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INFORMANT: MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS ON CANTONMENT AGENCY AND SCHOOL,
LAST ARAPAHO SUN DANCE, ARAPAHO POW-WOWS, ARAPAHO COMMUNITIES AND
COMMUNITY FEELINGS: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

COMMENTS ON OLD CANTONMENT SCHOOL, AGENCY, ETC.

ARAPAHO SUN DANCE AND POW-WOWS HELD ON TRIBAL LAND NEAR CANTONMENT

ARAPAHOS ON POW-WOW COMMITTEE

LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL

WHITE PEOPLE PEDDLING BAKED GOODS AND MEAT AT INDIAN POW-WOWS

ARAPAHO COMMUNITY HOUSES

INDIAN UNITY OF FORMER DAYS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

BAREFOOT COMMUNITY HOUSE

MYRTLE'S LAND AND INCOME FROM LAND

WHERE MYRTLE AND HER HUSBAND LIVED AND FARMED

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Myrtle Lincoln was born at Cantonment June 25, 1988. 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.

NOTE: This interview consists of Myrtle's comments on various subjects during trip to Cantonment and site of the old Agency and school, and nearby site of last Arapaho Sun Dance in Oklahoma. Also, comments recorded during conversation in car on trip to Watonga from Canton. There is some background noise, but tape is fairly clear.

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