

If you can help me I shall be deeply grateful. And when I have followed down some of the results of Sand Creek and done a little detective work about who murdered Soule and whether Cannon, who arrested Soule's murderer and who had testified, as did Soule, against Chivington, was murdered or committed suicide, I'll give you the facts--if you're interested. I once wrote detective stories before I turned to novels and then to history, but I've never come across a plot like this one. It means endless research, in Washington and in Denver, but some day, if I live long enough, I'll get the story.

May I thank you for the pleasure your books have given me, particularly the SANTA FE TRAIL?

Very truly yours,

*Dorothy Gardiner*

I might identify myself further by saying that I grew up in Boulder, Colorado, and got my first training in the study of History under Dr. Willard, who was the first man in the West to make me realize that there really was History west of the Missouri. My father was the first head of the Biology Department in Boulder.