

# Footprints in the Sugar

*The Company's history has come alive for me inasmuch as I have documented a segment of it. Charles Boettcher, John F. Campion, Chester S. Morey, Henry Osborne Havemeyer, and hundreds of others, are now a part of who I am; a part I will cherish forever. Thank you all for creating a fire inside me that could not be extinguished until this book was completed.*

- Candy Hamilton



**Footprints in the Sugar** is extensively researched and documented. While it is written as a story, it is actually a reference book. When one attempts to find other reference material about the Great Western Sugar Company, it is relatively easy to find information about the technology to make sugar and the best way to grow sugar beets, yet, there are only bits and pieces about the history of the Great Western Sugar Company.

**Footprints in the Sugar** pulls together the history of beet sugar, the founders of the company, the factories and their locations, immigrants and prisoners of war used as field labor, people who worked for the company, and the impact the Great Western Sugar Company had on the economy and agriculture of Colorado.

The four gentlemen who turned their vision for a beet sugar company into a reality at the beginning of the twentieth century were entrepreneurs ahead of their time. They established a company that dominated the beet sugar industry for nearly sixty years. When ownership of the company changed in 1965, it set in motion two decades of inept management and personal ulterior motives. The company that once influenced the entire beet sugar industry quickly fell from the summit to the abyss.

Candy Hamilton brings a passion and enthusiasm to her writing of “a history” of the Great Western Sugar Company. In the ten years it has taken for her to complete this work, she has demonstrated dedication to research and accuracy. She never lost her belief that this is a story that needed to be told.