



Appendix F: Archival References

The following is a select compilation of primary material that is held in archives around New Zealand, and is intended as an introduction to the sort of material that may be available in libraries and museums. The references have been limited to those that relate to the proceedings of the Native Land Court, and consist mainly of "unofficial" records of Court hearings.

Most of the references were taken from existing bibliographies such as the *National Register of Archives and Manuscripts* and Szekely, Chris *Te Hikoi Marama: a directory of Maori information resources* (Bridget Williams Books, Wellington, 1993). National Archives and the institutions in Auckland were visited in person and the references are taken from their catalogues.

The references numbers and descriptions are as given by the respective institutions.

Alexander Turnbull Library

fMS papers 1729 – Barber Family legal and financial records 1868 - 1940. Collection includes detailed lists of Maori landholders and payments thereto, together with Maori Land Court transactions concerning Himitungi.

qMS Sequence – Horomona, Ruihi

Record in Maori of evidence given in Maori Land Court at Wellington, Nov. 1903, relating to Kahotea No. 2 Block (part of Titahi Bay), Judge J. Batham. The evidence mainly concerns the history of the conquest and occupation of the area by Ngati Toa chiefs Te Reehi and Rangihiroa. The account was written by Tuiti Makitonare (Sweet McDonald) and the official record is to be found in Wellington Minute Book 12.

MS Papers 2089 – Mackay, Alexander,

The papers consists of letters connected with land purchasing and Native Land Court Hearings at Thames, Nelson, Paeroa, Feilding, Te Aroha, Wakapuaka and Greytown, and schedules of rents payable by Maori in Taranaki, Wellington, Nelson, Marlborough and Westland.

Auckland Institute and Museum Library

Judge Monro's notes of Native Land Court Proceedings 1866 - 1880. Originals, 17 folders. Auckland, Coromandel, Gisborne, Ohaewai, Ohinemuri, Opotiki, Rakitu Is., Te Aroha, Thames, Whangarei and some letters. Some folders are very fragile and damaged.

MS 283 Smith, Thomas Henry

Letters (chiefly official) written while Smith was a Civil Commissioner and Judge of the Native Land Court.

Also hold some Maori transcriptions of hearings which are not the official record –

MS134 Hammond, William
Land Court 24th April 1869. Taipara v. Rapana, Maungaroa,
Kauaeranga Block. Transcripts from Maori Land Court evidence given
at Shortland Land Court – restricted access.

90/15 Hakuene, Tamati Waaka
In Maori. Included are 3 volumes of transcriptions of Maori Land Court
sittings. Kororareka 1898, Russell 1901, Russell 1901. Other notebooks
contain information about land claims.

89/151 Harehare, Aterea
Whirinaki Block 1893. In Maori, transcription of Land Court hearings
relating to Whirinaki Block.

89/152 Harehare, Aterea
Te Whaiti Nuiatoi 1907. Transcription in Maori of Land Court hearings
relating to Whaiti block.

93/39 Helensville Native Lands Council, in Maori – includes transcript
of Maori Land Court hearing in 1903 concerning Otamatea block-
restricted access, fragile condition.

Auckland Public Library

NZP Manuscript NZMS 68 – Native Land Court Papers, 35 Papers
including letters, notes and telegrams written mostly to or by
F.E. Maning.

Auckland University – New Zealand and Pacific Collection

Ngati Tuwharetoa, Court hearing 1867 - 1868, microfilm in
Anthropology Reading Room – Unofficial Maori transcript of evidence
presented at hearings relating to land adjoining Lake Taupo and
belonging to Ngati Tuwharetoa.

Pohuru Block, Court hearing 1890, microfilm, New Zealand Native
Land Court hearing in Otorohanga of Waikato tribes and Maori King
Family, before Judge W.G. Mair and P. Mikorima concerning Pohuru
block. An official Maori transcript of the proceedings including 15 pages
of whakapapa.

Te Rangituatahi – Genealogies, photocopies and microfilms. Vols 6, 7, 8
– Otorohanga Maori Land Court investigation Kinohaku block, King
Country 1888. Genealogies and claims in 3 parts. This book appears to
be an original record from the Maori Land Court investigation of the
Rohe Potae lands. The content, in Maori, covers the same ground, but is
not identical with, the content of Judge Mair's notebooks. It is possible
that this manuscript was the record kept by Paratene Ngata, the
Assessor.

Auckland University – Maori Studies Library

Native Committee Minute Book 1885 - 1887, this Minute book (in Maori)
is evidence of the work of the Pewhairangi (Bay of Islands) Native
Committee. It minutes meetings concerning local matters and also

concerning claims to the land blocks of Rangihamama, Whangai Makariri, Te Karaka, Waikotihe, Te Morare, Te Tahuna and Tukerehu. Reports on tribal history, genealogy and customary practices are contained in the claims.

Papatupu Block Committee Minute Books 1900 - 1908, these minute books (in Maori) document claims to blocks of land in the Hokianga, Bay of Islands, and Whangarei areas.

Waihou Block minute book 1911 - 1912, minutes (in Maori) of meetings concerning rights to, and apportionment of, land in the Waihou block, Hokianga. The minutes include discussion of rights, some genealogy and lists of shares. The writer is unknown.

J. Edwards (Assessor) minute books 1901, minutes (in Maori) of Maori Land Court sittings in the Kaipara area concerning land blocks at Matakohe, Ohauroa, Ongarahau, Te Purupuru, Otioro and Topuni.

Minutes relating to the New Zealand Maori Land Court 1888, these minutes (in Maori) record the sitting of the Native Land Court at Otorohanga concerning the land of Te Oro. They cover claimants speeches and cross examination, but not the complete case. Writer unknown.

Canterbury Museum

New Zealand Native Land Court papers 1885 - 1887, these records contain a miscellany of material including: Otago Native Reserve material 1868, journal of hand-written entries in Maori of meetings of the Maori Parliament 1877 - 92, letters of farewell from the Maori of Rapaki to Dr Donald, Native Assessor 1879, Papers of the Maori Land Court, 1886 - 1887.

Inland Revenue Department 1867 - 1958 17 volumes, the records include Native Succession Registers for Canterbury.

Gisborne Museum

McKay, Joseph Angus 1882 - 1952, includes 5 notebooks, formerly the property of Edward Francis Harris, containing genealogical records, records of proceedings from Maori Land Court and various Maori materials. Also transcripts from Maori Land Court minutes for Gisborne and Waiapu.

National Archives

MA 18/1 – Rules and Regulations 1895 - 1914 (for Native Land Court and Maori Land Boards).

MA 24/23 – Miscellaneous Files 1894 - 1928. Many relate to Maori Land Boards and Native Land Courts.

MLC 3 – Chief Judge's Minute Books. c.1889 - 1897, mainly applications for rehearings.

MLC 4 – Native Appellate Court Minute Books. 1904 - 1958.

MLC 5 – Native Appellate Court Registers of Appeals. 1895 - 1906.

MLC 6 – Validation Court Minute Book. 1895 - 1909.

MLC 7/1 – Reference notes of Chief Judge Palmer c.1898.

MLC 8 – Papers of Judge Alexander Mackay.

MLC 9 – Papers of Judge Jackson Palmer.

MLC 10 – Papers of A.H. McKay (Clerk of Native Land Court).

MLC 11 – Papers of Judge H.A.H. Monro.

MLC 12 – Papers of Judge T.H. Smith. Papers relating to sittings of the Court at Wellington 1866 - 1873; Foxton – Manawatu 1872 - 1873; Wanganui 1866 - 1873; Napier, Greytown, Rangitikei and Palmerston North 1866 - 1874; Napier, Wanganui, Opotiki, Masterton and Waitotara 1866 - 1874; Greytown, Wairarapa 1867 - 1872; Tauranga 1870 - 1871; Otaki 1866 - 1874.

Also hold District Office records for Auckland, Tokerau and Waikato-Maniapoto, Rotorua, and Wanganui.

Southland Museum and Art Gallery

Wixon, Arthur papers, include a hand-written book of South Island Maori Whakapapa compiled by Wixon in 1925 for the sitting of the New Zealand Native Land Court in Kaiapoi in 1925. Material is also included on the Ngai Tahu claim heard at the sitting as well as notes made on the whakapapa given there.

Wanganui Regional Museum

Venning, Augustine Vincent, Papers, there is legal correspondence concerning the Roman Catholic church sites at Parikino and Jerusalem, including evidence presented to the Maori Land Court, Maori genealogies and sketch plans. The land at Parikino was given by Tanginoa and Manu Tapu. The land at Jerusalem – the Ikuroa block – was awarded by the Maori Land Court to Rini Hemoata, Keepa Tahakumutia and Henare Rangiororua for gifting to the Church.