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JENNIE MEDICINE ELK, CHEYENNE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: OLD TIME STORIES; SCHOOL EXPERIENCES; MARRIAGE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

JENNIE'S MARRIAGE TO JAMES MEDICINE ELK

CHEYENNE MARRIAGES LONG AGO

JEALOUSY AMONG CO-WIVES

TUPI FURNISHINGS

COOKING

SCHOOL AT CANTONMENT

SCHOOL AT CONCHO

CHILDBIRTH

NAMING OF CHILDREN

EAR-PIERCING CEREMONY

EXPERIENCES WITH THE INDIAN CLINIC IN CANTON

AVOIDANCE OF JOKING IN RELATIONSHIPS

MARY MEDICINE ELK AND THE CLINIC IN CANTON

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jennie Medicine Elk was born March 11, 1911. She lives near Canton, Oklahoma. Her father, Jay Black, was keeper of the sacred arrows for a long time, and her husband, Jim, a Northern Cheyenne, now has possession of them. Jennie went to school at Cantonment and Concho Indian school.