

Kupuna (Elder)	Queenie Ventura Dowsett
Wahi (Location)	Waimea, Kohala, Hawai‘i Island
Kanaka Nīnauele (Interviewer(s))	Maile Loo
Lā (Interview date)	October 17, 2008



Lā Hānau (Birthdate)	July 18, 1930
Lā Hala (Death date)	
Wahi Hānau (Birthplace)	Honolulu, Kona, O‘ahu
Pilina Ulana (HPS Notes/Commentary)	The first official oral histories for the new non-profit Hula Preservation Society were with Auntie Queenie at her homestead in Waimea on Hawai‘i Island. With glorious Mauna Kea in view and husband Jamie never far away, she and Auntie Nona Beamer sat for two days and talked and talked, all with our cameras rolling. It was an amazing way to start this long-term journey with our willing elders, and over the next 15 years, Auntie Queenie became a part of our core “kūpuna crew” that led countless HPS public programs across the islands. To many, when she danced, she was her kumu personified—the extraordinary Iolani Luahine. It was wonderful to hear about Auntie Io, to see the sparkle in Auntie Queenie’s eyes, and to feel the loving spirit that emanated from her heart when she recalled times with her mentor. Auntie Queenie will always hold a most special place in the forever history of HPS, as she set the standard for what was to come with the dozens of elders that have been interviewed by HPS since that first humble meeting in 2000.
Nā Kikoho‘e Pili (Related Digital Materials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photographs & Transcript from this interview session - Additional Oral History sessions - Myriad of moving and still images from workshops, tributes, panel discussions, celebratory gatherings, rehearsals, and performances. Please see Footage List – Queenie Ventura Dowsett



Nā Loina Ho‘ohana (Access & Use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>This Finding Aid is a guide for interviews in the HPS Oral History Library; Each document represents one (1) multi-hour session</i> ➤ <i>Detailed keywords & topics are listed in the order they occurred in the conversation; Not all terms may be directly searchable in the transcript</i> ➤ <i>In the “Nā Hua ‘ōlelo (Detailed keywords & topics)” field, items in parentheses following the term are meant to clarify its meaning and/or context</i> ➤ <i>HPS does not include Hawaiian diacritical markings in peoples’ names, mele titles, or commercial names/locations that do not historically use them (i.e. Halekulani Hotel)</i> ➤ <i>For questions regarding materials referenced herein, and/or Access & Use of content, please contact archive@hulapreservation.org or call (808) 247-9440</i> ➤ <i>If you have knowledge of any corrections that need to be made, please contact us – we appreciate your kōkua</i>
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Helu Wikiō (<i>Tape #</i>)	HPS 0948
Nā Kumuhana (<i>Broad subjects</i>)	B-Roll, Hula/Music Professional Experiences, Hula Costumes/Attire/Adornments, Military, Hula Training, Hawaiian Language, Hula Motivation, Family, Hula, Hula/Music Performance, Family Lifestyle, Reference Song, Family Spouse/Children, General Conversation, Family Schooling
Nā Hua‘ōlelo (<i>Detailed keywords & topics</i>)	Rose Joshua (QVD’s kumu), Lena Guerrero (kumu hula), “Big Auntie” (nickname for Amelia Guerrero), La Hula Rhumba (club, performance venue), Mary Ho (QVD’s kumu), Kaka‘ako (O‘ahu), Hula Town (club, performance venue), Leroy’s (restaurant/ nightclub), Iolani Luahine (QVD’s kumu), Don the Beachcomber’s (club), middle school, sarong, brassiere, pahu top (described as a top that goes w/ pahu/ pā‘ū skirt or ti-leaf skirt), ti-leaf skirt, visitors (tourists, military), military, Club Pago Pago (club, performance venue), nightclubs, Leroy’s (restaurant/ club), audiences, Sterling Mossman (show organizer; Barefoot Bar), Lei Collins (singer), Halekulani Hotel, Little Joe Kekauoha (comic hula; worked in Halekulani show w/ QVD), Hilo Hattie (comic hula/ musician; worked in Halekulani show w/ QVD), Kanoë Cockett (hula dancer), Kealoha Kalama (hula dancer), soloist (hula), Royal Hawaiian Hotel, chorus line (line of hula dancers in a show), Emma Veary (singer; worked in Halekulani show w/ QVD), Hawai‘i Theater, Ed Kenney (entertainer; show producer), Alfred Apaka Jr (singer; QVD did shows w/ him), Alvin Isaacs (entertainer; QVD did shows w/ him), mainland tour, Huntington Hotel (CA), falsetto (singing), Los Angeles (CA), taxi cab driver, hula studios, Bird of Paradise (movie), solo career, Alfred Apaka show (hula show at Don the Beachcomber’s), high school, featured soloist, Rosalie Stevens (vocalist), Eddie Lyons Orchestra, Lani Rodrigues Custino (hula dancer), ancient hula, Anna Gobrait (Tahitian dancer), Tahitian dance, storytelling, Vickie Ii Rodrigues (Lani Custino’s mom; kumu hula; entertainer), lei seller (family busines), Kaleohano (family name), Joseph Kahalelio (hula brother; kumu hula), Spencer girls (hula dancers), Mahi Beamer (entertainer), Keola Beamer (entertainer; NB son); maile lei, Edith Kanakaole (kumu hula), Beverly Noa (hula dancer; friend; classmate), Flora Hayes (hula dancer), Nanea Kou Maka I Ka Lealea (mele), Noenoe Hopkins (hula dancer), cowboy, Hawai‘i (island), marriage, winter shows, My Little Margie (TV show), Charley Farrell (friend; actor), Palm Springs Racquet Club, desert, Palm Springs (CA), Henry J. Kaiser (developer, show financier), Lafayette (CA), cattle, Phil Fitzsimmons (Henry J Kaiser’s attorney), Jamie Dowsett (husband), Ed Sullivan Show, mainland tour, Hawaiian Village (built by Henry Kaiser), Rose Bowl Queen, coronation, Hawaiian Airlines, stewardess, classmates, Farrington High School, Ed Kenney show, song leader, Augie Colon (bongo drum player; classmate), Eddie Kamae (filmmaker; classmate; composer; musician), Arthur Lyman (entertainer), Don Ho (entertainer), McKinley High School, Kamehameha Schools, Kawai Cockett (entertainer; cousin to dancer Kanoë Cockett), Kent Ghirard (kumu hula), Jimmy Cockett (Kanoë’s husband; policeman), Mapuana (mele), I’ll Weave a Lei of Stars (mele), Lovely Hula Hands (mele), Queen’s Surf, Isenberg family (wealthy mainland family QVD did shows for), New York City, Mealani Dowsett (daughter), Lake Tahoe (NV), Pauline Cockett (hula dancer), Josephine Flanders (Hawaiian Village director)

Helu Wikiō (<i>Tape #</i>)	HPS 0949
Nā Kumuhana (<i>Broad subjects</i>)	B-Roll, Family, Hula/Music Professional Experiences, Hula, Compositions Family, Reference Song, Hula Training, Hula Opinions, General Conversation, Hula/Music Performance, Hula Costumes/Attire/Adornments
Nā Hua‘ōlelo (<i>Detailed keywords & topics</i>)	Barney Isaacs (musician), Marlene Sai (singer), Palms Bar, Waikīkī (O‘ahu), Lau Yee Chai (restaurant), soloist (hula), Bev Noa (hula dancer), Iolani Luahine (QVD’s kumu hula), Nona Beamer (kumu hula), Miss Aloha Hula (title), Japan (country), hula students, Kent Ghirard (kumu hula), hula studio, Kanoë Miller (hula dancer), Debbie Nakanelua (hula dancer), Halekulani Hotel, Royal Hawaiian Band, Ed Kenney (entertainer), Kaua‘i (island), Anahola (Kaua‘i), Josephine Flanders (Hawaiian Village director), Irmgard Farden Aluli (entertainer),

Mihana Aluli Souza (Irmgard's daughter), Queen's Surf, Waimea Ranch Hotel, Ray Kinney (singer), Ed Kenney show, Hawaiian Village (Henry Kaiser's), Kaiulani (showroom production), Alfred Apaka Jr., Juliette Galuteria (singer), Lei Anderson Murray (hula dancer), gossip, hakakā (disagreement), George Naope (kumu hula; Merrie Monarch founder), Merrie Monarch Hula Competition, Halema'uma'u (crater), ho'okupu (offering), Robert Cazimero (kumu hula), Maiki Aiu (kumu hula), Ala Moana Shopping Center, Lani Rodrigues Custino (hula sister; student of Iolani Luahine), Lovely Hula Hands (mele), Don Yap (orchestra leader; pianist), Danny Kaleikini (singer), Mi Nei (mele), Hiram Olsen Trio (musical group), Pa'ahana (musical group), Mapuana (mele), Somewhere Over the Rainbow (mele), Punahou School, Emma Veary (singer), Nina Kealiiwahamana Rodrigues Rapozo (singer), Stephanie Smart (singer), Cathy Foy (singer), funeral service, tap dancers, Alama Sisters (kumu hula), Mamo Howell (hula dancer, model), Lois Guerrero (singer/ dancer; sister to Mamo Howell), Henry Pa (kumu hula), Lena Guerrero (kumu hula), "Big Auntie" (nickname for Amelia Guerrero), Haunani Kahalewai (entertainer), Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Bird of Paradise (movie), Joseph Kahaulelio (hula brother of QVD; kumu hula), Princess Kaiulani Hotel, Arthur Hew Len (musician), Peter Mendiola (musician), The Hawaiian Echoes (musical group), Papakolea (O'ahu), Wisa D'Orso (hula dancer), Waimānalo (O'ahu), New York City, Richard Smart, Jamie Dowsett (husband), Kawaihae (Hawai'i), Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Poomai Dowsett (daughter), Alika Dowsett (son), cowboy, National Geographic Magazine, horses, Oregon (state), Maui (island), Lavender farm