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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: ARAPAHO SUN DANCE

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

LAST SUN DANCES HELD BY OKLAHOMA ARAPAHOS: LEADERS
SACRED PIPE AND MEDICINE WHEEL
COMMENTS ON LAST TWO OKLAHOMA ARAPAHO SUN DANCES
COSTUMES OF DANCERS IN SUN DANCE
SUN DANCE PARAPHERNALIA
OPPOSITION TO SUN DANCE
REASON FOR PLEDGING TO JOIN SUN DANCE
GIVING AWAY AT SUN DANCE
WOMEN FASTING DURING SUN DANCE
- SACRED PIPE AT WYOMING ARAPAHO SUN DANCE
MEN WHO PAINT THE DANCERS
DRINK MADE FROM CHOKE CHERRIES
THE RABBIT LODGE
SUN DANCE SINGERS
TYING OFFERINGS TO RAFTERS OF SUN DANCE LODGE
GETTING POSTS AND SOD FOR SUN DANCE LODGE
ARAPAHO WARRIOR SOCIETIES OR LODGES
CRAZY LODGE
LODGE MEMBERSHIP EXPENSIVE
COOPERATION OF LODGE BROTHERS
SUN DANCE PARAPHERNALIA
BEHAVIOR OF DANCERS DURING SUN DANCE
DANCING WITH MEDICINE WHEEL
COVERING THE SACRED PIPE
MEN WHO DON'T FULFILL THEIR VOW HAVE BAD LUCK
MYRTLE'S BOY DANCING IN SUN DANCE
RELATIONSHIP WITH CEREMONIAL GRANDFATHER
DOG MEAT COOKED FOR SUN DANCE

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 of 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.