) | | | |
| | Ellison | | | |
| | T. W. Lewis Jr | | | |
| | Alfred Travers | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/ Case Conductor | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Hinemanu | Hera Te Upokoiri (Lead Claimant) | J. M. Fraser (Counsel) Te Inia Maru (Conductor) David Scannell (Native Agent) Lewis | Ancestry and occupation, the tipuna Hinemanu. Occupation not by herself but by Rutu Kau and Rakere Huria, and did not believe that any others on her own list of claimants ever lived on the land. Hera advanced that “Aorangi is a part of Awarua.” ⁴ Fraser pointed out at the hearing in 1911 that Winiata had previously claimed Awarua through Paki, not Hinemanu. ⁵ | August 1912 ⁶ The Court decided the list based on the list for Te Koau, which in turn had been awarded to those of Ngāti Hinemanu included in Awarua 1 list. ⁷ The list was headed by Wiki Te Ua and Winiata Te Whaaro ⁸ |
| | Tupaea Tiaho, Matenga Pekapeka, Winiata Te Whaaro ⁹ | | Advanced their own claim, not because they opposed the lead claim, but because they wanted to be included on the list of owners. Winiata put forward a broader list of tupuna for Aorangi ¹⁰ It seems likely Winiata was ill at the time, and giving evidence far from home, this was also in the aftermath of the Mangaohane investigation saga and Pokopoko eviction. Winiata would pass away after this appearance and not be present for the next hearing. Ultimately the Court did find the list of tupuna Winiata proposed acceptable and included Te Ngahoa, Te Marua Kainuku. ¹¹ | |
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| Notes | The case was called at Taihape and recorded as part of the Whanganui Minute Books, rather than the Napier Minute Books in which the title investigation was later recorded. Judge Rawson recalled that the case was called at Hastings several times, but that it had to be adjourned as the people interested in the land preferred that it be heard at Taihape. Despite this, those wishes were largely ignored. ¹² |
| | Case called first in August 1910. Again on 3 May 1911 but no parties were present. Again on 8 May 1911, but adjourned to the next day. ¹³ |
| | David Scannell was acting as Native Agent for Hera Te Upokoiri in this case, but as the authors note, this left him in “a difficult position” as he had “opposed her in Koau which is in the same position as Aorangi.” The resolution of this was for him to allow Hera “to conduct her own case”. ¹⁴ |
| | Following the 8 May 1911 hearing all the parties agreed that the list of those in Koau were entitled to Aorangi. ¹⁵ |
| | The Court returned 12 May 1911, but Hiraka Te Rango was in Whanganui in Court, and asked that the case be held over. ¹⁶ |
| | There were repeated requests for adjournments, and further requests for the case to move to Taihape, as it was sitting there in March 1912, Judge Rawson obliged, noting the number of times the case had been adjourned because the parties could not attend. ¹⁷ Despite this, the Taihape hearing on 20 March 1912 was adjourned to Hastings without any evidence being called. The final hearing of the case was in August 1912. |

¹ Wai 2180, #A008, Evald Subasic and Bruce Stirling, *Sub-District Block Study – Central Aspect*, 180. The authors note this block investigation was a “stop-start but largely uncontroversial investigation”.

² Wai 2180, #A008, 180. Despite “repeated protests from the Awarua people for their land to be investigated at Moawhango (and later at Taihape)” the hearing was still held at Hastings.

³ Wai 2180, #A030(a)(1), Walghan Partners, *Volume 1: Aorangi to Awarua*, 6 Jan 15, 155 – 167; Wai 2180, #15, C Innes, *Māori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District - 1840-2013*, 25.

⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 181.

⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 182.

⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 180.

⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 182.

⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 184.

⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 181.

¹⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 181.

¹¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 182.

¹² Wai 2180, #A008, 180.

¹³ Wai 2180, #A008, 182.

¹⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 182-183.

¹⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 183.

¹⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 183.

¹⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 183-184. Alfred Travers, counsel for some of the Ngāti Hinemanu applicants, sought £50 deposit for costs, arguing that the ‘true’ owners lived in Hastings and a Taihape hearing was inconvenient to them.

| Awarua Block | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | |
| Date | 1886 | | | |
| Venue | Marton | | | |
| Judge | Judge O’Brien | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1880 | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/ Case Conductor | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngāti Te Ohuake | Utiku Potaka Heperi Pikirangi (originally a claimant in his own right but later joined the larger group) added Tukaroa. Hoani Meihana was later admitted also through Ohuake, Hauiti and Whitikaupeka. | Ropata Ranapiri (as conductor for Ngāti Whiti and Ngāti Tama) R.T. Blake (as conductor for Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngāti Ohuake, Ngāti Hauiti) | The entirety of the block based on ancestry and occupation. Ancestry through Hauiti, Whitikaupeka, Ohuake, Hinemanu, Tamakōpiri, Tutakaroa and Tuwhakapuru. ¹ | September 1886 Awarded to the descendants of Ohuake, Hinemanu, Hauiti, Whitikaupeka and Tamakōpiri, all entitled by occupation. ² |
| Ngāti Upokoiri, with some Ngāti Whitikaupeka and some Ngāti Hinemanu | Paramena Te Naonao | James Carroll | Main witness was Paramena Te Naonao, claiming on the ancestor Ohuake, but denied Tamakōpiri had any rights in the block, even denying the existence of Ngāti Tama as a myth ³ | |
| Ngāti Haumoetahanga | Airini Donnelly | James Carroll | Claim based on ancestry, occupation and mana of chieftainship, through ancestors of Haumoetahanga, Honomokai and Hinemanu | |
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| Notes | While the area known as Motukawa was initially dealt as part of the same block, during the course of the investigation it was separated out for its own decision. See how that block was decided by the Native Land Court in that Block analysis report. | | | |
| | The inclusion of Tamakōpiri was addressed specifically in the decision: “The Court delivered its Judgment verbally admitting Tamakōpiri as an ancestor; it is proved that the descendants of Tamakōpiri lived and occupied without any right acquired by marriage with N Whiti, and it is admitted by Paramena, and confirmed by the assessor, that according to native custom rights to land cannot be acquired by mere occupation, ancestral rights must accompany ” ⁴ | | | |
| | Following the hearing itself there was a further protracted hearing regarding who should be listed as owners in the block, and these were finally resolved on the 22 nd of September 1886, with 437 owners. ⁵ However, those interests, across the vast 256,000 acre block would require another hearing to identify the nature and extent of the various tribal interests. ⁶ | | | |

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| | Following the hearing of Awarua, there was extensive discussion and agreement between the parties that the division of the block should be arranged informally between the hapū involved. ⁷ As Subasic and Stirling note, this block was considered the ‘rohe potae’ block, the centre of the district and there were both good economic and political reasons for resolving the allocation outside of the Courtroom. ⁸ |
| | These requests for the decision to be set outside of the Court were numerous and well-reasoned, from Heperi Pikirangi, ⁹ Ngāti Whiti leaders Hiraka Te Rango and Ihakara Te Raro, ¹⁰ Hoani Taipua the Member of Parliament for Western Māori, ¹¹ and most forcefully following a hui at Moawhango in January 1890 attended by Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Ohuake and Ngāti Whititama, and in a letter to the Native Minister supported by Ihakara Te Raro, Horima Paerau, Utiku Potaka, Winiata Te Whaaro ¹² . That letter called specifically for a hearing at Moawhango, and that the subdivision take place informally between the hapū. ¹³ Those proposals were re-emphasised in the Native Land Laws Commission of Inquiry the next year in 1891 at Waipawa where Hiraka Te Rango stated the full extent of the dissatisfaction with the Court. ¹⁴ |
| | These requests to the Native Minister were accompanied by the specific request of Hiraka Te Rango, Te Oti Pohe and Wiremu Paratene in late April 1890 that no advance payments be made by the Crown prior to the partition hearing. As late as August 1890 there were requests from Paramena Te Naonao for advance payments. ¹⁵ Paramena Te Naonao’s letter for an advance payment had included a reference to J. Butler, the Government Land Purchase Officer in the area and his being “well-acquainted” with the matter. ¹⁶ |

| Partition Hearing | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Date | July 1890 | | | | |
| Venue | Marton ¹⁷ | | | | |
| Judge | Judge O’Brien | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Court Act 1886 | | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Take | Decision | |
| (13 separate claims to some or all of the block) Ngāti Haumoetahanga, Ngāti Honomokai, Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngāti Toroa ¹⁸ | Anaru Te Wanikau | A.L.D. Fraser | Claim to the entire block based on ancestry and occupation through Ohuake, Whitikaupeka, Hauiti and Hinemanu. | | |
| Ngāti Haumoetahanga, Ngāti Haukaha ¹⁹ | Maharata Kohiti (for Hemi Papakiri) | Ratima | That part of the block in the vicinity of Kaiwatau River, through ancestry and occupation, through Haumoetahanga (and Irokino, Tautahi, Tukoki – all descendants of Haumoetahanga) and Haukaha and Anutonga | | |
| Ngāti Hinemanu (Ngāti Mataora, Ngāti Ruaiti, Ngāti Kea) ²⁰ | Noa Huke | A.L.D. Fraser | The whole block, on the basis of ancestry, occupation, mana and bravery through Hinemanu, Hauiti, Whitikaupeka and Te Ohuake. | | |
| Ngāti Te Kea, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Hinemanu ²¹ | Wiari Turoa | Wiari Turoa | Claim covered the eastern side of the Rangitikei and the upper western side The eastern side of the block, on the basis of ancestry and occupation, through Hauiti | | |

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| | | | and his descendants Kea and Tuterangi, and to the western side through Irokino, Te Ohukae, Tutemohuta and Haumoetahanga. | |
| | Te Rina Mete Kingi ²² | Wirihana Hunia | Claim based on ancestry, occupation, bravery and mana through the ancestors of Hauiti, Te Ohuake, Tutemohuta, Haumoetahanga, Punakiao and Whitikaupeka, and covered both sides of the river. | |
| Ngāti Tama ²³ | Heperi Pikirangi | Tupaoa | Claim based on ancestry, conquest and occupation, through the ancestors Tamakōpiri, Whitikaupeka and his wife Haumoetahanga. That area of the block between Moawhango and Rangitīkei, Moawhango and Hautapu, Hautapu and Otairi boundary | |
| | Wi Te Roiuku ²⁴ | A.L.D Fraser | Claim based on ancestry, occupation and gift from te Hoeroa, based on ancestor Te Ohukae (through Honomokai), claim to area on both eastern and western sides of Rangitīkei River. | |
| Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Te Ohuake ²⁵ | Ihakara te Raro | Blake | Eastern side of the Rangitīkei River, claim based on ancestry and occupation, based on ancestors Ohuake, Tutemohuta, Rangiwahakamahuku and Hauiti. | |
| Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama and Ngāti Te Ohuake ²⁶ | Te Oti Pohe | Blake and Te Oti Pohe | Claim based on ancestry and occupation, and through ancestors Whitikaupeka, Tamakōpiri and Te Ohuake for Awarua 2, Whitikaupeka and Tamakōpiri for Awarua 3, and Whitikaupeka, Tamakōpiri and Tutaikakawaiho for Awarua 4 (so claimed for Awarua 2,3 and 4 areas). | |
| Ngāti Hinemanu ²⁷ | Paramena Te Naonao | McDonald | Claim for entire block based on ancestry and occupation, through ancestors of Nukukiao, Te Ohuake, Hinemanu, Hauiti and Whitikaupeka. | |

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| Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Te Ohuake, Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngāti Haukaha ²⁸ | Raita Tuterangi | Paramena Te Naonao | Claim based on ancestry and occupation, through ancestor Hauiti, and appears to have covered the entire block. | |
| Ngāti Te Ohuake, Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngāti Paki, Ngāti Te Ngahoa, Ngāti Kautere, Ngāti Te Ngaruru, Ngāti Rangī ²⁹ | Winiata Te Whaaro | McDonald | Claim over the whole block, based on ancestry and occupation, through the ancestors Te Ohuake, Whitikaupēka and Hauiti. | |
| Ngāti Tama ³⁰ | Hiha Reone Akatarewa | Ransfield | Specific Ngāti Tama claim to a portion of the block to the east of the Rangitīkei river, heard separately at the start of the hearing. Based on ancestry, occupation and conquest through Tuwhakapuru, younger brother of Whitikaupēka and Wharepurakau, son of Whitikaupēka. | Claim dismissed, the Court finding that Ngāti Tama had no rights east of the Rangitīkei River, and that occupation for a time at Kai Inanga by Ngāti Tama was not of right but due to being friends and relations of the owners. |
| Decision Notes | | | | |
| | The Court found in favour of the descendants of Tamakōpiri, Ohuake, Whitikaupēka, Hinemanu and Huaiti. ³¹ The Court identified Ngāti Tamakōpiri, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Whitikaupēka, Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngai Te Upokoiri, Ngāti Haukaha, Ngai Te Ngahoa, Ngāti Tukokoiri and many other hapū as general inhabitants of the block. All of those mentioned except the first two derived their rights from Te Ohuake. ³² | | | |
| | The Court observed that there were no ancestral divisional boundaries formally laid down within the block, that there were various hapū and communities living at different places scattered over the block, and an understanding according to custom that these communities owned the land in the areas they occupied, that the hapū also lived amicably on the block and in times of danger some of them united for purposes of protection and defence. ³³ | | | |
| | The Court found the descendants of Te Ngahoa and Tukokoko had no rights west of the Rangitīkei River. ³⁴ | | | |
| | Winiata Te Whaaro did not prove a connection with the ancestors of Ngāti Hauiti and Ngāti Whiti except through Te Ngahoa, so he and his descendants were seen to have no rights to the west of the Rangitīkei River, however his party was admitted by Utiku Potaka, the “leading Ngāti Hauiti chief into Ngāti Hauiti lands.” ³⁵ | | | |
| | Ngāti Haukaha were also admitted into Ngāti Hauiti lands by Utiku Potaka. ³⁶ | | | |
| | Court did not find that Tauke was a child of Whitikaupēka and Haumoetahanga, so could not see a way to enrol the names of Utiku Potaka and his party on the list of Ngāti Whiti lands to the west of the Rangitīkei River. ³⁷ | | | |
| | The Court also found that Tutekaiwhara set up by Paramena Te Naonao was a child of Whitikaupēka and Haumoetahanga or that this person had any rights on the block. ³⁸ | | | |
| | The Court found descendants of Ruaiti and Te Kea had stronger claims through permanent occupation than other Ngai Te Upokoiri, and that Ngāi Te Upokoiri did not have many, if any rights through occupation, but that they needed to be provided for as they were in the list of owners from the first Court’s investigation, they had also assisted resident inhabitants in certain important fights on the land. ³⁹ | | | |
| | The individual claim of Renata Kawepo was viewed favourably as he rendered valuable services on the occasion of the dispute with Te Heuheu about the land. ⁴⁰ | | | |
| | Anaru Te Wanikau did not prove his rights to the east of the Ikawatea stream, but they were found to have rights within Awarua No.2 where they were enrolled with others of Ngāti Whiti. The claims by Te Wanikau to the west side of the Rangitīkei River through Te Honomokai were disallowed. ⁴¹ | | | |

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| | Awarded to: | Size (Acres) | 1894 - Crown Purchases |
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| Partitions 1891 | Individuals | Group | Share | | Block | Size |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Awarua 1 | Noa Te Hianga & Wi Wheko | Ngāti Hinemanu, certain of Ngāti Ruaiti and Ngāti Kea | 500 | 145,428 ⁴² | Awarua 1B | 59,300 ⁴³ |
| | Winiata Te Whaaro | Ngāti Paki | 150 | | Awarua 1DA | 22,156 ⁴⁴ |
| | Renata Kawepo | Ngai Te Upokoiri | 25 | | | |
| | Ihaka Te Konga | Descendants of Tamakorako | 25 | | | |
| Awarua 1A | | Ngāti Hauiti, Ngai Te Ngaruru, Ngāti Haukaha, certain members of the “Whiti-Hauiti people” | | 33,072 ⁴⁵ | Awarua 1A1 | 18,852 ⁴⁶ |
| Awarua 2 | | Ngāti Whiti, certain descendants of Tamakorako | | 49,629 ⁴⁷ | Awarua 2B | 13,729 ⁴⁸ |
| | | | | | Awarua 2C1 | 10,793 ⁴⁹ |
| Awarua 2A | | Ngāti Mataora | | 2,350 ⁵⁰ | Awarua 2A1 | 735 ⁵¹ |
| Awarua 3 | | Ngāti Tamakopiri | | 8,179 ⁵² | Awarua 3C | 1,204 ⁵³ |
| Awarua 3A (Papakai) | | Some of the members of Ngāti Whiti-Tama | | 20,936 ⁵⁴ | Awarua 3A1 | 7,377 ⁵⁵ |
| Awarua 3B | | Ngāti Hauiti | 100 | 6,234 ⁵⁶ | Awarua 3B1 | 3,375 ⁵⁷ |
| | | Ngāti Hauiti descended from Te Kotiu and Te Orietepo | 100 | | | |
| Awarua 4 | Winiata Te Whaaro as Ngāti Hauiti | Ngāti Hauiti and Ngāti Haukaha | 320 | 42,110 ⁵⁸ | Awarua 4B | 18,818 ⁵⁹ |
| | | Ngāti Hauiti-Whiti descended from Te Kotiu and Te Orietepo | 80 | | | |
| Awarua 4A (Pukeanua) | | Ngāti Tamakōpiri (same award as Awarua 3, with the exception of Topia Turoa and his descendants and Raita Tuterangi and her brother Wakaru | | 7,660 ⁶⁰ | Awarua 4A1 | 903 ⁶¹ |
| | | | | | Awarua 4A2 | 903 ⁶² |
| Survey Lien | £3100 for all of Awarua ⁶³ | | | | | |
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¹ Wai 2180, #A008, Evald Subasic and Bruce Stirling, *Sub-District Block Study – Central Aspect*, 70-71.

² Wai 2180, #A008, 71.

³ Wai 2180, #A008, 70-71.

⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 71, emphasis added.

⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 71.

⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 72.

⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 75.

⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 75-76.

⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 73.

¹⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 74.

¹¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 74.

¹² Wai 2180, #A008, 75.

¹³ Wai 2180, #A008, 75.

¹⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 76.

¹⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 80.

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- ¹⁶ Wai 2180, #A8, 80-81. The Under-Secretary to the Minister T.W. Lewis seems to not have been “entirely comfortable with the mention of Butler’s name in the letter” and requested that Butler write to the Native Department, “presumably to explain his position in this matter.” Those authors note no response on the file.
- ¹⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 74, despite repeated requests for the hearing to take place on the land, at Moawhango. Those authors make the point that the raNgātira of this district had to travel the breadth of the country, from Hastings and Napier in the east to Whanganui in the west, 75.
- ¹⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 81.
- ¹⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 81.
- ²⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 81.
- ²¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 81.
- ²² Wai 2180, #A008, 82.
- ²³ Wai 2180, #A008, 82.
- ²⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 82.
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- ³⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 84.
- ⁴⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 84.
- ⁴¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 84.
- ⁴² Wai 2180, #A008, 111.
- ⁴³ Wai 2180, #A008, 106.
- ⁴⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 111. Awarua 1DA was the Crown interest purchased from individuals in Awarua 1D, and this took place in 1896.
- ⁴⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 105.
- ⁴⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 106.
- ⁴⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 112.
- ⁴⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 113.
- ⁴⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 114. This purchase of Awarua 2C1 was made in 1896 from the Awarua 2C partitioned block. Awarua 2C was 35,900 acres in total.
- ⁵⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 112. This 2,350 acres of Awarua 2A is part of, not in addition to the 51,179 acres of Awarua 2.
- ⁵¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 1328-129. This purchase was completed despite the Gazette and Native Land Court recording the land as “inalienable”, a restriction that appears not to have applied to the Crown, only to private purchasers.
- ⁵² Wai 2180, #A008, 131.
- ⁵³ Wai 2180, #A008, 131.
- ⁵⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 131.
- ⁵⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 131.
- ⁵⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 131.
- ⁵⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 131.
- ⁵⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 143.

⁵⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 144.

⁶⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 143.

⁶¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 144.

⁶² Wai 2180, #A008, 144.

⁶³ Wai 2180, #A008, 88. There were of course further survey costs for every partition required to define the Crown's purchase in the blocks within these.

| Kaweka and Mohaka (Mangatainoko Tapapa) Block | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | Area claimed/take | Decision |
| Date | 1877 | “Mohaka Mangatainoko” block | Hearing adjourned |
| Venue | Taupo | | |
| Parties | Ngāti Tuwharetoa groups ¹ | | |
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| Notes | Land was not surveyed so should not have been heard but the Court noted that “a number of people had come from a great distance regarding this land”, so it would “render it every attention” ² but “the case would have to be adjourned till a correct map [was] produced” ³ | | |
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| Opposition | Two Ngāti Kahungunu representatives ⁴ | Sought adjournment, wanting case to be heard in Napier as “the land had earlier been “handed over” to McLean and Tareha to “take charge of”. ⁵ | |
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| Title Investigation | | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed | Decision |
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| Date | August 1879 ⁶ | | | Case dismissed |
| Parties | Ngāti Kahungunu ⁷ | Mitchell ⁸ | Mangatainoko Tapapa Block ⁹ | |
| Notes Survey Costs | Mitchell warned government against holding the hearing in Napier, preferring that it be adjourned to Taupo, as “it would never do to allow the hearing to go on as is Crown interests therein will probably be serious[ly] prejudiced”. He also asked the Inspector of Surveys to “withdraw the maps” to prevent the title being investigated. ¹⁰ | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | Take | Decision |
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| Date | 1883 ¹¹ | | |
| Parties | Rawiri Kahia of Ngāti Maruahine of Ngāti Tuwharetoa ¹² claiming Mangatainoko Tapapa Block ¹³ | Ngāti Kahungunu counter-claimants were "the outside tribe who were devoured by us in former times [but who] have not ceased from seeking to revenge themselves." ¹⁴ | Hearing did not eventuate. ¹⁵ |

| Taupouuiatia Title Investigation | | Area claimed | Decision |
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| Date | 1886 | Mangatainoko Taipapa blocks included in Taupouuiatia title investigation. ¹⁶ | Title for Mangataionoko (16,435 acres) awarded to 27 individuals by Rawiri Kahia to represent 14 hapū with interests in the land. ¹⁷ Title for Tapapa divided into 2 portions with 39,355 acres awarded to 366 individuals and 7,256 awarded to same 27 individuals who were awarded Mangatainoko. ¹⁸ |

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| Notes | As soon as it was awarded, government land purchase officer William Grace started buying up individual interests at less than 1 shilling per acres. Many of the 366 owners were minors, and the purchase of their interest was facilitated through the appointment of William's brother, Lawrence, as Trustee. ¹⁹ He acquired 21,290 acres of the main Tapapa block, and the remaining owners held Tapapa 3 (18,065 acres). ²⁰ Crown title issued in 1894. ²¹ | | |
| Survey Costs | £300 ²² | 1890s ²³ | Land offered to Crown at 7 s per acre, Crown did not accept until relative interests of owners were defined. ²⁴ Land leased to John Grace to enable reduction of survey lien. |

| Otaranga and Ruataniwha North Block | | | |
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| Royal Commission of Inquiry | | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed/Take |
| Date | Otaranga and Ruataniwha North Commission July 1890 | George Preece and John Connell | Boundaries of Otara and Ruataniwha North Block |

¹ Wai 2180, #A006, M Fisher and B Stirling, *The Sub-district Block Study – Northern Aspect Report, September 2012*, 16.

² Wai 2180, #A006, 16.

³ Wai 2180, #A006, 17.

⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 17.

⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 17.

⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 17.

⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 16.

⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 17.

⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 17.

¹⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 17.

¹¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 17.

¹² Wai 2180, #A006, 18.

¹³ Wai 2180, #A006, 18.

¹⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 18.

¹⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 18.

¹⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 18.

¹⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 18.

¹⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 18.

¹⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 18.

²⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 19.

²¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 19.

²² Wai 2180, #A006, 19.

²³ Wai 2180, #A006, 19.

²⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 19.

| Mangaoira Ruahine Block | | | | |
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| Investigation | | | | |
| Date | 14-16 August 1877 ¹ | | | |
| Venue | Marton ² | | | |
| Judges | Heale ³ | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1865 and Native Land Act 1867 | | | |
| Parties | Representative Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Hauiti ⁴ | Utiku Potaka ⁵ | Whole – 35,660 acres ⁶ | Descent from Hauiti, ancestral rights through Hauiti, in particular on the rights of the descendants of Tamateareka, Tarahe, Tukukoki and Ngahoa, and occupation. ⁷ | Awarded ⁸ |
| Ngāti Apa ⁹ | | | | Dismissed |
| Ngāti Hinemanu ¹⁰ | | | | Dismissed |
| Ngāi Te Upokoiri ¹¹ | | | | Dismissed |
| Unnamed others ¹² | | | | Dismissed |
| Notes | | | | |
| Importance of mana wahine noted in decision. ¹³ Entire block sold to the Crown on 26 September 1877 for £4,424 10s. ¹⁴ | | | | |

¹ Wai 2180 #A043, *Nineteenth Century Overview*, May 2016, 20 May, 1671.

² Wai 2180 #A043, 71.

³ Wai 2180 #A043, 71.

⁴ Wai 2180, #A007, *The Sub-district Block Study – Southern Aspect Report*, 1 Nov 12, 201.

⁵ Wai 2180 #A007, 201.

⁶ Wai 2180 #A007, 201.

⁷ Wai 2180 #A007, 201.

⁸ Wai 2180 #A007, 201.

⁹ Wai 2180 #A007, 201.

¹⁰ Wai 2180 #A007, 201.

¹¹ Wai 2180 #A007, 201.

¹² Wai 2180 #A007, 201.

¹³ Wai 2180 #A043, 72.

¹⁴ Wai 2180 #A043, 72.

| Motukawa Block | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | |
| Date | 1886 ¹ | | | |
| Venue | Marton ² | | | |
| Judges | Judge O'Brien ³ | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Court Act 1880 ⁴ | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Tutakawa ⁵ (Claimants) | Hiraka Te Rango ⁶ | Ropata Ranapiri ⁷ | <p>Ancestry through Whitikaupeka and Tamakōpiri, conquest through defeat of Ngāti Hotu. Occupation historically and in recent times through kainga, cultivations, eel catching streams, bird catching posts and burial grounds. bravery, conquest and occupation. Tutakawa and Tuwhakapuru (brother of Whitikaupeka) were added as ancestors. ⁸</p> <p>Denied Ngāti Rangituhia's claim to ancestral occupation, arguing they arrived more recently.</p> | <p>13 July 1886</p> <p>Awarded the majority of the block, Motukawa 2, 30, 395 acres, for all three of Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Tutakawa</p> |
| Ngāti Rangituhia, Ngāti Piwa, Ngāti Tumaunu ⁹ (Counter-Claimants) | Mereaina Rauangina ¹⁰ | Aohau Nikitini, Poari Kuramate ¹¹ | <p>Claim through the (Ngāti Rangituhia) hapū of Ngāti Puia, Ngāti Tutaka and Ngāti Maunga on the basis of ancestry, mana and occupation, and through Rangituhia from his descendants Tamarongo and Rangiwaro. Asserted they had kainga and houses as well as traditional food gathering, but admitted that no-one was currently living on Motukawa, although they claimed very recent occupation.</p> <p>Denied the claims of Ngāti Tama and Ngāti Whiti under the ancestors stated, but admitted Ngāti Tutakawa as the descendant of common ancestor Rangituhia¹²</p> | <p>Recognised that Ngāti Piwa and Ngāti Tumaunu had some right to the block, but the claim was small, Motukawa 1 awarded to them, 2000 acres in the north-western corner of the block.</p> |
| | | | Both parties gave evidence relating to the hui at Turangarere, Kokako and Putiki. ¹³ | |
| Notes | Stirling notes that the Judges "drew an impression that...at a time not too remote these people lived as one, and that only the 'ill-feeling between' the principal men led to the present difficulties but acknowledged this may not be the correct impression. ¹⁴ | | | |
| Survey Costs | Motukawa 1 | £50 26s. 8d. ¹⁵ | | |
| | Motukawa 2 | £307 18s. 4d. ¹⁶ | | |
| Crown Purchases | Motukawa 1A 1,633 acres | £450 | Purchasing interests in this block began in 1893 ¹⁷ | |

| Motukawa 2 Block | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | |
| Date | December 1895 -February 1896 ¹⁸ | | |
| Venue | Marton | | |
| Judges | Judge O'Brien | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Court Act 1894 ¹⁹ | | |
| Parties | Those awarded Motukawa 2: | | |
| Partition²⁰ | Award²¹ | Appeal²² | Decision²³ |
| Motukawa 2A 4,500 acres | Descendants of Whitikaupēka | Hiraani Te Hei (against the relative interests awarded to descendants of Ikatakitahi in Motukawa 2A) | Motukawa 2A Unchanged 4,500 acres |
| Motukawa 2B 15,225 acres | Descendants of Hinemihi and Tuope | Henare Akatarewa and others (against the partition award focussing on the 2A and 2B blocks) | The owners of Motukawa 2B & 2C combined the blocks for later partition as part of an out of Court agreement. Motukawa 2B: 23, 415 acres. Motukawa 2C: 490 acres with one owner. |
| Motukawa 2C 7,810 acres | Descendants of Hinemihi, from the lines of Rongoiri, Koko and certain of Rurumai | | |
| Motukawa 2D 2,500 acres | Descendants of Tutakaroa | Nika Waiata and others (against the confining of interests of Ngāti Tutakaroa claims to Motukawa 2D) | Motukawa 2D Unchanged 2,500 acres |
| Motukawa 2E 800 acres | Descendants of Tuwhakapuru | | Motukawa 2E Reduced 200 acres |
| Motukawa 2F 100 acres | The Take Kore ²⁴ | | Motukawa 2F Unchanged 100 acres |
| | | Kerei Te Hokowhitu and others (against the award) | |
| | | Toia Ngarangi (against relative interests awarded to Toia and Kawepo Ngarangi) | |
| | | Rui Ngarangi Kirihora (against the relative interests awarded) | |
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| Notes | Purchasing in Motukawa 2 had already begun in February 1895. ²⁵ | | |

¹ Wai 2180, #A008, Evald Subasic and Bruce Stirling, *Sub-District Block Study – Central Aspect*, 40. This case was conducted and decided alongside the Awarua case of 1886.

² Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

³ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

⁴ Wai 2180, #A015, C Innes, *Māori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District - 1840-2013*, 25.

⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

¹⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

¹¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

¹² Wai 2180, #A008, 41.

¹³ Wai 2180, #A008, 40.

¹⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 41.

¹⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 43.

¹⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 44.

¹⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 43.

¹⁸ Wai 2180, #A043, 428-429. Stirling notes that the case was set down for Marton, not Moawhango where the applicants requested it, and that it was called in early December, continuing, with adjournments until February the next year “a long time for the the owners to be away from their homes at a costly and inconvenient location.

¹⁹ Wai 2180, #A015, C Innes, *Māori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District - 1840-2013*, 25.

²⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 43.

²¹ Wai 2180 #A043, Bruce Stirling, *Taihape District Nineteenth Century Overview, May 2016*, 430.

²² Wai 2180, #A043, 434.

²³ Wai 2180, #A043, 437.

²⁴ Wai 2180 #A043, 429. Stirling notes that these were not applicants without a take, but those not represented in Court.

²⁵ Wai 2180, #A043, 427.

| Ohaumoko Block | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | |
| Date | January-February 1879 | | | |
| Venue | Putiki Pa ¹ | | | |
| Judges | Theophilus Heale ² | | | |
| Legislation | Land Act 1877 Amendment Act 1879 ³ | | | |
| Parties | | Representative | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Apa | | Aperahama Tahunuiarangi, Te Hunga o te Rangi, and Nehanera Te Kahu ⁴ | Claiming for Ngati Paenga ⁵ | Title was divided into Ohaumoko in the east (12,126 acres) and Tokorangi in the west (1,735 acres). ⁶ Awarded to Ngāti Paenga. |
| Notes | | | | |
| Another smaller area of 258 acres (or possibly 358 acres) of Ohaumoko was later transferred to four owners and a separate title issued, before it too was purchased by settlers. The background to this title has not been explored in the existing research. ⁷ | | | | |
| Survey Costs | | The Court in 1881 found that the owners hadn't authorised the survey, so no survey costs were owing. ¹⁰ | | |
| | | Stirling: £600 ⁸ Hearn: £232 ⁹ | | |

¹ Wai 2180 #A030(a), Walghan Partners, *Index for Taihape Maori Land Court Minute Book Document Bank*, 6 Jan 15.

² Wai 2180 #A030(a).

³ Wai 2180, #A015, C Innes, *Maori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District - 1840-2013*, 25.

⁴ Wai 2180, #A007, *The Sub-district Block Study – Southern Aspect Report*, 1 Nov 12, 227.

⁵ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

⁶ Wai 2180 #A043, *Nineteenth Century Overview*, May 2016, 20 May, 206.

⁷ Wai 2180 #A043 at 206.

⁸ Wai 2180 #A043 at 208.

⁹ Wai 2180 #A007 at 229.

¹⁰ Wai 2180 #A007 at 229.

| Oruamatua – Kaimanawa Block | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | |
| Date | 16 September 1875 ¹ | | | |
| Venue | Napier ² | | | |
| Judges | John Rogan; Hone Peeti ³ | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 ⁴ | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Area claimed/Take | Decision | |
| Ngāti Whiti and Ngāti Upokoiri ⁵ | Renata Kawepo Noa Huke ⁶ | Sought that land be granted to Renata Kawepo, Karaitiana Te Rango, Ihakara Te Raro, Retimana te Rango, Horima Te Ahunga ⁷ | Memorial of ownership in favour of Renata, Karaitiana Te Rango, Ihakara Te Raro, Retimana Te Rango, Horima Te Ahuna ⁸ | |
| | Noa Huke ⁹ | Claimed land through Pokaitara ¹⁰ Admitted there were about 20 others who weren't present that also had a claim to and lived on land ¹¹ | | |
| Ngāti Kahungunu ¹² | Te Hapūku, Meihana, stated there were no objectors ¹³ | | | |
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| Notes | Inadequate notification similar to Owahaoko ¹⁴ | | | |
| | Karaitiana Te Ranga and Renata Kawepo ordered survey ¹⁵ | | | |
| Opposition | During hearing | Hepiri Pikirangi and others did not make it to court on time due to late notice. ¹⁶ | | Judge Rogan refused to re-open the case ¹⁷ |
| | December 1875 | Hepiri Pikirangi and others wrote to Native Land Court Chief Judge Fenton and Native minister Donald McLean for re-hearing of Kaimanawa. ¹⁸ | | Letter ignored. ¹⁹ Rogan asserted Pikirangi had time to appear at title investigation. ²⁰ McLean refused request for re-hearing. ²¹ |

| Partitioning | | | | |
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| Date | 1885 ²² | | | |
| Venue | Hastings ²³ | | | |
| Judges | Judge Gilbert Mair ²⁴ Aperahama Te Kume (Assessor) ²⁵ | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 ²⁶ | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed/Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Whiti ²⁷ | Witnesses ²⁸ Ihakara Te Raro Retimana Te Rango | Hiraka Te Rango ²⁹ | Claimed land through occupation and ancestry through Tumakaurangi and Te Ikatakitahi, also through Tumakaurangi and Rangipowhaitiri. ³⁰ | Land block distribution: ³² Karaitiana Te Rango, Ihakara Te Raro, Retimana |

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| | Karaitiana Te Rango Horima Te Ahunga | | Discussed settlements and resource use on the block (far more customary use and knowledge), Oteatawhitiki, Motupuha, Whakawahine, Te Rotete were the settlements, resources found at Oarenga. Whakawarenga, Wakarua, Otinirau, and Waitutohe (?), as well as Taupiri, Nga Motu o te Ahi Amaire, Ohinewairua, and Te Anau Hineroro. ³¹ | Te Rango, Horima Te Ahunga split 86,235 acres ³³ Ihakara Te Raro etc received ¾ of rent from lease ³⁴ |
| | Renata Kawepo ³⁵ <i>Witnesses:</i> Paramena Te Naonao Renata Kawepo Anaru Te Wanikau | James Carroll (Timi Kara) ³⁶ | Claimed the land through Wharepurakau and Mataihini (?). Renata claimed to live as a child near the Oruamatua block. ³⁷ Renata felt that his role in having the rent increased gave him primary rights to the area. ³⁸ | Renata 28,775 acres ³⁹ Renata received ¼ of rent from lease ⁴⁰ |

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| Notes | Took place at same sitting as Mangaohane hearing. ⁴¹ |
| | Only 1875 title grantees could present cases. |
| | Wider debate on ancestral connections, but only Ngāti Whiti discussed resource use. ⁴² |
| | Lease to Birch was discussed. ⁴³ It was originally negotiated by Ihakara and others. Renata discovered the rental amount and convinced Ihakara that he could get the rent raised. Ihakara agreed to Renata's involvement, however Renata then went through and put land through the Court and put himself on the title. "Ihakara recalled: When the case was heard at Napier and we learned that Renata's name was put in we were angry and asked that the case be reopened. The Court refused our application". ⁴⁴ |
| | Ngāti Whiti and Ngāti Tama sought legal remedies and sought an injunction to prevent the payment of Birch's rent to Renata. ⁴⁵ |
| | Judge Rogan found in favour of the ancestor Wharepurakau and against the dominance of Tumakaurangi. On question of mana, found in favour of Renata. ⁴⁶ |

| Rehearing Investigation | Title | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date | Provided for in 1886, undertaken in 1894 ⁴⁷ 22 January to 4 April 1894 ⁴⁸ | | | | |
| Venue | Moawhango ⁴⁹ | | | | |

| Judges | Judge William Butler Native Assessor H. Horomana ⁵⁰ | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Legislation | Native Land Court Act 1886 ⁵¹ | | | |
| 7 groups of claimants ⁵² | | | | The distribution of the 115,420 a block is as follows: ⁵³ |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed/Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Whiti ⁵⁴ | Ihakara Te Raro ⁵⁵ <i>Witnesses</i> <i>Ihakara Te Raro Hiraka Te Rango.</i> | Captain Blake ⁵⁶ | Detailed a number of settlements and resource uses on the block including at Pukenui, Te Aputa a Wharerau, Nga Motu a te Ahi Maire, and Te Oteatawhitiki, Te Apiti a te Kotuku, Te Apiti a Paretutera, Te Hautu, Otuteahu, Piri a Paretutera, Kaitutae plan, Kowhai a Tamangu, Kaiahie (?), Ohinewairua, Otinirau, Waitarere, Taupiri, Te Kaiwhakapara, Orokahuwai, Te Wai o te Onetuhi, Ngapu a te Hoka, Ta Ropu a Hineroro, Te Hoka a Kiore. ⁵⁷ | Ngāti Whiti 54,000 acres ⁵⁸ |
| Ngāti Whiti ⁵⁹ | Retiana Te Rango (died during hearing) Karaitiana Te Rango ⁶⁰ | Vogel ⁶¹ | Objected to Fraser's objection ⁶² | |
| Ngāti Tama ⁶³ | Hepiri Pikiranga (Ngāti Tamatuturu take) ⁶⁴ | | | Ngāti Tama 16,500 acres ⁶⁵ |
| Ngāti Tama ⁶⁶ | Katerina Hira ⁶⁷ | Katerina Hira ⁶⁸ | By conquest, occupation and ancestry through Tumakaurangi and Ohuake, with tupuna living at Ohinewairua and Whangaipotiki. ⁶⁹ | |
| Ngāti Tama ⁷⁰ | Hori Te Tauri (of Taupo) (at Owhaoko hearings claimed through Ngāti Tuwharetoa) ⁷¹ <i>Witnesses</i> Te Tauri Karaitiana Te Rango Pawhara | (Charles?) Davis | By conquest, occupation, ancestry through Tumakaurangi, Tuwhakapuru, Whitikaupeka. Settlements and resource uses on the land at Ohinewairua, Whakamarumaru, Te Aputa Wharehau, Karikakau, Korotete. | Hori Te Tauri 3,420 acres ⁷² |
| | Te Oti Pohe ⁷³ | Tamati Tuatahi ⁷⁴ | Claimed through conquest, occupation, ancestry through Tumakaurangi and Wharepurakau. Settlements | Pohe whanau 7,000 acres ⁷⁶ |

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| | | | and resource use at Te Piri a te Hoka, Te Puawero a Te Hoka, Ohinewairua, Whangaipotiki. ⁷⁵ | |
| | Winiata Te Whaaro (withdrew) ⁷⁷ | | | Withdrew application ⁷⁸ |
| Ngāti Te Upokoiri and Ngāti Kahungunu ⁷⁹ | United in 1894 following death of Renata in 1888 ⁸⁰ Initially united under Airini Donnelly and Renata Kawepo (but did not continue) | Fraser (on behalf of Airini) ⁸¹ | Objected to hearing at Moawhango (inability for witnesses to travel, opposing witnesses staying with opposing parties) ⁸² | Request declined by Court ⁸³ |
| Ngāti Tamatuturu (Ngāti Tama) ⁸⁴ | Hepiri Pikirangi Te Hau Paimarire Piriniha Akatarewa Hiha Akaterewa ⁸⁵ | Tea Aperahama ⁸⁶ | Claimed through ancestry, occupation and conquest through Tumakaurangi and Tutakamaiwaho. ⁸⁷ Paimarire denied that Whitikaupeka played any major role in final conquest of Ngāti Hotu. Mentioned food collection at Ohinewairua, Porotaiari, Te Rotete, Ngawhareangarua, Te Aputa a Wharehau, Whangaipotiki, Ngaparaaea Te Ata, Pararaurekau, Te Apiti a Paretutera, Karikaria-a-Turapua, Te Aputa a Wharerangi, Te Piri a Paretutera, Terotete, Te Awapatu, Oarenga, Motupuha, Wharewhakahoroa, Kopokiraurekau, Pararaurekau, Te Tuhi o Maropuai, Te Hoka o Te Rangi, Whakarua, Oteatawhitiki, Kaiwhakapara, Otinirau. ⁸⁸ | |
| | Anaru Te Wanikau Mere Tarawhara Child of Tarawhara ⁸⁹ <i>Witness</i> Te Wanikau ⁹⁰ | | Claimed through occupation and ancestry through Ohuake, also derided the conquest of Ngāti Hotu by Tamakopiri. Areas discussed included Motupuhua, Hokekenui, Whangaipotiki, Whakahaerewahine, Porotaiari, Te Henga, Pourewa. Te Wanikau stated connections to Ngāti Upokoiri, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Rangikahutea, Ngāti Whiri, Ngāti Tuwharetoa ⁹¹ | Anaru Te Wanikau (and sister) 6,500 acres ⁹² |
| | | | | Ngāti Te Taenui 28,000 acres ⁹³ |

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| | | | | (note: applicant affiliation unknown) |
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| Notes | This fresh investigation and re-hearing was undertaken as a result of the Parliamentary Inquiry that occurred in 1886. ⁹⁴ | | | |
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¹ Wai 2180, #A006, M Fisher and B Stirling, The Sub-district Block Study – Northern Aspect Report, September 2012, 138; Wai 2180 #A030(a), Walghan Partners, *Index for Taihape Maori Land Court Minute Book Document Bank*, 6 Jan 15.

² Wai 2180, #A006, 140; Wai 2180, #A30(a).

³ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁴ Wai 2180, #A030(a)(7), 343-388; Wai 2180, #15, C Innes, *Māori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District - 1840-2013*, 25.

⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 138.

⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

¹⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

¹¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

¹² Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

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¹⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

¹⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

¹⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 140.

¹⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

¹⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

¹⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

²⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

²¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

²² Wai 2180, #A006, 138, 141; Wai 2180, #A030(a).

²³ Wai 2180, #A006, 141; Wai 2180, #A030(a).

²⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

²⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

²⁶ Wai 2180, #A30(a)(7), 343-388; Wai 2180, #A015, C Innes, *Māori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District - 1840-2013*, 25.

²⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

²⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

²⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

³⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 142.

³¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 142.

³² Wai 2180, #A006, 144.

³³ Wai 2180, #A006, 144.

³⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 144.

³⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 143.

³⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 143.

³⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 143.

³⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 143.

³⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 144.

⁴⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 144.

⁴¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.

⁴² Wai 2180, #A006, 141.
⁴³ Wai 2180, #A006, 141.
⁴⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 142.
⁴⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 143.
⁴⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 144.
⁴⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 138.
⁴⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 145; Wai 2180, #A030(a).
⁴⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 145; Wai 2180, #A030(a).
⁵⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 145; Wai 2180, #A030(a).
⁵¹ Wai 2180, #A030(a)(7), 389-961; Wai 2180, #A015, C Innes, *Māori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District - 1840-2013*, 25.
⁵² Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁵³ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁵⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁵⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁵⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 152.
⁵⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 152.
⁵⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
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⁶³ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁶⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁶⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁶⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁶⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁶⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 148.
⁶⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 148.
⁷⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁷¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁷² Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁷³ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁷⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 151.
⁷⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 151.
⁷⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁷⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁷⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
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⁸⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 146.
⁸⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 146.
⁸⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 146.
⁸⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 147.
⁸⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 150.
⁹⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 150.
⁹¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 150.
⁹² Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁹³ Wai 2180, #A006, 145.
⁹⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 144.

| Otairi Block | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | |
| Date | May and June 1880 ¹ | | | |
| Venue | Marton ² | | | |
| Judges | Heaphy | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 ³ | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Apa | Kawana Hunia | McLean | | Awarded land in the east and south. ⁴ Some peoples' claims not upheld. ⁵ |
| Ngāti Hauiti | Utiku Potaka Aperahama Tipae Watene Te Ranginui | Buller. He was also acting for the Crown, who were paying him. ⁶ | | Awarded most of the land. |
| Ngāti Raukawa | | | | Dismissed ⁷ |
| Ngāti Rangituhia | Nehanera Te Kahu | | | Not made out ⁸ |
| Ngāti Hinearo, Ngāti Tumanunu, and Ngāti Tutapena (Whanganui hapū). | | Duncan | Ancestry and occupation | Awarded land in the east |
| Ereni ⁹ | Ratana Ngahine | | Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Hauiti whakapapa | Awarded 500 acres within the Hauiti block ¹⁰ |
| "There were five other counter-claimants whose cases were conducted by 'native agents.'" ¹¹ | | | | Unknown |
| Notes | | | | |
| Notes | Buller was instructed to confine his questions to Otairi as he "was endeavouring to build up evidence against his present clients to use against them in Rangatira block in favour of Ngāti Apa, who are opposed to his present clients, the Ngāti Hauiti". ¹² | | | |
| | Stirling estimates the total cost of the hearing to be in the region of £3,000. ¹³ | | | |
| Survey Costs | £1,140 | | | |

¹ Wai 2180, #A007, *The Sub-district Block Study – Southern Aspect Report*, 1 Nov 12, 154.

² Wai 2180 #A030(a)(8), Walghan Partners, *Volume 8: Oruamatua Kaimanawa to Owahaoko*, 6 Jan 15, 92 – 222.

³ Wai 2180, #A030(a)(8), 92 – 222.

⁴ Wai 2180 #A007, 157.

⁵ Wai 2180 #A007, 156.

⁶ Wai 2180 #A043, 166.

⁷ Wai 2180 #A007, 156.

⁸ Wai 2180 #A007, 156.

⁹ Wai 2180 #A007, 154.

¹⁰ Wai 2180 #A007, 156.

¹¹ Wai 2180 #A007, 154.

¹² Wai 2180 #A043, 165.

¹³ Wai 2180 #A043, 169.

| Otamakapua 1 Block | | | | | | |
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| First Title Investigation | | | | | | |
| Date | 16 June 1870 ¹ | | | | | |
| Venue | Bulls ² | | | | | |
| Judges | Thomas H. Smith Wi Tako Ropata Ngarongomate ³ | | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Lands Act 1865 ⁴ | | | | | |
| Parties | | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Hauiti ⁵ | | <i>Claimant</i> ⁶ Arapata Potaka and six others <i>Witnesses</i> ⁷ Utiku Potaka Arapata Potaka George F. Swainson | Utiku Potaka | 9000 acres comprising Takapurau and Mangamoko blocks ⁸ | Descent from Hauiti ⁹ | Interlocutory order granted 16 th June 1870, expired after six months. ¹⁰ <i>Grantees:</i> Arapata Tapui Potaka Utiku Potaka Rena Maikuku Pirimona Te Uru Te Retimana Te Rango Horima Paerau |
| | | Ema Te Naihi ¹¹ (counter claimant) | | | | Counterclaim withdrawn ¹² |
| | | | | | | |
| Notes | Court costs £4 11s ¹³ | | | | | |
| | Application for rehearing by Renata Tama-ki-Hikurangi (Renata Kawepo) was withdrawn after being set down for hearing to allow Ngāti Hauiti and Ngai Te Upokoiri to submit a claim to the larger Otamakapua 2 (which included Otamakapua 1). Because the rehearing had not taken place, title could not be issued in 1878 when requested. ¹⁴ | | | | | |
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| Rehearing and Title Investigation | | | | | | |
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| Date | 13 May 1880 ¹⁵ | | | | 19 May 1880 two titles issued, for Takapurau and Mangamoko ¹⁶ 1 June 1880: titles cancelled and reissued as a single title ¹⁷ | |
| Venue | Marton ¹⁸ | | | | | |
| Judges | Charles Heaphy Hori Ngatai ¹⁹ | | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 ²⁰ | | | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed | Take | Decision | |
| Ngāti Hauiti | Utiku Potaka | Walter Buller | 8,952 acres | | | |

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| Notes | While the title to Otamakapua 1 was in limbo from 1870 to 1880, more than 100,000 acres of the surrounding land was being negotiated for by the Crown before title to it had been determined. The vast area was referred to simply as 'Otamakapua' but once title was determined in 1879 it was known by its Native Land Court name of Otamakapua 2. ²¹ |
| | Memorial of ownership recorded 12 owners but there were 13 recognised by the Court. ²² |

| Partition | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Date | 9 August 1894 | | | |
| Venue | Marton | | | |
| Judges | William G. Mair B.F. Edwards Reha Aperahama | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 | | | |
| Parties | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed | Decision | |
| Utiku Potaka Herewini Tawera [successors to]; Retimana Te Rango; Hana Hinemanu; Paramena Te Naonao [successors to] <i>Witnesses:</i> ²³ Utiku Potaka, Hue Te Huri, Rakera Hunia, Rangipo Mete Paetahi, Eruera Whakaahu (aka Edward Sutherland), Hoani Mete Kingi, Hana Hinemanu, Raita Tuterangi | Cohen, G. Marshall, Cuff, Fox, Tamati Tautahi, Raita Tuterangi ²⁴ | Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Matangi, Ngai Te Upokoiri, Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Pikiahu, Ngāti Waewae, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Mokaī, Ngāti Tumokai, Ngāti Kahungunu ²⁵ | Awarded in 13 portions to owners in original memorial of ownership or their successors: Successors of Arapata Potaka 1300 acres Utiku Potaka 1250 acres Successors of Pirimona Te Urukahika 1200 acres Successors of Wi Wheko 450 acre Rora Utiku and Watarahui 400 acres each Successors of Ema Retimana 680 acres Rena Maikuku 680 acres Successors of Retimana Te Rango 62 acres Herima Paerau and Ropata Rangitahua 350 acres each Successors of Herewini Tawera 1150 acres Successors of Paramena Te Naonao 680 acres ²⁶ | |

Re-hearing and Partition

| Date | 9 October 1895 ²⁷ | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Venue | Wanganui ²⁸ | | | |
| Judges | William J. Butler and Herbert F. Edger; Hemi Erueti ²⁹ | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Pikiahu ³⁰ | Utiku Potaka and others ³¹ <i>Witnesses:</i> ³² Gifford Marshall, Baldwin, Fraser, Fox, Ropata Rangitahua, Davis, Cohen | Davis Baldwin Marshall Fox ³³ | Appeal by various parties against previous decision by Court in partition of Otamakapua No.1 ³⁴ | Court altered interests of owners as follows: ³⁵ Arapata Potaka 1300 acres Utiku Potaka 1400 acres Ropata Rangitahua 500 acres Ema Retimana 1000 acres Retimana Te Rango 62 acres Rena Maihuku 840 acres Rora Utiku 400 acres Watarauhi Hohaia 400 acres Pirimana Te Urukahika 850 acres Wi Wheko 600 acres Herewini Tawera 900 acres Paramena Te Naonao 400 acres Horima Paerau 800 acres |

¹ Wai 2180, #A007, *The Sub-district Block Study – Southern Aspect Report, 1 Nov 12*, 43; Wai 2180 #A030(a), Walghan Partners, *Index for Taihape Maori Land Court Minute Book Document Bank*, 6 Jan 15.

² Wai 2180 #A007, 43; Wai 2180 #A030(a).

³ Wai 2180 #A007, 43; Wai 2180 #A030(a).

⁴ Wai 2180 #A007, 43.

⁵ Wai 2180 #A043, Bruce Stirling, *Taihape District Nineteenth Century Overview, May 2016*, 39.

⁶ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

⁷ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

⁸ Wai 2180 #A007, 43.

⁹ Wai 2180 #A043, 39.

¹⁰ Wai 2180 #A043, 39.

¹¹ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

¹² Wai 2180 #A030(a).

¹³ Wai 2180 #A007, 44.

¹⁴ Wai 2180 #A043, 40.

¹⁵ Wai 2180 #A043, 43.

¹⁶ Wai 2180 #A043, 43.

¹⁷ Wai 2180 #A043, 43; Wai 2180 #A030(a).

¹⁸ Wai 2180 #A043, 43.

¹⁹ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

²⁰ Wai 2180 #A043, 43.

²¹ Wai 2180 #A043, 44.

²² Wai 2180 #A043, 42.

²³ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

²⁴ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

²⁵ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

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- ²⁶ Wai 2180 #A030(a).
²⁷ Wai 2180 #A030(a).
²⁸ Wai 2180 #A030(a).
²⁹ Wai 2180 #A030(a).
³⁰ Wai 2180 #A030(a).
³¹ Wai 2180 #A030(a).
³² Wai 2180 #A030(a).
³³ Wai 2180 #A030(a).
³⁴ Wai 2180 #A030(a).
³⁵ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

| Otamakapua 2 Block | | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | | |
| Date | September 1879 ¹ | | | | |
| Venue | Napier/Omahu ² | | | | |
| Judges | Theophilus Heale ³ | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 | | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Take | | Decision |
| Ngāti Hauiti Ngāti Tama Ngāti Whiti ⁴ | Utiku Potaka Retimana Raita ⁵ | Buller. ⁶ He also appeared for the Crown. ⁷ | Conquest. Noted Ngāti Apa had never objected to Utiku Potaka receiving rents from the land. ⁸ | | Entitled to the whole of the block. ⁹ |
| Ngāti Rangiwahaeo ¹⁰ | Aperahama Tipae ¹¹ | | Conquest, Tonganui ¹² | occupation, whakapapa to | Dismissed for lack of evidence. ¹³ |
| Ngāti Apa ¹⁴ | Kawana Hunia ¹⁵ | Duncan ¹⁶ | Conquest, Tonganui ¹⁷ | occupation, whakapapa to | No permanent occupation ¹⁸ . |
| Ngāti Tumokai ¹⁹ | Hone Meihana ²⁰ | | Unknown | | Unknown |
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| Notes | Rehearing requested by Ngāti Apa, December 1879. Denied by Native Minister Bryce. ²¹ | | | | |
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| Opposition | Ngāti Apa protested the hearing. ²² It is not clear whether they were protesting the block going through the Court, or protesting the Hawke’s Bay venue, or something else. | | | | |
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| Partition and Relative Interests | | | | | |
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| Date | 8 April 1884 ²³ | | | | |
| Venue | Palmerston North ²⁴ | | | | |
| Judges | Laughlin O'Brien and William G. Mair ²⁵ | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 | | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Take | Decision | |
| Ngāti Hauiti ²⁶ | Utiku Potaka Pene Te Uamairangi ²⁷ <i>Witnesses:</i> ²⁸ Ema Retimana, Hamuera Te Raikokiritia, Retimana Te Rango, John Stevens, William Hammond, Wi Wheko, Utiku | Gill ²⁹ | | Ngāti Hauiti -20000 acres ³⁰ | |

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| | Potaka, Te Rina Mete, Wirihana Hunia, Herewini Tawera, Ani Paki, Raita Tuterangi, Aperahama Tahunuiarangi, Airini Tonore, Pirimona Te Urukahika, Hiraka Rameka, Anaru Te Wanikau, Aperahama Te Konga, Wiari Turoa | | | |
| Ngāti Whiti ³¹ | | | | Ngāti Whiti - 7000 acres ³² |
| Ngāti Tama ³³ | | | | Ngāti Tama -7000 acres ³⁴ |
| Ngai Te Upokoiri ³⁵ | | | | Ngāti Te Upokoiri - 18000 acres ³⁶ |
| Ngāti Hinemanu ³⁷ | | | | Ngāti Hinemanu - 19000 acres ³⁸ |
| Ngāti Tumokai ³⁹ | | | | Ngāti Tumokai - 12000 acres ⁴⁰ |
| Aperahama Tipae ⁴¹ | | | | 2000 acres ⁴² |
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¹ Wai 2180, #A007, *The Sub-district Block Study – Southern Aspect Report*, 1 Nov 12, 62.

² Wai 2180 #A007, 62.

³ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

⁴ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

⁵ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

⁶ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

⁷ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

⁸ Wai 2180 #A007, 64.

⁹ Wai 2180 #A007, 66.

¹⁰ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

¹¹ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

¹² Wai 2180 #A007, 64.

¹³ Wai 2180 #A007, 66.

¹⁴ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

¹⁵ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.

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- ¹⁶ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.
¹⁷ Wai 2180 #A007, 64.
¹⁸ Wai 2180 #A007, 65-66.
¹⁹ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.
²⁰ Wai 2180 #A007, 63.
²¹ Wai 2180 #A007, 68-70.
²² Wai 2180 #A007, 62.
²³ Wai 2180 #A030(a), Walghan Partners, *Index for Taihape Maori Land Court Minute Book Document Bank, 6 Jan 15*; Wai 2180, #A007, 93 – 109.
²⁴ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁵ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁶ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁷ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁸ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁹ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³⁰ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³¹ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³² Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³³ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³⁴ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³⁵ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³⁶ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³⁷ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³⁸ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
³⁹ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
⁴⁰ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
⁴¹ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
⁴² Wai 2180, #A030(a).

| Otumore Block | | | | | |
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| Title Investigation and Partition | | | | | |
| Date | January 1906 | | | | |
| Venue | Marton, Palmerston North ¹ | | | | |
| Judges | William G. Mair ² | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1894 | | | | |
| Parties | | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed/Take | Decision |
| | Rangitane, Ngāti Pouoa, Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Wehiwehi, Ngai Te Upokoiri, Ngāti Marau, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Whakatere ³ | <i>Counter claimants:</i> ⁴ Henare Apatari, Rewanui Te Aweawe and Kerei Te Parau; Mare Rautahi and Purakau Maika; Tanguru Tuhua, Paikea and Ihaia Hutana <i>Key witnesses:</i> ⁵ Rewanui Apatari, Kerei Te Papau, Mare Rautahi, Manahi Paewai, Tanguru Tuhua, A.L.D. Fraser, Utiku Potaka, Wirihana Hunia, Purakau Maika, Paikea, Inia Maru, Hone McMillan, Te One Makerika, Kereihi Roera, Matenga Pekapeka, Harapeka Matina, Hemi Te Rangitakoru, Ema Heni Te Rangiotu, Merehira Taipu, Hiraka Te Rango, Rora Potaka | Inia Maru, A.L.D. Fraser, Hone McMillan ⁶ | | |
| | Rangitane | | | Land incorrectly left out of Te Ahuaturanga block ⁷ - claimed that Umutoi was further to the north, marking the northern | |

¹ Wai 2180, #A007, The Sub-district Block Study – Southern Aspect Report, 1 Nov 12, 237; Wai 2180 #A030(a), Walghan Partners, *Index for Taihape Maori Land Court Minute Book Document Bank*, 6 Jan 15; Wai 2180 #A049, David Armstrong, *Mokai Patea Land, People and Politics Report*, 25 Nov 16, 396.

² Wai 2180, #A030(a).

³ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁴ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁵ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁶ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁷ Wai 2180 #A046 at 676.

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| | | | | boundary of Otumore, and the block was included in their sale of Te Ahu-a-Turanga ⁸ | |
| | Ngāti Hauiti | <i>Claimants:</i> ⁹ Tapita Matina, Wirihana Hunia and Utiku Potaka through tupuna Hauiti | | Block was part of Mangaoira. Correctly awarded in 1877. ¹⁰ | Block had formed part of Mangaoira so was awarded to Ngāti Hauiti. ¹¹ |
| | Ngāti Tumokai | | Fraser ¹² | Ancestral right and occupation. ¹³ “this was not so much a distinct claim, but rather a claim made by another group of Ngāti Hauiti who were separately represented” ¹⁴ | |
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| Notes | “Although Hearn found no clear rationale behind the need for a second title investigation it is possible that despite the 1877 title investigation a title was not actually issued because of survey, unpaid fees or a number of other administrative possibilities.” ¹⁵ Partitioned into Otumore 1 (4,000 acres) and 2 (3,000 acres). ¹⁶ | | | | |
| | “... a petition was presented to the House of Representatives contending that there had been considerable confusion in the drawing up of the lists associated with Otumore. This led to a report by Chief Judge Jackson but did not result in any further action.” ¹⁷ | | | | |
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| Appeals | Four | Native Land Court decision upheld. ¹⁸ | | | |
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⁸ Wai 2180, #A030(a); Wai 2180, #A049, 396.

⁹ Wai 2180, #A030(a); Wai 2180, #A049, 396.

¹⁰ Wai 2180 #A046 at 676.

¹¹ Wai 2180 #A046 at 676; Wai 2180, #A030(a); Wai 2180, #A049, 397.

¹² Wai 2180, #A030(a); Wai 2180, #A049, 396.

¹³ Wai 2180 #A046 at 676.

¹⁴ Wai 2180, #A030(a); Wai 2180, #A049, 396.

¹⁵ Wai 2180 #A046 at 675.

¹⁶ Wai 2180 #A007 at 234.

¹⁷ Wai 2180 #A046, 743.

¹⁸ Wai 2180 #A007, 236.

| Owhaoko Block | | | | | |
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| First Title Investigation | | | | | |
| Date | 16 September 1875 ¹ | | | | |
| Venue | Napier ² | | | | |
| Judge | John Rogan Hone Peeti ³ | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 | | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed/Take | Decision | |
| Renata Kawepo Noa Huke Te Hira Oke ⁴ | Key witnesses ⁵ Renata Kawepo Noa Huke Jarman Dennan | - | Owhaoko 1 and 2 comprised of 38,220 acres. ⁶ The land through Whitikaupeka and Wharepurukai, asserting that he, Renata, and Kairatiana Te Rango were descended from those ancestors.” ⁷ | Memorial of ownership ordered in favour of applicants Renata Kawepo and Noa Huke ⁸ | |
| Notes | The hearing was “perfunctory, with only two witnesses called at the brief and poorly advertised hearing...a number of different groups, who were unable to participate in the 1875 hearing, asserted interests in Owhaoko: Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Upokoiri, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Mahu and Ngāti Rangikahutea...requests for re-hearings were denied.” ⁹ | | | | |
| | Inconvenient venue distant from Owhaoko. “As a result, they [those who opposed Renata Kawepo] were unable to attend to protect their interests.” ¹⁰ | | | | |
| | Notice of hearing was gazetted only 9 days before hearing. ¹¹ | | | | |
| | “Rather than being adjourned, the title to Owhaoko was perhaps under an interlocutory order, until survey enabled the title to be completed.” ¹² | | | | |
| Opposition | No objections at hearing, however “Heperi Pikirangi, Te Hau Paimaririe and others who had interests in the land only received the notices on 13 September 1875 and did not arrive at Napier in time for the brief title investigation. They wrote to Chief Judge Fenton mid-December 1875, and to Native Minister Donald McLean seeking a re-hearing.” ¹³ | | | | |
| | Judge Rogan maintained that ample notice had been given for counter-claimants. ¹⁴ | | | | |

| Petitions, Applications for rehearing | | | |
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| Date | Party | Action | Crown response |
| 31 January 1878 ¹⁵ | Topia Turoa, Hohepa Tamamutu and others ¹⁶ | Sent a petition to Native Minister requesting a rehearing ¹⁷ | None |
| Early 1879 ¹⁸ | Hiha Akatarewa ¹⁹ | Sent a petition to Native Minister requesting a rehearing ²⁰ | On 13 August 1879, Gilbert Mair wrote a memorandum to the Chief Judge recommending a re-hearing as many Māori from Taupo had not had the chance to contest the title in 1875. ²¹ |

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| | | | Re-hearing granted in early 1880, but Topia Turoa and others withdrew their application. |
| November 1880 ²² | Renata Kawepo ²³ | Buller appeared before the Native Land Court on behalf of Kawepo seeking to contest the defective title. ²⁴ | |
| Unknown | Heperi Pikirangi. ²⁵ | Heperi Pikirangi wrote a letter to Fenton claiming that Turoa and others had been tricked about withdrawing their rehearing request. ²⁶ | None |
| Unknown | Rawiri. ²⁷ | Rawiri and others received no help in addressing fraudulent activity so applied to have parts of Owhaoko heard under a different name, Ngaruroro. ²⁸ | None |
| 1882 ²⁹ | | Rehearing was requested, Buller applied to have it dismissed. ³⁰ | Chief Judge Fenton referred request to Supreme Court Justice Richmond. ³¹ Ruled that Fenton could re-affirm the decision so application for re-hearing was set aside ³² |

| Partition Hearing | | | |
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| Date | 26 October 1885 – 10 December 1885 ³³ | | |
| Venue | Hastings ³⁴ | | |
| Judges | Judge William Gilbert Mair, joined by Māori Assessor Hamuera Makupuku (of southern Wairarapa) ³⁵ | | |
| Parties/Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed/take | Decision ³⁶ |
| Renata Kawepo and Hira Te Oke ³⁷ <i>Witnesses</i> – Paramena Naonao, Anaru Te Wanikau, Hira, Renata ³⁸ | James Carroll | Nearly 100,000 acres of Owhaoko block ³⁹ Owhaoko through Honomokai ⁴⁰ Ancestral connection through food collected on the block, former kainga, mahinga kai, mutton birds caught at Taruarau, Ngamatea and Pohukura. Kawepo's role in driving Te Heuheu out of Patea and his role of supplying guns and powder to Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Hinemanu and Ngāti Upokoiri. Noa Huke had only originally been placed on the memorial of ownership as a Trustee but that he had no ancestral rights to the area. ⁴¹ | Owhaoko, Owhaoko No.1, Owhaoko No.2, Owhaoko School Reserve In summary the Native Land Court upheld previous flawed title, upholding ancestral rights of Renata with little emphasis on role of Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Hinemanu. ^{42, 43} In favour of Renata and ancestral rights of Honomokai. ⁴⁴ Awarded Owhaoko block (80,790 a), Owhaoko 1 (17,160), Owhaoko 2 (81 a) |
| Ihakara Te Raro, Retimana Te Rango, Karaitiana Te Ranga representing Ngāti Whiti and Ngāti Tama ⁴⁵ | Hiraka Te Rango ⁴⁷ | Settlement of Tikitiki, other seasonal settlements including: ⁴⁸ Ngapitopari, Mangaururoa, Motumatai, Waingakia, | Claims that Ngāti Tama and Ngāti Whiti conquered Ngāti Hotu was 'mythical' event. ⁵¹ |

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| <i>Witnesses</i> Te Hau Paimarire of Ngāti Tama Ihakara Retimana ⁴⁶ | | <p>Tohorotea, Ngaumukakapo. Evidence of connection through mahinga kai.</p> <p>Te Hau Paimarire claimed land for Ngāti Whiti and Ngāti Tama through the ancestor Tumakaurangi.⁴⁹</p> <p>Te Hau Paimarire originally claimed through Whakaokorau, son of Tamakaurangi, but Retimana Te Rango claimed through Whakaokorau’s sister, Hineroro, and her husband Wharepurakau.⁵⁰</p> | <p>Occupation was “merely seasonal”.⁵²</p> <p>Held to be entitled to some interests through ancestry, being descendants of Wharepurakau.⁵³</p> <p>Awarded Owhaoko A (40,395 a), Owhaoko 1A (8,580 a), Owhaoko 2A (60 a)</p> |
| Noa Te Hianga (Huke) representing Ngāti Hinemanu ⁵⁴ <i>Witness</i> Wi Wheko Irimana Ngahue Noa ⁵⁵ | Pene Te Uamai Terangi ⁵⁶ | Claim through Whitikaupeka. ⁵⁷ | <p>Noa named as Trustee, but awarded approximately 16,000 acres.⁵⁸</p> <p>Awarded Owhaoko B (40 a)⁵⁹</p> |
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| Notes | Owhaoko and Kaimanawa Native Lands Parliamentary Select Committee brought to light “inept practices of the Native Land Court, and resulted in a recommendation for special legislation to enable a fresh investigation of title” ⁶⁰ | | |
| | More evidence was able to be presented | | |
| | Title merely vested in original 5 grantees. ⁶¹ | | |
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| Petitions, Applications for rehearing | | | |
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| Date | Party | Action | Crown response |
| 1886 ⁶² | Hiraka Te Rango and others ⁶³ | Sent a petition to Native Minister requesting a rehearing as title had been awarded to Māori who they said had no claim to the land ⁶⁴ | Premier and Attorney-General, Sir Robert Stout, saw merits in the petition and serious defects in the processes of the Native Land Court. He lobbied for the establishment of Owhaoko and Kaimanawa Native lands Committee to inquire into petitions and the history. Evidence of conflict of interest between Chief Judge Fenton and representatives and allies of those who were awarded the block, such as Buller, and Renata's business partner, John Studholme. Memorials of ownership were not held. Other tribal groups were not informed of the 1875 hearing. Protests or requests for re-hearings were consistently rejected. Stout recommended rehearings for Owhaoko and Oruamatua-Kaimanawa Blocks. ⁶⁵ |
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| Select Committee Hearing of 1886 | |
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| Witness/ representative | Proceedings |
| Fenton represented by F. D Bell (Fenton and Rogan's solicitor) ⁶⁶ | Stout cross-examined Fenton. Fenton denied apparent conflict of interest. Stout criticised Fenton for not ensuring notices were served to interested parties, questioned on "how he could have let only two men in on the original title when there were clearly others with customary interests; others he was legally obliged to identify, also probed on 'how the hearing dated 20 December 1876 could have even happened, when it was also put that the same case was heard on 31 October 1877. Then in 1880, when neither Renata nor Buller appeared at Court, Fenton had still gone on with the case. ⁶⁷ |
| Judge Rogan ⁶⁸ | Hearing minute book erroneously noted size of Owhaoko based on a sketch plan not survey, Judge Rogan admitted error. ⁶⁹ He was questioned about why he hadn't tried to obtain more information about objectors in 1875, and he responded that this was the power of chiefs in those days to sign agreements on behalf of all the others that held interests in the land. Stirling writes: the Court was not there to uphold their authority (quite the contrary, in fact); it was there to identify every single customary owner of Owhaoko and list them on the memorial of ownership. This it had not failed to do, it did not even attempt to do. ⁷⁰ |
| Bridson (Court's clerk) ⁷¹ | Testified that all Māori claimants could never be informed of hearings taking place. He considered the nine-day turnaround from notice to hearing was very short and unusual. ⁷² Admitted that there were cases where the minutes failed to come close to recording what transpired in a case. ⁷³ |
| Captain Azmi Berch (lease of Oruamatua Kaimanawa Block) ⁷⁴ | Believed Renata had rights to land. ⁷⁵ |
| Karaitiana Te Rango ⁷⁶ | Renata admitted into Owhaoko, but no rights there or at Oruamatua-Kaimanawa ⁷⁷ |
| Airini Donnelly ⁷⁸ | Claimed that Renata convinced her, her mother (Haromi Te Ata) and Ani Kanara to allow only his name to be placed on the title since, "Being women, [they] would be easily persuaded by Europeans to sell." ⁷⁹ They were given £200 each. She married Donnelly against Renata's wishes so he refused to pay rent. |
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| Outcome | Select Committee exonerated Judges Fenton and Rogan "despite extensive evidence of, at best, negligence, and at worst, forgery, corruption and conflict of interest." Stout's recommendations accepted by the Committee and Parliament re-hearings for Owhaoko and Oruamatua-Kaimanawa, Owhaoko and Oruamatua-Kaimanawa Reinvestigation of Title Act 1886 enacted |

| Re-Hearing and Partition | |
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| Date | 10 May 1887 – 8 July 1887 ⁸⁰ |
| Venue | Taradale, Hastings ⁸¹ |
| Judges | Judge Wilson and Assessor Karaka Tarawhiti ⁸² |

| Parties | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed /Take | Decision |
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| <p>Ngāti Whiti⁸³ <i>Witnesses</i>⁸⁴ Hiraka Te Rango Ihakara Te Raro (Hiraka's father) Winiata Te Whaaro Ani Paki Noa Huke A number of others</p> | Joshua Cuff ⁸⁵ | <p>By occupation and ancestry through Tumakaurangi, Whitikaupēka, and Hinemanu.⁸⁶ Detailed settlement and resource use at Tatahara, Te Akeake, Waingakia and Tapuae Ngātoā (?), Ngamatea, Horotea, Te Ahipupu Tikitiki main settlement. Challenged Ngāti Upokoiri, Ngāti Tuwharetoa claims to block.⁸⁷</p> | <p>Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Tuwharetoa awarded Owahoko block⁸⁸</p> <p>Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Tuwharetoa entitled to block; rejected Ngāti Upokoiri and Ngāti Kahungunu claims.</p> <p>Ngāti Hotu original inhabitants but defeated by Ngāti Tuwharetoa and then driven out by Ngāti Whiti and Ngāti Tama who arrived later.</p> <p>Owahoko North (27,680 a) to Ngāti Kurapoto of Ngāti Tuwharetoa.</p> <p>Ōwhāoko East (90,501) to Ngāti Whiti, Owahoko West (45,251 a) to Ngāti Tama, 5000 a of which was set aside as an inalienable reserve for Ngāti Tama.</p> |
| <p>Ngāti Tama⁸⁹ <i>Witnesses</i>⁹⁰ Heperi Pikirangi Ihaka Te Hau Paimarire Hiha (?) Akatarewa</p> | Joshua Cuff ⁹¹ | <p>By ancestry, conquest and occupation through Tumakaurangi and Tamakopiri.⁹² Tamakopiri conquered Ngāti Hotu. Settlements and resources used on block, including at Tikitiki, Otutu, Matapuku, Te Ahi Manawa, Kapakapanui, Waingakia, Tuwhaketuhunga (?), Waingakia.⁹³</p> <p>Recounted school endowment intention of Renata, Renata was required to get Ngāti Whiti and Ngāti Tama permission to use Owahoko because he had no ancestral rights.⁹⁴</p> | |
| <p>Ngāti Hinemanu⁹⁵ Ngāti Tuwharetoa⁹⁶ <i>Witnesses</i> Rawhira Te Aramoana⁹⁷ Hori Te Tauri⁹⁸</p> | <p>Aperahama Te Kume⁹⁹</p> | <p>Northern portion of the block Allied with Ngāti Upokoiri and Ngāti Kahungunu. By ancestry, conquest, and occupation through Tuamatua and Tuwharetoa and on behalf of the hapū Ngāti Kurapoto, Ngāti Maruwahine, Ngāti Te Rangiita. Claimed that Ngāti Kurapoto had conquered Ngāti Hotu and defeated Ngāti Whiti. Ngāti Tuwharetoa's sheltering of Ngāti Upokoiri at Taupo entitled them to land. Taradale.¹⁰⁰ Discussed difficulty at attempting to obtain a re-hearing.¹⁰¹ Claimed that that Buller plied Topia and others with alcohol before inducing them to sign names</p> | |

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| | | to a document requesting their withdrawal of their application for the re-hearing. ¹⁰² | |
| Renata Kawepo and others, Ngāti Upokoiri ¹⁰³ <i>Witness</i> Paramena Naonao, Anaru Te Wanikau, Kawepo, Paora Kaiwhata. ¹⁰⁴ | James Carroll ¹⁰⁵ | Claim through ancestry and occupation through Ohuake. Naonao claimed as Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Hinemanu, Ngāti Upokoiri. Te Wanikau and Kaiwhata claimed as Ngāti Mahu. Opposed Ngāti Tuwharetoa rights to land. ¹⁰⁶ Ngāti Whiti and Ngāti Tama rights recognised, but below theirs. ¹⁰⁷ | |
| Arini Donnelly Ngāti Upokoiri and Ngāti Kahungunu ¹⁰⁸ | <i>Witness</i> Raniera Te Ahiko, Airini, Te Teira Tiakitai ¹⁰⁹ | Claimed by ancestry and occupation through Kahungunu and Whatumamoa, and as Ngāti Kurukuru but also Ngāti Upokoiri through Honomokai. Supported Ngāti Tuwharetoa claims, but opposed Ngāti Whiti. ¹¹⁰ | |
| Ngāti Kahungunu ¹¹¹ | | | |

Petitions, Applications for rehearing

| Date | Party | Action | Response |
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| 1887 ¹¹² | Renata Kawepo and Airini Donnelly ¹¹³ | Petitioned for re-hearing ¹¹⁴ | Rehearing granted less than a year after 1887 title investigation ¹¹⁵ |
| | Winiata Te Whaaro ¹¹⁶ | Applied for re-hearing as they had been excluded from sale despite initially having own claim as Ngāti Whiti. ¹¹⁷ | Re-hearing rejected by Wilson. ¹¹⁸ |
| | Henare Tomoana ¹¹⁹ | Ngāti Kahungunu, applied for re-hearing as his case was combined with the Kawepo and Donnelly ¹²⁰ | Re-hearing rejected by Wilson. ¹²¹ |
| | Airini Donnelly and Paramena Naonao ¹²² | Together applied separately applied for re-hearing ¹²³ | Rejected by Wilson, allowed by the Chief Judge. ¹²⁴ |
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| Notes | Renata Kawepo died before re-hearing was held ¹²⁵ | | |

Rehearing, Title investigation and Partition

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| Date | May 1888 – October 1888 ¹²⁶ |
| Judges | Judge Herbert Brabant and Judge Edward Puckey, Māori Assessor Paraki Te Waru ¹²⁷ |

| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed/take | Decision |
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| Ngāti Tama ¹²⁸ | <i>Witness</i> ¹²⁹ Heperi Pikirangi Te Hau Paimarire | Alfred Fraser ¹³⁰ | Claimed by conquest, occupation and ancestry through Tamakopiri. Tamakopiri responsible for defeat of Ngāti Hotu. ¹³¹ Discussed a number of settlements and resource uses, at Tahunui, Kaimoko, Tahataharoa, Otutu, Te Toatoa a te Tamakaitangi, Tawhaketohunga, Tikitiki, Tapuai Ngatoa, Oturua, Horotea, Tararua, Waingakia, Raoraoroa, Te Pake a Hineroro. ¹³² Recounted difficulties with attempting to secure re-hearing. ¹³³ | Heperi Pikirangi and Ngāti Tamatutura were awarded Owahaoko B ¹³⁴ Interests significantly reduced. ¹³⁵ |
| Ngāti Rangitekahutea ¹³⁶ | <i>Witness</i> ¹³⁷ Wi Te Roikuku Heta Tanguru Hori Hukahuka | Edward Harris ¹³⁸ | Claimed Kaimoko on basis of occupation and ancestry through Te Kanawa, Whitikaupēka, and Rangitekahutea ¹³⁹ | |
| Ngāti Mahu ¹⁴⁰ | <i>Witness</i> ¹⁴¹ Uriamina Ngahuka | Hohaia Hoata | Claimed by occupation and ancestry through ancestor Ruapirau. Also claimed land through Ngāti Taita, Ngai Turauwha, Ngāti Hinepare. | |
| Hapū of Kawepo ¹⁴² | | | | Renata Kawepo, Noa Huke, Paramena Te Naonao, Airini Donnelly and ors awarded Owahaoko C ¹⁴³ |
| Ngāti Whiti ¹⁴⁴ | <i>Witness</i> ¹⁴⁵ Hiraka Te Rango Ihakara Te Raro Ani Paki Hakopa Te Ahunga | Joshua Cuff ¹⁴⁶ | Claimed through conquest, occupation and ancestry through Tumakaurangi, Whitikaupēka and Ohuake. ¹⁴⁷ Discussed a number of seasonal settlements and examples of resource use, including at Kaimoko, Ngawaiamaru, Mangamaratea, Mataipuku, Te Hori Puru, Kapakapanui, Ngamatea, Te Horotea, Tahunui, Te Mahu a te Hoka, Ngatakutai, Tikitiki. ¹⁴⁸ | Ihakara Te Raro, Karaitiana Te Rango, Retimana Te Rango awarded Owahaoko D (largest block) ¹⁴⁹ Ngāti Whiti recognised as dominant Award amended to include “Ngāti Whititama” ¹⁵⁰ |
| Ngāti Tuwharetoa ¹⁵¹ | <i>Witness</i> ¹⁵² Moka Taramoana Hori Te Tauri Te Ruhutahi | William Grace ¹⁵³ | Claimed northern portion by conquest, occupation and ancestry through Kurapoto, Maruwahine, Tuwharetoa. Kurapoto and Maruwahine drove Ngāti Whiti from area. Detailed different settlements and areas of resource use, at Otaiorea (?), Ohekura, Waingakia, Otutu, settlements at Ohekura and Omarukokere. | Ngāti Kurapoto and Ngāti Maruwahine (represented by Aperahama Te Kume) jointly awarded Owahaoko A ¹⁵⁵ Remained in same position. ¹⁵⁶ |

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| | | | Complained about earlier appeals for re-hearing being rejected. ¹⁵⁴ | |
| Noa Huke ¹⁵⁷ | <i>Witness</i> ¹⁵⁸ Noa Huke Pirika Toatoa | E. H. Williams ¹⁵⁹ | Claimed land by conquest, occupation, ancestry through Tamatea, Whatumamoa and Tuterangi. Tikitiki as permanent settlement, also Opakaru, Taumahahiwi, Horotea, Ngamatea, Papakai, Kaianui, Tararuara, Mangamarahea, Potaka. ¹⁶⁰ | Ngāti Upokoiri claim accepted ¹⁶⁴ |
| Ngāti Upokoiri (Renata’s former case, died before re-hearing). ¹⁶¹ | <i>Witness</i> ¹⁶² Paramena Naonao Anaru Te Wanikau | | Claimed through occupation and ancestry through Whitikaupeka and Ohuake. ¹⁶³ | |
| Ngāti Upokoiri (Airini Donnelly and others) ¹⁶⁵ | <i>Witness</i> ¹⁶⁶ Raniera Te Ahiko Arini | P. S. McLean ¹⁶⁷ | Claimed through occupation and ancestry through Tamatekapua, Mahuika, Honomakai, Te Kanawa, Haumoetahanga. Discussed a number of settlements and resource uses, at Kaimoko, Raoraoroa, Utuwhanaumu, Te Wairoa, Tahatahara, Tikitiki, Ngawapurua, Ngapuna a awhitu, Tarau o te Marama, Tahunui, Te Ranga o Te Atua, Te Turi o Te Kanawa, Ngamatea, Pakihiroa. ¹⁶⁸ | |
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| Note | Partitioned further in the 15 years following the 1888 hearing and was again partitioned in the 1930s. | | | |
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| Survey timeline and costs | | | | | | |
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| Date requested | Party | Detail | Cost | Paid by | Comment | Government response |
| February 1886 | Noa Te Hianga | 1875 title awarded 1885 partitioned 1886 survey requested | | | | |
| March 1886 | Native Minister | Native Minister advised Chief Surveyor Merchant that survey plans would have to be deferred | | | | |
| May 1886 | Charles Reardon | Charles Reardon (surveyor) suggested that the block be surveyed, but Chief Surveyor told officials to not authorise survey unless Māori themselves apply. ¹⁶⁹ | | | | |
| 1888 | Chief Surveyor | Chief Surveyor reiterated that owners had to apply for survey. ¹⁷⁰ | | | | |
| 1888 | Arini Donnelly | Applied for Kennedy to survey block. Reardon applied to Surveyor-General to jointly carry out survey with Kennedy. ¹⁷¹ | | | | |

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| 14 June 1888 | Hiraka Te Rango, Te Oti Pohe, Horima Paerau, Ihakara Te Raro, Utiku Potaka, Winiata Te Whaaro | Applied for Mitchell to survey.. ¹⁷² Officials insisted that previous survey was adequate and new survey not required ¹⁷³ | |
| October 1888 | Paramena Te Naonao | Nominated Kennedy to survey to define divisions of Owhaoko. ¹⁷⁴ Reardon and Kennedy were preferred by Owhaoko C owners. | |
| 1877 | D Munro, Surveor ¹⁷⁵ | Surveyed block, charged survey lien as follows: £1,683.2.6 lien – Proportioned Owhaoko A1 £6.11.4 Owhaoko A £187.2.10 Owhaoko B1 £10.5.0 Owhaoko B £64.4.9 Owhaoko C £372.7.7 Owhaoko D £1.042.11.0 ¹⁷⁶ | |
| | Reardon ¹⁷⁷ | Surveyed blocks, cost unknown (privately arranged) ¹⁷⁸ | |
| | Kennedy ¹⁷⁹ | Surveyed blocks, cost unknown (privately arranged) ¹⁸⁰ | |
| | Mitchell ¹⁸¹ | Surveyed blocks, cost unknown (privately arranged) ¹⁸² | |
| 1899 | Block owners | On 8 September 1899 the following payments were made - Owhaoko D1 (£46.0.7) Owhaoko D2 (£62.5.2) Owhaoko D 3 (original amount with refund of £9.18.8 as it was paid prior to adjustment) Owhaoko D5 (£85.13.11) Owhaoko D6 (£55.15.0) Owhaoko D7 (£339.15.3) | |
| 1899 | Ihaka Te Raro and others | Petitioned for relief from survey lien ¹⁸³ Survey liens were reduced to £603.2.6. ¹⁸⁴ | |
| Date ? | More costs imposed when Owhaoko D subdivided: ¹⁸⁵ Owhaoko D2 and D4 (£80.8.10) Owhaoko D6 (£66.9.0) Owhaoko D53 (£20.5.9) Owhaoko D71 (£102.15.0) | | |
| 1884 | Owhaoko C 1 – 7 (£906.4.6) ¹⁸⁶ Progress payment of Owhaoko C 1 – 7 in 1884 (£697.13.6), remainder to be charging order ¹⁸⁷ | | |
| 1906 | The following blocks vested in Surveyor-General as payment for outstanding survey liens plus interest: ¹⁸⁸ Owhaoko A West 1.600 acres (for £120 owed by Ngāti Tuwharetoa) Owhaoko A1A 57 acres (for £4.5.4) Owhaoko D4A 92.2.0 acres (for £9.5.0) Owhaoko B West 410 acres (for £31 owing) Owhaoko C (pt) 1,366 acres (for £372.7.7) | | <i>Comment:</i> Owners given only 7 years to pay Subsequent subdivisions were charged with new charging |

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| | Owhaoko D8A 326 a 2 r (for £32.13.5) Owhaoko B1A 65 a 2 r for £5.4.6) | orders, imposing further costs of survey. Land was also charged by way of mortgage. Survey liens remained for decades. ¹⁸⁹ |
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¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 35; Wai 2180, #A030(a).

² Wai 2180, #A006, 35; Wai 2180, #A030(a).

³ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 35; Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁵ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 35.

⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 35.

⁸ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 31.

¹⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 35.

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¹² Wai 2180, #A006, 36.

¹³ Wai 2180, #A006, 35.

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¹⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 37.

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³⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 38.

³⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 38.

³⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, Evald Subasic and Bruce Stirling, *Sub-District Block Study – Central Aspect Report*, 22-24.

³⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 39.

³⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 39.

³⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 38.

⁴⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 39.

⁴¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 39.

⁴² Wai 2180, #A006, 40.

⁴³ Wai 2180, #A006, 31.

⁴⁴ Wai 2180, #A006, 40.

⁴⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 39.

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⁸⁰ Wai 2180, #A006, 48; Wai 2180, #A030(a).
⁸¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 31.
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¹⁴⁵ Wai 2180, #A006, 62.
¹⁴⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 62.
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¹⁵¹ Wai 2180, #A006, 32, 57.
¹⁵² Wai 2180, #A006, 57.
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¹⁸⁶ Wai 2180, #A006, 72.
¹⁸⁷ Wai 2180, #A006, 72.
¹⁸⁸ Wai 2180, #A006, 72 - 73.
¹⁸⁹ Wai 2180, #A006, 73-74.

| Te Kapua Block | | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | | |
| Date | August – October 1884 ¹ | | | | |
| Venue | Whanganui ² | | | | |
| Judges | Alexander Mackay and William Mair ³ | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Court Act 1880 ⁴ | | | | |
| Parties | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed | Take | Decision ⁵ |
| The Applicants: descendants of Hauma Ngāti Tu Tapena and Ngāti Poutama ⁶ | | Hone Tumanga ⁷ | Entire block | Ancestral connection through Haumana, nohonga, mahinga kai, Raupatu. Together Ngāti Poutama and Ngāti Tu Tapena had repulsed invasion by Rangituhia, undisturbed possession, but acknowledged no continuous occupation ⁸ | Award to Ngāti Poutama for all block north-east of Mangaone. Award to Marukohana for the part south east of Mangaone river. ⁹ |
| Ngāti Hauiti | Utiku Potaka ¹⁰ | Hoani Mete Kingi ¹¹ | Eastern portion of the block ¹² | Ancestral through Tamatea, mahinga kai, nohonga, kainga and urupa on the block. ¹³ | Dismissed |
| Ngāti Tumaunu | Taiawa Te Ope ¹⁴ | Taiawa Te Ope ¹⁵ | Western portion of the block (to the west of Ngāti Hauiti area) ¹⁶ | Ancestral through Rangituhia, residence and mahinga kai | No Claim |
| Ngāti Te Aute | Te Raukahawai, ¹⁷ | Winata Paranihi ¹⁸ | Area to west of Whitikaupeka claim area ¹⁹ | Ancestral through Rangituhia, residence, mahinga kai and raupatu. ²⁰ | No Claim |
| Ngāti Whitikaupeka | Retimana Te Rango ²¹ | Hiraka Te Rango ²² | Same claim area as Ngāti Hauiti, with some difference to northern area ²³ | Conquest over Ngāti Hotu, ancestral connection, occupation and mahinga kai. ²⁴ Undisturbed possession, kainga and urupa on the block. ²⁵ | Dismissed |
| Ngāti Parenga | Winiata Te Puhaki ²⁶ | Eruera Sutherland ²⁷ | The whole block north of Mangaone ²⁸ | Ancestral through Rangituhia, occupation and mahinga kai ²⁹ | Dismissed |
| Ngāti Urutaha | Kingi Topia ³⁰ | Kingi Topia ³¹ | Same portion of block as Ngāti Te Aute, and for same reasons. ³² | Ancestral connection through Rangituhia, conquest, occupation and mahinga kai. ³³ | Dismissed |
| Notes | Judges noted that they thought Ngāti Hauiti and Ngāti Whitikaupeka were “virtually the same people” but were “contesting each other in this case”. ³⁴ | | | | |
| | The four Rangituhia claims, although all opposed to the applicants were also at odds with each other. ³⁵ | | | | |

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| Survey Costs ³⁶ | £505 5s. 10d | Completed in December 1882 Prior to the Hearing | Paid by Hakaraia Koraka and Hone Tumango, two of those awarded the block. | |
| Opposition | October 1884 | Letter to Native Minister Balance from Hohepa Tuhawhiri, on behalf of Ngāti Tumaunu, hapū of Ngāti Rangituhia, opposing decision of the Court, opposition to advances and purchases taking place ³⁷ | | |
| | April 1885 | Letter to Native Minister Balance from Winiata Te Puhaki and Hore Matene, opposition to advances and purchases taking place ³⁸ | | |
| | | R.J Gill informed Native Minister Balance that there was an application for a re-hearing, but no advances paid on the land ³⁹ | | |
| | 13 May 1885 | Request for advances from Ngawaka Te Paea, Puniti Whareiti and Eruera Taika of £500 ⁴⁰ | | |
| | | R.J Gill now advised that there had been advances paid in January 1879 of £925, to those unsuccessful in the case ⁴¹ | | |
| | August 1885 | Application for Appeal dismissed. ⁴² | | |
| | August 1885 | Petition to Parliament by Winiata Te Puhaki and others for a re-hearing. ⁴³ | Petition dismissed, even though it was found to be true that the Assessor was related by marriage to one of the claimants, and the interpreter issues ⁴⁴ | |
| | July 1886 | Winiata Te Puhaki made another petition to Parliament. | Heard the same year and dismissed. Stirling notes that the evidence of “lack of permanent occupation may well have swayed the Native Affairs Committee.” ⁴⁵ | |
| | 1888 | Retimana Te Rango petitions Parliament for a re-hearing. ⁴⁶ | | Crown purchasing had been put on hold until 1891. ⁴⁷ |
| | 1891 | Letter to the Native Minister from Winiata Te Puhaki, Nika Waiata, Ruka Puhaki, Hohi Matene and Pone Te Maure. ⁴⁸ | | |
| | June 1892 | Further letter from those above outlining the issues once again. ⁴⁹ | | |
| | Case to the Supreme Court October 1892 | Retimana and Hoera Te Rango appealed the NLC decision. ⁵⁰ | | |
| | Supreme Court Decision October 1893 | Application refused, “the Crown’s title from November 1891 was not challenged by the application, the applicants could get no effectual relief from the proceedings” But Richmond J did “note the long history of protest against the Native Land Court’s 1884 decision, and openly stated that the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court had acted improperly when he dismissed the applications for a re-hearing without giving the applicants an opportunity to appear and support them.” ⁵¹ | | |
| All three of the Blocks; Te Kapua, Te Kapua A and Te Kapua B, were purchased by the Crown in 1891, totalling 21,878 acres. ⁵² | | | | |

¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 20.

² Wai 2180, #A008, 20.

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- ³ Wai 2180, #A008, 22.
⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 20
⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, Evald Subasic and Bruce Stirling, *Sub-District Block Study – Central Aspect*, 22-24.
⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 20.
⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 20.
⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 20.
⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 24.
¹⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 21.
¹¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 21.
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³⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 25.
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⁴¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 26.
⁴² Wai 2180, #A008, 27.
⁴³ Wai 2180, #A008, 27.
⁴⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 28.
⁴⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 29.
⁴⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 29.
⁴⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 30.
⁴⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 32.
⁴⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 34.
⁵⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 35.
⁵¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 36.
⁵² Wai 2180, #A008, 36.

| Te Koau Block | | |
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| Royal Commission | | Counsel/Representative |
| Date | August 1890 ¹ | |
| Venue | Napier ² | |
| Commissioners | Resident Magistrate Preece and J.A. Connell ³ | |
| Applicants | Ngāti Te Upokoiri and Ngāti Whitikaupeka ⁴ | Noa Huke, Airini Donnelly ⁵ |
| | Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Ohuake, Ngāti Hinemanu and Ngāti Te Upokoiri ⁶ | J. Cuff ⁷ |
| Notes | | |
| The Otaranga Deed of 1857, was found to not include this block as part of the Royal Commission ⁸ | | |
| Royal Commission findings enabled an investigation via the Native Land Claims and Boundaries Adjustment and Titles Empowering Act 1894. ⁹ | | |
| This Act also empowered the Court to ascertain who were the former owners of the portion of the land which had already been on-sold to the Crown, and what compensation they were entitled to for having their lands wrongly disposed of as Crown land. ¹⁰ | | |
| The Native title was deemed to have been extinguished from a date prior to 12 June 1878. ¹¹ | | |

| Title Investigation | | | | | |
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| Date | 26 July 1900 ¹² | | | 27 September 1900 | |
| Venue | Hastings ¹³ | | | | |
| Judges | William J. Butler Wi Neera ¹⁴ | | | | |
| Legislation | Native Lands Claims and Boundaries Adjustment and Titles Empowering Act 1894 ¹⁵ | | | | |
| Parties | | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Hinemanu | | Matenga Pekapeka and Miaki Rameka | Taiaroa | Ancestral claim through Hinemanu, occupation (with Ngāti Te Upokoiri claim ending after Rotoatara battle ¹⁶ | Awarded to those claiming through Hinemanu ¹⁷ |
| Ngāti Hinemanu | | Wiki Te Uamairangi and others | Former NLC Judge Scannell | Ancestral through Hinemanu. ¹⁸ | |
| Ngāti Hinemanu | | Winiata Te Whaaro | | Occupation, mahinga kai, kainga. ¹⁹ | |
| Arihi Te Nahu and others | | | White | Ancestral occupation by Te Hapūku and children, Ngāti Te Whatuiapiti, pa, kainga in the past, conquest. ²⁰ | |
| Ngāti Honomokai and Ngāti Mahuika | | Paea Teaho and others, Papi Nikora | Raihama Te Hakui | Ancestral occupation by Mahuika ²¹ | |

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| Ngāti Honomokai | Hera Te Upokoiri case | Inia Maru | Ancestral connection through Te Honomokai, occupation by Te Ratu and Ngāti Te Upokoiri, hunting, fishing and kainga, mana and ringa kaha, expulsion of Te Marua. ²² | |
| Ngāti Honomokai and Ngāti Te Rangitekahutu | Peni Te Ua (and Nepe Te Apatu who later withdrew his claim) | | Ancestral connection though Honomokai and Te Atakore,collecting food, urupa on Te Awarua and nearby lands, claimed the Waitutaki stream was the ancestral boundary between Patea and Heretaunga people. ²³ | |
| Ngāti Honomokai, Ngāti Mahuika aligned to Ngāti Honomokai | Hoana Pakapapa and others | Ansell | Certain descendants of Mahuika had rights through continual association with Ngāti Honomokai. ²⁴ | |
| Ngāti Hinepare | Paora Kaiwhata | Mr Dinwiddie | Ancestral through Honomokai, Te Apunga, Tauaki and Takaha, plus former occupation of the block including pa, kainga, hunting and food gathering. ²⁵ | |
| Ngāti Whiti | Hiraka Te Rango | | Stated same case as Winiata Te Whaaro, Ancestral from Te Ohuake through Tamakorako. ²⁶ | |
| Anaru Te Wanikau and others and Renata Kawepo and others | | Fraser for Te Wanikau Lewis for Kawepo | Ancestral through Honomokai. ²⁷ | |
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| Notes | 19 parties, including 18 counter-claimant groups, with 12 parties appearing during the hearing. ²⁸ | | | |
| Valuations ²⁹ | John Lansing; between 1s. and 1s. 9d. per acre. | | James Lyon; between 5s. and 5s. 6d. per acre. | |
| Survey Costs | Te Koau had a survey lien of £475 8s. 2d. Placed on it, this was alleviated by the sale of Te Koau B in 1922. ³⁰ | | | |

| Appeal and Title Investigation | |
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| Date ³¹ | June 1905 and May 1906 ³² |
| Venue ³³ | Hastings ³⁴ |
| Judges | Hugh G. Seth Smith Jackson Palmer Te Aohau Nicholson ³⁵ |
| Legislation | Native Lands Claims and Boundaries Adjustment and Titles Empowering Act 1894 ³⁶ |
| Parties ³⁷ | Anaru Te Wanikau and others |
| | Matenga Pekapeka |
| | Hera Te Upokoiri |
| | Ihaia Te Ngira and others |
| | Erueti Arani and others |
| | Airini Donnelly and others |

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| Decision ³⁸ | Upheld decision that Hinemanu was the main ancestor and take in the block The main question was which Ngāti Hinemanu were to be admitted in Te Koau Ruled Awarua and Te Koau were parts of the same block Those Ngāti Hinemanu owners in Awarua 1 were entitled to be listed in Te Koau Increased number of owners entitled to compensation from 25 to 44. Same compensation as lower court for that land already alienated |
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| Partitions ³⁹ | | |
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| Block | Size | Type |
| Te Koau | 7,100 acres | Crown Land, acquired prior to 1890 |
| Te Koau A | 3,451 acres | Māori Land |
| Te Koau B | 6879 acres | Private purchase 1922, £375 |

¹ Wai 2180, #A008, Evald Subasic and Bruce Stirling, *Sub-District Block Study – Central Aspect*, 8.

² Wai 2180, #A008, 8.

³ Wai 2180, #A008, 8.

⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 8.

⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 8.

⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 8.

⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 8.

⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 8.

⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 9.

¹⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 9.

¹¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 9.

¹² Wai 2180 #A030(a), Walghan Partners, *Index for Taihape Maori Land Court Minute Book Document Bank*, 6 Jan 15.

¹³ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

¹⁴ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

¹⁵ Wai 2180, #A015, C Innes, *Maori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District - 1840-2013*, 25.

¹⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 11.

¹⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 13-14.

¹⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 11.

¹⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 11.

²⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 11-12.

²¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 12.

²² Wai 2180, #A008, 12.

²³ Wai 2180, #A008, 12.

²⁴ Wai 2180, #A008, 13.

²⁵ Wai 2180, #A008, 13.

²⁶ Wai 2180, #A008, 13.

²⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 13.

²⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 11.

²⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 14.

³⁰ Wai 2180, #A008, 15,17.

³¹ Wai 2180, #A008, 14.

³² Wai 2180, #A030(a).

³³ Wai 2180, #A008, 14.

³⁴ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

³⁵ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

³⁶ Wai 2180, #A015, 25.

³⁷ Wai 2180, #A008, 14.

³⁸ Wai 2180, #A008, 14-15.

³⁹ Wai 2180, #A008, 15-18.

| Upper Turakina-Rangitikei Block | | | | |
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| Title Investigation | | | | |
| Date | Scheduled for January 1869 Re-gazetted on 3 July 1869 | | | |
| Venue | Unknown | | | |
| Judges | Unknown | | | |
| Legislation | 1865 | | | |
| Parties | | Representative | Area claimed/take | Decision |
| Ngāti Apa | | Aperahama Tipae | Whole: 90,000 acres | 19 August 1869 Court issued an interlocutory order for the ‘Land between Turakina and Rangitikei’. |
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| Notes | Final order to be deposited on completion of survey. Survey never happened so no final order was made. ¹ Subsequently divided into the Paraekaretu, Rangātira, and Taraketī. ² | | | |
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| Paraekaretu Block | | | | |
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| | Investigation | | | |
| Date | 18 December 1871 ³ | | | |
| Venue | Whanganui ⁴ | | | |
| Judges | Thomas H. Smith Ropata Ngarongomate ⁵ | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1865 and Native Land Act 1867 | | | |
| Parties | | Representative | Area claimed/take | Decision |
| Ngāti Apa | | Aperahama Tipae ⁶ <i>Witnesses</i> Donald H. Monro Aperahama Tipae ⁷ | 46,975 acres | Title awarded to Aperahama Tipae alone but land held inalienable until a deed of trust for hapū was completed. ⁸ These Hapū as named by Tipae were Ngāti Tumoetere, Ngāti Ratua, Ngāti Moeawatea, Ngāti Rangiwhaiao, Ngāti Koko, Ngāti Ikanui, Ngāti Rangiwhakaturia, Ngai Te Horu, Ngāti Rangitukehu, Ngāti Paenga. ⁹ |

| Taraketi Block | | | | |
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| | Investigation | | | |
| Date | 20 January 1877 ¹⁰ | | | |
| Venue | Wanganui ¹¹ | | | |
| Judge | John J. Symonds Wiremu Hikairo ¹² | | | |
| Legislation | Native Land Act 1873 | | | |
| Parties¹³ | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed/take Take | Decision |
| | | | Total area: 3,075 acres ¹⁴ | |
| Ngāi Te Upokoiri / Ngāti Hauiti / Ngāti Whiti | Utiku Potaka | Honi Mete | Occupation, control over Ngāti Apa in respect of the boundary and land dealings. ¹⁵ | Granted. Memorial of ownership ordered in favour of applicant Utiku Potaka and others of Ngai Te Upokoiri, Ngāti Hauiti and Ngāti Whiti. ¹⁶ Court referred to all three tribes as hapū of Ngāti Kahungunu. ¹⁷ |
| Ngāti Raukawa | Nepia Taratoa | | Unknown | Denied |
| Ngāti Apa | Hone Waitere | | Ancestry and victory over Ngāti Hauiti in battle. ¹⁸ | Denied |

| Partition and Relative interests | | | | |
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| Date | 7 August 1894 ¹⁹ | | | |
| Venue | Unsure | | | |
| Judge | William G. Mair B.F. Edwards ²⁰ | | | |
| Legislation | Marton ²¹ | | | |
| Parties²² | Representative | Counsel/Case Conductor | Decision | |
| Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Rangitahi ²³ | Utiku Potaka ²⁴ | Cohen Cuff Marshall Tamati Tautahi ²⁵ | Parties come to agreement regarding division of land. Court made awarded for Taraketi Nos.1 to 5 in favour of various owners. Taraketi No.3 created as a cemetery reserve and Taraketi No.4 as a church reserve. ²⁶ | |

| Rangatira Block | | |
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| | Investigation | |
| Date | 25 February 1879 | |

| | Adjourned for six weeks but not back before the Court until 24 June 1880 (reasons unknown). ²⁷ Adjourned again until May 1882 | | | | 1880 Court withheld permission for lawyers to continue, encouraged claimants to come to private agreement. ²⁸ Lawyers returned for 1882 hearing. |
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| Venue | Marton 1879 Bulls 1880 Marton 1882 | | | | |
| Judge | Heaphy | | | | |
| Legislation | Marton 1873 Bulls 1873 Marton 1880 | | | | |
| Parties | | Representative Counsel/Case Conductor | Area claimed | Take | Decision |
| Ngāti Apa | | Buller | Eastern part | Occupation | Half-share, modified to 7,500 acres by agreement ²⁹ |
| Ngāti Hauiti | | Cash | Western part | Whakapapa, occupation, victory in battle, and prevention of sale to Europeans | Half-share, modified to 12,000 acres by agreement |
| Ngāti Hinemanu | | Stevens/Duncan | | Whakapapa ³⁰ | |
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| Notes | Heard de novo in 1882. ³¹ | | | | |
| | Ngāti Apa share may have been accepted because access via the Rangitīkei River was better than that via Pourewa Stream. ³² | | | | |
| | All appeals dismissed. ³³ | | | | |
| Survey Costs | Approximately £500. ³⁴ | | | | |
| Opposition | Ngāti Te Ruanga and Ngāi Te Upokoiri rejected for inclusion in owners as they had not participated in the hearing. ³⁵ Ngāti Te Ruanga eventually included by consent. ³⁶ | | | | |
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¹ Wai 2180, #A007, *The Sub-district Block Study – Southern Aspect Report*, 1 Nov 12, 139.

² Wai 2180 #A007, 139.

³ Wai 2180 #A030(a), Walghan Partners, *Index for Taihape Maori Land Court Minute Book Document Bank*, 6 Jan 15.

⁴ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

⁵ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

⁶ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

⁷ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

⁸ Wai 2180 #A043, Bruce Stirling, *Taihape District Nineteenth Century Overview*, May 2016, 144.

⁹ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

¹⁰ Wai 2180 #A043, 147.

¹¹ Wai 2180 #A043, 148; Wai 2180, #A030(a).

¹² Wai 2180 #A030(a).

¹³ Wai 2180 #A043, 148.

¹⁴ Wai 2180 #A043, 148.

¹⁵ Wai 2180 #A043, 148, 150.

¹⁶ Wai 2180 #A030(a).

¹⁷ Wai 2180 #A043, 148.

¹⁸ Wai 2180 #A043, 151.

¹⁹ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

²⁰ Wai 2180, #A030(a).

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- ²¹ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²² Wai 2180 #A043, 148.
²³ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁴ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁵ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁶ Wai 2180, #A030(a).
²⁷ Wai 2180 #A043, 192.
²⁸ Wai 2180 #A043, 197.
²⁹ Wai 2180 #A043, 201.
³⁰ Wai 2180 #A043, 193.
³¹ Wai 2180 #A043, 199.
³² Wai 2180 #A043, 201.
³³ Wai 2180 #A043, 206.
³⁴ Wai 2180 #A043, 202.
³⁵ Wai 2180 #A043, 203.
³⁶ Wai 2180 #A043, 205.