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MYRTLE KINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: OLD TIME SONGS; MYRTLE'S LANDS AND HOW IT HAS BEEN USED, LEASED, AND DIVIDED; KINSHIP BEHAVIOR; EATING DEER; PLAYING POKER

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

SCALP DANCE SONGS

WAR SONGS AND MYRTLE'S SONS IN THE SERVICE

RABBIT DANCE SONG

MYRTLE'S ALLOTMENT AND DISPOSITION OF USE OF MONEY FROM LAND SALE

MYRTLE'S HUSBAND'S FARMING

MYRTLE DEEDING HER LAND TO HER CHILDREN

LIVING WITH HER HUSBAND'S AUNT AND KINSHIP BEHAVIOR

MORE ON LAND USE AND LEASING

INCOME FROM LAND LEASE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH LEASE MEN

DEER KILLED RECENTLY AND HOW UTILIZED AND COOKED

TEASING A GROWN-UP "GRANDSON"

GRANDPARENT-GRANDCHILD TERMS OF ADDRESS

RECREATION: PLAYING POKER

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 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.