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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO
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GENERAL SUBJECT: FAMILY STRUCTURE, LIVING ARRANGEMENTS, AND HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
COOKING ARRANGEMENTS AND RATIONS IN EARLY DAYS
LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL--SCHOOL DAYS
MYRTLE'S UNCLE'S HOUSEHOLD
HOME LIFE AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS IN EARLY DAYS
LIFE HISTORY--EARLY MARRIED LIFE
RELATIONS WITH IN-LAWS
MYRTLE'S VIEW THAT ELEMENTARY FAMILIES SHOULD LIVE APART FROM OTHER FAMILIES, ETC.
PARENTS' RELATION TO THEIR MARRIED CHILDREN
COOPERATION AMONG RELATED FAMILIES
MYRTLE'S CHILDREN'S LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AFTER MARRIAGE
DRINKING IN PUBLIC AMONG INDIANS STARTED IN RECENT YEARS
BOARDING SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND MYRTLE'S CHILDREN
OLDER PEOPLE LIKE A GRANDCHILD TO STAY WITH THEM

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.

FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION, AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

--their own tent. As soon as they get married they used to get out on their own. There used to just be me and my mother and my grandmother.

(You would all be living in the same tent?)