

Maori Iwi and People associated with Upper Hutt district

Te Tekihana ot Te Tekehana was the early Maori name for Upper Hutt

Ngati Ira (Iwi / tribe)

Ngati Ira (iwi / tribe) had migrated from the Tukituki area of Hawkes Bay to Wairarapa where they were given land by their relatives, the Ngai Tara, and eventually they occupied the whole of the Wellington, Hutt and Porirua district. The Ngati Ira of Upper Hutt were heavily defeated in 1819 by a war party led by Tamati Waka Nen of Ngapuhi and Te Rauparaha of Ngati Toa. The site of the battle was Pa-Whakataka.

(Reference Orongomai The Birth of a Marae by Patricia Rainey 1976 Upper Valley Marae Community Centre Committee)

Ngati Rangi (iwi / tribe)

The next iwi (tribe) to live in the Upper Hutt Valley was Ngati Rangi. These people were descended from Rangiheheke who was a member of the Ngati Apa tribe of Rangitikei. They were eventually defeated by Agati Ira.

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Ngai Tara (iwi / tribe)

Ngai Tara were the first people we know of to live in the Wellington area. These people had settlements in the Hutt Valley

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Ngati Tama (iwi / tribe)

Pumpkin Cottage Silverstream - The building was unremarkable in itself a two room pitched roof cottage with veranda, built of local matai. Ngati Tama chief Te Kaeaea stayed there when he visited the nearby Whirinaki Pa from the 1850s. Pumpkin cottage was moved further up Hutt Main Road to its present site sometime after Te Kaeaea's death in 1875 [actually died 1871].

(Bohemians of the Bush – Pumpkin Cottage Impressionists page 6-7)

Hongi Hika (chief)

Hongi Hika fought with other chiefs in the Hutt valley around 1819

(Reference Maori Wars of the Nineteenth Century by S Percy Smith 1910 pages 108-115)

Moe-tara (chief)

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Nene (chief)

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Patu-one (chief)

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Tawhai (chief)

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Te Atiawa (iwi / tribe)

Eventually the Taranaki people, Te Atiawa, occupied the whole of the Hutt Valley a few years before European settlement.

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Te Kekeao (chief)

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Te Rangi-harata (chief)

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Te Rauparaha (chief)

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Te Teira Whetu (leader)

Te Teira Whetu was resident in Pakuratahi from 1865 along with other members of his party. For additional information about Te Teia Whetu and the other named Maoris in his party please refer to the documents covering Native Reserves Sections No 3, No 4 & No 7 Pakuratahi.

Te Wharepapa (chief)

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