



Name :
Tamati waka nene

Date of birth :
1785

How were they involved in the treaty?

Nene spoke out strongly in favor of the Treaty of Waitangi during the debate at Waitangi on 5 February 1840. Discussions were at a delicate stage when he arrived at the hui he and Hone Heke thought the Te Tiriti would stop all wars between the British and the maori.

Why were they important?

During the debate at Waitangi he argued that it was too late for Māori to turn their backs upon the Europeans. His speech must have been persuasive, for Wāka Nene is credited with shifting the mood of the meeting in favor of signing the Treaty.

Interesting facts :

Nene fought in the Musket Wars of the 1820s. After the death of Hongi Hika in 1828 he assumed responsibility for protecting the Wesleyan mission at Hokianga.

Questions you would ask them : What would you do if the British didn't want to sign the treaty.

