

228. With regard to Hoani Puihi, does he belong to you, or has he thrown in his lot with the Ngatipariri, who have Warena as their head?—He belongs to Ngatipariri.
229. *Mr. Morison.*] You told the Commission that some land was given to Te Hapai and others. Did you mean by Te Hapai, Ema Winiata?—Yes; that woman sitting there.
230. Her brother is Neville Nicholson?—Yes.
231. How long have you been living on this land?—My ancestors lived there; I was born here and have lived here all my life.
232. Can you say what circumstances or events led up to this land being given to Te Hapai and others?—The reason the land was given to them was because of the residence of the old Whatanui here. They reside here because of their ancestor Te Whatanui.
233. The land was not given them by the Court?—They were residents on the land, and the Court confirmed it.
234. I am speaking about the 1,200 acres—not the 100 acres?—Yes; Kemp gave that.
235. What were the events that led up to Kemp giving them this?—It was in consequence of the trouble amongst us.
236. Between whom was the trouble?—Watene went and resided at Kohuturoa, and we went and burned his houses. The trouble arose from that. During the time of the old Whatanui there was no trouble; the trouble was not with the old man, but among his descendants.
237. Then Watene was one of his descendants; and it was in consequence of this trouble that this land was given by Kemp to these people?—Yes.
238. Do you know Rakauhamama and Mahoenui on this land?—Yes.
239. Who occupied the land to the south of these places before the burning of the whares?—I do not know; but the people who were working there were Te Paki and others.
240. Do you know any of the others besides Te Paki?—No; I can only recall Te Paki.
241. *Mr. Baldwin.*] With regard to this 1,200 acres, who was the settlement of this dispute left to? To Kemp, or to whom?—It was left to Kemp.
242. This 1,200 acres was given to Kemp to give to such persons as he thought fit for assisting with the troubles?—Yes.
243. Was it left entirely to Kemp to say who were the persons who were to have this 1,200 acres?—Yes.
244. During the time of Te Whatanui there was no dispute about this land at all?—No.
245. The first dispute arose in 1871, when Watene's first house was burned?—Yes; and there was trouble also before that.
246. With whom was the trouble before that?—It was because of the cattle.
247. Did the Muaupoko object to the lease to Hector McDonald?—Yes.
248. Kemp said there was no dispute?—There was one.
249. But the main trouble arose in 1871 with Watene?—It was about Hector's cattle first, and then came Watene's trouble.
250. Was the objection to Watene's lease north or south of the Hokio?—It was to all the land that was leased by Whatanui to Hector.
251. Did he not hold that lease right up to the death of Te Whatanui?—No; his cattle were killed.
252. By whom?—I myself and some others, killed them down at Mokomoko; we killed a bullock.
253. Was that during the lifetime of Whatanui Tutaki?—Yes.
254. Was it shortly or a long while before his death?—The cattle were killed some time before his death.
255. Did not Hector continue to graze his cattle there right up to his death, after the killing of the cattle?—Perhaps; they made a disturbance about the lease.
256. Do you remember the big meeting in 1871, between Muaupoko and Ngatiraukawa, about the boundaries?—If it was the meeting at *kupe*; I know all about that.
257. Do you remember the meeting adjourning, to send for Hini Matoroa and Pomare, from Auckland?—I do not recollect it.
258. *Mr. Stevens.*] You said, in reply to Sir Walter Buller, with regard to the Waiwera Block, that you did not know whether that block was given to Kemp alone?—Yes; but I said, after that, that it was given to him for himself.
259. Why was it given to him for himself?—Because he was chief of that place.
260. With regard to the 4,000 acres sold for a township?—It was arranged among us all to give that to him.
261. Was that for the same reason—that he had a special right to that place?—Yes; he was a chief, and he was also the man who was conducting our affairs.
262. Did the same apply to No. 10, that was given for the purpose of settling Sievwright's account?—Yes.
263. Had Kemp cultivations on all those three blocks?—Yes; his father had.
264. He had cultivations, then, over the whole of these three places?—It does not matter whether his plantations were over there and he resided here—he was always in it.
265. Was Kaewa in this block as well?—She was away over there at Waikawa, Waiorongami, and Waitohi, and other places.
273. Did Kemp's father not live there also?—Sometimes he would be there.
274. Did not Kaewa live here more permanently than Kemp's father?—No.
275. Supposing a witness proves that what you state is a mistake, what will you say?—They will say what they will say, and I will say what I say.
276. If Kaewa was not here, why was Kaewa's son brought from Wharangi and buried on this block? Was it because his father had a claim to the land?—No.