

Te Haki Awe Awe-o-te-Rangi



This photograph taken about 1923 displays the Ngati Whatua flag with our Ngati Manuhiri Tupuna. Probably taken on site at the Omaha homestead. Of significance are the photos of Rahui and Ngāpeka (back row), Tenetahi centre with the Mohi whanau. On the right hand side is Michael Baker (Nga Puhi) whose daughter married Wi Taiawa. Most of our whanau appear to be represented in the photo.

This maybe one of the only original photograph of the flag. Flying this flag appears to represent the intimate connections between Ngati Whatua and Ngati Manuhiri. Our people connect to Ngati Whatua through Pepei no Te Taou. One of the last times that it was flown was on the occasion of the tangihanga for Tapihana Paikea, Labour member of Parliament. When the flag became frail it was secured to preserve it and a replica made.

Te Aweawe o Te Rangi was a renowned ancestor of Ngāti Whātua, who's Pā was located at Poutu on the Kaipara Harbour. Whakapapa traces Te Awe Awe-o-te-Rangi to Hau moe Warangi, to Haki-puta-Tomuri who is our ancestor from Te Uri-o-Hau. This tatai continues through to Te Matire, kua moe aia a Te Wera no Ngati Manuhiri/Ngati Wai. (1780)

Maori flags are a symbol of mana and can indicate where certain allegiances lie. The haki tuturu is held by the Ngati Whatua Runanga