



*Frank Smith, David Cook's most trusted friend, followed him throughout the west rounding up criminals as an R.M.D.A. detective, deputy city marshal and a deputy sheriff. Photograph from Dave Cook of the Rockies by Collier & Westrate*

Arapahoe County Deputy Frank Smith, was one of Sheriff's Cook's most trusted men. A cunning and courageous fugitive tracker, he was a crack shot. He endured a great deal of physical ailments in his later years leading to a premature death in 1881 generally thought to be attributed to the many rigors he endured during prolonged fugitive tracks. In order to catch a fugitive having a head start, he would ride day and night forgoing food, sleep and shelter for days at a time in all-sorts of weather.