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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO
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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL; CHILDBIRTH AND CHILD CARE

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- MYRTLE'S AUNT MISTREATED HER AS A CHILD
- MYRTLE'S LIFE IN EARLY DAYS OF MARRIAGE
- PRESENT HOME PLACE
- MYRTLE'S BROTHERS AND HOW THEY DIED
- MYRTLE'S SCHOOL DAYS AT CANTONMENT BOARDING SCHOOL
- MYRTLE'S AUNT WANTING MONEY
- MYRTLE'S MONEY FROM LAND SALE USED TO BUY HOUSEKEEPING EQUIPMENT
- MYRTLE DELIVERS ONE OF HER CHILDREN HERSELF
- MYRTLE AND FAMILY LIVE WITH HER HUSBAND'S FOLKS
- CHILDBIRTH AND ARAPAHO PRACTICES
- MYRTLE HELPS DELIVER HER GRANDCHILD
- MYRTLE'S SON LEAVES FOR ARMED FORCES IN 1943
- CARE AND FEEDING OF NEWBORN CHILD WHEN MOTHER UNABLE TO NURSE IT
- BREAST FEEDING VERSUS BOTTLE FEEDING
- BREAST FEEDING AND MANNER OF DOCTORING WOMEN WHOSE BABIES WERE SICK
- WEANING CUSTOMS
- WHITE DOCTOR WHO SEDUCED INDIAN GIRLS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT: Myrtle Lincoln was born at Cantonment on 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.