

Henry Adkins Smith

Henry Adkins Smith died at the home of Mrs. T. H. Johnston at Stillwater, Colorado on Sunday, October 20, 1918, aged 34 years, four months and twenty six days.

From an article in the Middle Park Times Friday October 25, 1918



Henry Adkins Smith was born May 24, 1884 at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado. He was the son of P. H. Smith, one of the pioneer residents of Grand County. He grew up to manhood and received his education in public schools. He was one of a pair of twins, Preston A. Smith, the other twin and elder of the two, was killed by having a horse fall on him near the Troublesome, May 28, 1908. His mother died when he was five years of age and very early in life these two boys went out in the world for themselves, and until the time that Preston was killed they always stuck together.

For a good many years Henry has made his home at Stillwater and called Mrs. Johnston mother. He was a successful ranchman and had considerable stock.

When he was younger, both he and Preston were the crack riders in the county, and there was a great deal of controversy amongst their friends as to which one was the better. Late years since he was operated on for appendicitis he had to quit the riding game. He was for several years the main man at the Grand Lake Stage Company, and was widely known as an expert horseman.



Rodeos were held on Grand Avenue. Here Clyde Eslick's twin uncles, Preston and Henry, calm a bronco. Horse races were also a part of the festivities.

Henry made three different attempts to join the army, but was refused on the account of some trouble with his heart. Having been drafted he was making every effort to go with the first Class A men of the new draft.

His death was due to pneumonia, the result of influenza contracted while shipping cattle to Denver three weeks ago. He is survived by his father, P H Smith of Grand Lake, Mrs. W J Thompson of Hot Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Georgia Eslick of Grand Lake, Mrs. Ralph Steinhardt of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, Mrs. Geneva Masterson of Aberdeen, SD and one brother, Edward B Smith of Grand Lake.

Henry was buried at Hot Sulphur Springs beside Preston, Tuesday, October 22nd. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. R. Hodges, the same minister who performed the service for the other brother, ten years ago.

Henry Smith was a self made man in the truest sense of term. The best evidence of his worth is the testimony of his friends that he was honorable, clean and straight forward; that he never failed to lend a helping hand to anyone in trouble or in need, and that he is mourned like a brother by many who had no blood relationship with him.

From Island in the Rockies by Robert C. Black, page 332 Chapter XIV

Grand County Fair was established October 1912. In 1913 the fair became a major event. Early in September a contract was given for the erection of permanent stables for the race horses and a large corral for the bucking stock. The Moffat Road offered reduced excursion fares.

A fancy riding bridle was added to the \$50 first prize money in the bronco riding. The winner this time was Henry Smith of Stillwater.

From an article in the Middle Park Times, March 6, 1914

Henry Smith of Stillwater was taken to St Luke's Hospital in Denver on last Tuesday evening's train, a victim of that dreaded modern day luxury, known as appendicitis. An effort was made by Dr. Rawls to convey him to the hospital on Friday afternoon of last week, but on account of the blockade on the railroad the train was turned back from Ranch creek and Henry was taken to Hot Sulphur Springs where he was taken care of and made as comfortable as possible until Tuesday afternoon. The operation was performed about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. At 12 o'clock noon of the same day it was stated that Henry had about an even chance for recovery. With his iron constitution, Henry's many friends in Grand County hope and believe that he will survive the ordeal and be fully restored to his normal health.

From Grand County Records

Know all men by these presents that Emerson H. Taylor by Henry A. Smith of the county of Grand in the State of Colorado party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One and no/100 dollars to him in hand paid by Henry A. Smith of the County of Grand, Postoffice Stillwater, in the state of Colorado, party of the second part, the receipt of which sum is hereby acknowledged, has granted, sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does grant, sell, assign and transfer unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all his right, title, interest and claim in and to the following described Stock Brand to wit:

BRAND	EAR MARKS (To be used in connection therewith.)
	

and which said above described is of record in the office of the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners of the State of Colorado.

Signed by Emerson H Taylor by Henry A. Smith

Notary seal in Denver on the 8th day of April 1914 by Maude I. Sullivan