

## An Inventory of the Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection

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**Author:** Inventory prepared by Shirley Soenksen on 2009 January 20; revised from an undated original inventory compiled by Bryan Martinez.

**Dates:** 1974, 1999

**Creator or Collector:** Clyde M. Brundy

**Size:** 3 linear feet

**Abstract:**

This is a collection of materials relating to Clyde Brundy and his novel *High Empire*. Brundy was born in Greeley and attended Colorado State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Colorado). Much of the novel takes place in Greeley.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection consists of a rough draft, a readers proof and three signed copies of *High Empire* as well as news clippings.

**Biography of Clyde M. Brundy:**

Clyde M. Brundy was born in Greeley, Colorado in 1907 and raised on a cattle ranch in northeastern Weld County. At the age of ten he decided to become a writer and sold his first story when he was 17 years old. He attended school in Cornish, Colorado as well as Fullerton, California. He graduated from Greeley High School in 1929 and attended Colorado State Teachers College and the University of California at Berkeley but did not graduate from either institution. Brundy could not make a living as a freelance writer, so he turned to accounting, a career that lasted for 35 years. During those years he continued to write.

Although Brundy finished the manuscript for *High Empire* in 1965, he was unable to find a publisher willing to publish the book. In the early 1970s Brundy "read that Avon Publishing Company was looking for a western epic". After laying in a dresser drawer for several years, Brundy sent the manuscript to Avon Publishing Company. It was accepted and published in 1974.

Clyde M. Brundy passed away on May 16, 1999 at the age of 91.

Publications by Clyde M. Brundy include:

- Brundy, Clyde M. *High Empire*. New York: Avon Books, 1974.
- Brundy, Clyde M. *Grasslands*. New York: Avon, 1980.
- Brundy, Clyde M. *Prairielands of My Heart*. Greeley, CO: Clearwater Books, 1982.
- Brundy, Clyde M. *Call up the Morning*. New York: Avon, 1983.
- Brundy, Clyde M. *The Maverick Touch*. New York: Avon Books, 1988.
- Evans, Freeman (pseudonym). *Covered Wagons*. New York: Ballantine Books, 1984.

Articles by Clyde M. Brundy appeared in the following publications

- *American Forests*
- *Country Gentlemen*
- *Denver Post's* "Empire Magazine"

- *Good Housekeeping*
- *Greeley Tribune*
- *The Kansas City Star Magazine*
- *Nevada Magazine*
- *Town and Country News*
- Other regional and national publications

Sources consulted

Jackson, Bill. "Clyde Brundy, Local Author, Dies." *Greeley Tribune*, May 18, 1999, p. A6.

"Obituaries: Clyde M. Brundy." *Greeley Tribune*, May 18, 1999, p. A4.

Ruttum, Lynne. "Greeley Author has Million-sellers about the Area." *The Mirror* (University of Northern Colorado), Feb. 19, 1982, pp. 6, 15.

**Restrictions on Access:** The collection is open for research.

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**Acquisition Information (if applicable):**  
Gift of [Clyde M. Brundy] in 1989.

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

**Subjects:**

Brundy, Clyde. M., 1907-1999.  
Greeley (Colo.) – Fiction.  
Colorado – Fiction.  
Weld County (Colo.) – Fiction.

**Inventory:**

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box	Finding Aid	Finding Aid
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box 1	<i>High Empire</i> – Rough Draft	Rough draft with corrections of <i>High Empire</i> , pp. 1-603.
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box 2	High Empire – Paperback Copies	<i>High Empire</i> . 3 paperback copies with signatures
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box 2	High Empire – Reader's	<i>High Empire</i> . Reader's Proof.

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Empire" Collection				Proof	
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box 2	Clippings	Ruttum, Lynne. "Greeley Author has Million-sellers about the Area." <i>The Mirror</i> (University of Northern Colorado), Feb. 19, 1982, pp. 6, 15. 1 original and 1 photocopy.
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box 2	Clippings	Bieda, Tony. "High Empire's Sales Defy Book's Quality." <i>The Summer Mirror</i> , July 11, 1974, p. 8. Photocopy.
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box 2	Clippings	<i>Greeley Tribune</i> , May 18, 1999, p. A6. Photocopy.
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box 2	Clippings	"Obituaries: Clyde M. Brundy." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , May 18, 1999, p. A4. Photocopy.
Clyde M. Brundy "High Empire" Collection	SC 20		Box 2	Clippings	"Obituaries: Clyde M. Brundy." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , May 18, 1999, p. A4. Photocopy.