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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: RABBIT DANCE; OTHER SOCIAL DANCES; GIVEAWAYS AND SERVICE CLUBS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

RABBIT DANCE: A TWO-STEP INTRODUCED BY A BLACKFOOT INDIAN

RABBIT DANCE: STEPS, ETC.

RABBIT DANCE AND WOLF SONGS

MORE ON RABBIT DANCE

GIVEAWAY WHEN MYRTLE'S SON KILLED

EARLY ARAPAHO POW-WOWS

MORE ON RABBIT DANCE

MINNIE-HA-HA CREEK AT CANTON

WINTER CAMP AT CANTON AND LIVING IN A TENT

ARBORS

CANVAS-COVERED ARBORS FOR DANCES AND HAND GAMES IN WINTER

LACK OF JEALOUSY AMONG INDIANS

SNAKE DANCE AND BUFFALO DANCE

SCALP DANCE

ARAPAHOS IN WORLD WAR I

SCALP DANCE HELD AS VICTORY CELEBRATION AT END OF WORLD WAR I

SERVICE CLUBS STARTED IN WORLD WAR II: MYRTLE'S CLUB AND OTHERS

SPECIALS FOR DECEASED SERVICE MEN

ARAPAHO FLAG SONG CAME FROM WYOMING

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.