

Davides Succession Act 1875

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An Act to enable David Davides to succeed to a Piece of Land at Opotiki.

Preamble.

WHEREAS David Davides, in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, intermarried with Miriama Makawa, an aboriginal native, by whom, previous to such marriage, he had a daughter, called or known by the name of Mary Davides: And whereas the said Mary Davides was at the time of her death, which occurred on or about the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, in the eighteenth year of her age, entitled to a piece of land containing one hundred acres, situate in the parish of Waioeka and County of Opotiki, in the Province of Auckland, and a Crown grant thereof was made and executed in her name by the then Governor of New Zealand, on the ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight: And whereas by the operation of "The Half-caste Disability Removal Act, 1860," the said Mary Davides was before her death legitimized, but the provisions of that Act do not entitle the said David Davides to succeed as her heir-at-law, and it is expedient that provision should be made enabling him so to succeed his said daughter:

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Short Title.

The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Davides Succession Act, 1875.”

2 David Davides to be deemed to be the heir-at-law of Mary Davides to land described in Crown grant.

The piece of land described in the said Crown grant of the ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, shall be deemed to have descended to the said David Davides as fully and effectually as if the said David Davides had been at the time of the death of the said Mary Davides her heir-at-law, and no succession or other duties shall be deemed to have been or to be payable in respect of such succession.