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# BRUNSWICK HOTEL/ REED BUILDING

On this location in 1882 the Brunswick Hotel (originally the Crawford House) opened. At first it was a small, two-story building, but was expanded to a large, three-story structure with a mansard roof. It was owned by the Grand Junction Town and Improvement Company and was the residence of Grand Junction founder George Crawford until his death in 1891. The building and the adjoining Windsor Bar were torn down in 1901.

Colorado Springs mining magnate Verner Z. Reed built the bottom floor of this building in 1904. The second story was completed in 1908. Reed made many investments in Mesa County from 1900 to 1913. J.C. Penney department store occupied the building from 1912 to 1981. The Museum of Western Colorado opened its dinosaur museum, Dinosaur Valley, in the 1980s at this location.

