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ANNIE PEDRO, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: REMINISCENCES OF CHILDHOOD AND LIFE IN THE  
OLD DAYS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES IN THE OLD DAYS  
TIPIS AND CAMP LIFE  
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION  
NAMING CUSTOMS  
FOODS EATEN IN OLD DAYS  
SCHOOL DAYS  
LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL  
FARMING AND STOCK RAISING DONE BY HER FATHER  
ANIMALS AND FISH EATEN  
ANNIE'S MARRIAGE AND EARLY MARRIED LIFE  
VISITS TO WYOMING ARAPAHOS  
SUN DANCES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES  
PEYOTE RELIGION  
BEADWORKING: HOW LEARNED AND ARTICLES MADE  
BEADED CRADLES  
BEADED ITEMS: MOCCASINS, COMB CASES, LEGGINGS, AND  
BUCKSKIN DRESSES  
LEATHER AND INDIAN TANNED HIDES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Annie Pedro was born around 1881. Her father was Hinen-nich or "Man-with-an-arrow." Her mother died when she was small. Annie's Indian name is Hawahaa-nisei, or "Ponça Woman." She attended boarding school at Darlington from the age of about six till she was eighteen. Her father was an Indian policeman during part of this time. Annie married John Pedro, an Arapaho man prominent in peyote activities, and assisted him many times when he conducted meetings. They had several children but all are now dead except one son, John Pedro, Jr. For a number of years Annie has been living with her son and his family who make their home on land which had belonged to one of her parents. It is located 5 miles north and 2½ miles west of Calumet. At the time of these interviews Annie Pedro was in good health for her age, and mentally alert. She was somewhat shy and self-conscious about being interviewed. She speaks and understands English well, though she speaks Arapaho often with her son and daughter-in-law.

CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES IN THE OLD DAYS

(Were your brothers all real good to you?)

Yeah. They were all good to me.

(What kind of things did they do?)