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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: CHIEFS & CHIEFTAINSHIP; MEDICINE BUNDLES; MEN'S SOCIETIES & SUN DANCE

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

MEDICINE BUNDLES

LITTLE RAVEN, A CHIEF

CHIEFS: QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES

ARAPAHO SUN DANCE

OLD MAN UTE AND LITTLE RAVEN

PRESENT DAY CHIEFS

SOCIAL CONTROLS IN OLD DAYS: ADVICE OF ELDERS

MYRTLE'S TALK AT SCHOOL

ARAPAHO COMMUNITIES AND INTERACTION AMONG THEM

SACRED PIPE IN WYOMING

ARAPAHO MEN'S SOCIETIES: TOMAHAWKS, ETC.

WHY MYRTLE'S HUSBAND DID NOT JOIN A LODGE

DISAPPEARANCE OF OLD LODGES (SOCIETIES)

ARAPAHO GHOST DANCE AND SIMILARITY TO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

STORY ABOUT A WHITE MAN

MORE ON MEN'S SOCIETIES

MEDICINE WHEEL USED IN SUN DANCE: ORIGINAL WHEEL BURIED WITH KEEPER

MORE ON SUN DANCE AND MEDICINE WHEEL

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Myrtle Lincoln was born at Cantonment, June 25, 1888. Her father was Bad Man, an Indian policeman, and her mother was Red Feather. Myrtle was an orphan by the age of 13. A grandmother helped raise her, and later an aunt took her, but she stayed at Cantonment boarding school much of the time. Myrtle's marriage to Howard Howling Buffalo or Howard Lincoln was arranged by her uncle, Coal Fire. Myrtle and Howard had seven children, two of whom--daughters--are living today. One son was killed in World War II, and two other sons were killed in local accidents. Myrtle and her husband supported themselves by farming on tribal land and doing farm labor for neighboring white farmers. They moved to a place near Cantonment in 1936, and Myrtle has lived at this place ever since. Myrtle has also worked as a cleaning woman in Canton. She now lives on a very small Social Security allotment and a small income from a land lease. She is well-known to Indians and whites in the Canton area and her status as a Gold Star mother has earned her a great deal of respect. She appears to be in very good health, for her age, and is active and quick and alert.