



Figure 1: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy\\_Clyde](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy_Clyde)

**Andrew Allan Clyde**, known as **Andy Clyde** was born on March 25, 1892 in Scotland. He was a versatile and dedicated actor with a gift for creating eccentric characters of all ages. He had a successful career as a comedian in a number of genres including short-subject movies, full-length films, radio, and television. His acting career lasted over thirty-four years.

He was born to a family of actors, agents, etc., but his first real break came in 1921 as a Mack Sennet comic in silent films. There he met and married a Mack Sennet bathing beauty, Elsie Maud Tarron. They remained married until his death.

Clyde transitioned to “talkies” in 1932. He spent another decade or so in comedic “shorts” and feature-length films.

In 1948, Clyde was cast as William Boyd’s eccentric old sidekick, “California Carlson,” in the *Hopalong Cassidy* radio shows (transcribed from 1948-1950 for Mutual), based on Boyd’s hit series. When the series went to television, Clyde went too (1950-1952).

By the mid-1950s, Clyde had moved permanently from the big screen to television. He appeared in a wide range of television shows including *Studio 57*, *Soldiers of Fortune*, *My Little Margie*, *Lassie*, *The Tall Man*, *The Real McCoys*, *Wagon Train*, *The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin*, *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Gunsmoke*, and *No Time for Sergeants*. He worked in television until his death in 1967.

He is buried in Glendale, California. Andy Clyde has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his work in film.



Figure 2: <http://projects.latimes.com/hollywood/star-walk/andy-clyde/>

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[Andy Clyde' gravesite](#)