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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: VISIONARY EXPERIENCE OF MYRTLE'S SON; DOCTORING; OLD  
TIME FOODS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

STORY ABOUT MYRTLE'S SON'S VISIONARY EXPERIENCE  
MYRTLE'S SON'S RELUCTANCE TO BECOME AN INDIAN DOCTOR  
MYRTLE'S SON KILLED: HER ATTITUDE TOWARD THE KILLERS  
MYRTLE'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW  
INDIAN DOCTORS: MAKING THEIR MEDICINE.  
ANIMALS EATEN: BUTCHERING AND PREPARATION OF MEAT  
EATING OF DOGS  
DEER MEAT  
BEEF  
MEALS AND FOODS EATEN  
FISH  
BIRDS EATEN

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 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.