Henry Brown came to Denver in 1860 fully expecting to continue onto California; but he and his wife saw Denver’s potential and decided to go no farther. With careful planning and hard work, Brown managed to acquire sizable land holdings in and around Denver’s business district. In 1868, he donated a section of land to the territorial government for the building of the State Capitol.

In 1872, Brown became the owner of the *Denver Daily Tribune* and served in that role for three years. He was a charter member of the Denver Board of Trade, which later became the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. The Board of Trade brought the Denver Pacific Railroad to Denver through Cheyenne, Wyoming. Brown co-established the Bank of Denver, was involved in establishing the Denver City Library, and was generous to many philanthropic and charitable endeavors.

In 1892, he founded the Brown Palace Hotel, which became internationally known as one of the most exclusive hotels in the world. Some of it’s guests include: Presidents Taft, Theodore Roosevelt, Harding, Truman, Eisenhower, Romanian Queen Marie, Chinese President Sun Yat Sen, the “Unsinkable” Molly Brown and the Beatles. It is currently listed as one of the top 500 Greatest Hotels in the World.

Brown died in March 1906 at a hotel in San Diego, Calif. Brown leaves a legacy of courage and passion, remaining one of Denver’s most prominent pioneers of his time.

Located in Lot 74, Block 3, Row 2.