

**PRESERVATION**

**Wayne Aspinall  
Federal Building/  
U.S. Courthouse**

400 Rood Avenue  
Grand Junction, CO

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The Aspinall FB/CT was designed in the Italian Renaissance Revival style by James Wetmore, Architect of the U.S. Treasury Department.

It was constructed in 1918 using Indiana Limestone and bricks from Denver. The large lobby extends almost the entire length of the building, ending at the original three-story curved staircase.

In the late 1930s, the Federal Works Agency's Section of Fine Arts commissioned Louise Emerson Ronnebeck to paint a mural, displayed at the opposite end. The painting titled "Peach Harvest", displays topography of the area and the peach harvest in Grand County.



Other historical features include the original western styled courtroom complete with wagon wheel light fixtures, ornamental staircase, original fir flooring in the upper floor corridors, marble wainscoting, terrazzo flooring in the restrooms, and the original maple flooring and skylights of the Post Office work room.

The building was renamed in 1973 to honor Wayne N. Aspinall, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for Colorado's 4th District from 1949-1973. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Aspinall FB/CT was modernized and energy efficient elements were installed, including photovoltaic solar panels, a geothermal heating and cooling system, and a high efficiency lighting system; making this local Colorado treasure one of the most efficient historic buildings in the country.

The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

