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BENGE'S SHOE STORE

Benge's store is the oldest shoe store in the state, possibly the oldest shoe store west of the Mississippi River. Founded in October of 1911, three generations of the Benge family have operated the business.

Founder Bertrand Benge moved from Winterset, Iowa, to Grand Junction in 1910. His son Harry joined him in the company in 1935 as a partner, and later became the owner. Bertrand's grandson Bruce Benge started as partner in 1975 and became the owner in 1977. The business originally started in a small building at 422 Main Street.

