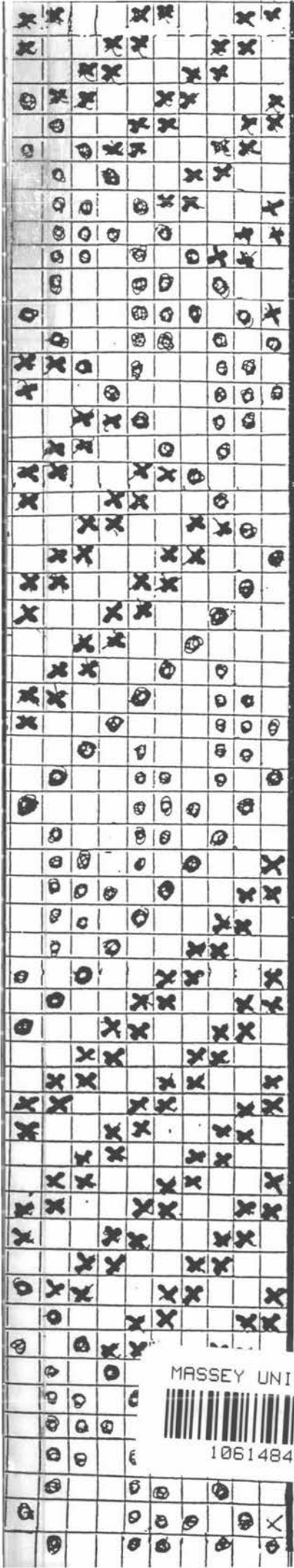


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NGĀ

MARAE

O

TE

MĀHUREHURE:

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He uri au no Te Mahurehure, i heke iho au i a Rahiri.

Ahuaiti	=	Rahiri	=	Whakauru
Uenukukuarere	=	Karcariki		Kaharāu = Houtirunga
Uewhātī = Hinotuhia		Hauhaua		Taurapohō = Ihenga
Uetaeroa = TeRahinga		Hineamaru		Tupoto = Kauwae
Rangiao = Tuteauru		Makawauru		Koro koro Miruiti Tuiti
Kuiawai = Rangihana		Horahia		Waitaki Rapahuamutu
Ngao = Urumihia		Tarauaua		Angaora Tatua
Nuhu		Kuranui		Mihinga Moeawa
Kariraha				Hinukakara Pua
Hakoko				Iti
Matapoto				Moke = Hinewai
Ahu	=	Tengo		
Pani = Anaru				Maraea = Katete
Rekene				Mere = Whitingham
Mita				Arihia
Wahangu = Paerau				

Ko ngā kōrero e pā ana ki te pukapuka nei he mea tuhi nāku mo a mātou tamariki mokōpuna o te hapu e whākaingoatia nei ko Te Mahurehure. Ko te pātai e pēnei ana, "He aha ngā mea nui o roto i te ao Māori?"

Ko te whakahoki, "He tangata, he tangata, he tangata."

I roto i aku whakamārama katoa mo ō mātou marae e rima, i roto i taku kāinga iti, o Waima, ko ngā tāngata katoa ko rātou nei ngā kai-hautu me ngā kai-awhina i ngā kaupapa katoa, e pā ana ki ia marae, kei te whakanui au i a rātou katoa, no te mea ko rātou ngā kai-whakamahana i enei marae, i te ao, i te pō, i ngā rā, i ngā wiki, i ngā marama, huri te tau, huri te tau. Ko ngā taonga katoa na rātou i tuku iho ki a tātou, mai rā anō i te wā kōhatu, manaakitia, puritia, kia kore ai e memeha, i roto i te ao hurihuri, e noho nei tātou i roto inaianei.

Tamariki, mokopuna mā, kia mau mahara koutou i ngā wā katoa ki o tātou tūpuna kua wehewehe atu ki te pō. Na rātou tātou katoa i tū tangata ai, i roto i tō tātou Māoritanga!

Ki taku hoa pūmau ki a Pākaka Tāwhai, kei te tangi atu te ngākau kua riro atu nei koe i te ringa kaha o aitua. Moe mai e hoa i roto i to moenga rā, ka te Matua i te rangi koe e tiaki i ngā wā katoa. Kia ora rawa atu koe mo o manaaki nunui ki ahau, i roto i taku whai i te matauranga M.A. i Massey University i roto i nga tau 1937 ki 1989.

He mea hanga taku whare, ko
Papatuanuku te paparahi, ko
Ranginui e titiro iho nei ko te
tuanui, ko aku maunga nga
poupou.

He whakatauki mo aku maunga i roto i te Tai-Tokerau. Ko ngā marae katoa
o Te-Mahurehure kei raro i te maru o maunga Whakatere.

Pihanga-tohorā titiro ki Te Ramaroa;
Te Ramaroa titiro ki Whiria, ki te pakiaka o te riri, ki te kawa o Rāhiri;
Whiria titiro ki Panguru, ki Papata, ki te rākau tū papata ki te tai hauauru;
Panguru-Papata titiro ki Maungataniwha,
Maungataniwha titiro ki Tokerau,
Tokerau titiro ki Rākaumangamanga,
Rākaumangamanga titiro ki Tutāmoe,
Tutāmoe titiro ki Maunganui,
Maunganui titiro ki Whakatere,
Whakatere titiro ki Pihanga-tohora.
Ehara aku maunga i te maunga haere, he maunga tū tonu, tū te ao, tū te pō.

Ko te hapu nei a Te Māhurehure kei te papa kāinga o Waima e noho ana, a, ko tēnei papa-kāinga kei roto o Hokianga-Whakapau-Karakia. Huri noa i ngā tahataha e toru o te riu o Waima, he puke, he maunga, ā, ko te mea teitei rawa o ngā maunga nei ko Whakatere-manawa-kalala.

Neke atu i te rua mano putu te teitei o te maunga nei, ā, ko tōna kōrero e pēnei ana, "He maunga tū te ao, tū te po." Te maunga whakahirahira nei, e tū, e tū. "Ko ngā puke me ngā maunga nei e titiro anganui atu ana ki te whitinga mai o te rā, ā, kei tēnei takiwa hoki ko to mātou awa ko Moehau, he awa waitai, ā, he awa rerenga no ngā waka tiwai o ngā tūpuna i ngā rā o neherā. Kā tae ki te timutanga o te tai, kā rere te awa nei ki waho ki te wahapū o Hokianga, ka rere tonu ki ngā motu, ki ngā hau e whā e moe mai rā i roto i a Tangaroa. Ko ngā maunga nei, me te awa matua o Moehau, ngā tohu e awhi ana, e pupuri ana, i te hapū nei i a Te Māhurehure, kia piri pono ai rātou tētahi ki tētahi. Ko ngā kupu heke iho o taku kāinga e pēnei ana, "Ko Whakatere te maunga, ko Moehau te awa, ko Ngātokimatawhaorua te waka, ko Te Māhurehure te iwi."

I ahu mai i hea te ingoa nei a Hokianga? He nui tonu ngā kōrero kua rongo aku taringa mo te whakamāoritanga o tēnei kupu, engari ko te mea ahuareka nei ki ahau ko tēnei. Ka taka te wā ka koroingo te ngākau o Kupe ki te hoki ki tona kāinga tupu ki Rangiatea, arā ki Hawaiki-nui. Ko te papa whenua me te takutai moana, i tino mina tōna ngākau hei wāhi wehenga atu mōna ko te riu o Hokianga, no te mea koia nei te wāhi tuatahi i tatu mai ai tōna waka a Mātahourua, i tona ūnga tuatahitanga mai, ki tēnei whenua. I te rā tonu i wehe atu ai ia i te kāinga nei, arā, i Hokianga, ka poroporoaki ia ki ngā mōrehu tāngata, me te whenua kua whakarērea mai nei e ia, ka tangi; "Hei konei rā e Te Puna o te ao Mārama kā hoki nei tēnei e kore e hoki anganui mai." Ka wehe atu te māia nei oti atu. Ko tēnei ingoa a "Te Puna o te ao Marama", nā Kupe anō i tapa ki runga i te ākau kuhunga mai ki roto i te riu o Hokianga, no te mea i tona taenga mai ki konei, kei te tōene atu te rā ki te taha whakamuri o te taharangi. Ko ngā maunga, me ngā onepū, me te moana i mua i a ia, mārama katoa, ano he ahi e mumura ana, e tīramarama mai ana ki a ia. Tapaia tonutia atu e ia taua wāhi ki te ingoa Te Puna o te ao Mārama. Ko roto atu o te wahapū nei nāna i hua ko Pouahi, i taua āhua rā ano hoki, mārama katoa a runga o te wai, me ngā tahataha katoa o te moana. Ko ēnei ingoa e mau tonu ana ki roto i ngā waiata o Te Tai Tokerau, ā, kāhore mai he tikanga pai ko tēnei, kia kore ai e ngaro, e memeha, aua ingoa āroha nei. Ka taka te wā, ka tapaia e nga uri te moka katoa i nohoia e Kupe i te wā i a ia i roto i te riu o Hokianga, ki te ingoa tapu nei, Te Hokianga nui a Kupe.

I heke iho te iwi nei a Te Māhurehure i te waka nei i a Ngatoki-Matawhaorua. Te tohunga o runga i te waka tipua nei ko Nukutawhiti. Kotahi te mea rerekō, tango ke a Te Māhurehure hei a Rāhiri hei āriki whakahekheke iho mo rātou, waiho ke a Nukutawhiti ki waho. E ai ki ngā kōrero a ētahi o ngā kaumatua o te kāinga, e rua ngā whakamārama, he aha ke i penei ai.

Tuatahi tērā kē atu ētahi waka i tua atu i a Ngatoki matawhaorua ko Nukutawhiti te tohunga o runga, tuarua kua roa kē a Rāhiri e noho ana i roto i te rohe o Te Māhurehure, ā, i runga hoki i ana mahi ārahi me te tautoko i ngā iwi o Te Māhurehure, i roto i a rātou kaupapa me o rātou whakaaro, kua puare kē mai te huarahi, koia nei te āriki tōtika hei māhunga mo te hapū nei a Te Māhurehure.

Tērā anō tētahi o ngā uri o Rāhiri i noho ki roto o Waima mo ngā tau tino maha. Ko te ingoa o te tangata nei ko Uewhati, he mokopuna na Rāhiri rāua ko tētahi o ana wahine, ko Āhuaiti. Ko te pā o Uewhati kei te tihi o tētahi o nga hīwi o maunga Whakatere, e wero whakarunga ana ki te rangi. He ngāwari noa iho te kitea atu o te pa nei i ngā kāinga katoa o roto i Waima, i te kaha ikeike hoki ki runga. I ngā rā o nāmata ko Uewhati tonu te ingoa o te pā nei, heke rawa mai ki tenei wā, he ingoa hou kua tapaina ki runga i a ia, āra, ko Pāuawhati.

He aha te timatatanga mai o tenei ingoa a Te Māhurehure? Ko te whakamarama a taku matua ki ahau e penei ana. Ka taka te wa ka tu he pakanga ki waenganui i a Ngapuhi o Hokianga, ki a Ngati-Whatua. Ko ētahi o roto i te ropu pakanga o Hokianga no roto ake i Waima. He mea piki nga maunga ahu atu i Whakatere ki te pae o te riri i roto i Ngatiwhatua. Kahore he arikarika o te pakanga nei, a, ko Ngatiwhatua i wikitoria. Ko nga morehu waihotanga mai o Waima i waimarie ki te hokihoki mai ki te kainga i muri i te pakanga i huaina ko nga "Māhurehure"

Kua mutu ināianei ngā whakamarama ko wai ra te iwi nei a Te Māhurehure. Ko te wā tēnei e timata ai ahau ki te kōrero mo ngā marae o taku kainga, mai i te wā i whakawheturangitia ai aku wheinga, tae noa mai ki tēnei whakatupuranga. Ahakoa kei te karangatia tātou ngā morehu waihotanga iho a o tātou tūpuna he purapura no ngā kākano i ruia mai i Rangiatea, ki ahau nei te nuinga o tatou kei te noho i roto i te kuaratanga, no te mea he iti noa iho ngā mea Māori e mohio ana tātou. Kāhore te mātauranga Māori i ētahi o tātou o tēnei whakatupuranga, i ōrite atu ki te mātauranga i o tātou tūpuna e pupuri ana, ēngari ka ngaro atu ratou ki tua o te ārai, ka ngaro kanohi, ka ngaro wairua, ka ngaro taonga tuku iho, ki te po. Ka kimi au ināianei i

etahi kōrero hei kinaki, hei tautoko i aku whakaaro mo te kaupapa rangatira nei ngā marae o Te Māhurehure, he toko-iti noa iho ngā mea i āhei ki te whakahoki mai i te nuinga o aku patai.

I te wā i a mātou e kura ana i te kura tuatahi o Waima e mohio katoa ana mātou ki te kōrero i te reo Māori, ehara i nga tamariki Māori ānake, me ngā Pākehā katoa. Ko tēnei reo rangatira kāhore i whakaakoria e ngā māhita ki a mātou i roto i te kura, kāo, nā o mātou taringa tonu i hopu i te kāinga, i ngā marae, i hea i hea, i ngā wā e kōrero Māori ana o mātou hoa, o mātou pakeke, me o mātou mātua. Tāpiri atu ki tēnei i tupu ake mātou i roto i te reo nei. Mai rā anō i a mātou e nōnōhi ana e mōhio ana mātou me haere ki horoi i nga ringaringa ki te puta mai i o mātou wāhi-tapu, kia noa ai mātou. I runga i ngā marae ki te tangi mai he pere, ahakoa i tēhea hāora o te rā, e mōhio ana mātou kua tae ki te wā mo te karakia. Ko ēnei āhuatanga katoa na o mātou taringa me o mātou kanohi, mātou i whakaako.

Hēoi rā, tēra anō ētahi tikanga Māori kāhore e taea mā ngā taringa me ngā kanohi ānake e whiriwhiri. He mea mā roto mai i te hinēngaro, he mea mā roto mai i te whatumanawa, he mea mā roto mai i te ngākau, ka mau te ihi, me te wana, o ngā taonga tuku iho a o tātou tini tūpuna Māori. Ki te pirangi tātou ki te whai i te taumatatanga o te mātauranga Pākehā, kei ngā wāhi katoa o te ao ōna whare-wānanga, ēngari tātou, kua tanumia kētia o tātou nei whare wānanga ki roto i te poho o Papatuanuku. Kia mahara mai, ko ēnei kōrero e pa ana ki taku hapu, mō Te Māhurehure.

Kāhore mātou i mōhio ki te whakapapa no te mea ko tēnei mahi, he mahi na ngā kaumātua, me ngā taitama tokoiti nei, i ākona e rātou. Nā runga i tēnei āhua, kei te tino mōhiotia e ngā iwi o te kāinga, ko wai ma ngā tāngata, he tohunga ki tēnei mahi. Ko taku-matua i ākona i roto i ngā whare wānanga o konei, ki te mahi whakapapa nei, me era āhuatanga katoa e hāngai ana ki runga i ngā mahi, me ngā tikanga katoa a ngāi-tāua a te Māori. I a ia e whai ana i te hōhonutanga o ngā mahi nei, kei te whakahau ke ia kia kaha mātou ki te whai i te mātauranga o te Pākehā. Hēoi rā i tupu kē ake mātou i roto o te ao Pākehā, ēngari ko te wairua Māori kei roto ano i o mātou ngākau. Kotahi tonu te raruraru, ki te tū mātou ki te i runga ano i o mātou marae, arā, me ēra atu marae o te motu, kei te mahara tonu ki te mana me te wehi o o mātou mātua, a, kāhore hoki mātou i rite ki a rātou.

Ko te āhua ki ngā kuia he pēnei tonu. I tupu ake i roto i Te Māhurehure ētahi wāhine, kuikuia hoki, he tino tohunga rawa atu mo ngā mahi ā-ringaringa a te Māori. I roto i a rātou mahi ahuwhehenua, ko rātou tonu ko ngā pakeke kei te mahi, timata atu i te whitinga mai o te rā, ki tōna tōenetanga ki muri i te taharangi. I a rā, i a rā, koia nei te āhua, a tutuki noa ngā mahi i whakaarotia e rātou. He tino tokoiti noa ngā taitamariki wāhine i whakaakoria ki te nuinga o ngā mahi ahuwhehenua nei, me te aha anō hoki, ka ngaro atu rātou i tua o te ārai, ngaro katoa atu hoki me te mātauranga whakahirahira nei.

I roto i te papa-kāinga iti nei o Waima, e rima ngā marae, ā, ko ngā ingoa enei e whai ake nei.

Tuhirangi.

Raukura.

Matetera.

Moehau.

Otātara.

Ki ahau nei kāhore tētahi i nui ake i tētahi. ahakoa kua mahue kē ētahi i o rātou ake anō iwi, i runga i ngā whakahaere o te wa. Ko ngā kōrero mo rātou, kei runga tonu i te papa whenua, kei roto tonu i ngā pakitara, kei raro tonu i ngā tuanui, kei runga tonu i ōna maunga me ōna awa, e whanga ana, e wawata ana, mo te hokinga mai o rātou mā, ki te wā kainga.

Tuhirangi. Te ingoa tuatahi o tēnei marae ko Waikaramihi no te mea koia nei te ingoa o te whenua e tu nei taua marae nei ki runga. I ngā rā o mua, i raro tata iho i te marae, ko to mātou kura, a, i tera taha o te awa me te rori kuini e ahu mai ana i Kaikohe ki Rāwene, ko to mātou toa, me to mātou poutapeta. I te tau kotahi mano, e iwa rau e toru tekau mā rima, ka pakaru iho tētahi waipuke nui whakaharahara, i maunga Whakatere, ka riro to mātou kura i taua waipuke nei. E rua tau i muri mai o te aitua nei, ka whakatuwheratia te kura hou o Waima, ā, koia e tu nei i te taha mauī tahaki atu i te marae. I ngā tangihanga katoa e pā ana ki te marae nei i te wā e kura ana ngā tamariki, e haere manuhiri ana rātou ki te marae nei, i te rā o te nehunga.

I te tau kotahi mano, e iwa rau e toru tekau mā toru, ka tae mai te tangata tino rongonui nei a tā Apirana Ngata ki roto o Waima. I haere mai ia i te taha o te pirimia o Niu Tirenī i taua wā, i a G. Forbes, ki te whiriwhiri me te whakahaere i ētahi tikanga mo nga whenua Māori o Waima nei. Nā roto i aua runanga ki ngā iwi o Te Māhurehure nei, ka tapaia e ia te ingoa hou nei a Tuhirangi, ki runga i te ingoa tawhito, ara, a Waikaramihi. E ai ki nga kōrero me ngā whakamārama a te kaumatua ra, a Tā Apirana Ngata, ko tēnei ingoa nō Raiatea mai rā anō. Kia ora e koro mo tēnei hōnora nui i utaina e koe ki runga i a mātou.

I te Hanuere o tēra tau ka tū tētahi mārena tino nui ki te marae o Tuhirangi, a, ko ētahi o a mātou manuhiri tuārangi i whakaeke mai, no Ngātiporou, arā, no raro i te maru o to rātou maunga rongonui o Hikurangi, me to rātou awa whakahirahira o Waiapu. Ko te nuinga o rātou he kōtuku rerenga tahi ki tēnei kainga. Anō to rātou mihi, me to rātou tangi, i to rātou mōhiotanga ko te marae e tū manuhiri nei rātou i runga, na to rātou ake tūpuna anō, nā Apirana i ingoa. Ko ngā whakaaro i roto i o rātou ngākau e mea ana, ehara rātou i te manene, kua whai tūrangā waewae hoki rātou, a, kō te huarahi na to rātou tūpuna i whakawātea mai.

Ko taku mahi he whanga kia mōhio au ki te tau tuatahi i tū ai te marae nei a Tuhirangi. Ko ētahi e ki ana i mea tau, ko ētahi e mea ana, kāhore, i mea tau kē. Ahakoa kāhore i tatū rawa i tēhea tau te marae nei i tū ai, e mahara ana ahau, i toku whakatupuranga, e toru ngā wā i kite ai ahau i te whare-nui e

whakahoutia ana. I roto i ngā pōhehetanga, i roto i te haere o ngā uri ki te tāone, ki hea ki hea ki te rapu mahi, he whare i whakatikangia, he whare i whakarērea, he whare i tūkinotia e te ringa kaha o Tāwhirimātea. He whare tēnei i whakaaro nuitia e te iwi, ā, he whare i tautohetohetia. Mai rā ano, mai rā ano, i noho wehewehe ai ngā tāngata o Waima. Ehara i te mea i noho pukuriri tētahi ki tētahi, ko tētahi wehewehenga o te kainga nei kei te kawē i o rātou anō whakaaro, a kei te pēra katoa hoki tētahi. Rokohanga, mahi mai, mahi atu. I roto i ngā tākaro, i roto i ngā mahi whakangahau, i roto i ngā huarahi rapu moni mo ngā āhua momo tikanga, i roto hoki i ngā whakahaere karakia, kihai rawa enei wehenga e rua, i piri pono ki a raua. Inaianei kua rerekē, he haringa ngākau, ki te kite atu i tētahi, e āwhina ana i tētahi.

Ko ngā rākau kauri hei hanga i te whare-nui o Tuhirangi he mea tiki atu i te takiwā o ngā kauri rāhui o Whakatere maunga. Kāhore e kuaretia ana te mana, te wehi, te ihi, te tapu o ngā rākau nei. I muri i te turakitanga o ngā rākau nei, ka toia mai ngā tūporo ki te mira i muri atu i te urupā o Ōkahu, ki reira takoto ai. He roa tonu te wā o ngā rākau nei i takoto ai ki reira, a, reri rawa ake ngā kai-mahi ki te tapahi hei papa, kua pirau ke a waho o ētahi. Ko ngā wahi kua uru kē atu te pirau ki roto, i waruhia, ko ngā wahi kei te ora tonu i tapahia hei papa.

Ko te aitua i pā kihai i taea te kōrero, no te mea kahore i arikarika te taringitanga iho a Tāwhirimātea i te ua me te marangai. Koia nei te waipuke kaitā i tere atu ai to mātou kura, i ngaro ai ngā pararahi i te wai, i tere ai hoki to mātou piriti nui. I taua rā nei kahore rawa i tika kia huaina to mātou kainga ko Waima, te ingoa tōtika ke mōna ko "Waiparu." Ae, ko ngā papa i waruhia hei mahi i ngā whakairo mo te marae, ko te nuinga i riro i te waipuke: noho kau ana ngā tāngata, he wawata, he moemoeā, a hea rā, a hea rā, tu ai to mātou whare whakairo. Ko te rā me te tau i pā mai ai te ringa kaha o aitua ki a mātou o Te Māhurehure, ko te rua tekau mā rua o Pēpuere, i te tau kotahi mano, e iwa rau, e toru tekau mā rima.

Ka taka te wā, ka kōrero ētahi o ngā kaumātua o te kāinga nei, ka mea, na te hē o te turaki i ngā rākau kauri rā, me te mau mai ki te wahi okiokinga, i pā mai ai te aitua whakatuarea rā. Hei aha rā, ko te utu mo te pākuru ture tapu, he tangata, he tino waimarie rawa atu, kihai i hāngai penei.

I te Tūrei, te iwa o Hune, i te tau kotahi mano, e iwa rau, e ono tekau mā whā, ka tae te tono ki te kooti i Kaikohe, kia hurihia te whenua, e tu ra te marae o Tuhirangi i runga, tapiri atu hoki ki ngā whare katoa kei runga, hei whenua rihāwe Māori. Ka tonoa mai e te kooti o Kaikohe tētahi tangata Māori, ko Wiremu Kākā te ingoa, hei kai-rīpoata i ngā āhuatanga e pā ana ki te marae nei. Ko te tūranga o te Māori nei, he āpiha whakatikatika i ngā taitara whenua Māori, a, ko tana rīpoata tēnei.

Te whare-nui kei te pai ngā āhuatanga katoa, e rima tekau mā tahi putu te roa, e rua tekau mā whitu putu te whānui.

Ko te whare kai me te kauta kei raro i te tuanui kotahi, he mea hanga ki te papa, ā, i te kanukanu noa o nga āhua o nga whare nei, he nui tonu ngā moni e pau ka eke ki tōna taumata. Ko ngā meihā mo ngā whare nei e pēnei ana: ko te whare kai e toru tekau mā iwa putu te roa, e rua tekau mā whitu putu te whānui. Ko te kauta, e rua tekau mā tahi putu te roa, kotahi tekau mā waru putu te whānui.

I mua atu i taku tuhituhinga i ētahi anō o ngā kōrero mo te ripoata nei, me kōrero au mo te whare-kai hou, me te kauta. Kua whakakorekore kētia aua whare tawhito e rua rā, inaianei he whare tino ataahua kua tū hei whare-kai, me te whare hou ano hoki, hei tao kai. Ko ēnei whare hou ko te hooro karakia o nga tāngata o Waima i uru atu ki roto o te hāhi whakapono e karangatia nei ko te Tihoua. He tokomaha tonu ngā tāngata o Waima e whai ana i te hāhi whakapono nei, ēngari ka taka te wā, ka nekeneke haere rātou ki Kaikohe me ēra atu wahi, ki te kimi mahi, me te torotoro haere i te hōhonutanga o te hāhi nei. He maha tonu ngā tau i tu mokemoke ai te hooro karakia nei, ko tona ritenga o te whare nei, he pera tonu i nga whare rūnanga o te Māori. He tino waimarie i whiwhi ngā iwi o te marae o Tuhirangi ki tēnei whare hei whakatū whare-kai, a, kihini hoki mo rātou. He nui, he ataahua ngā whare e rua nei, ā, e taea ana te whāngai nga tāngata e wha rau i te nohoanga kotahi ki te kai, i nga wā o te hākari. Kei roto i te whare tao kai ko ngā āhua momo taputapu a te Pākehā kia ngawari ai te mahi kai a ngā ringa-wera, ko te mea tino whai-tikanga rawa atu o ēnei ko te rūma haupapa, e makariri tonu ai ngā āhua momo kai i nga ra tino kaha te wera. He mihi atu tenei ki taku tuahine ki a Iri Mete me ōna kai-āwhina katoa i roto i a rātou huarahi rapu moni kia tū tika ai, kia tū tangata ai a Tuhirangi, i nga wa katoa.

Ka huri anō ahau inaianei mo te ripoata mo te marae.

Ko ngā whare paku, i āhua pēra anō me te whare kai me te kauta. He tino weriweri rawa atu mo te titiro atu. Kotahi tonu te tono, me whakatikatika hei painga ano mo te marae nei, a, mo ngā tāngata katoa ka eke mai ki runga.

Ko te papa e takoto ana i waho he nui tonu, ēngari e ngaro katoa ana i te parakipere, i te punitanita, i te kooti, me era atu taru kikino. Heoi rā he tohu e whakaatu mai ana kua timata ke te iwi kāinga, ki te whakapaipai haere i te mata o Papatūānuku. Kua pānui kētia mai e tētahi o ngā kaumatua o Waima nei ki ahau, ko nga kai-whakahaere o Tuhirangi, kei te minamina tonu kia tu to rātou whare whakairo, kia tutuki hoki o ratou whakaaro i timatatia i ngā tau kua huri, ki tona mutunga mai. Ko ētahi anō o nga papa e takoto tika ana i runga anō i te marae, hei awhina i te kaupapa nei. Nga hōhoro whaka-honoretia e te kooti hei māngai, ara, hei kai-arataki i nga kaupapa o te marae, i whakamanatia i te rua tekau mā rima o Maehe, i te tau kotahi mano, e iwa rau, e rima tekau mā rima, ēngari i te mea kei te noho ngoikore ētahi, kua matemate kē ētahi, ko te huarahi tika me whakatū he rōpu hou. Ko te tūmanako mutunga a te iwi, kia tū tēnei marae hei upoko mo ngā marae katoa i roto i tēnei rohe.

Kua kite te kooti o Kaikohe i te ripoata a Wiremu Kākā, a e tautoko ana hoki i nga whakatakoto kōrero katoa o roto. Kua whakapuakina e te kooti ōna whakaaro mo te marae nei mo Tuhirangi tāpiri atu ki ēra atu o ngā marae kei roto i Waima. He maha tonu ngā marae nunui kua whakaturia ki roto o te Tai-tokerau, ko Tūmatauenga i Ōtiria te mea nui katoa. Mo te taha ki te tono a Waima kia whakaturia he whare whakairo mo rātou, e whakaae ana te kooti, i runga hoki i te ataahua o a rātou huarahi rapu moni hei utu. Ka whakamanatia e te kooti o Kaikohe, hei whenua rāhui Maori te marae o Waima Tuhirangi, i raro i te tekihana 439/53.

Ko ngā kaikorero me ngā kaitiaki i ngā āhuatanga katoa o te marae, ko rātou e whai ake nei ngā ingoa.

Hōhaia Mokaraka.....Waima.
Ārama Hauri Peri.....Waima.
Āiwa Rōmana.....Waima.
Rereata Wireko Wharerau..Waima
Wākena Rewiri.....Waima.
Tame Paraki Mete.....Waima
Hōne Tīmoko.....Taheke.
Ngākuru Rogers.....Ōtauā.
Te Rauwhero Ruka.....Tāheke.
.Tame Ngākuru.....Omanaia.
- Wehi Mōrunga.....Whirinaki.
Nohorae Hēmara.....Pākanae.
Wiki Naera.....Waimamakū.

Kua whakahou kētia anō tēnei ropu, no te mea kua matemate ke ētahi o rātou.

Ko te marae o Tuhirangi inaianei, he tino marae ataahua. Ko ngā whakairo mo te marae kāhore anō kia tutuki noa, ēngari ko ngā whakaaro o te iwi kei te mahana tonu, kei te pūmau tonu, a te wa o te whakaritenga,ka kitea atu aua taonga rā e tu mai ana i mua i o rātou aroaro.

Ko taku hiahia inaianei, he titiro ki ētahi kōrero na te hau i pupuhi mai ki aku taringa, i roto i ngā marama kua hipa atu nei. Kāhore au e hiahia ana ki te whakawā tangata kia mohio ai au ko wai e tika ana, e hē ana rānei. Ko taku hiahia kia whaitikanga aku kōrero mo a tātou tamariki mokopuna kei te tupu ake. Ka kaumatua rātou, ka hoki whakamuri ngā whakaaro ki ngā rā

o mua, me te mōhio anō o te hinengaro, ā, koia nei ngā mea i pā, i te wā i o tātou tūpuna e oraora ana. Ko te tino tūmanako kua rātou e mahue pāni pēnei i te nuinga o tātou o tēnei whakatupuranga, ā, kia kaha tonu tātou ki te whakarere mai i ētahi taonga hei whakaako, hei tohutohu rānei i a rātou, a ngā rā kei mua i a rātou. He pēna anō mo te tuhituhi, mā ngā pukapuka ka whakarērea mai e tatou mā rātou, e whakamārama ngā āhuatanga i pā i ngā rā i o rātou tūpuna e oraora ana, ā, ko aua tūpuna rā hoki ko tātou tonu o tēnei whakatupuranga. Ka huri aku kōrero inaianei mo ngā whakairo i mauria mai i Panguru ki Waima. Ko ngā ripoata a te nūpepa o Kaikohe mo ngā whakaairo, kei muri o te pukapuka nei e mau ana, kei roto tonu i te reo Pākehā. E kore e whakamāoritia e au, mehemea kei te pirangi koutou kia mohio koutou ki ngā whakamāramatanga katoa mo ngā whakairo, a ki ngā kōrero rānei a wai atu a wai atu, kimihia i roto i taua wānanga nei.

I roto i ngā tau kotahi mano, e iwa rau, e rua tekau mā waru, ki te rua te kau mā iwa, i whakatauria e Apirana Ngata raua ko Tau Henare, kia tū he whare whakairo ki roto i Te Tai Tokerau, arā ki Panguru, ki Māngāmuka, ki Waima. Kotahi anō te hui i kōrerotia ai te take nei, ka whakakoretia rawatia atu e te whakaminetanga. Kō Whina Cooper ānake i pupuri i te kaupapa nei, ā, ka timata ki te whiriwhiri huarahi hei whakatū i te whare whakairo o Panguru. I roto i te nūpepa o Akarana, arā i te "Auckland Star," i ki te wahine ra, ko ngā papa mo ngā whakairo o te whare o Panguru nāna ake. E ai ki ngā kōrero a tētahi o ngā kaumātua o Panguru, ko ngā papa mo te whare ra i ahu kē mai i Matawaia.

Ka tutuki ngā whakahaere mo te whare rā, ka haere a Whina ki Rotorua ki te kimi kai-whakairo hei mahi i te whare nei. Ko te tangata tuatahi tonu i tūtaki ia ko Eramiha Neke Kapua, he tino tangata rongonui mo ngā mahi whakairo. Ka neke mai a Eramiha me āna irāmutu i Rotorua ki Panguru, ka timata ki te mahi i ngā whakairo o te whare nei. Ka taka te wā ka whakarērea te mahi nei e Eramiha mā, ka mahue e tārawa ana, mai i tēra wā, tae noa mai ki tēnei. Ko ngā kōrero e haere ana, ko ngā ture tapu i utaina ki runga ki te mahi i ngā whakairo ra, i takatakahia, i pakarutia, ka whakatakariri a Eramiha, ka whakarērea te mahi tapu nei. Ka utaina e ia he kōrero tino taimaha ki runga i ngā whakairo nei, kia, kua rawa rātou e tu i muri i a ia ka haere nei.

E whā - tekau, e rima tekau rānei ngā tau i takoto ai ngā taonga nei i Panguru, i roto hoki i ngā tau nei, he taonga i haere ki Akarana ki te awhi i ngā kaupapa a ētahi anō o ngā kai whakahaere o reira. Ko taua ahua rā anō, kihai ngā whakairo i tū. Tata tonu nei ka ū mai ngā taonga whakahirahira nei ki Waima, ara ki te marae o Tuhirangi. Ko te kai-hari mai i ngā taonga ko Whina Cooper. He tino nui ngā raruraru i pā, na te mea ko ngā whakaaro o te iwi i te ahua wehewehe; ko ētahi i whakaae kia tū ki roto o Tuhirangi ngā whakaairo, ko ētahi i whakakāhore. Ko te nuinga o ngā mea i whakakāhore, i āhua penei ngā whakaaro; ko ngā whakairo i mahia mo Panguru, kāhore e tika ana kia tu ki roto o Tuhirangi. Ko te kai-whakairo no Tūhoe, ko te mana, ko te ihi, ko te tapu kei roto i ngā whakairo nei e kore e taea te kōrero. Ko te huarahi tika me whakatūpato te wāhi ki ngā tamariki mokopuna, kei taka rātou ki te raruraru, kei whara hoki i te mana o Tūhoe.

E rua ngā wehewehenga whānau o roto i Waima i tautohetohe ki a rāua anō mo ngā whakairo nei arā ko nga mea e hiahia ana kia tu ngā taonga nei ki roto i te wharenui o Tuhirangi, me ngā mea hoki e whakakāhore ana i tēnei whakaaro. I te kaha o te kino o ngā rōpu e rua nei ki a rāua anō, ka uru mai te ture ki te āwhina i a rāua, i roto i ngā taimahatanga i pā ki waenganui i a rāua. He tino waimarie kīhai ētahi i mau herehere no te mea i tae rawa ki tēnei āhuatanga, i te whakatāhae hoki o ētahi i ētahi. Me kī kāhore i tatū ngā whakaaro o ngā iwi o te kāinga me pēhea ngā taonga nei, na runga hoki i tēnei āhua ka whakatauria e te kooti whenua o Whāngarei, me tū he hui ki Waima i raro i te mana o te kooti, hei whiriwhiri me pēhea te mutunga mai o ngā taonga nei.

I ngā wiki tuatahi o te marama o Pēpuere o tēnei tau ka tū te hui a te kooti whenua o Whāngarei ki Waima, arā ki te marae o Tuhirangi, ko te kaupapa o te hui nei he whakatau ka pēheatia ngā whakairo kua āhua roa ki te marae takato ai, ā, tautohetohetia ai hoki e te iwi. He tokomaha tonu ngā tāngata i whakaeke mai ki te hui nei, ko te nuinga nō Waima, hui atu anō hoki ki ngā mea i haere mai i ētahi atu o ngā wāhi i waho atu o Waima. Kāhore hoki i kūaretia he aha ngā rārangi pātai me ngā rārangi kōrero a te nuinga o ngā iwi i hui mai ki taua whakaminenga, no te mea ko ētahi e hiahia ana kia whakahokia ngā whakairo ki Tūhoe, ko ētahi e hiahia ana kia whakahokia ki Panguru, ko ētahi e hiahia ana kia whakatūria ki roto i te wharenui o Tuhirangi, ko te nuinga hoki e hiahia ana kia whakakoretia atu i Waima.

Ko ngā whakahaere a te kooti mo ngā taonga kāhore i mau ki roto i te nūpepa o Te Tai Tokerau, no te mea kīhai nga kai-rīpoata i whakaaetia kia uru atu ki roto i te whakaminenga ki te tangotango mai i nga kōrero i whiua i taua huihuinga nei. Ki āhau nei he tino moumou i pēneitia no te mea ngā whakatupuranga kei te piki ake e kore e mōhio i pēhea te mutunga mai o ngā taonga, a, he aha hoki te take i tanumia ai aua taonga ki runga anō i te marae o Tuhirangi. Kei te tino whakahawea ahau inaiane ki a tātou kōrero e pā ana ki o tātou marae me o tātou hapu, me o tātou papa-kainga. Ko nga kōrero kua takoto ke mai i mua noa atu, ma ngā mātua e hoatu ngā kōrero ki ngā mea o te whānau i tohia mo te mahi nei, ka taka te wā, ma ratou e hoatu ki nga mea o raro iho. Kua mutu noa atu ēnei tikanga, ki te hiahia tātou ki ngā kōrero tawhito e pa ana ki o tātou tūpuna o mua noa

atu, he ngāwari ke te rapu i ngā korero e pirangitia ana i roto i ngā pukapuka. Mehemea i tuhia ngā korero katoa mo ngā whakairo i ma roto mai i te kooti i Tuhirangi, a te rau tau kei te haere mai kei te takoto tonu ngā kōrero nei i roto o ngā pukapuka hei korerotanga ma o tātou uri i muri i te matematenga atu o tātou katoa o tēnei whakatupuranga.

Kahore au i Tuhirangi i te hui a te kooti mo ngā taonga, kahore hoki au i Waima i te wa i mauria mai ai e Whina ngā whakairo ki te marae o Tuhirangi. Ko ngā korero katoa i pa mo te taha ki ngā taonga nei na te hau i pupuhi mai ki aku taringa. No reira kahore aku whakahe whakatika ranei i ngā korero kua korerotia, whakahe, whakatika ranei i ngā mahi kua mahia. Ahakoa i runga i ēnei mea katoa kei te mamae te ngākau i te mea ko te mutunga mai o ngā taonga nei he ngaro atu i roto i te kōpū o te whenua, i runga i te marae o Tuhirangi. Ko te tūmanako o te ngākau kia takoto mai ratou i to rātou moenga roa i runga i te rangimārie, a, kia kua e waiho mai to ratou wahi okiokitanga hei wāhi e wehiwehi ai a tatou tamariki mokopuna, a ngā tau kei te heke mai. Ka hoki whakamuri ngā whakaaro ki te ōati a Eramiha e kore ngā whakairo ra e tu i muri i a ia ka whakangaro atu i Panguru. Kāhore mai he kōrero i tika ko tera, a i konei hoki ka kitea te ihi, me te wehi, o te mana Maori. Kua mutu ngā kōrero mo Tuhirangi i konei ka huri au inaiane ki te kōrero mo te marae o Te Raukura.

He marae tēnei i tino ārohatia e au no te mea i tēnei marae taku whaea, taku matua, tētahi o aku teina, tētahi hoki o aku tuahine e takoto ana, i tō rātou rironga i te ringa kaha o aitua. Tāpiri atu ki ēnei ko ētahi anō o aku tini tūpuna, mātua, ko aku tini whaea, ko āku whanaunga, ko aku hoa aroha hoki. Ko taku matua me taku whaea ētahi o ngā kai-hautu o te marae nei, na runga i tēnei he tuhonohono tonu to mātou haere atu ki te marae nei ki te taha i a raua. I te tata hoki o tēnei marae ki to mātou kainga noho, kāhore ke matou i whakaaetia kia moe i te marae i ngā rā kura, i tonoa kētia mātou kia hoki ki te kainga moe ai kia kore ai e tūreiti mo te kura i tētahi mai o ngā rā. I ngā rā i a mātou e taitamariki ana he nui tonu ngā mahi whakangahau i tū ki Te Raukura a i te patata mai hoki ki to mātou kainga, ka tukuna mātou e o mātou mātua kia haere ki te āwhina. Kāhore mai he kāinga mokemoke ko Waima, ki te tū he kanikani, he huritau, he mārena ranei he haringa ngākau no te mea ka mutu nei ngā mahi ngahau i konei. Kahore hoki he pouaka whakaata i ērā rā, i te kaha pōhara kāhore hoki he motokā hei rerere haere i te

huarahi, hei haere rānei ki ētahi atu wāhi ki nga mahi whakangahau o reira.

Kua neke atu i te rua tekau tau te korenga atu o ngā whare o runga i te marae o Te Raukura. Kāhore he whare tūpuna, kāhore he whare kai, kāhore he kāuta, kua pau katoa ēnei whare i te kāpura te kai. Ko te tino tikanga kē e whakahoutia ana te katoa o ngā whare nei i te mea kua tino tawhito kē te whare nui, ko te whare kai he pāpaku hoki te tu, kua tīmata hoki te pirau haere o nga papa o waho. Mehemea na te weranga i te kāpura, nā ētahi kē atu take rānei i kore ai tēnei o ngā marae o te kainga i tū, e kore e taea te korero, hēoi rā e kore e mutu te whakaarotia e te iwi he aha kē te tino raruraru i mahue ai ko nga pōraka whariki o raro ānake kei te takoto, ka mutu i reira. Ka hia nei ngā tau i pēnei ai tēnei o o matou marae, ko te patai a hea rā anō tū ai?

Kua pātai au ki nga mōrehu kaumatua o te kāinga e hia tau te tawhito o tēnei marae a Te Raukura. Kāhore he mea o rātou i āhei ki te kōrero mai ki ahau e mea ngā tau, engari ko a ratou kōrero e mea ana kāmui te tino tawhito. I te wā e ora ana taku matua i kī mai ia ki ahau kua tū ke tēnei marae i te wā o te pakanga tuatahi. I mua atu i te pakanga tuatahi i Pātiki ke tēnei marae e tū ana. Ko tēnei papa-kainga ko Pātiki kei āhua roto atu i Te Raukura, a i tāwahi tata mai i Pātiki ko tētahi papa-kainga anō ko Te Waipuna te ingoa, ā, koia nei te kāinga o aku tūpuna o Mita Rēkene raua ko Arihia, nga matua hoki o taku pāpā. Kihai au i kite i taku tūpuna i a Mita Rēkene no te mea e tino tamariki tonu ana au kā mate ia. Ko ngā kōrero a ētahi o aku whāea ki ahau, ko ia te minita tuatahi o te hāhi Mihinare i whakahaere i ngā karakia o ngā Rātapu i roto i te whare karakia o Waima roto. He whare karakia atu anō kei roto i Waima, a ko te whare karakia nei kei Waima waho. Koia nei tētahi o ngā mea rerekē e rua nga wehewehenga kei roto i te kainga nei i Waima, ko Waima roto kei te takiwā o Maunga Whakatere, ahu atu i te papa o te marae i Matetera, haere tonu i te rori kuini a tae noa ki Whāwharu, i te pekanga o te rori ki te ōka ahu atu ki Te Poinga, ko Waima waho. Ka hia nei nga tau i pēnei ai tēnei āhua ki roto i Waima. E rua ngā marae kei Waima waho e tu ana inaianei.

He maha tonu ngā tau o te marae o Te Raukura e tu ana i Pātiki, a i taua wā nei kāhore au i mohio mehemea ko Te Raukura ano te ingoa, he ingoa kē atu anō rānei. Ka taka te wā ka turakina te whare nui nei ka mauria iho ngā papa ki te papa-kainga o Te Raukura ka whakatungia ko te whare-nui hou, arā ko te whare i wera nei i te ahi i nga tau tata nei. I te hangatanga o taua whare rā kihai i kapi i nga papa ka tikina ano he papa hou hei whakaoti. E hia ngā tau i tu ai te whare-nui ki Te Raukura, kāhore he kauta, he whare-kai rānei i te marae mo ngā tau tino maha tonu, no muri noa mai ka whakatūtūria enei whare e rua. E mahara tonu ana ahau ka tū he hui ki te marae, ka hangā he whare-kai nīkau ki waho, a, ko ngā kai hoki he mea tao ki waho, ki roto rānei i te kihini o te whare o Te Heu Rewiri. Ki ōku nei whakaaro e taea ana ēnei āhua momo mahi i mua, i te mea kāhore hoki he huarahi atu i ēra wa. Inaianei kua waia kē tātou kia tika tonu ngā mea katoa, ana ki te kore he hokihoki ki te kainga te mutunga mai.

Ko nga tao kai i mua, he mea tahu nga ahi, ka kōhuengia ngā kai ki roto i nga omu me nga hōpane nunui o te marae, ki runga i nga mura o te kāpura. Ki te heke te ua kāhore mai he mahi hē-manawa, he uaua hoki te kā o te ahi i te māku o ngā wahie, mutu tonu hoki he māku no ngā kākahu, ā, ka patua e te makariri. Ko ngā raiti ko nga rātana karahini, me ngā raiti penehini e papua ra he hau ki roto, kia kaha ai te mārama. He wā ano e kore ke ngā raiti e kā tika, kua kuhu ke pea he wai ki roto, i etahi wa kua maringi mai te paoa ki waho, i te paru pea, me te tawhito tonu. Ko roto i ngā whare-nui he tino kaha te kōpeke, i ngā hotoke, kāhore hoki he hiko hei whakahaere i nga taonga whakamahana i nga tinana. Ahakoa rā i runga i ēnei hēmanawatanga katoa kāhore ke tātou kei te āwangawanga, i te mea kei te paiheretia mai tatou e te āroha, kei te awhina hoki tātou i a tātou i roto i o tātou pouritanga, me te kawē hoki i tō tātou Māoritanga i runga anō i to tātou mana Māori motuhake.

Ko ētahi kōrero na taku matua i hōmai ki ahau i pa ki te marae o Te Raukura i te wa o te pakanga tuatahi, a, ko te āroha i roto i taku ngākau mo ngā ahuatanga i pa i taua wā e kore rawa e warewaretia e au. I taua wā kei te noho ngā iwi o te kainga i roto i te pōharatanga, he tino uaua hoki nga huarahi rapunga moni. Kāhore hoki he moni penihana i ēnei ra, ko nga moni i puta mai na te mahi kerī kapia i ngā koraha o Te Tāheke ahu atu ki tēnei taha o Kaikohe. I mea taku papa i etahi wā ka tupu he pakanga i waenganui i nga iwi o Waima, me Te Tāheke, i runga i ngā whakaaro o nga iwi o Te Tāheke ko rātou ke ngā rangatira o ngā whenua kerī kapia nei. Kāhore hoki e kūaretia ana ngā tautohetohe o mua, ko ngā ringaringa kē e whakamahia ana i mua atu i te mangai, ma te ringa kaha e whakatau ko tēhea te ture e tika ana. Ko ngā moni i rire mai i ngā

mahi keri k̄apia nei, hei hoko mai i ngā taonga mo te k̄ainga, arā he huka, he parāoa puehu, he tī-raurau, me era atu taonga e riro mai i ngā toenga moni. Kahore hoki he māharahara ki te huawhenua, i te kaha hoki o nga iwi o te kainga ki te whakatupu kai.

Ko te nuinga o ngā t̄āngata he kau miraka a rātou, kei te tiaki poaka, heihei, rakiraki ētahi, a kāhore hoki he raruraru mo te hēki me te mīti. Kua rereke nga ahuatanga i enei rā, kua whakatau ke te tangata ma te moni e tango mai nga mea katoa e hiahiaitia ana, kahore ke he t̄āima wātea mo te mahi mahinga, miraka kau, tiaki poaka me era atu kararehe. I runga pea i ēnei kōrero kua tuhia nei e au mo nga wā o mua, kei te whakaaro pea ētahi kāhore, kē o tātou tūpuna i noho i roto i te pōharatanga i te mea e nui ana te kai mo te puku.

He pai tonu mehemea kāhore e tūroro ana, kia tae ki tēnei ahuatanga kua kitea te tino hemanawatanga me te pōharatanga o o tātou tūpuna i roto i ngā tau o mua. Tuatahi, kāhore he motokā hei hari i ngā mea e tino kaha ana te mate ki te hohipere. Te hohipere tata mai ki Waima ko Rāwene, ēngari ma runga motokā ano ka tere te tae ki reira. Ko taku mahi he whakaaro, tokohia ngā tūroro i mate ki te huarahi i ngā wā o mua, i te mea he ruarua noa iho ngā mea whai motokā. Ko tetahi atu o ngā huarahi mau tūroro ki te hōhipere he mā runga harakiki. I ngā tau o te pakanga tuatahi, ka pa mai tetahi mea kino whakaharahara ki roto i Waima, arā, ki te nuinga o nga papakainga i roto o Hokiangā. Hingahinga ana tēna mea te t̄āngata i turakina e ngā mate weriweri nei e te whururu, arā, e te rewharewha, me te taipō piua. I Waima pā ana te whakatuarea i te tokomaha hoki o nga tamariki, me ngā kaumatua, i hinga i ngā mate nei. Kihai i āhei kia kawea ngā mea e mate ana ki te hōhipere i Rāwene, i te mea kiki ana te wāhi ra i nga tūroro ano o reira, me nga k̄ainga e noho pātata atu ana. Kāhore hoki he pai kia mauria ki te marae o Te Raukura ki reira tiakina ai e ngā mea e kaha tonu ana ki te tangotango tūroro. Ko ngā raruraru nui kahore he taputapu tōtika hei tao kai, e kore hoki e taea kia mahana tonu a roto o te wharenui, i te kore hoki o ngā mihini a te Pakeha hei mahi i te mahi nei. Ko ngā whare paku hoki he mamao rawa i te wharenui, ā, kahore hoki he whare horoi, me nga whare kaukau, hei horohoroi i nga tūroro.

I roto i ēnei taimahatanga ka tiakina ngā mea e pāngia ana e ngā mate kikino nei, ki o rātou kāinga anō, ēngari ko te raruraru kē, kāhore he whakaatu e tae mai ana ki te marae mehemea kei te pai haere, kei te heke haere kē ranei. Kia mate ra, tū ana ngā maatua me te tūpapaku i runga i te marae. I ētahi wā tokorima neke atu rānei, e takoto ana i te marae i te wā kotahi. E ai ki ētahi anō o ngā kōrero a taku matua, tāpuke-kautia atu tētahi, kua hinga mai anō ko tētahi. I te honohono tonu o te hinga mai, hinga atu, ka kitea he hōiho mā e haere ana i te rori, i ngā haora katoa o te rā, e tō ana i te kōneke me ngā kāwhena i runga e ahu pērā ana ki te wāhi-tapu o Ōkahu. Ka hoki ngā mahara ki ēnei tūmomo rā me pēhea anō e kore ai e tangi te ngākau mo rātou. E kore hoki e warewaretia to mātou kura i roto i ēnei wā o te pouritanga, no te mea he tokomaha tonu nga tūroto i reira, e tiakina ana e ngā māhita me ētahi o ngā mātua.

E mahara tonu ana ahau ki te wā i haere ai ētahi o ngā tāngata e piri pono ana ki te marae o Te Raukura, ki te poroporo tūporo hei mahi papa mo tētahi whare-kai hou. Tekau mā rua aku tau i tēnei wā. Ko ngā tāngata i haere ki te mahi nei, ko taku matua ko Waha, ko tana teina ko Nikora, ko Te Heu Rēwiri, ko Wireko Wharerau, ko Hare Tito, ko Te Wīraha Hiku, ko Hake Pehi, ko Te Hāmāna Mohi, ko tana tamaiti mātāmua, ko Haimona Mohi. He tokomaha tonu mātou ngā tamariki haututū o te kāinga nei i haere ki te taha o ngā kai-mahi nei. Ko te wāhi i poroa mai ai ngā rākau nei kei te pūtake tonu o Whakatere Maunga, ko te ingoa tūturu mo te wāhi nei ko Hokotore. He tino maha, he tino nunui hoki te rākau taraire, te rimu, te kahikatea ki tenei wahi, a, kihai ke - i roa e turaki ana i ngā rākau nei, ka tōtōia ki te rori kuini o Waima ki reira ka tikina mai e ngā taraka ka mauria ki te mira o Kaikohe ka tapahia hei papa mahi i te whare-kai o Te Raukura. Ki tōku nei mōhiotanga koia nei te whare-kai tuatahi ki Te Raukura. Ko te tino mea i mahara au ko ngā kau mahi, ara ki taku mohio i huaina ngā kau mahi nei he "okiha," e ngā iwi o te kāinga. He tino kaha rawa atu ngā kau nei ki te tōtō mea taimaha, a, kāhore e pēnei i nga hōiho te pekepeke me te porangi noa iho. He ngāwari noa iho te whakamahi i ngā ōkiha nei, anō ki ahau e tino mōhio ana ki te whakarongo kōrero i te kaha pai hoki ki te mahi. Na aua kau nei i tōtō iho ngā tūporo i te ngahere, ki te rori kuini. Kāhore ano kia mahia te whare-kai hou nei i roto i te timatatanga o te tau i topea ai nga rākau, kua haere kē au ki te kura tuarua i Paerata i tenei wā. Hoki rawa mai au i te kura tuarua o Paerata i te mutunga o taua

tau e tū ana te whare-kai hou, ano te ataahua me te rangatira. Ko nga kai-hanga i te wharekai nei ko aua tangata ra anō nā rātou i turaki ngā rākau i te timatatanga o te tau. He pakeke tonu ka whakaae te ngākau ko ngā whare e rua kua korerotia nei e au, āra ko te whare nui, ko tona timatatanga mai i te kainga nei i Pātiki, a, me te whare kai hoki, ko taku matua tonu tetahi o nga kai hanga, kua wera kē i te ahi, te ngaronga atu i mua i ngā kanohi, ngaro oti atu. Heoi ngā mea kei te kitea atu ko nga poraka whāriki o raro, me nga tahataha. Ko ngā whakaaro kei te maumahara tonu ki aua whare ra, me ngā tāngata hoki i heke ai te werawera i o rātou tinana, kia tu tōtika ai, kia tū tangata ai te iwi o Waima i runga i te marae kai-ngākau nei, i Te Raukura, i roto hoki i Te Mahurehure, me Te Uri-Kaiwhare.

I roto tonu i ngā tau i mahia ai te whare-kai o Te Raukura, ka pā mai anō tētahi mahi nui whakaharahara ki roto i Waima. Ko ngā tāngata i mahia ai te mahi nei, ko te nuinga anō ko ngā mea i turakina ai ngā rākau mo te whare-kai o Te Raukura. Nā roto mai i tēnei āhua e mea ana au ko te mana, ko te ihi, ko te wehi o tenei mahi, ko te marae ano o Te Raukura te kai-tautoko, ahakoa ko ngā kai-mahi i noho kē, i moe kē, i tetahi kainga tino tawhito, arā, ko Pāraharaha te ingoa. Ko te tokorua nō rāua te kainga nei, e oraora tonu ana i au e tupu ake ana, ko Hemo rāua ko Eriata o rāua ingoa, ā, he kai-āwhina, he kai-tautoko rāua tahi i nga ahuatanga e pā ana ki Te Raukura. Ko Hemo he kūia ataahua te reo, he tino mohio hoki ki ngā waiata tawhito a te Māori. Nā taku teina nā Tamatahi i korero mai ki ahau ko te take i noho ai rātou ki Pararaha, a, kāhore hoki ki te marae o Te Raukura no te mea i nga hahu tupapaku o ngā tau o mua atu, koia ano tera ko te kainga i nohoia e ngā kai-hahu o ēra rā. He wāhi tapu kei Pararaha, kāhore i tawhiti rawa i te rori kuini, a, koia ra te takotoranga o ngā kōiwi ki te mauria mai i ngā ana i reira ra ngā tāonga e takotokoto ana.

I whakatūria he tēneti ki runga tonu i te wāhi tapu rā, ki roto hoki ngā kōiwi tupapaku, me era atu tāonga a o mātou tūpuna takotokoto ai, ka tae ki te wā i whiriwhiria kia tanumia, ka mauria ki te wahi tapu i Ōkahu. Ko ngā mea i tohuria hei mahi i te mahi tino kaha nei te tapu ko to mātou kaumatua āriki ko Haki Romana, i raro i āna whakahaere ko taku matua ko Waha, ko taku whāea ko Paerau, ko taku teina ko Tamatahi, tekau ma tahi noa ona tau, ko to mātou kaumatua ko Wireko Wharerau, ko Te Heu Rewiri, ko tana wahine ko Tina, ko to mātou tūpuna wahine ko Moetū Tōpia, he wahine kua waia kē ki

enei mahi whakamāharo, ko tana tamaiti ko Tewi, i tupu ake hoki ia i roto i ēnei āhua mahi, ko Te Wīraha Hiku me tana wahine ko Hira, ko te mea whakamutunga ko te nanakia rā ko Rupena Rako. Ko ngā mea o te rōpu nei kei te ora tonu ko taku teina ko Tamatahi, e anga ana nga tau ki te ono tekau, ko to matou whanaunga ko Tewi Tōpia, kei runga ake ona tau i te whitu tekau mā ono.

E rua ngā whakamārama mo te hahu tupāpaku i rongo aku taringa. Ko te mea tuatahi i ahu mai i taku matua. E ai ki āna kōrero kua tūpono kē tētahi wahine me tētahi tāne Pākehā ki ngā kōiwi nei, i a raua e haerere ana i tētahi wāhi i te putake o Maunga Whakatere, ko Te Pari Kōhatu te ingoa. Na raua i kite he ana, ā, i to rāua tomokanga ki roto ka kite rāua i ngā kōiwi tupāpaku e takoto ana i roto. I tō rāua taenga mai ki to mātou kāinga ka kōrero atu rāua ki taku matua, me te whakamārama ano ki a ia, kihai rāua i raweke i ngā taonga rā. I te mea he kai-mahi nga tokorua nei no te hōhipere i Rāwene, kihai ia i tino awangawanga, i te mea e mōhio paahi ana ia ki a rāua. Kihai i tino roa i muri iho i tera, ka hau ngā rongo kua kitea ano he kōiwi e takoto ana i raro tata iho i te wāhi e mōhiotia nei ko Te Pari Kōhatu. He ana tupāpaku i te taha tonu o te pari kohatu nei, kua horoa iho te taha o te pari, i te ngahorotanga iho o ngā kohatu me nga oneone, ka taka iho etahi o ngā kōiwi nei.

Ko te rua tēnei o te rongonga o taku matua ki ngā hau kōrero mo ngā taonga nei, ka oati tōna ngākau me haere ia ki Moehau ki te whakapā atu ki te kaumatua āriki ra, ki a Haki Romana. E tino mahara ana ahau ki tonā haerenga atu i tō mātou kāinga i Parepare, ki Moehau, nāku hoki i hopu te hoiho hei kawē i a ia ki te kāinga o te kaumatua ra; te ingoa o te hoiho ko "Kūpa" a he ahua nāti nei, engari aua atu, he nanakia tonu mo te haere rori. Ka rongo te rangatira rā a Haki Romana, ka karangatia he hui, ā, kā whakawhaiti mai nga iwi i whakaingoatia e au i mua atu.

Na taku teina, na Tamatahi, i whakamārama mai ki ahau he aha nga mahi mā tēna mā tēna o ratou. Ko te mahi nui rawa atu te honore i hoaturia ki a Tewi Mākiha, raua ko Rūpena Rako, a, ko te mahi ra he kohikohi i ngā kōiwi me nga taonga katoa, he whakakao ki roto i ngā pēke hei waha mai ki te takotoranga i Pararaha. Kāhore tētahi atu o ratou i whakaaetia kia pā ki ngā taonga nei, motuhake ko ngā tokorua kua whakahuatia nei e au. Ko te mahi a ētahi atu o ngā mea tāne he kimi haere kei hea ngā taonga tapu nei e takoto ana, a i te mutunga o

te rā he pikau i ngā taonga rā ki Pararaha. Ko te kūia ra ko Moetū, he kai tautoko ia i ngā tāne, me te tirotiro hoki kia tika tonu ngā mahi i runga i nga kaupapa kua whakatakotoria e Haki Rōmana. Kahore au i tino mōhio mehemea i whakaaetia te kai hikareti i a rātou e mahi ana i te mahi nei, mehemea i whakaaetia e kore e kore ko tētahi tēnei o ngā mahi a Moetu, mana e kuhu atu te hikareti ki roto o ngā waha, ma rātou a muri atu. He pēnei anō te whakahaere mo te inu wai, me te kai. I te kaha tapu hoki o te mahi nei kihai kē ngā kai-mahi i whakaaetia kia pā ngā ringa ki te kai.

Nā taku matua i kōrero mai ki ahau i a rātou e rapu haere ana i ngā kōiwi nei, he mea whakarongo tonu nā rātou ki te reo tanqi e puta mai ana i te takiwā kei reira rā nga taonga e takoto ana. Ki te rangona te tanqi nei, ahua mania tonu te tinana me te hinengaro, ēngari aua atu, ko rātou hoki i haere mai ki te tiki i a rātou, ki te whakahoki ki te takotoranga pūmau mo rātou. E toru ngā ana i hahua e rātou, tāpiri atu ki nga kōiwi tupāpaku i whakakaotia, he whakaahua no ētahi ano o o matou tūpuna, e takai tonu ana i roto i te kākahu hiraka, he taonga whakairo, he kuru-pounamu. E rua ngā mea ahua rerekē i pa ki a rātou i roto i te mahi nei. Tuatahi i a rātou e whakangā ana i Pararaha, ka rangona te reo tanqi e puta mai ana i te tākiwa o te tēneti, āroha ana ki te whakarongo atu. Ka wānanga katoa rātou i raro anō i te whakahaere a tō rātou tumuaki, ka whakatauria e ia, he mea i mahue atu i tētahi o ngā ana, kia ao ake te rā me hoki rātou ki te titiro. I to rātou taenga ki taua ana, i tētahi mai o ngā rā, kā kitea nga kōiwi ririki nei, e takoto mai i tētahi o ngā kokonga, ka tae iho i a rātou ngā taonga ra ki Pararaha, e rongohia ana ētahi o ngā kōiwi e ngakeke ana i roto i ngā pēke, he haringa ngākau hoki no rātou, kua tae iho ngā mōrehu rā, ki waenganui i a rātou. Ko te raruraru tuarua i pā na te kaumatua ra nā Haki Rōmana i kite. Ao ake i tētahi rā kihai i arikarika te mahi a Tāwhirimātea. Ka rū te whenua i te whatitiri, hikohiko ana te rangi i te uira, tūpoupou ana ngā rākau te pupuhi e te hau, hora ana te wai i te taringitanga iho o te ua. Ka whakahuihuitia e Haki Rōmana ana kai-mahi, ā, i roto i tā rātou wānanga ka kitea i hara tētahi o ngā kai-hahu, ko ana ringa i tangotango i ētahi o nga taonga tapu rā, ko tērā mahi motuhake nā Tewi Mākiha rāua ko Rūpena Rako. Ka tatū te raruraru rā, hora ana te marino me te pai ki te katoa, mariiriri ana hoki te wairua o Tāwhirimātea.

Kā mutu te mahi hahu nei ka hikitia ngā taonga

katoa i Pararaha, ka kawea ki te wāhi-tapu, kia tanumia atu ki te taha o ratou mā, e takoto mai rā i roto i tō mātou urupā i Okahu, i raro hoki i te maru o tō mātou maunga whakahirahira o Whakatere-manawakāiaia. Takoto mai rā koutou i waenganui i te iwi, kua ea a koutou tangi, kia whakahokia mai koutou ki te takotoranga pumau, manaakitia nga mea o te ropu hahu kua wheturangitia, kei kona rātou i a koutou na, e takoto mai ana, i raro i te maru o Te Matua Nui i te Rangī.

Kua huri au inaianei ki te kōrero mo te marae tuatoru o Waima-roto, arā, mo Mateterā. He marae tino tawhito tēnei, he marae kua whakarerea e nga mōrehu waihotanga iho o Pera Wharerau. Me mea e au ko ngā uri o Pera Wharerau, no te mea ahakoa e tino tamariki tonu ana au i te wā i a ia e ora ana, he kaumatua tēnei i tino ārohatia e taku matua, me taku whāea. He kaumatua tēnei i ngaua kinotia e te mamae, na te kaha tonu o tōna ngākau ki te whawhai i ngā tūrorotanga i pā mai ki tona tinana, i roa ai ona rā ki waenganui i te iwi o Waima. Ko tētahi o ngā tino mea e mahara ana ahau ki tēnei o aku tūpuna, ko te nui me te roa o tōna tinana. Ko tana whakatupu no ngā hau-tupua mai rā anō. Ko ia, me tērā anō o aku tūpuna, ko Haki Rōmana, kei roto i taua whakatupu hau-tupua nei, ki roto i te reo Ngātiporou e karangatia raua "he tipua, he taniwha," i te kaha rarahi mārika hoki. Ko te kōrero e mea ana, tāpiri atu ki te tinana nui, ko te ngākau hūmarire, kihai rawa i hē mo nga tokorua nei, kāhore mai he kaumatua āroha ki te tangata ko tēnei. Ko te whānau a te kaumatua nei, i aru anō i a ia, ko nga tāne he tau-hanga, he nui tinana te whakatupu, ko ngā wāhine he ataahua, a e kitea atu ana te mana tāne, ma roto mai i te mana wāhine.

Ko te whare nui o Mateterā kei waenga pārae e tū ana, kua roa kē kāhore ano kia tū he hui ki roto. I te mea kāhore anō kia whakahoutia mo ngā tau tino maha nei, kua māwhe ke ngā peita i te whitinga e te rā, me te taringitanga e te ua. Ko te whānau tāne a Pera Wharerau kua mene katoa kē ki te pō, ko ana tamariki wāhine he ruarua noa iho kei te oraora. Ko ngā kaumatua tautoko i tēnei marae kua matemate noa atu, me pēhea anō e tū tangata mai ai te marae ataahua nei, mehemea kāore ōna kai-hautū? Ka hoki muri aku whākaaro e toru ngā mea e tino mārama ana ki taku hinengaro. Tuatahi ko te wehenga atu o te kaumatua nei a Pera Wharerau i te ao marama, ki te ao pouriuri. I takoto ia ki runga i Mateterā, tōna ake marae. I ā ia e tangihia ana e te tini tangata ka mate mai taku tuahine i te hōhipere i Rāwene. I mate taku tuahine i tōna whānautanga mai, ā,

ka whakahokia mai tōna tinana ki Waima. I te taenga mai o taku matua me te tinana o taku tuahine ki Waima, ka huri atu ki te marae o Mateterā, kā inoitia e te whānau o Pera Wharerau kia whakahuihuitia ngā tangihanga nei. Kua mohio kē ahau e whakaaetia e taku matua i tana manawa-pā hoki ki te kaumatua nei. Kā tae ki te rā o te tāpuketanga, kā inoitia e te iwi kia moe taku tuahine ki roto i te ringa matau o taku tupuna o Pera Wharerau, i te kāwhena kotahi. Ki ahau nei, kāhore mai he whakaaro rangatira ko tērā, kia riro taku tuahine kōhungahunga mā tōna anō tupuna e hari ki te Matua Nui i te Rangī.

Kā ngaro atu te kaumatua nei ki roto i te poho o Papatuānuku, ka aramai ki roto o Waima ko te Hāhi hou nei, ko Te Tīhoua. Ko te nuinga o ngā tāngata i whai i te whakapono hou nei, ko ngā tamariki a Pera Wharerau. I taua wā nei kei te tino tamariki tonu au, kāhore hoki e mōhio ana, he aha ngā tikanga, me ngā kaupapa o te whakapono hou nei. Engari ra, ahakoa, e tamariki tonu ana au, kua tau kē ki roto o taku whatumanawa, kotahi anō te hāhi whakapono moku, ko te hāhi o taku matua, ko te hāhi Mihinare. Ka roa te hāhi Tīhoua nei e mahi ana ki roto i Waima, ka whakatūria he whare karakia ki runga i te papa-kainga o Mateterā, ahua wehe mai i te whare-nui, ki te takiwā o te rori kuini, ahu mai i Kaikohe ki Rāwene. Ko tēnei whare rangatira i whakapuarengia i te tau 1955. Ko te ingoa i tapaa ki runga i te whare-karakia hou nei ko "Kingdom Hall." No tēnei tau tonu ka whakapā atu au ki taku teina ki a Tom Wharerau, i Kaikohe, ki ētahi atu kōrero e hāngai ana ki te whare karakia nei, ka mea mai ia, koia tēnei ko te whare karakia tuatahi mo te Hāhi Tīhoua, i tū ki Niu Tīreni. I te rā o te whakapuaretanga, he tokomaha tonu ngā manuhiri Māori, Pākehā, tuārangi, kōtuku rerengatahi, tāngata rongonui, ō hea, ō hea, ō roto i te hāhi nei, i whakaeke mai ki Mateterā ki te hākari nui whakaharahara.

Ko te kōrero mutunga tēnei mo tētahi aitua i pā ki roto o Waima, ko te taimahatanga nā te marae o Mateterā i pīkau. I roto i ngā tau kotahi mano, e iwarau, e toru tekau, ahu atu rānei, ka pā he aitua kino ki te moana o Pāramu, takiwā i waenganui i Omanaia me Rāwene. I tēnei wāhi ka tahuri te waka whakahoki mai i ngā kai-mahi, i tera taha o te moana e mahi ana. He awa waitai noa te wāhi i whakawhiti mai ai ngā kai-mahi, he kūiti, e taea noa te kauhoe mai mehemea e marino ana. E rua ngā raruraru i pā, tuatahi, he tino kino te pakaru mai o te ngaru, tuarua i te whakawhitinga mai, e mau tonu ana ētahi i o ratou kamuputu roroa. I te tahuritanga o te waka ka kī ngā kamuputu roroa i te wai

ka pēhia ngā tinana ki raro i te wai, i te taimaha hoki. Ko tētahi i waimarie, no te mea he taonga kei roto i o rātou ringaringa hei whakamaanu i a rātou, e ahei ai rātou ki te kau mai ki uta. Tokorua i paremo, ko te mea āroha he tino hoa pumau rāua, he hoa purei whutupaoro tahi, he hoa porohianga haere, he hoa mahi tahi i runga i ngā marae o te kāinga, he hoa āwhina hoki i ngā kaupapa katoa o te kāinga. He tino pai ngā taitamariki o te kainga ki a rāua, i to rāua kaha ki te tiaki me te atawhai i a rātou i roto i ngā mahi tākaro, me ngā mahi whakangahau. ko au tonu nei tetahi o aua taitamariki rā na raua i tiaki. Ko te mahi a ngā tāngata ra he whakawhānui i ngā waikeri putanga wai i tera taha o te moana, koia rā i mau ai i ngā kamuputu roroa.

Ko ngā ingoa o ngā tokorua i paremo ko Tamati Wharerau, tamaiti a Pera Wharerau, te kaumatua i korero ra au i mua atu, me Patu Werekake, te tungāne o taku whāea o Paerau. Ko to mātou matua ko Patu he tangata i tino ārohatia e to mātou whānau katoa, he tino tangata humarire, kāhore ke he kino kia kotahi, kei roto i tōna tinana, i tōna wairua, i tōna ngākau hoki. I whānau mai taku teina a Pat i muri tata i te aitua nei, koia te ingoa e mau na i a ia. I te ahiahi tonu i paremo ai ngā tokorua ka kitea a Tāmāti, ka whakahokia mai ki te marae o Mateterā, ā, ko tana hoa kei te ngaro tonu. I tētahi mai o ngā rā ka whanga ngā kai-rapu i to mātou matua i a Patu, tino kore i kitea. I te pōnga o taua rā kei te ngaro tonu.

I taua wā nei kāhore kē au i to mātou ake kāinga i Parepare, kua haere kē au ki Ōtukehu ki te kainga o aku karani, ngā mātua o taku māmā. Taku karani-pā ko Te Taurangatira Werekake, ko taku karani-mā ko Meremere. I taua wā nei i Ōtukehu anō hoki te teina o taku whāea a Ngāhūia. Ko te mahi a taku karani-mā he tangi, kāhore kē he mutunga mai, me pēhea hoki i te kaha mamae o te ngākau kua tangohia atu a Patu, e te ringa kaha o aitua. Ka āhua pouri mai a waho ka puta to matou karani-mā ki waho, ka ahu pērā atu ki te awa o Ōtukehu, kāhore i tawhiti atu i te whare. He āhua roa tonu ia e ngaro atu ana ki waho. I tōna tomokanga mai ki roto i te whare, kua āhua marama mai te kanohi. Hei ko tāna, i a ia i te raina horoi kākahu, ka kite atu ia i a Patu e noho mai ana. Kei te mau tonu ana kākahu tāngari, me tētahi o ngā kamuputu-roa, ko tētahi o ana waewae e ma mai ana, kua makere kē te hū. I te ata tū tonu, i tētahi mai o ngā rā, ka tae mai te whakaatu a ngā pirihiimana o Rāwene, kua kitea a Patu, ko nga whakamārama mai mo te kitenga,

i hāngai tonu ki runga i nga kōrero a tō mātou karani-mā ki a mātou i te pō o mua atu.

Ka takoto ngā tokorua nei ki te taha anō i a rāua, ngā hoa pūmau nei, kāhore tētahi i wehe i tētahi. i te wā o te oranga, kāhore hoki i wehe i te wā o te matenga. Ko te korōria i a koe e Mateterā. He tangihanga nui whakaharahara tēnei, ko te utu hoki mo te tangata hūmarire he roimata, he poroporoaki, he pouri, he ngākau mamae. Kua kore anō o rāua kanohi e kitea e te takimano, me te takitini, hei aha rā, kei te mōhio mātou o te kāinga nei, e kore te Matua i te Rangi e mokemoke, kei reira hoki ngā tokorua nei, hei tinihanga, hei whakaporaru i a ia.

Kua tirohia e au ngā pepa o te kooti whenua o Whāngarei, mo te marae o Mateterā, a, koia nei nga whakamārama. I te tuatahi na te kooti i whakaae hei marae tenei wāhi mo te whānau o ngā Wharerau. I te mea kāhore tēnei marae e whakamahia ana e taua whānau inaianei, kua hurihia e te kooti hei whenua rāhui papa-kainga, mo ngā whānau kei raro i ngā ingoa e whai whanaungatanga ana ki ngā Wharerau. Ko Wireko Wharerau te tangata i whakaaetia e te kooti hei kai-kōrero mo te taha ki te marae nei, a nāna te tonokia hurihia ngā whenua o te marae o Mateterā, hei papa-kainga. Na te kooti i whakamana tēnei tono, me te whakamārama hei painga tenei wāhi mo nga uri katoa o Rāniera Wharerau. I te whakamanatanga e te kooti hei papa-kainga tēnei wāhi, ka whakatauria e te kooti, ko ngā tangata e whai ake nei nga ingoa hei kai-tiaki kai-whakahaere mo te wāhi nei.

1. Wireko Wharerau.
2. Tāmati Wharerau.
3. Matu Mākiha.
4. Heemi Pehikuru.
5. John Timoko.
6. Sonny Peri.
7. Tikinui Rako.

Kua neke atu i te tekau-ma-rima tau te mutunga atu o te whakahaere hui ki runga i tenei marae mōkai o mātou, tēngari ko tētahi o ngā whakaminenga tangata i ngā tau ki muri, kei te maumahara tonu ki roto i nga hinengaro

ki ētahi o ngā huihuinga tāngata i whakahaeretia ki Mateterā. He poroporoaki whakamutunga tenei ki a koe e Pera Wharerau, moe mai i raro i te marumaru o to tatou maunga o Whakaterē, i roto hoki i to tatou urupa tapu o Okahu.

E rua ngā marae kei roto i te kāinga e karangatia nei ko Waima Waho. No mua mai ra anō tēnei āhua. Kua tuhia kē e au i mua atu, te takiwā ki to mātou kura tuatahi, e karangatia ana ko Waima Roto. I te wā e oraora ana te nuinga o ngā kaumātua o Waima, he mana ke to Waima Roto, ā, he mana kē anō to Waima Waho. Nā runga i ngā mahi tākaro whutupaoro, neti-paoro, tēnehi, omaoma, ka tino noho wehe rawa atu ngā takiwā e rua nei. Ko ngā whare karakia, he penei ano te āhua, i nga Rātāpu karakia kē mai ana a Waima Waho i roto anō i te whare karakia kei roto i tōna wehenga, me Waima Roto hoki i roto anō i tōna. Ko nga whare karakia e rua nei he tino mamao tētahi i tētahi, koia kē pea tenei ko te tino tikanga i haere wehewehe ai nga whakahaere karakia ki roto o Waima. He pēnā anō hoki nga marae o Waima, he tino tawhitiwhiti ngā marae o Waima Waho i nga marae o Waima Roto, mehemea e haere ma raro ana nga tangata i ngā marae o Waima Waho, ki ngā marae o Waima Roto he nui tonu ngā haora me ngā meneti, e pau ana ki runga anō i te huarahi. Ahakoa i runga i enei āhuatanga katoa, kia pā mai ra he mate, he aitua ranei, ki ehea nei o ngā marae nei, kāhore he noho wehewehe, ko te taonga nui nei ko te āroha, ko te ihi, me te wana, o to tātou Maoritanga, e kawē ana, e ārahi ana i a tātou kia tae ki te whakataki me te whakatau, i ngā tikanga tapu a o tātou tūpuna, na rātou nei i tuku iho ki a tātou. Ko ngā marae o te kainga e whakapiripiri ana i ngā iwi katoa o Waima, ko tēnei whakahau, he mea tauira mai, e nga mātua tūpuna mai ra ano i nga rā o neherā. E kore e ngaro, e kore e memeha te wairua Māori, me ngā tikanga Māori, no te mea kua ruia kē mai nga kākano i Raiatea, ko ngā purapura o aua kākano ko tatou e pupuri kaha nei i a tātou taonga tapu, i a tatou whakaakoranga whakahirahira, kia tū tangata ai tātou i roto i te ao hurihuri e noho nei tātou i roto inaianei.

Ka huri au inaianei ki te kōrero mo te marae o Moehau, ko te mamae i roto i taku ngākau e peehi kino ana i aku whakaaro, no te mea tino kāhore ahau e mohio ana hei aha hei kōrero māku, i te kaha kuare ki nga kōrero me ngā āhuatanga katoa, i pā ki tenei marae i ngā rā o mua. Ka hoki mai anō te pātai, he aha ke i penei ai? Ki te tētahi tirohanga, anō nei, no ngā kaumātua o te kainga te hē, i te kore e kōrero mai ki ngā morehu o tēnei whakatupuranga, i nga whakamārama katoa, mo te marae nei, mo Moehau. Ko tēnei marae, kei te pito rawa o Waima Waho, a ko te marae o Mateterā kei tērā pito rawa o Waima Roto. Te mamao atu o tētahi o nga marae nei i tētahi, kei te toru ki te whā maero, no reira ko

mātou ko ngā mea i whakatupuria atu ki Waima Roto, kihai kē i noho piri ki tēnei marae, arā, ki Moehau.

Ko o mātou tini mātua, me o mātou tini whaea i piri pono ki tēnei marae, i runga i te āroha ki te marae nei, me te āroha pūmau hoki ki ngā kaumatua ko rāua nei ngā ūpoko o taua marae. Ko ēnei tāngata tokorua, arā, a Haki Rōmana, rāua ko tana rūruhi, ko Maria, i kai-ngākauria e ngā iwi katoa o te kāinga, i to rāua kaha ki te tautoko i ngā kaupapa katoa i whakatakotoria atu e te iwi ki mua i o rāua aroaro.

Ka huri au inaianei ki ngā taitamariki e tupu ake ana i te wā i o tātou tūpuna e riroriro atu ana ki tua o te ārai. Ko ahau tonu tētahi o ērā. Tērā pea ko te huarahi tika kē mā tātou i aua wā, he honohono tonu no te pātai atu ki a rātou kia kōrerotia mai ngā kōrero, nga whakatauāki, nga pepeha, kia homai ngā walata, me ngā whakapapa, kia ākoria mai ngā mahi ahūwhenua ma ngā ringaringa wāhine, me ngā ringaringa tāne. Mehemea pea ko te huarahi tika ke tēnei, tērā kāhore kē he awangawanga ki te rapurapu haere, i hea, i hea, mo ngā taonga Māori e hiahiatia ana e tātou. Te āhua nei, kua tūreiti, ko tāku anō i tuhi ai i mua atu, "ki te pirangi tātou ki te whai i te matauranga o te Pākehā ki tōna taumata, kei te tū ōna whare-wānanga i nga pito katoa o te ao, ēngari mehemea e pirangi ana tātou ki te whai i te mātauranga o te Māori, ki tona taumata, kua ngaro kē atu o tātou whare wānanga ki roto i te poho o Papatuanuku, mahue pani, mahue mōkai mai ana tatou."

I te waru o ngā rā o Mei, i te tau kotahi mano e iwa rau e whā tekau ma rua, ka haere mai a Wiremu Kākā, he apiha no te Tari Māori o Kaikohe, ki te tiro tiro i nga whare me te papa-whenua, o te marae o Moehau. Koia nei tana rīpoata.

a. I tenei wā kāhore ano kia ruria tēnei whenua, ēngari ko te whakapae kei wāhi runga ake i te rua eka, te nui o te papa-whenua o te marae o Moehau. Ko te whenua nei he whenua komihana, i ahū mai i ngā whenua toopu o Waima, ā, i tēnei wā kāhore anō kia whakamanahia i roto i nga pukapuka rēhita a te kooti. Kei runga tō-puke te marae nei e tū ana, ā, e titiro whakararo iho ana ki ngā whēnua pararahi o te riu o Waima Waho.

b. He pēnei te āhua o ngā whare o te marae.

1. Ko te whare-nui e whā tekau putu te roa, e rua tekau putu te whānui.

2. Ko te whare kai, me te kihini, he mea hanga ki te haeana hipoki tuanui, tekau mā waru putu te roa, ā, tekau mā ono putu te whānui. Kei raro ēnei whare e rua, i te tuanui kotahi.

3. He whare iti e tū ana i waho hei tiaki kai, kāhore i hōmai he meiha.

4. Ko ngā whare paku kei te hou tonu. Ko te wai kei roto i ngā taika, i ētahi wā e papua ake ana te wai i te awa. Kāhore he hiko.

Ahakoa kei te āhua pai te takoto mai o te papa whenua, e taea noa atu kia neke atu te ataahua, mehemea e ahuwhehua ana ki te whakapaipai haere. I te wā nei ko Maria Haki Rōmana e noho ana i roto i te whare-nui, ā, kā nui ngā whānau kei raro tata iho i te marae e nohonoho haere ana, ā, ko aua whānau nei he kai tautoko i te marae o Moehau. Heoi rā, na te kore mahi kua nekeneke ētahi ki ngā tāone ki te kimi mahi, mahue mai ana he ruarua noa iho ki te tiaki me te hāpai i te marae nei. Mai rā anō, e ai ki nga whakamārama a Maria, ko ngā iwi tonu o Waimā, hei whaka-pūtea moni mo te marae, kāhore he āwhina kia kotahi a te kāwanatanga. Ko ngā kai-tiaki, kai-āwhina, i tohuria hei whakahaere i te marae nei, kua mene katoa te nuinga ki te pō, ko ngā mōrehu mahuetanga iho, kua haerēre katoa ki ētahi atu takiwā.

Ka mate atu te kula nei a Maria Rōmana, ka mahue mōkai mai te marae nei. Tētahi tangata honohono tonu ki te hoki mai ko Āiwa Rōmana, tama-tahi a Haki rāua ko Maria, ēngari rā, kua riro anō hoki tēnei ki tua o te ārai, heoi ko ana tamariki, ngā mokopuna a ngā kaunātua nei, ngā mōrehu waihotanga mai. I te hārarei o nga kura i Akuhata, i te tau nei, i tūtaki au ki tētahi o ngā tama a Āiwa, kua hoki mai i Ākarana ki te noho i te marae o Moehau, he haringa ngākau, no te mea kua kā mai anō ngā ahi o te marae nei, hei whaka-ruru hau i te whare-nui o Tāne Whakapiripiri, me Papatuānuku e takoto mokemoke mai ana i waho.

E rua ngā take i pa ki te marae o Moehau, i hāngai tonu ki runga i to mātou whānau, ā, nā runga i ēnei ahuatanga ka paiheretia to mātou whānau katoa ki raro i te maru, me te mana o te marae nei. Ko te take tuatahi, he mea kōrero mai e taku whaea, e Hira Peni Wharerau, ki ahau, i āhua oho tonu taku wairua ki āna whaka-mārama, no te mea kihai taku matua i kōrero mai i ēnei kōrero ki ahau, i te wā i a ia e ora ana. E ai ki ngā kōrero a taku whaea, i te wā tonu e ora ana to mātou whaea tūpuna a Karani Pono, koia nei hoki te whāea o taku matua, ka mea atu te rangatira nei a Haki Rōmana ki a ia, ki te mate te rūruhi nei i mua atu i a ia, e tanumia ana e ia ki te urupa o Whaingenge, arā, te wāhi tapu o Moehau. Kihai i arikarika te riringa o taku whaea o Hira, me tana mea atu ki te kaumatua ra kāhore kē ōna tika ki te kōrero pērā. Ko te whakahoki a te kaumatua ra, kāhore ona hē kia kotahi, no te mea ko te kuia rongonui ra, te whāea tūpuna o Karani Pono, ara a Maraea Kuri, kei te urupā o Whaingēngē e tāpuke ana. Ko tēnei kuia ko Maraea Kuri he tūpuna no matou, o te whakatupuranga

tuatoru ki muri, a, ko taku whāea āroha a Hira Peni, he tuahine ki taku matua. Heoi rā kihai i tika te oati a Haki Rōmana, no te mea, ko ia ke i mate i mua atu i tō mātou Karani Pono. Ko taku mahi he whakaaro, mehemea ko to mātou karani i mate i mua atu i te kaumatua ra i a Haki Rōmana, ka whaka-tutukitia rānei e ia ana whakaaro, e kore rānei. Ki roto anō i taku ngakau, e ae ana ahau ki te tono a te kaumatua ra, kia tāpuketia to matou tupuna, a Karani Pono, ki te wāhi tapu o Moehau, kia takoto ia ki te taha o tera o o matou tupuna o Marāea Kuri. Te nuinga o ngā tāngata o Waima i heke iho i te wahine rangatira nei i a Maaraea Kuri, a e whanaunga katoa ana mātou, tētahi ki tētahi.

Tata tonu nei, arā i te marama o Akuhata o tenel tau, ka kōrerotia mai e tētahi o aku tuahine ki ahau, ko te ekenga o nga tau o tētahi o o mātou tuahine ki te rua tekau ma tahi, i inoitia e Haki Rōmana ki to mātou tupuna wahine ki a Karani Meremere, kia whakatūria te huritau ki reira, ara ki te marae o Moehau. I tēnei wā kei te ngaro kē atu au ki roto o te rohe o Ngatiporou, kāhore kē i watea ki te hoki mai ki Waima, a, na runga anō hoki o te kore whakaatu mai mo te rā nei, ka noho kuaire au i hea tēnei huritau e whakahaeretia ana. Ka rongorongo au, ka hari taku ngakau, no te mea mai rā anō, ko nga huritau mo te whanau i aua rā, ki te kore e whakahaeretia ki Te Raukura, ka kawea ki tera atu o o mātou marae ki Otatara. Ko to mātou tuahine nōna ra te huritau, ko te tuawha o to mātou whānau, ko Ngamako tona ingoa, ā, kei Ahitereria e noho ana, he maha tonu ngā tau i noho ai rāua ko tana tāne, me tā rāua whānau, ki reira.

Kua tae ki te wā hei tuhituhinga māku i ngā kōrero mo to mātou marae whakamutunga, arā, mo Otātara. E tika kē ana kia hia miriona kōrero māku mo te marae nei, i te mea koia tēnei ko te marae o aku tupuna o Te Tau Rangatira, rāua ko to mātou karani mā, ko Meremere. Na ēnei kaumatua au i whakatupu i au e tino tamariki tonu ana, he pai kē ki ahau te noho i ko i a rāua i Otukehu, i te noho i to mātou ake kāinga i Parepare. Ehara i te mea i noho ngakau kino au ki ōku ake matua, kāhore, ēngari i aua wā, he nui kē atu ngā mea i kō i aku tupuna, e kai-ngākauria ana e au, i ngā mea o to mātou ake kāinga.

Ko te mea tuatahi, he rerekē te āroha o ngā karani mou, i te āroha o ō mātua. Kāhore he pukuriri, kāhore he patupatu, kāhore he tūkinu, kāhore he harawene, kāhore he whakahāwea, hora tonu te marino i ngā wā katoa. I whakatupuria ake au i roto i te Māoritanga, no te mea ko ēnei kaumatua kei te mau i te taha Māori, i nga hāora katoa o te rā. Ka mate mai he tangata, ko te mea tuatahi me patu he kau, he poaka rānei hei mau atu ki te marae, ki te āwhina i te whanau pani.

I waho tonu i te marae o Ōtātara ko ngā māra mahi kai, e hia te tini o ngā eka. Ko te ture, he hua whenua mo te kainga, he hua whenua mo te iwi, ki te pa mai he aitua.

Ka tae ki te wā e pakari ai ngā hua whenua o nga māra, ko ngā kai tuatahi ka taotia ki roto i te hāngi, kia mutu ra te kai o ngā mea i hui mai, kātahi anō ka whakapuaretia nga mahinga, ki te whanau me te iwi hei tiki kai atu. Ko tētahi anō o nga ture mo nga mahinga, kāhore te wahine e whakaaetia ana kia haere ki runga i nga māra, mehemea e pāngia ana e te taru wahine.

Tūhono atu ki te taha Maori, ko te taha wairua. me te taha whakapono. I tupu ake enei kaumatua i roto i te hāhi Katorika, i ngā ata, me ngā pō he inoi ki te Atua, i ngā Ratapu i whakaritea, he miha i raro i te whakahaere a te Pirihī; ko enei karakia i whakahaeretia ki Ōtūkehu, ki ērā atu kainga hoki o nga tāngata kei roto i te hāhi nei.

Ko ētahi atu o ngā mea i pirangitia e au, he awhina i taku karani pā ki te whāngai heihei, whāngai rakiraki, whāngai poaka, miraka kau, me te whakatō merengi. Nā kōnei pea, ko ēnei āhuatanga katoa kei te mau tonu au, mai i āu e tamariki tonu ana, tae noa ki āu ka kaumatua nei. He tangata reo rua taku karani pā, he tino ataahua mo te whakarongo atu i a ia e kōrero ana, e whakamārama mai ana ranei, i nga mea nāku i pātai atu ki a ia. Ko tōna ngākau pau katoa mo te taonga nei mo te matauranga, ka mate ia, ko tana whakahau, kia kaua e whakaaturia mai ki a mātou i ngā kura tuarua, he nui ke atu tōna hiahia kia puta mātou i ngā whakamatautau o te kura, i te hoki mai ki te tangi, me te poroporoaki ki a ia. Nā kōnei, he tokomaha mātou kihai i kite i tōna kanohi, i a ia e takoto ana i te marae o Otatara, ēngari ko ngā whakaaro katoa mona, kei roto i taku ngākau e takoto ana, i te ao, i te pō. He mihi tenei ki taku whaea ki a Ngāhuia, te teina o taku whaea o Paerau. Ko ia te kai-āwhina i a mātou i Ōtūkehu. Na kōnei pea i tino kaha ai taku piri ki te kāinga nei ki Ōtūkehu, no te mea, ahakoa nāna au i tiaki, i manaaki, i tupu ake au i tona taha, ko ia te kai-tautoko i au i roto i aku mahi katoa. Ko ia te mea whakamuturanga o tenei whakatupuranga, ka wehe atu ia, ka pau ngā Werekake o tōna whakatupuranga. Ma te Runga Rawa koe e tiaki e te whaea, kia roa ai ou ra ki mua i a mātou.

Mo te taha ki ngā ripoata a te kooti mo te marae o Ōtātara, he mea poto noa iho kei ahau, he mea tuku mai ki a Matu Mākiha, i te rua tekau mā whitu o Pēpuere i te tau kotahi mano, e iwa rau, e ono tekau mā waru. Mehemea he ripoata ano kei muri mai i tenei mo Ōtātara kihai rawa i kitea e ahau, i taku haerenga ki te Tari Māori o Whāngarei i tērā tau. Ko ngā kōrero o te ripoata nei, e whakaatu mai ana, i hurihia tenei marae hei whenua rāhui i te tekau mā toru o Tihema, i te tau kotahi mano,

e iwa rau, e rima tekau ma ono, a, ko tēnei whaka-manatanga kei roto i te "New Zealand Gazette 71" Ko ngā tāngata i whiriwhiria hei tiaki i ngā āhuatanga katoa e pa ana ki te marae nei, ko ngā ingoa ēnei e whai ake nei:

Arama Kātete	Hōne Rōmana
Aramiha Nētana	Hōhepa Hēmara
Hohaia Mokaraka	Pere Puru
Riki Noho	Kāwhati Rēkene Pehi
Tapu Mita Hōhepa	Patupatu Rūma

Kīhai i whakaingoatia mai ngā whare kei runga i te marae o Otātara e tu ana, i tenei wa.

Kua whaka-rerekētia e au i tēnei wā, taku kaupapa whaka-takoto kōrero mo te marae o Otātara, e kore au e kōrero mo ngā tikanga i pā ki te marae i ngā rā kua huri, ka kōrero kē au mo ngā kaumātua, me nga kūia e oraora tonu ana i te wā i ahau e tino tamariki tonu ana. Kua matemate noa atu ēnei o ō matou tūpuna, me taku whaka-pae tonu, tērā pea ētahi o ngā uri kei te tūmanako o rātou ngakau, kia mohio mai rātou ki etahi pitopito korero e hāngai ana ki runga tonu i aua tūpuna, e whai pānga ana ki a rātou.

I nga rā o ngā huihuinga tāngata ki Otātara i mua, kei te tino mahara au ki ngā kaumātua nei ki a Mano Mākara, rāua ko tana hoa wahine ko Peata. Ko te tangata nei ko Māno he nui tona whakatupu, ā, he roa tinana hoki, ēngari ko tana rūruhi ko Peata, he wahine iti, he potopoto, he nohinohi, he ngahau tonu i ngā wā katoa. I ngā hui, ko te tino mahi ā Mano, he karanga i ngā manuhiri kia haere ki te whare-kai, ki te kai. I mua atu i te wawātanga o tana reo, ka whakatangihia e ia tana haona kau, pera tonu i te pūtorino a Tūtānekai, i whaka-tangihia e ia, kia mohio mai ai a Hinemoa kei tēhea tākiwā a Mokoia. He tino waimarie kīhai i turi ngā taringa o ngā tāngata katoa i whakaeke ki runga i te marae, i te mea haruru nga wāhi katoa i te nui o te puta o te turituri i te haona kau ra. He tino maha nga tau a tēnei kaumātua i mahi ai i tēnei mahi, kā riro atu ia ki te pō, riro katoa tana mahi karangaranga i ngā manuhiri whakaeke kia haere ki te kai, riro katoa me tana haona kau. Ko tētahi anō o ngā mea i mahara au ki te kaumātua nei, ko tana tokotoko, he waewae hauā hoki tona. Ka karanga ia i ngā manuhiri ki te kai, ko mātou tonu ko ngā tamariki ngā mea tuatahi ki te kūaha o te whare-kai; ka arumia hoki mātou e ia, i to mātou matakū kei pātukia mātou ki tana tokotoko, tere tōnu to mātou whaka-ngaro i a mātou. Ko tana wahine ko Peata he tino wahine hikaka, mehemea kei hea nei nga mahi e pa ana ki te marae, kei reira ia e awhina ana; he waru kumara, he raranga tāpau mo te whare-nui, he ringa wera, he karanga i nga manuhiri, he whaka-reri i te marae mo ngā tangihanga, kei roto ia i te hōhonutanga ō ēnei whaka-haere katoa. Ko te tino tohu o tēnei o ō mātou

whāea, ko te ngākau marino, me te kata tonu kei tana kanohi, me ana ngutu e mau ana.

Ko te repo i raro tata iho i to rāua kainga e kore e warewaretia e ngā iwi o Waima, i te mea mutu kau ngā mahi ngaki taru o ngā mahinga o Ōtātara i nga wiki o ngā hārarei o te Kirihimete, pau katoa ngā kai-mahi ki roto i taua repo, ki te nanao tuna, me te hopu ika. Mutu rawa ake te mahi nei, e kore ke e mohiotia ko wai tera, ko wai tera, i te paru hoki o ngā tinana, me nga kanohi, kua rite ke ki te koriwaka.

Ka hoki whaka-muri aku mahara ka kite a wairua au i ēnei anō o aku tūpuna; ko karani TeĀrama Kātete, ko karani Meti, ko karani Tuini, ko karani Rena, ko karani Moētū, ko karani Hemo Ēriata, ko Wireko Wharerau. Ka tuohu taku mātenga i te whaka-mā, no te mea, koia nei ngā tohunga o te kāinga mo te apakura, mo te pātēre, me te waiata hoki i ngā waiata tawhito ā tāua, a te iwi Māori. Mahue te huri ki te whakaako, ka purua ke ko nga taringa, i te kawā hoki o ēnei tūmomo waiata, ki nga tamariki whakahihi i tupu ake, i taua wā. Inaianei noho wahangū kau ana, i te kūare hoki ki ēnei āhua waiata.

Ko tētahi mahi i kite au e mahia ana i te marae o Ōtātara i ahau e tupu ake ana, ko te mahi raranga hīpora mo te marae. He mea raranga ngā hīpora ki te kiekie, me te kuta. Ko ngā kuta he mea tiki atu i nga repo, i te taha o te huarahi ahu atu ki Moehau. Mātatoru ana, matomato ana te tupu a te kuta i aua wā, he ngāwari noa iho te poroporo me te kato, he pātata hoki mo te pikau atu ki Ōtātara. Ehara te mahi nei te raranga tāpau i te mahi ngāwari, kāo, he uauaua tonu. Timata atu i te ata pō, tae noa ki te tōenetanga o te rā, mahi ai ngā tohunga i te mahi nei. Ko ngā mea e mahara ana au ko ēnei: ko karani Pia, ko karani Rau, ko karani Meremere, ko karani Peata, ko karani Rena, me aku whāea ko Wiki, ko Remo, ko Piki Hira, ko Hemo, ko Erana Wimana, ā, i mahue i āhau ki waho, ko Karani Tuini. Tērā atu anō pea ētahi, ae, kotahi atu, ko tera o aku whāea, ko Teiro. Ko ngā mea kei te oraora tonu, kāhore i whaka-urutia e au ki roto i ēnei kaute.

Ko ngā tohunga mo te mahi raranga o Waima Roto, kihai i whaka-uruhia e au ki te ropu o Ōtātara, ahakoa he nui tonu ngā haora i mahi tahi ai ngā wāhine nei. Kua e māharahara, kua whaka-tikaina e au i konei. Ko nga tohunga raranga tāpau o Waima Roto ko karani Tina, ko karani Moētū, ko karani Hemo, ko karani Hoti Rewa. Kāore au e tino mōhio ana mehemea tērā o ō mātou kuia tino tawhito, ko TeĀmi, i uru atu ki roto i te mahi rangatira nei, maku noa e whakaaro ko tenei kuia, ratou ko taku karani Pono, ko karani Pereti nga kai-paira i te tīkera hei kapu ti ma nga kai-raranga. He aha hoki te raruraru ki te kore e kapu ti, kua ruha nga kai mahi, kua kore hoki he whāriki mo nga whare-nui o ngā marae o

te Māhurehure. Ko ngā mea āhua tamariki āwhina atu i ngā kūia ki te raranga, ko Hira Wīraha, ko Marareira, ko Kahu, a kua mahara au i kōnei ki tetahi anō ō aku tūpuna ki a karani Mori. Mehemea e oraora mai ana ngā wāhine nei, he pēhea rānei o rātou whakaaro, no te mea ko ngā whariki o ēnei rā hurihuri, ko ngā " wall to wall Bremworth, a te Pākeha." Aue! Ka mau kē hoki te wehi!

Ko ngā ture o te marae o Ōtātara mo te mahi hāngi, kua whaka-takoto kētia mai, e ngā kaumatua i ngā tau kōhatu mai rā anō. Ehara te mahi hāngi i te mahi poka noa, kia matua pupuri koe i to " diploma " mo te mahi nei, kātahi ano koe ka whai waewae ki te tomo atu ki te torōna tapu o ngā ringa wera. Ko nga mea e tino mahara ana ahau nā ratou te mahi nei ko " uncle Pete " me ana āpōtoro, ko Pere Puru me āna, ko Noa Kātete me āna, ko te whanau o Mohi Hēmara rātou ko Ho Hēmara mā. ko " uncle Moto " rātou ko te whānau Mokaraka, kia ora e Laddie ko koe hoki tētahi, ko Tahi Maihi me tana whānau, ko Nōmana Warmington hoki me tana. Ko nga mea i mahue ki waho o te rōpu mahi hāngi nei, kua e maharahara, i te tokomaha rawa o ngā kai-pupuri i te diploma mo te tao kai, e kore ano e taea kia uru katoa atu ki roto.

Te whāngai manuhiri whakaeke ki te marae o Otatara, no mua mai rā anō tēnei honore nui, i pikautia ai e ngā iwi katoa, e āroha ana ki tēnei marae tupuna. Ka heke iho ki ēnei wā, ko taua āhua tonu rā kei te takoto, te ataahua o ngā kai i ngā huihuinga tāngata, kei te puritia tonutia e ngā ringa wera i mahue mai i ngā tohunga manaaki manuhiri, i ngā wā mai rā anō o te ao kōhatu. Ki ahau nei, ko Ōtātara tētahi o ngā marae i pupuri, i whakapiri i nga iwi o Te Māhurehure, tētahi ki tētahi. Ka toro a Te Raukura i te kāpura, ka mahue mai ko Ōtātara hei tuara pikau i ngā whakaaro, me ngā aitua o taua marae. I roto i ngā tau e noho ngoikore ana te marae o Tuhirangi, ka riro anō ko Ōtātara te kai-whakaruruhau mo tēra o o tātou marae. Hei aha ra! Hei aha ra! Tū tonu te āroha!

Kei te hoki muri au inaianei ki te kohikohi haere i nga ingoa o ērā atu o ngā tāngata āwhina i te marae o Ōtātara, e mahara ana au. I tāwahi tata atu i te marae, i tērā taha o te awa nui o Waima, ko ērā o aku tūpuna ko Riki Noho, rāua ko taku whāea ko Tuku. I runga tata ake i a rāua ko te kaumatua matakerepō, hokohoko kūtai haere i mua, ko Pori. Ka heke iho au i reira, ka ahu pērā atu ki te takiwa o Kauparea, ko Haki Paku, rāua ko tana hoa wahine ko Kerēhi. Ka whakawhiti au i te awa, ka tae ki Te Kihinga, ki te kainga o Rāniera Papa, rāua ko Ani. I mua he wāhi pureinga tēnehi tēnei, ka mahara hoki ki a Tekoea, he kai-tautoko i ngā tākaro katoa i mahia e nga taitamariki o Waima. Ka heke iho au ki Kātaina, koia nei te kainga i whakatupuria ai a Te Hōkena, te tohunga rongonui nei, mo ngā mahi whakairo. Ka

haere atu au ki te takiwā o te whare karakia o Waima Waho, ka tae au ki te kāinga o Kereama Mokaraka, rāua ko Pine. Ka huri au ka ahu pērā atu ki Moehau, i te taha o te huarahi, ko te kainga o Te Patupatu, rāua ko Te Paea.

I wāhi raro atu ko te kainga o taku tupuna o karani Te Ārama, ka tū au, ka tuohu taku māhunga, me taku pātai anō ki āhau, mehemea e ora tonu ana tērā o aku karani, te rūruhi a karani Te Ārama, i ahau e tupu ake ana. Mehemea he ae, te whakahoki ki taku pātai, kua wareware kē au, ki te ahua o tana kanohi. Ko nga hēki kuihi, i kai au i reira, kei te mahara tonu au, tera pea nāna tonu i tao mai, ēngari i te kaha hiakai ka warewaretia ia. I ahau e haere ake ana i te huarahi e ahu pērā ana ki Herepiti, ka mahara au ki tērā anō o aku whāea ki a Te Warihau, ā, me era anō o aku tūpuna, ki ā Te Watihana Kātete, raua ko Whiro. Kia ora e Toa, kei te kitea tonu atu to kanohi, kei te rongohia atu tō reo, me o kōrero harikēhi. Tu mai nei ko Herepiti taku wāhi kainga paramu i mua. Ka mahara ki taku tupuna ki a Te Ngakurukuru, me taku whaea ki ā Hira, a, me aku matua ki a Taimana raua ko Wimana. E Ērana mehemea kāhore ano koe kia whaka-ingoatia e au i mua atu, tena koe.

Ka titiro iho au i Herepiti ki Ōtukehu, ka mahara ki a Te Kerekere, ki a Haami Pētera, ki a Kōneke, ki aku matua hoki ki a Wire rāua ko Ngaurupā. Ko Panirau tērā i te taha o te puke, i tāwahi atu i te awanui o Waima, te kainga tawhito o ērā anō o aku matua, o Heke Morunga, rāua ko taku whāea ko Ripeka. Ko te kāinga whaka-mutunga ko Te Puke, he kainga i ārohatia e au, mai ra ano. Ki aku matua, whāea, tūpuna, whanaunga, hoa hoki, i āwhina i a mātou ngā taitamariki purei tenehi mo te tima o Waima Waho i mua, e kore koutou e warewaretia. He kainga tenei i hora ai te koa, te piri pono o tētahi ki tētahi, te whaka-whirinaki atu o nga taitamariki, ki ngā kaumātua ma roto atu i nga mahi takaro whakataetae, me nga mahi whaka-ngahau. Ki te whānau o ngā Hemara, puta noa, puta noa, kia ora koutou katoa, mo a koutou manaakitanga i ngā rangatahi, i nga tau e tupu ake ana mātou. Ka titiro iho au i te tihi o te kainga nei o Te Puke, ki te marae o Ōtātara, ka maringi te wai i ngā kanohi, no te mea, koia tēnei ko te wāhi i rula mai ai te kākano o Te Maoritanga, ki roto i taku whatumanawa, e ngā iwi katoa kua whakingoatia e au i roto i te pukapuka nei. Moe mai koutou i roto i te marino, i te rangimārie, ngā ohāki, me ngā taonga na koutou i whakarere mai ki ngā mōrehu o te kainga nei o Waima, hei whaka-maharatanga ki a koutou i nga wa katoa.

E te iwi, kua tae te mahi nei ki tona tutukitanga. Ko te inoi ma te Matua i te Rangi e manaaki ngā kupu e tika ana ki tana tirohanga, ko ngā mea e he ana, māna e kaupare atu ki tāhaki, kia kore ai a wai atu, a wai atu, e ngākau mamae. Ko ēnei tuhituhi mā a tatou tamariki mokopuna o tenei whakatupuranga, i roto i te riu

o Waima, kia mōhio mai ai ratou ēhara to tātou toa i te toa takitahi, ēngari he toa takimano no o tātou tūpuna. Ka whaka-kapia e au tenei pukapuka ki te whakatauaki a taku hoa tino āroha pūmau, arā, a Pat Whiu, " Whakananua to mātauranga ki te wehi ki te Atua, hei kōrito e tupu ake ai te tino tamaiti Maori." Infuse your knowledge with the wisdom of God, as a nucleus, to promote the perfect Maori child."





**Ko enei whakamarama i
roto i te reo Pakeha, na
te kooti whenua Maori o
Whangarei. Kia ora mo te
awhina.**



Mr. Kaka :

I refer to HK 19/230 where the Court provided for a family Marae for the Wharerau family group. It is now not used for communal purposes and it has not been gazetted as a Maori Reservation. It is situated on the main Kaikohe - Rawene Highway. The buildings comprise of :-

- (a) 21 x 42 weatherboard Hall construction in fair condition only.
- (b) Wooden toilets in poor condition located at the rear of the Hall. There is no water supply and no electricity is laid on. It was reported that the Hall was last used about 8 or 10 years ago.

The grounds show an appearance of neglect with no proper fence and livestock wandering over the site. There is blackberry and thistle.

Of recent years members of the family group have become affiliated with the Jehovah Witness faith causing a section of the family group to break away. They now have their own hall not far from this site. In discussing this matter with Mr. Wireko Wharerau who appears to be the only person presently concerned about the Marae he stated that it was his wish to have this area left as a Papakainga.

Court :

The Court has seen the above in passing and the foregoing report is confirmed. Mr. Wireko Wharerau has been permitted to express his views to the Court, and the Court has replied at length on this matter. After considering all the factors relevant to this block, the Court will grant Mr. Wharerau's request to have this declared a Papakainga.

A recommendation under Sec. 439/53 is made, that the land known as Waima P41 (Wharerau or Matatera Marae) area 1: 2:00 more or less be gazetted as a Maori Reservation for the purpose of a

Papakainga for the common use and benefit of the descendants of Rariera Wharerau.

Upon the issue of an Order in Council the Court will appoint the following persons as Trustees :

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| 1. | Wireko Wharerau | M.A. | Waima |
| 2. | Tamati Wharerau | M.A. | Waima |
| 3. | Matu Makiha | M.A. | Waima |
| 4. | Heemi Peehikuru | M.A. | Waima |
| 5. | John Timoko | M.A. | Waima |
| 6. | Sonny Peri | M.A. | Waima |
| 7. | Tikinui Rako | I.A. | Waima |



Mr. Kaka :

I refer to HK 19/240 of 8.5.42. This is an unsurveyed area of 2: 1: 16p. approximately set aside under the Waima Consolidation Scheme as the Moehau Marae but it has not been gazetted under Sec 439 as such. The Marae is located on the Waima Valley Road about 3 miles from the main Kaikohe - Rawene Highway Junction. It is an elevated site having a commanding view of the lower part of the Waima Valley. The buildings on the Marae comprise of :

- (a) A 40 by 20 weather-board hall construction.
- (b) A 16 by 18 combined cookhouse, dining hall of corrugated iron construction.
- (c) Newly constructed weather-board toilets. Water supply is tank water, and is supplemented by water pumped from the stream. No electricity.

The Marae grounds appear to be in fair order but there is ample room for improvement. Mrs. Romana who was living in the hall stated that there were quite a few families living in the lower part of the valley who supported the Marae but of recent times some of the people had moved away from the District and there were now only about 5 or 6 families who were helping to support and maintain the Marae. She pointed out that all the funds raised for the construction of the buildings were from functions organised by the people. There had been no assistance from the Government. Mrs. Romana confirmed that the trustees shown on the Court title were not functioning as some of them were deceased while others had moved away from the district.

Court :

The Court has inspected the Marae and confirms the foregoing report. It has also spoken to the people especially to Mrs. Romana. She has expressed her views and although a little hesitant to have the Marae properly set aside she has now agreed and consented to have the Marae gazetted as a Maori Reservation to be administered by an approved group of Trustees.

Recommendation under Sec. 439/53 that the land known as Waima P2 (Moehau Marae) - area 2a, 1r.16p. more or less be gazetted as a Maori Reservation for the purpose of a meeting place for the common use and benefit of Maoris.

Upon the issue of an Order in Council the Court will appoint the following persons as Trustees :-

1.	Maria Romana	f.a.	Waima
2.	Aiwa Romana	m.s.	Waima
3.	Rewi Timoko	m.a.	Waima
4.	Whitirua Timoko	m.a.	Waima
5.	Rapiu Tipene	m.s.	Waima
6.	Pia Tipene	m.s.	Waima
7.	Pita Katete	m.s.	Waima
8.	Mautini Tawhai	m.s.	Waima



Otatara and Raukura Maraes

The Otatara Marae is known officially as Waima F5 and was gazetted a Maori Reservation in New Zealand Gazette 71 page 1774 of 13 December 1956. The land was vested in the 10 persons whose names follow as joint tenants in trust for the Maori people of Waima under a Consolidation Order dated 8 May 1942 and they still appear as joint tenants in trust.

Arama Katete, Hone Romana, Patupatu Ruma
Hohaia Tokawha Mokaraka, Aramiha Wi Totara Netana,
Riki Neho, Pere Whanui Furu, Hohepa Hemara,
Tapu Mita Hohepa, Kawhati Rekene Pehi

The Raukura Marae is known officially as Waima F14 and was vested under a Consolidation Order in the persons whose names are shown below as joint tenants as trustees and who still appear in that capacity,

The block was gazetted a Maori Reservation in New Zealand Gazette No. 3 page 67 on 14 January 1954.

Te Heu Hemi Rawiri, Wahangu Hohepa, Taniora Takirau,
Mereana Wiremu Te Maunga and Taungahuru Wiremu Paati.



I refer to HK 19/226. This is an unsurveyed area of 5: 3: 35 more or less, set aside under the Waima Consolidation Scheme proposals for a Marae in what appears to be the centre of the District. It has not been gazetted as a Maori Reservation and it has been in use for a number of years. It is situated on the main Kaikohe - Rawene Highway. The buildings on the Marae comprise of :-

- (a) A 51 x 27 weatherboard Hall construction which is in fairly sound condition at present.
- (b) A 39 x 27 x 18 x 21 combined cookhouse and dining room weatherboard construction in poor condition. Considerable renovations are required to restore this building.
- (c) Toilets in very poor order. Water supply is by tank and electricity is laid on.

The grounds are spacious but neglected with blackberry, gorse, thistle and other weeds prevalent. When inspection was made it was evident that some Social activity has been held at the Hall fairly recently. It was reported by one of the elders that steps were being taken to build a new carved meeting house on this site. There was a stack of timber outside the Hall and it appeared that some of this timber would be used for this project. The Trustees appointed by the Court on 25 March 1955 - reference HK26/356 - are not functioning as Trustees. It is the wish of the people that this Marae be established as the main Marae in the District.

Court :

The Court has seen the Marae in passing and confirms the foregoing report. The Court has also spoken at length to the people in attendance about this Marae in relation to other Marae in the Waima District, and also other big and already established Marae in other parts of Northland, more especially in relation to "Tumatauenga" Marae at Otiria. In view of the proposals for a carved meeting house and the sound efforts made by the people to raise funds the Court is sympathetic towards this cause and makes a recommendation under Sec 439/53 that the land known as Waima Pā (Waima Tuhirangi Marae) area 5: 3: 35 more or less, be gazetted as a Maori Reservation for the purpose of a meeting place for the common use and benefit of Maoris.

Upon the issue of an Order in Council the Court will appoint the following persons as trustees being the names of persons selected by the people in attendance at the Court sitting :-

1.	Hohnia Mokaraka	m.a.	Waima
2.	Hohepa Herewini Katete	m.a.	Taheke
3.	Arama Hauri Peri	m.a.	Waima
4.	Aiwi Romana	m.a.	Waima
5.	Rereata Wireko Wharerau	m.a.	Waima
6.	Wakana Rewiri	m.a.	Waima
7.	Tame Paraki Mete	m.a.	Waima
8.	Hone Timoko	m.a.	Taheke
9.	Ngakuru Rogers	m.a.	Otaua
10.	Te Rauwhero Ruka	m.a.	Taheke
11.	Tame Ngakuru	m.a.	Omansia
12.	Wehi Morunga	m.a.	Whirinaki
13.	Nohorae Hemara	m.a.	Pakanee
14.	Wiki Naera	m.a.	Waimamku

NGA WHAKAĀIRO

Ahakoā he nui tonu ngā kōrero mo ngā whakairo i mauria mai i Panguru ki Waima na ngā iwi o te kāinga i kōrero mai ki ahau, tango kē au i ngā kōrero a tētahi tangata o Kaikohe, ko Bruce Thorpe te ingoa. Nāna i homai te mana o ngā kōrero katoa i tuhia e ia, kia whakurutia e au ki roto i taku pukapuka. He hōnore nui tēnei ki ahau, ā, he tika tonu kia mihi au ki tēnei tangata.

Ko tēnei tangata he kai-rīpoata mo te nūpepa o te kāinga ko te "Northern News" te ingoa. He tino maha ngā tau i mahi ai tēnei tangata i tēnei mahi, a, na ana tuhituhinga ka piki haere te pepa nei ki ngā taumata kua eke ēra atu o ngā pepa nunui o te motu ki runga.

Kia ora e Bruce mo to āwhina i ahau i roto i te kaupapa nei "Ngā Marae o te Māhurehure." Ko ngā tāngata kāhore o mohio ana ki te reo Māori, ma o kupu e whakamarama atu ki a rātou ngā āhutanga i pā ki ngā whakairo i te wā i tau-tohetohetia i roto i Waima.

Whakamarama....He tino uaua ka kitia he korero mo nga marae o Te Mahurehure e mau ana ki roto pukapuka. E mihi ana au ki te "Tari Maori o Whangarei," me nga tangata katoa e mahi ana ki tenei tari, mo to ratou kaha ki te awhina i ahau. Na ratou ka ahei au ki te tuhituhi i te pukapuka nei "Nga Marae o Te Mahurehure."

Ko etahi atu o nga huarahi i whiwhi ai ahau ki etahi pitopito korero koia e whai ake nei.

Tira Pehi. He tino nui nga korero mo nga "Te Mahurehure" o te kainga na tenei o aku whaea i whakamarama ki ahau. He tokoiti noa iho nga kuia o te kainga kei te oraora, ko tenei tetahi o ratou.

Tamatahi Hohepa. He teina tenei noku. Ko etahi o aku korero mo te hahu tupapaku i roto o Waima i ahau mai i a ia no te mea ko ia i roto i taua ropu hahu ra.

Ngahuia Tomuri. He whaea tenei noku, a, he teina no taku ake whaea. Ko etahi o nga mea kahore i tino marama ki ahau nana i whakatikatika.

Fateriki Hohepa. E rua nga pukapuka na taku teina na Fateriki i tuhituhi. Tuatahi ko tenei, "A Community in Northland." a, tata nei ko te pukapuka mo to matou kura i Waima, i te ekenga ki te kotahi rau tau. Ko te ingoa o tenei ko, "Waima: The People, The Past, The School." (Waima School Committee.) Kei roto i tana pukapuka tuatahi e mau ana nga korero mo nga kawa o nga marae o te kainga, me nga tikanga katoa e mau ana ki runga i nga paepae. Na runga i tenei kihai i whakurutia e au enei ahuatanga katoa ki roto i, "Nga Marae o Te Mahurehure."

Aua atu ano nga whakamarama naku i tango mai i ana pukapuka, he nui tonu nga mea nana i korero mangai mai ki ahau.

Whakamutunga....Ko te iwi o Waima he iwi piri tetahi ki tetahi. Ko te reo Maori me te wairua Maori kei te mau tonu i roto i te ngakau o tena o tena. Mai i te wa i whanau mai ai koe, tae noa ki te haora e kapi ai o kanohi, e mutu ai hoki te kapakapa o to manawa, kei o taha katoa te manaaki, te atawhai, te wairua aroha, a o matua-tupuna mou.

Nga kai-awhina i ahau mo te taha ki "Nga Marae o Te Mahurehure."

I ahau o tupu ake ana he pitopito kōrero he mea homai nā aku matua-tūpuna ki ahau, ā, ko ngā ingoa ēnei e whai ake nei.

Rewi "erekake....te matua o taku whaea.

Te Rāniha Toia...he matua ki ahau.

Ngāture "erekake...he matua ki ahau, he tūngāne no taku whaea.

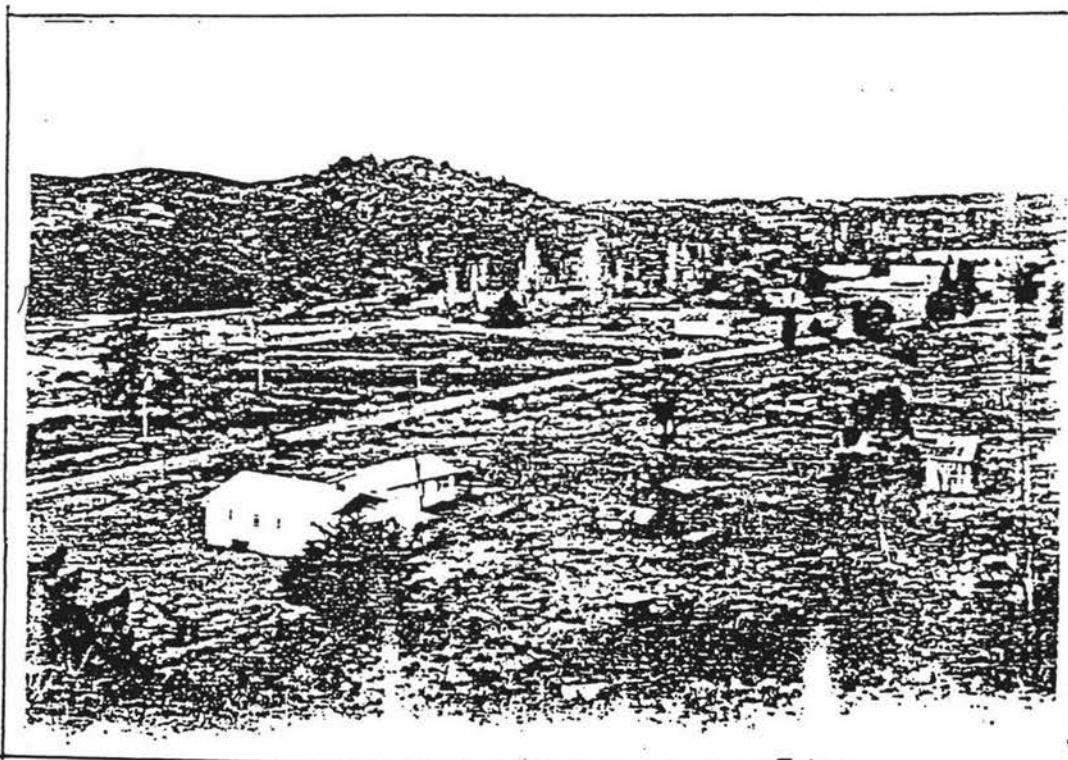
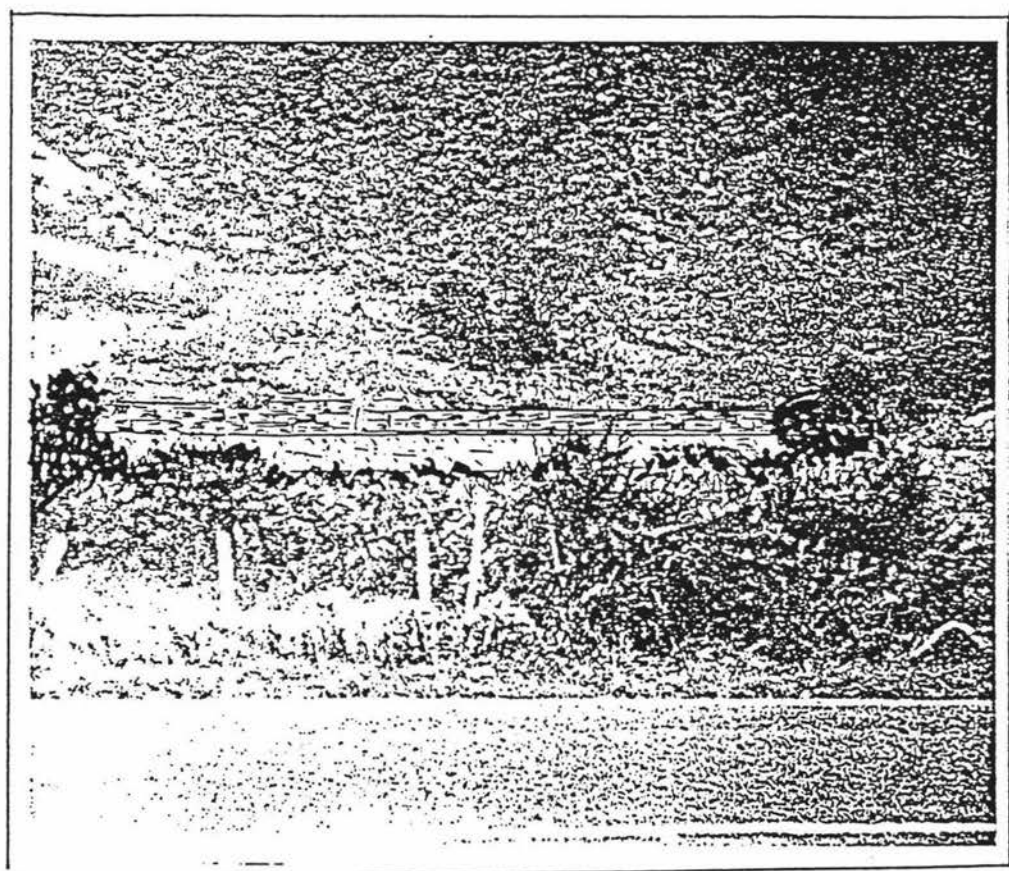
Hira Peni "Wharerau...he whāea tino kai-ngākau tenei nōku. Ka mate taku matua ka riro ko tēnei o aku whāea te kai-homai i ētahi kōrero i hāngai tonu ki runga i taku kaupapa.

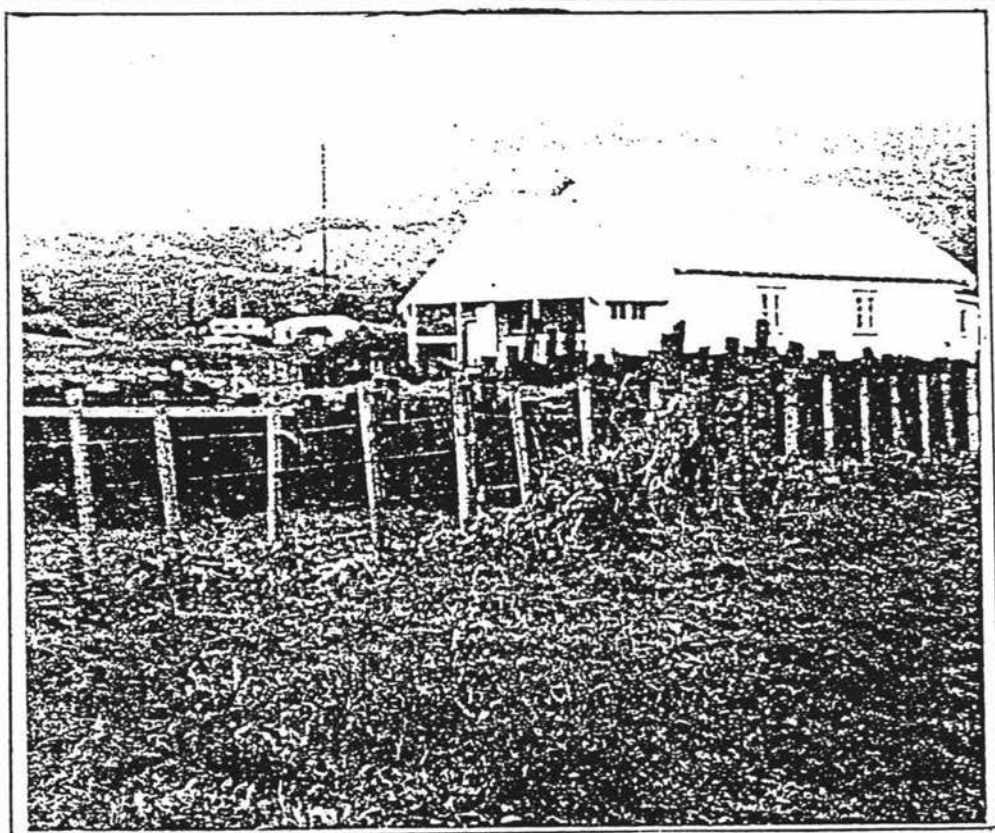
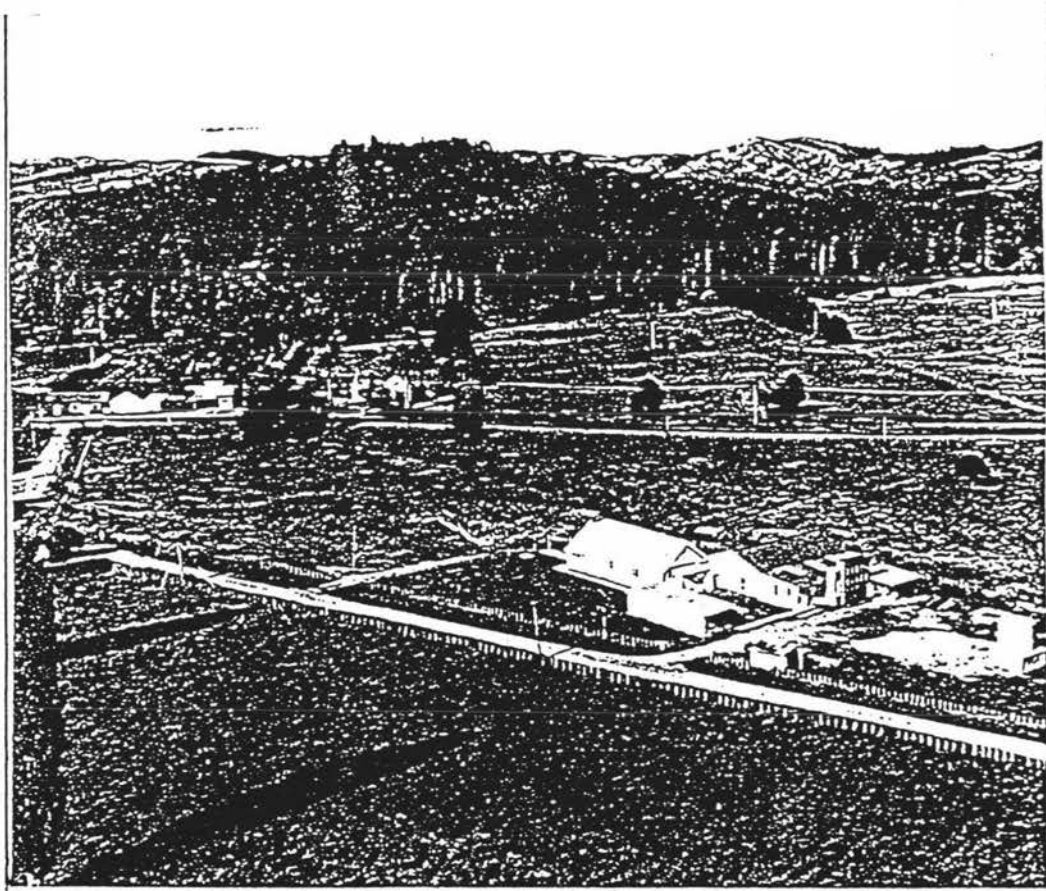
Arihia Eōkene Hōhepa...ko te whāea tēnei o taku matua. Ehara ia i te wahine i piri pono ki ngā tikanga Māori, ēngari ko ngā whakahekeheke iho i ngā matua-tūpuna o te taha ki a ia, ka nui tana tino mahara. E tino tamariki tonu ana ahau ka āk-ona au e ia ki te whakapapa heke iho i a Maraea Kuri raua ko Mero.

Te Wahangu Hohepa.....ko taku matua ake tēnei, kōia nei te tino tohunga mo ngā ahuatanga katoa e pā ana ki te tātou Maoritanga. Ko tana wairua katoa he mea uta nāna ki runga i tana taha Māori, heoi ra i a ia kāhore anō kia tino kaumatua ka tohia ko ia tōtahi o ngā tino kai-kōrero i runga i ngā marae katoa o Te Māhurehure. Ko te nuinga o ngā whakamārama katoa mo te pukapuka nei i ahau mai i ana kōrero ki ahau i te wā i a ia e ora ana. Kīhai taku matua i pirangi ki te homai i ngā kōrero katoa mo te mātou hapu i a Te Māhurehure i a ia e ora tonu ana, i tana whakapae ko te tūmanako i roto i taku ngākau he hoko i tēnei matauranga ki te Pākehā. Kua tuhia ngā kōrero i runga i te oati e kore tēnei pukapuka e hokona mo te moni.

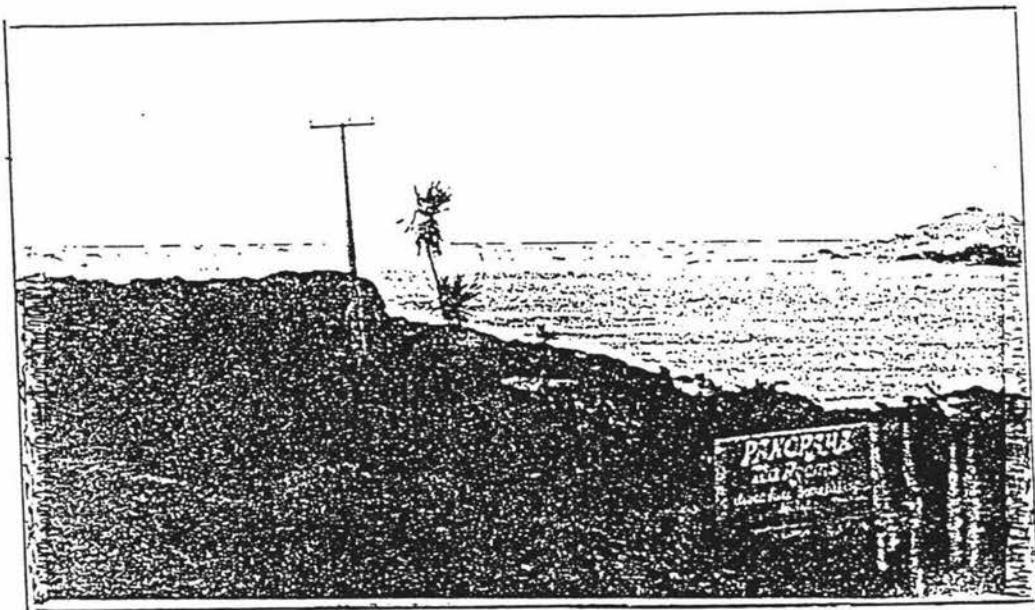
Ko Raukura te marae o runga, kua wera kē ngā whare i te kāpura.
Ko te whariki o raro me ngā taha, e kitea atu ana. Ka hia ngā
tau i pēnei ai.

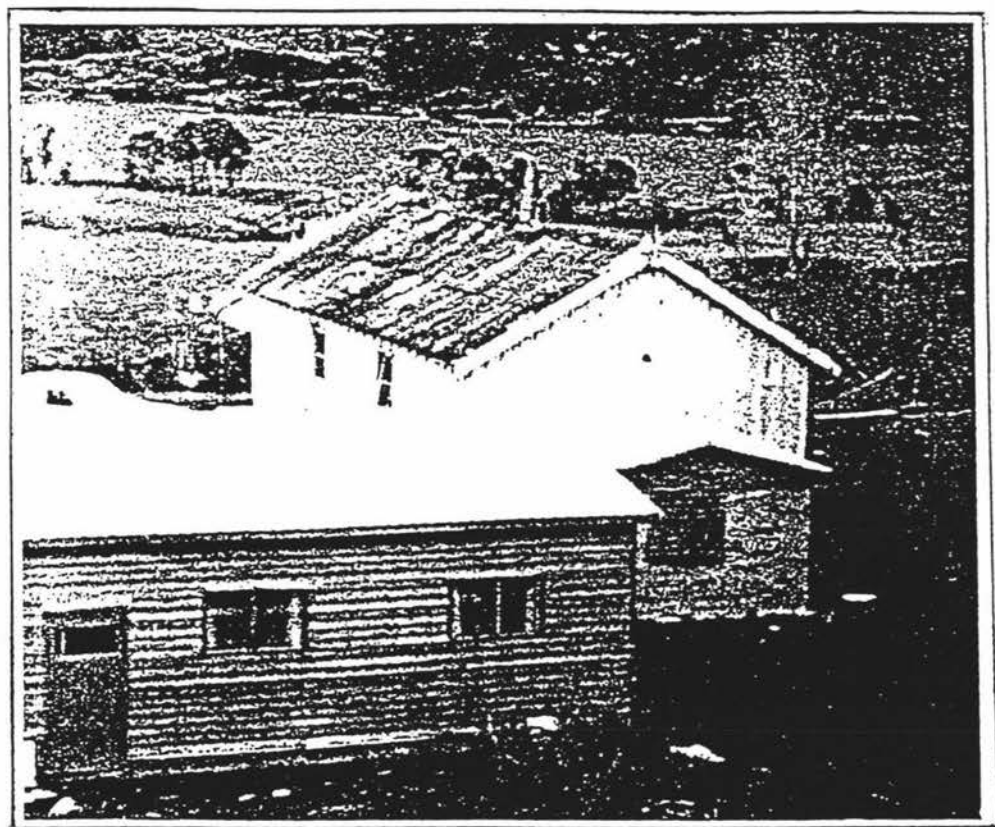
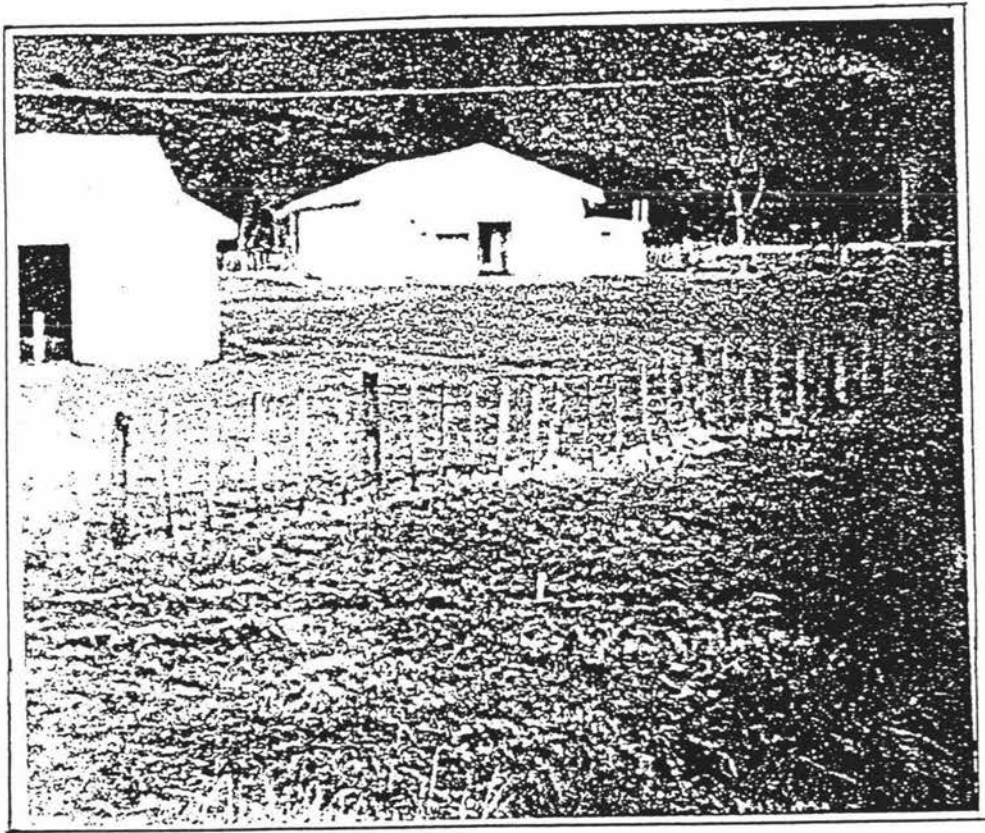
Ko Mateterā kei raro.





Ko Tuhirangi tēnei marae. Kei mua tonu i te marae ko ngā whakairo,
he mea tanu ki te taha o te taiapa.





Ko Otātara te marae i runga, kei raro iho ko Moehau.