

Our citizens were called upon today to pay their last respects to all that is mortal of our honored citizen, George A. Crawford. All differences were forgotten and friend and foe alike remembered that he was the founder of Grand Junction and that to his energies we are indebted for the location of this bright and beautiful young city. In intellect he was the peer if not the superior of any man in western Colorado, but physically, weak. He was possessed of a strong character which marked out his course through life. We remembered, too, that he was the recipient of many honors at the hands of his fellow men, in his former home, Kansas, and also from the highest authorities in the United States prior to his residence here. His disposition was always cheerful and his polite and gentlemanly bearing made him many friends whose hearts are sad today. We shall miss his familiar figure from our streets and his counsel in matters of public interest.

It was the regret of his dying days that he could not live to see the full realization of his hopes for Grand Junction. But before his death he had the satisfaction of seeing the place take such a start that it gave promise of all he had prophesied.

He is gone, and for the good that he has done in life and as a founder and builder of towns and cities, especially our own beloved city of Grand Junction, he will live in the memory of our people. And, as the years roll by and new people come in to make their homes with us, we will point to them his grave on yonder hill, and say: "Here lies the founder of Grand Junction."

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