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Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Miss Gilpin:

I am sure you will recognize my name, since you grew up in Colorado Springs. I am the son of Herbert Sommers who was the owner of Sommers Market Co. It seems to me that you and Dad did business on some turkeys that you and a friend raised somewhere in the Woodland Park area. He always thought that your turkeys, like your pictures, were of a superior quality.

When you were at a slide show of your photographs a few years ago at the Fine Arts Center, I wanted to come forward, introduce myself and visit with you, but I realized that there were many people clamoring for your attention, so I didn't pursue the visit.

One of the reasons that I have wanted to write this letter for some time is to tell you that over 50 years ago my father had your father make him a white oak book case in his cabinetshop which was in the alley behind the old Lincoln School at Cascade and Vermijo. We lived right across the alley from the shop at the house (it still stands) which my grandfather built in 1898 at 14 W. Costilla. The bookcase was (and is) a magnificent piece of craftsmanship. In 1928 when Mother and Dad moved out to Broadmoor the bookcase came with them and I remembered that a double hung window had to come out of its frame to get the bookcase into the house. In 1972 Dad had to be taken to a nursing home and Mother to a small apartment. Later the house was sold, but not the bookcase. We reserved the fireplace tools and the bookcase from the sale and some few months later the bookcase went out the window after 45 years and it is now installed in my basement, once again fulfilling the mission that Dad had for it about 1925-6.

When you return to Colorado Springs we would be glad to show you this fine bookcase if you will contact us. I always think of you and your father when we gaze fondly on it. I hope that my son or daughter will have the same fond thoughts for it that I have had for 50 years and that they will try and preserve it as I have. My best wishes for your continued good health.

Yours very truly,

Bruce G. Sommers

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