He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni Signatories Research Summary
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Overview
The biographies of those who signed He Whakaputanga, including Eruera Pare Hongi (the kaituhitūti or scribe of the document) were originally written for the He Tohu exhibition and published by Bridget Williams Books in 2017. Before conducting the research, 14 rangatira had an online biography on Te Ara or NZHistory. The rest (39) were researched and written for He Tohu. However researching these would not have been possible without the hard work of previous historians and researchers, and the generosity of descendants who shared their knowledge.

The biographies aimed for a length of 400 words, which was too short in some cases or too long in others. These could have included much more whakapapa and mātauranga Māori. However as a Pākehā researcher I felt it was not appropriate to include more than just parents, grandparents and siblings, for reasons of accuracy but also in terms of the use and publication of knowledge not of my own culture. This means the biographies have focused on the signatory and what is known of their actions around the time of signing He Whakaputanga. They are also light on post-1840 information or information on their children (for reasons of length and limited research time).

Sources
As with any research, the sources of information used has implications for what is produced. This is even more complex with regard to mātauranga Māori, missionary accounts and colonial research of a particular era. I am conscious of the shortcomings of what I have been able to access and draw upon.

Waitangi Tribunal & other reports/submissions
A Report on Land Previously Owned by Te Whiuorapu Puketotara –Puketi, Rowan Taurutai
Bay of Islands Maori and the Crown, 1793 – 1853, Grant Millipson
Cross-cultural communication and land transfer in western Muriwhenua 1832-1840: submission to the Waitangi Tribunal, Joan Metge
He Whakaputanga me te Tiriti The Declaration and the Treaty: The Report on Stage 1 of the Te Paparai o te Raki Inquiry, Waitangi Tribunal
‘He Whenua Rangatira’ Northern Landscape Overview (Hokianga, Whangaroa, Bay of Islands, Whangarei, Mahurangi and Gulf Islands), Mānuka Hēnare, Hazel Petrie, Adrienne Puckey
Hokianga: from Te Korekore to 1840, Patu Hohepa
Kaipara Report, Waitangi Tribunal
‘Ko Te Tino o Taia’ Te Waimate-Taiai Oral and Traditional History Report, Mānuka Hēnare, Hazel Petrie, Adrienne Puckey
Muriwhenua Report, Waitangi Tribunal
Ngāpuhi speaks: He Whakaputanga o te rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni and Te Tiriti o Waitangi – independent report, Ngapuhi Nui Tonu claim Ngātī Rēhua, Overview Report, Tony Walzl
Northland Crown Purchase Deeds, 1840-1865, Vincent O’Malley
‘Not with the Sword, but with the Pen’: the Taking of the Northland Old Land Claims. Part 1: Historical Overview, Bruce Stirling, Richard Towers
Oral and Traditional History Report for Te Rohe o Whangaroa: Commissioned by Whangaroa Papa Hapu and produced by Te Uira Associates, Aroha Harris
Te Aho Claims Alliance (TACO): Oral and Traditional History, Te Aho Claims Alliance
Te Tiriti and its Northern Context, Merata Kawharu
Te Roroa Report, Waitangi Tribunal
Treaty Transactions: Waitangi, Mangungu and Kaitaia, 1840, Anne Salmrod
Tribunal Document Bank, WA11D40, WA11D41, WA1312, WA138 and many other reports and evidence submitted to the Waitangi Tribunal. A systematic search of the Record of Documents was undertaken to locate reports and submissions by direct descendants/hapū (over 1700: too many to list here)

Archival records
Archives New Zealand: British Resident, Māori Land Court Minute Books, Colonial Secretary’s Office, OLC
Alexander Turnbull Library: Garry Hooker papers, Miria Simpson papers, pictorial collection, other manuscripts
Auckland Libraries: George Grey Collection

Theses
‘Attachment and Belonging: Nineteenth Century Whananaki’ Rowan Tautari
‘Changing Images of Nineteenth Century Māori Society – From Tribes to Nations’, Mānuka Hēnare
‘Hone Mohi Tawhai: his life and writings’, Te Aroha Rountree
‘Māoris of the Bay of Islands, 1769-1840: a study of changing Maori responses to European contact’, Kathleen Shawcross
‘Muriwhenua’, Waerete Norman
‘Ngati Manu an ethnohistorical account’, Daniel Munn
‘Pumuka: the biography and archaeology of Pumuka, a Te Roroa chief of the Bay of Islands, c.1790-1845 A.D.’ Helen McCracken
‘Warfare and government in Ngapuhi tribal society, 1814-1833: institutions of authority and the function of warfare in the period of early settlement, 1814-1833, in the Bay of Islands and related territories’, Angela Ballara

Books, journals & pamphlets
A Narrative of a Nine Months’ Residence in New Zealand in 1827, Augustus Earle
At the Margins of Empire, Jennifer Ashton
Between Worlds, Anne Salmrod
Busby of Waitangi, Eric Ramsden
Chiefs of industry, Hazel Petrie
Entanglements of Empire, Tony Ballantyne
Early land transactions in the Ngatiwhatu tribal area, Maurice Alemann
From Hongi Hika to Hone Heke, Ormond Wilson
Haerenga, Vincent O’Malley
Hongi Hika, Dorothy Urlitch Cloher
Iwi, Angela Ballara
Journal of a ten months’ residence in New Zealand 1820, Richard Cruise
Journal of the Polynesian Society
Kororareka & other essays, Ormond Wilson
Ko tautoro, te pito o tōku ao: a Ngāpuhi narrative, Hone Sadler
Ngā iwi o te Tai Tokerau: ngā kōrero nonamata me naianei hoki: ngā mea i tuhituhia i perehitia rānei na ngā whare pukapuka i tiaki: he rārangi he whakamārama hoki tā tēnei pukapuka. Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua, Jane McRae
Ngā Mōteatea The Songs, Apirana Ngata/Hirini Moko Mead
Ngā Pūriri o Taiamai, Jeffrey Sissons, Patu Hohepa and Wiremu Wi Hongi
Northland Māori wood carving = Tai Tokerau whakairo rākau, Diedre Brown
Pēwhairangi: Bay of Islands missions and Māori 1814 to 1845, Angela Middleton
Tai Tokerau, Florence Keene
Tangata Whenua, Anderson, Harris, Binney
Taa, Angela Ballara
Taa of Kareponia, Robin McConnell
Te Kerikeri 1770-1850, ed. Judith Binney
The Ancient history of the Māori, J. White
The changing times of Te Tirarau and the people of the river, the Wairoa, Kaipara, Nancy Pickmere
The Legacy of Guilt: A Life of Thomas Kendall, Judith Binney
Tribes of Muriwhenua, Dorothy Urlitch Cloher
The Letters and Journals of Samuel Marsden, John Rawson Elder
The Musket Wars, Ron Crosby
The Treaty of Waitangi, Claudia Orange
The Treaty of Waitangi, T. Lindsay Buick
Whangarei: the founding years, Nancy Pickmere
Whangaroa, EV Sale
Where it all began: the story of Whangaruru taking in from Mimiwhangata to Whangamumu, Madge Malcom
Outcasts of the Gods?, Hazel Petrie
Words Between Us - He Korero: First Maori-Pakeha Conversations on Paper, Alison Jones and Kuni Jenkins
+ many missionary accounts available online

Online resources
Papers Past
NZETC
Early New Zealand Books
Genealogy websites
Te Ara
NZHistory
Waitangi Tribunal
Māori Maps
Gutenberg Project
Index of Hapū Names (NatLib)
Index of Māori Names (Waikato)
Converge
Network Waitangi
Te Papa
DigitalNZ
NZ On Screen
Māori Television

Personal communication
Stefanie Lash
Claudia Orange
Hinerangi Himiona
Vincent O’Malley
Ross Calman
Bernard Makoare
Richard Nahi
Bruce Stirling
Haami Piripi
Sam Napia
Mānuka Hēnare
Angella Middleton
Tony Walzl
Robert Eruera
Bernard Steeds
Aroha Harris