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Mākereti Papakura



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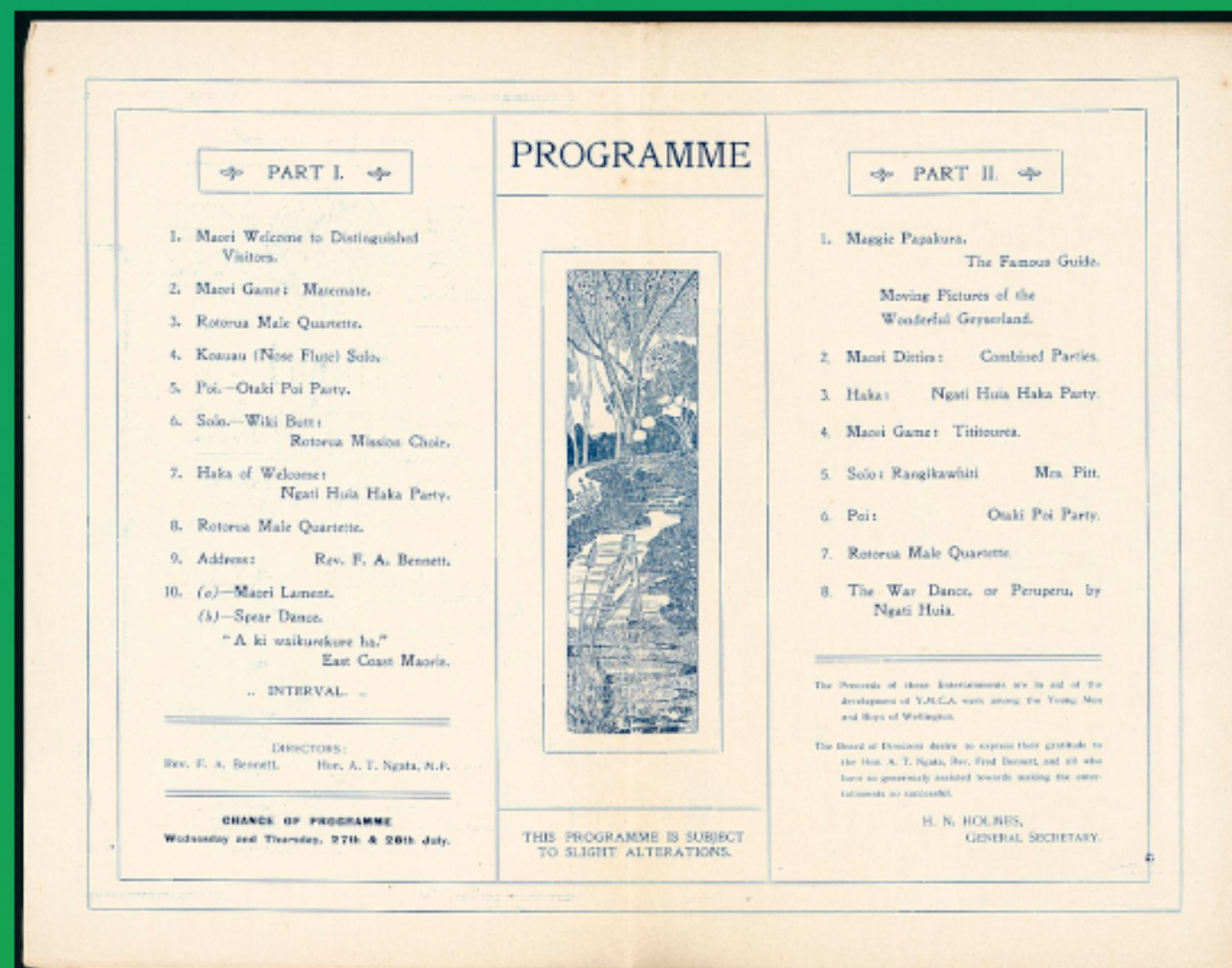
Mākereti Papakura (1873-1930)

Anthropologist & first Indigenous student at Oxford

Raised in a purely Māori culture, she was later brought up by her British father and attended English-language schools in New Zealand. In Whakarewarewa, she became known as a tour guide under the name 'Maggie Papakura'.



Among other things, she guided King George V through New Zealand and, in 1911, traveled to England with a Māori cultural group for the Empire Festival.



She remained there and enrolled as the first Indigenous student at the *Oxford University*.

Two weeks before the examination of her thesis, she died of an aortic rupture.

The thesis was published posthumously and provided a detailed female perspective on Māori culture.



She combined academic methodology with her own cultural knowledge, criticizing Western misunderstandings of Māori culture and corrected many stereotypes by providing authentic first-hand insights.

As the first Indigenous woman to study anthropology at *Oxford University*, she was a trailblazer for Indigenous scholars worldwide.

Her work was posthumously honored by the university with a master's degree.





„Vieles, was über uns geschrieben wurde, ist nicht wahr. Es wurde von Menschen geschrieben, die unsere Lebensweise nicht verstehen.“

"Many things written about us are not true. They are written by people who do not understand our ways."

