



CATHERINE P. DITTMAN

*Artist — Librarian — Writer — Homemaker*

*Mrs. Dittman was born in Connecticut on March 4, 1904 and had her business career as an interior and architectural designer in New York and North Carolina.*

*She met Vance R. Dittman when he was attending Yale University and came to Colorado in 1941 when they were married. He was a Professor of Law at the University of Denver. They have been residents of Jefferson County since 1946, and Catherine has contributed in many areas of service to her adopted state. She has been a painter and sculptor, and, with Vance, she helped to found a very active environmental group in the foothills area.*

*She co-authored (with Helen N. Brush) a book entitled Indian Hills: The Place, the Times, the People, which was published in 1976. After her research of original sources for the book, she continued her work as an historian. Catherine does extensive and thorough research, preferring to use primary sources. Among others, she has traced the families of John Brisben Walker, George Morrison, and Thomas Bergen (of Bergen Park). Her writings have been published in The Canyon Courier and High Timber Times newspapers, as well as in the magazines Evergreen and Corridor West.*

*For Jefferson County, Mrs. Dittman researched all the historical information for the Mount Falcon Open Space Park and researched the history of the vanished town of Mt. Vernon, the site of the first Territorial Capital, where once stood the home of Territorial Governor R. W. Steele.*

*Catherine Dittman has added many original materials to the collections in the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library and the Jefferson County Historical Society. She was chosen for the Jefferson County Hall of Fame in 1980.*