A new book was recently published about Navajo women by former faculty Bob McPherson. It's based on oral history interviews conducted thirty years ago with elders born in the 1920s who shared about their traditional practices as women in Monument Valley 100 years ago.

Description from the Author:

Have you ever wondered what life was like for women living in Monument Valley one hundred years ago? What did it take to wrest a livelihood from a high desert environment? What traditional practices helped people through difficult times in life? And how about different historical events like the Long Walk, first automobile, uranium mining, and tourism. In Navajo Women of Monument Valley, Preservers of the Past, one can catch a glimpse of what that very different world was like. Based on oral history interviews conducted thirty years ago with elders born in the 1920s, this book by Bob McPherson will not only provide a glimpse into answering these questions, but help readers understand the rich heritage that sprang from an often challenging life. A primary concern of the women who shared their life story was that the younger generation become aware of what it meant to follow traditional practices. This book is dedicated to doing just that.