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(I was interested in the hula when I was a small girl. There would be ~~family~~ family parties ~~and~~ every Saturday in town so we used to help serve the food. Afterwards everybody wanted entertainment. My friend and I would make up motions to the songs the musicians would play. I came from a big family that spoke fluent Hawaiian. I didn't know anything about the steps. My auntie was Rose Kumoo and she was teaching ~~me~~ hula) but my father did not take us to her. We were being asked to other parties to serve and dance and one party we went to was in Kona. Someone there saw us dance and told Auntie Rose. Auntie Rose told my father to bring us to her my sister & I to her and my father said what for? You see she lived in Kealahou in the Haw'ian Homes & we were in the country. He told my auntie he couldn't pay her but he could make her tea leaves for her hula girls. (Auntie used to entertain at boat arrivals like the "huline" and ^{MY Father} so he would give her the tea leaves whenever ~~she~~ ^{she} would entertain ^{IN exchange} ~~so~~ ^{FOR our Hula lessons} (he wouldn't have to pay). She would teach us 3 hours every Saturday.