

An Inventory of the Harold M. Dunning "Over Hill & Vale" Collection

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Title: An Inventory of the Harold M. Dunning "Over Hill & Vale" Collection

Author: Inventory prepared by Shirley Soenksen on 2009 March 20.

Dates: 1879-1971

Creator or Collector: Dunning, Harold Marion, 1891-1973.

Size: 3 linear feet; 4 boxes

Abstract:

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Scope and Content Note:

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Box 1 contains the manuscript and galley for volume II of *Over Hill & Vale*. It also includes various scribbled bits of information, presumably in H. M. Dunning's hand. The manuscript contains hundreds of typewritten pages, interspersed with relevant newspaper article detailing various towns, families and tales, all vaguely in alphabetical order (the A's seem to be together, the B's, etc.).

Box 1 also contains newspaper articles and features centered on Dunning and/or the Loveland Museum, taken from the *Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald*, the *Thompson Valley Sun*, the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Empire Magazine*.

Boxes 2-3 contain the manuscript for volume III of *Over Hill & Vale*. The manuscript includes pieces of *Over Hill & Vale*, alphabetized, and focused on people or incidents, most pages are typed, some are different drafts of the same story.

Box 4 contains includes a rough draft of Donald F. Brown's "Twenty Years in the Rockies" as well as some photographs.

Biography of Harold Marion Dunning:

The following information, listed on a piece of yellow paper by an unknown person, has been slightly edited.

Harold Dunning was born on May 28, 1891 and passed away on March 19, 1973. He was a historian, businessman, and ski buff. He founded the Loveland Museum which began as the "Pioneer Museum." He ran a shoe shop at 126 S. Lincoln Avenue in Loveland, Colorado. He attended the State Agricultural College (now Colorado State University). He recorded area history acquired during his 50+ years in 6 voluminous works, the most prominent being the 3-part

Over Hill & Vale. This 1500 page effort focused on North Colorado history, particularly that of Loveland, the Big Thompson Valley, Estes Park, and Rocky Mountain National Park. It is often regarded as "the most complete history of the region ever compiled."(1) and 2500 libraries in the region hold copies. He published five historical booklets, collected old pictures and items related to local history, and contributed greatly to the existence of the periodic "Stone Age Fair." He was called one of Loveland's "greatest natural resources," in possession of a "great store of personal knowledge" about nature, Indian lore and "old times he had known and known about" (2). Dunning was honored by Loveland Mayor Jean Gaines naming Thursday, March 2, 1972 "Harold Dunning Day." He wrote *The Rainbow by Moonlight*, another historical book. He made money during the Depression by selling 25,000 pinecone owls to Yellowstone National Park. *Over Hill & Vale* is a collection of reprinted articles Dunning wrote for "The Weekly Roundup."

Sources consulted by the unknown person who compiled the original biographical notes:

- (1). *Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald*, March 19, 1973.
- (2). *Thompson Valley Sun*, March 21, 1973.

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research.

Restrictions on Use: User is responsible for copyright compliance.

Preferred Citation: [Description of Item], University Manuscripts, Harold M. Dunning "Over Hill & Vale" Collection (SC 18), Archival Services, James A. Michener Library, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado.

Locations of Originals (if applicable):

Originals of some items are located at the Colorado State Historical Society.

Acquisition Information (if applicable):

Gift of [Harold M. Dunning].

Documentation relating to the acquisition is on file in Archives, RG 13 S1 F1.

Subjects:

Dunning, Harold Marion, 1891-1973.
 Larimer County (Colo.) -- History.
 Brown, Donald F.

Inventory:

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 1	Folder 0 – Finding Aid	Finding Aid
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 1	Loose	<i>Over Hill and Vale</i> , vol. 2. Manuscript.
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 1	Loose	<i>Over Hill and Vale</i> , vol. 2. Galley.
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 1	Clippings	Newspaper clippings

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 2	Loose	<i>Over Hill and Vale</i> , vol. 3. Manuscript with tabs A-L
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 3	Loose	<i>Over Hill and Vale</i> , vol. 3. Manuscript with tabs M-end
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 4	Genealogies	Genealogies of individuals.
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 4	"Twenty Years in the Rockies" by Donald F. Brown	Brown, Donald F. "Twenty Years in the Rockies" (rough draft). This manuscript was "retyped from the original by his daughter Miss Clarice M. Brown." Photocopy with editing marks. Original at the Colorado State Historical Society. An excerpt appears in "Experiences in Southern Colorado," <i>Colorado Magazine</i> , Jan. 1954, pp. 68-80.
Harold Dunning "Over Hill & Vale"	SC 18		Box 4	"Twenty Years in the Rockies" by Donald F. Brown	5 photographs Originals at the Colorado State Historical Society.