



Te Kiri Tinimare Nga Winika (Rennie)

Te Kiri married Hoani Taiaroa I (probably in 1870's), so she was our great grandmother on Dad's side ie she was Te Waati's mother.

This is the picture of her from p.5 in the "Blue Book". She was also known as Te Kiri Reni, Kiri Taiaroa and Kiri Reni.

According to the "Blue Book" her father migrated from Scotland to Otago and then to the Turakina area.

She had 10 children with Hoani: Pawhare (Wi), Te Waati, Hohepa (Tio), Hoani II, Kahukura, Meri, Hapimana, Ruuma (Leoni), Whakairi (Nora), Pita.

Hoani died in 1913 but Te Kiri lived until 1924.

Possibly it is through her (or her mother) that we have the links to Ngati Apa.

More recently (2005) we have learnt that she had land interests in the Wellington coast area. She is listed in Succession Order Schedule (Wellington 140/1), 13/5/27) for Ohariu 37 & 39 (Makara) as "Kiri Taiaroa alias Kiri Reni". ...these Blocks are now listed as **Makara 37 & 39A (Ohariu)**. Her interests were divided equally (1/7 each) between:

Wi Taiaroa
Kahukura Taiaroa
John Taiaroa
Meri Taiaroa
Tio Taiaroa
Nora Taiaroa
Piho Taiaroa

Te Waati Taiaroa, our grandfather had pre-deceased his mother, having died around 1907 and was excluded from this judgement.

Subsequently, I have received a list of owners and there are no Taiaroa's listed as owners. However, Titi Tihu and Arthur Anderson, both of whom are related to Archie Taiaroa are listed.

According to "Maori Land Online" the land is insignificant (Total area: 2.0638 ha) however, we have been given to understand through links to Neville Gilmore (contract researcher for Wellington Tenths project) that any such land interest would, in turn, lead the family to have an interest in the Wellington claim.

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