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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: KINSHIP TERMINOLOGY AND KINSHIP BEHAVIOR (See T-454 for  
Schedule of Kinship Terms Collected from Rowledge.)

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

KINSHIP TERMINOLOGY

ADOPTION AND DISPOSITION OF ORPHANED CHILDREN

NATURE OF TEASING BETWEEN WIFE'S SISTER AND SISTER'S HUSBAND

BROTHER'S WIFE/HUSBAND'S SISTER RELATIONSHIP

A WOMAN'S FEMALE FRIENDS

A MAN'S MALE FRIENDS

SEPARATION OF SEXES

CHILD RAISING AND DISCIPLINE

MENSTRUATION

PREGNANCY

TEACHING RESPECT FOR SACRED ITEMS

CHILDHOOD PLAY AND TOYS

"SNOW SNAKE" GAME PLAYED BY ADULTS

TRAINING OF GIRLS

CHILDREN'S QUARRELS AND METHODS OF HANDLING THEM

STORY OF HOW A WOMAN WAS PUNISHED FOR ADULTERY LONG AGO

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Myrtle Lincoln was born at Cantonment June 25, 1888. Her father was Bad Mah, 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.