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IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

IN THE MATTER OF The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The NGATI TUMU TUMU CLAIM

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IN THE MATTER OF The MARUTUAHU CLAIMS

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF JOHN NICHOLAS WICKLIFFE

INTRODUCTION

My name is John Nicholas Wickliffe. Our mother, Cora Topeora Susie Te Wharau Wickliffe and our dad had eight children, which later increased to nine, with a Whangai sister Terresa Quee.

Listed in order are the children.

Girly	(Passed away at the age of 1 or 2)
Monty Mary Merepeka Davadina	(Passed away - Australia)
John Nicholas	(Glen Eden)
Rob Hemi Rihimoana	(Passed away - Masterton)
Leo Claude	(Paeroa)
Allan Peters	(Henderson)
Laddy Victor Graham	(Mt Wellington)
Terresa	(Australia)

I was born at Tui Pa, Te Aroha, so was my sister Monty. We stayed with my Grandmother and our parents in the family homestead that my Grandfather built.

Dad had a job at the abattoir and rendering plant at Te Aroha west, biking to work from Tui Pa, until my parents decided to move to Te Aroha. When we moved into Town, Mum and Dad were able to acquire a home at 10 Kotuku St, next to the domain at the base of the Aroha.

5. A year later, Mum went to ask Grandpa McCaskill if it would be okay to hold my fifth birthday party in his house at Tui pa, at the same time that they held -a Twenty first party for my cousin Martha. This was agreed to. The next day I began school at the Te Aroha primary school.
6. From then, for a period of about 24 years we were living at Kotuku Street.
7. Mum was the Mataamua of the family. All her brothers and sisters came to her for help. Uncle Jack Blungo and his first wife Aunty Mary and their son Pinto lived with us for a couple of years because Uncle Jack needed mum's help with Aunty Mary who was an epileptic. He was employed by Hawke Motors as a motor mechanic.
8. They left, and then Uncle Joe and Aunty Aida lived with us for a year or so before moving on.
9. Then Uncle Kepa and his family stayed. He asked Mum's permission to move into Grandad's homestead at Tui Pa which was unoccupied at the time. Some time later, somehow or another, the homestead caught fire and burnt to the ground. Uncle Kepa retrieved all the roofing iron and used it to built a single room house. They lived in this for about three years until it too burnt down.
10. Uncle Kepa was very lucky because at the time we had an Aunty and Uncle working for Maori Affairs in Paeroa. Mum came down from Te Aroha to see Uncle Viv Anicholls and Aunty Emily Ngakura who were running the Maori Affairs in those days. She asked if they could house Uncle Kepa and they agreed. The capitalized the child benefit to purchase their home in Whi6ttaker Street which is still standing today.
11. Another person Mum helped was grand Aunt Kura Mosley with land matters. She was the wife of Chief Justice Mosley who was in Auckland in the 30's and 40's.
12. So without a doubt in my mind Mum was the minder of the whakapapa of the Tutuki Te Wharau whanau and the keeper of the family taonga,

