

## MAWHAI PA.

The southern rebels unsuccessfully attacked Potae's pa at Mawhai on 17-18 August. In turn, Potae, on the 20th, drove them out of their pa at Pukepapa. He reattacked them at Tahutahupo (on the Hikuwai Stream) on the 24th and at Pakura (inland from Anaura) on the 25th. Among the 11 rebels slain at Tahutahupo were two women, who had been mistaken for men and also Paora Haupa, a Poverty Bay prophet. On 28th September, whilst Potae was absent in Poverty Bay, the rebels reattacked Mawhai pa, but without success, losing nine men. On that occasion the pa was garrisoned by only a small number of old men and by some women led by Mere Arihi (one of Potae's cousins), who became the wife of Hati te Haukamau. They were assisted by three whalers - Robert Waddy, John Anderson (not "Henderson", the name which appears in some accounts) and Cassidy. Earlier in the day the rebels had slain Anderson's son Henry whilst he was out with George Gilman (another half-caste lad) looking for their horses. Anderson senior, who was shot in the face during the attack on the pa, died whilst being taken to Auckland.

1865. P220. Historic Poverty Bay.

