

Kupuna (Elder)	Queenie Ventura Dowsett
Wahi (Location)	Waimea, Kohala, Hawai‘i Island
Kanaka Nīnauele (Interviewer(s))	Nona Beamer & Maile Loo
Lā (Interview date)	December 7, 2000



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 0012
Nā Kumuhana (<i>Broad subjects</i>)	B-Roll, Family Lifestyle, Family, Hula/Music Professional Experiences, Hula, Social Commentary, Hawaiian Culture, General Conversation, Names of People, Hula Opinions, Hula Advice
Nā Hua‘ōlelo (<i>Detailed keywords & topics</i>)	<p>Nona Beamer (interviewer; NB), Ed Kenney show (QVD worked in for many years), Sea View Inn (performance venue), Charley’s Tavern (performance venue), Halekulani Hotel (performance venue), Mauna Kea Social Director, Josephine Flanders (friend), Mauna Kea (mountain), Mauna Kea Hotel grand opening, Hawaiian Serenaders (musical group), Danny Kaleikini (entertainer), Lani Rodrigues Custino (student of Iolani Luahine; hula sister of QVD), Waikīkī shows, union, Queen’s Surf (hotel; performance venue), Pua Almeida (musician), Kenney Brown, Eddie Kamae (musician; composer; filmmaker), La Hula Rhumba (club; performance venue), Ray Andrade, Lusitana Street (O‘ahu), Hula Town (club; performance venue), Ala Moana (O‘ahu), Club Pago Pago (club; performance venue), Lena Guerrero (kumu hula), “Big Auntie” (nickname for Amelia Guerrero), Lila Reiplinger (hula dancer) Rap Reiplinger (comedian; son of Lila), Kanoe Cockett (student of Tom Hiona & hula sister of QVD), USO show (United Service Organizations), Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Waikiki Surf, Don the Beachcomber’s, Mahi Beamer (NB’s cousin/ entertainer), Waikiki Biltmore Hotel, Haunani Kahalewai (singer), Polynesian review (kind of show), Rosalie Stevens (singer), Alfred Apaka Jr. (singer), Splash Lyons (musician), Tahitian dancing, hula soloist, Iolani Luahine (QVD’s kumu; showroom performer), ‘ōlapa (QVD defines as “kahiko” style dancing), hapa haole (hula/ music), chorus line (line of hula dancers in a show), ti-leaf skirt, Frisbie girls (Tahitian dancers), Elaine Frisbie (Tahitian dancer), Anna Gobrait (Tahitian dancer), Pukapuka (Cook Island where Frisbie Sisters were from), Miss Ulysses From Pukapuka (book by Johnny Frisbie), Kent Ghirard (kumu hula), Reri Tava (Tahitian dancer), Hawaii Five-0 (tv show), Honolulu (O‘ahu), Lei Collins (singer) Halekulani Hotel, Halekulani Girls (music/ hula group), Sybil Bright (musician), Noenoe Hopkins (musician), Ida Naone (singer), Lena Machado (singer/ hula troupe leader), George Kainapau (musician), Beverly Noa (hula dancer), Iolani Luahine statue dedication, Ed Kenney (singer), hula competition, Merrie Monarch Hula Competition, hula values, hula principles, social fabric, ‘ami/ami (hula step), ancient hula, Joseph Kahalelio (student of Iolani Luahine; hula brother of QVD), kane hula (male hula), Hokulea (canoe), Cazimero ‘Ohana (musical family), Mrs. America Competition, Good Housekeeping magazine, Betty Crocker (company), cruise ships, family entertainment, Kamana Beamer (NB’s grandson), New York City, Tahitian skirt, Henry J. Kaiser (developer; show financier), Alfred Apaka Jr (singer), San Francisco (CA), Lafayette (CA), Alvin Isaacs (musician), Barney Isaacs (musician), Ben Kalama (musician), Jimmy Kaopuiki (musician), hula soloist, Iolani Luahine (QVD’s kumu; hula show soloist), Lake Tahoe (NV, CA), Phil Fitzsimmons (Henry J Kaiser’s attorney), Hawaiian Village (Henry Kaiser’s), Ed Sullivan Show (TV show), Jamie Dowsett (husband), hula show tour, cow herd, Sophie’s Lei Stand (family business), Bob Hope (celebrity; friend), Maureen O’Hara (celebrity), Rosalind Russell (celebrity; friend), Bill Lundigan (actor), Francis Ii Brown (Beamer Family friend), Bing Crosby (celebrity), Paramount Studios (business), Waikiki Wedding (movie), Louise Leiomalama "Dambi" Walker Beamer (NB’s mom), celebrity friendships, Pili Pili Mai Lawe Mai E (family mele), Charlotte Ventura (sister), Lā‘ie (O‘ahu), Kaua‘i (island), Kaumualii (Kaua‘i chief; QVD family line), Tūtū man (Hamana), Kohala, Hawai‘i, Ka‘ū (Hawai‘i), Kapa‘a (Kaua‘i), Portuguese (descent), Borges (family name), Ventura (family name), bread makers, dairy farmers, stone masons</p>

Helu Wikiō (Tape #)	HPS 0013
Nā Kumuhana (Broad subjects)	B-Roll, Family Lifestyle, Family, Hula/Music Professional Experiences, Hula, Social Commentary, Hawaiian Culture, General Conversation, Names of People, Hula Opinions, Hula Advice
Nā Hua‘ōlelo (Detailed keywords & topics)	Nona Beamer (interviewer), Bird of Paradise (Hollywood movie QVD was in), Joseph Kahaulelio (student of Iolani Luahine; hula brother of QVD; assisted hula in movie), Lani Rodrigues Custino (student of Iolani Luahine; hula sister of QVD; assisted hula in movie), Hoakalei Kamauu (Iolani’s niece/ ho‘opa‘a; assisted with movie), Waikiki Beach Boys, Mamo Howell (danced hula in movie), Napoleon family (danced hula in movie), Joshua family (danced hula in movie), Henry Pa (kumu hula; QVD worked w/ him often; assisted w/ hula in movie), Hamakua (hula kahiko), Delmer Daves (movie director), Noanoa (character QVD played in movie), Jeff Chandler (actor in movie), Debra Paget (actress in movie), Broken Arrow (movie), Gary Cooper (actor), Ken Darby (composer), Kalua (mele), Kea‘au (Hawai‘i), Shipman family (Hawai‘i island family; movie scene filmed at their estate), fishponds, Hilo (Hawai‘i), fishing, camera crew, cast, friendship, 20th Century Fox (movie business), Jimmy Dean (actor), Natalie Wood (actress), Katy Jurado (drama teacher), movie sets, The Bible (movie), Fiji (country), movie role, Mary Ho (QVD’s kumu), sexual harassment, Moana Surfrider, Social Director, Charlie Ferrell (celebrity), Palm Springs Racquet Club, Huntington Hotel (CA), Palm Springs (CA), artichoke (vegetable), finger bowl (high end service to clean fingers during food courses), Rennie Brooks (male hula dancer), Elmer Lee (male hula dancer), comic hula, Sterling Mossman (male hula dancer), Dancing Cop (Sterling Mossman known as), Emma Veary (singer), Barefoot Bar (Queen’s Surf), Varoa Tiki (entertainer), Walker “Towhead” Beamer (NB’s brother), Mahi Beamer (NB’s cousin), Keola Beamer (NB’s brother), Pono Beamer Sr. (NB’s father), male hula, Tom Hiona (kumu hula; male hula dancer), Tom Leslie (male hula dancer; comedian), military contracts, Farrington High School, hospital, Frances Langford (singer), USO show (United Service Organizations), Lois Guerrero (kumu hula; singer), World War II (WWII), Maluhia Dance Hall (Waikīkī), Lei stand (family business), Cesar Romero (actor), Fort DeRussy, Sophisticated Hula (mele), Christian Hula (type of dance), World’s Fair (1962), Seattle (WA), Bill Quinn, Sonny Nicholas, Hilo Hawaiians (music group), Kalima family (musical family), Square Kalima, Puni Kalima, Mona Kalima, Brown family (musical family), Flamenco (dance), Mormon (religion), Genoa Keawe (entertainer), Irmgard Farden Aluli (entertainer), concert, Mihana Aluli Souza (Irmgard’s daughter), Don the Beachcomber’s, Don Beach (owner of Beachcomber’s), ancient hula, comic hula, Iolani Luahine (QVD’s kumu), Queen’s Surf, storytelling, Hoakalei Kamauu (Iolani’s niece/ ho‘opa‘a; performed w/ Iolani Luahine), Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Dan Ross (performer), Ballroom Hula (hula type), hula audition, Beamer hula (hula style), Niumalu Hotel (Waikīkī), Johnny Spencer (manager of Niumalu), Don Ho (entertainer; show producer), benefit concert, Mahi Beamer (entertainer; NB’s cousin), cruise ship show, Honey’s Bar, Aloha Tower, Cissy Chang (hula dancer; student of Iolani Luahine), Hulihe‘e Palace (Kailua-Kona), curator (Iolani Luahine was curator of Hulihe‘e Palace), Daughters of Hawai‘i, plumeria trees, Lei Collins (curator of Hulihe‘e Palace), Nu‘uanu (O‘ahu), Trotter Family, Christmas decorations

Helu Wikiō (Tape #)	HPS 0014
Nā Kumuhana (Broad subjects)	B-Roll, Hula, Hula Steps, Hula/Music Professional Experiences, General Conversation, Reference Song, Reference Chant, Hula Advice
Nā Hua‘ōlelo (Detailed keywords & topics)	Nona Beamer (interviewer), Hanohano Olinda (mele), kalākaua/kalakaua (hula step), ball of the feet, Aia La O Pele (hula kahiko), Alfred Apaka Jr (singer), Lovely Hula Hands (mele), Huntington Hotel (CA), Aggie Auld (hula dancer), Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Lani Rodrigues Custino (student of Iolani Luahine; hula sister of QVD; worked in shows; worked on Bird of

Paradise movie), Iolani Luahine (QVD's kumu), Bird of Paradise (movie), Joseph Kahalelio (student of Iolani Luahine; hula brother of QVD; worked on Bird of Paradise movie), short hair, Don Beach (owner of Don the Beachcomber's), Mamo Howell (hula dancer in Bird of Paradise movie/ model), Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa Room (Hilton Hawaiian Village, performed in show), Ed Kenney show (QVD worked in for many years), Ed Kenney (singer), Awapuhi (mele), Royal Mausoleum, Royal Mausoleum curator, Mauna 'Ala (Royal Mausoleum), Delmer Daves (Bird of Paradise movie director), Timothy Montgomery (cultural consultant in Bird of Paradise; husband of kumu hula Lokalia Montgomery), Kalani Miller (dancer/ extra in Bird of Paradise), Ihilani Miller (singer; wife of Kalani), Bill Aliiloa Lincoln (entertainer), Lois Guerrero (kumu hula; singer), Ken Darby (composer; musical director for Bird of Paradise), David Kaonohiokala Bray (a.k.a. "Daddy Bray", kahuna), Kalua (mele), Hamakua (mele), courtship dance, Hoakalei Kamauu (student of Iolani Luahine; worked on Bird of Paradise w/ QVD), ipu (implement), Henry Pa (kumu hula; co-choreographer for Bird of Paradise), soundtrack (movie), Jeff Chandler (actor), makeup artist, Debra Paget (actress), kā'eke'eke/kaekeeke (implement), 'ohe hano ihu (instrument), Hawai'i (island), Kaua'i (island), O'ahu (island), casting, rehearsal, Kamehameha Schools Clubhouse (building), Liliha Street (O'ahu), Phyllis Kanoe Cockett (student of Tom Hiona; hula sister of QVD; worked on Bird of Paradise), Kalima family (musical family; worked on Bird of Paradise), Square Kalima, Puni Kalima, Edward Mona Kalima, hula advice