



Willis M. Rue (1908-1991)

Willis M. Rue was a native of East Orange, New Jersey where most of his formative years were spent with pen, pad and brush. Will was a graduate of Yale School of Fine Arts at New Haven, Conn. and was fortunate to have studied and later worked with world famous mural artist Eugene Savage.

During the pre-war years, Will devoted his time to farming and art, loving the land and animals as well as painting. During WWII, Will worked for the U.S. government in the capacity of Art Director at Camp Evans and Fort Monmouth in New Jersey.

After the war, Will opened his own art studio and specialized in Industrial portraiture. During these years of 1948 to 1959, Will traveled to the western states, where he fell in love with the scenic splendor of Arizona. In 1962, Will moved to Wickenburg Arizona where he painted up until his death.

Willis Rue is known for his Western, Native American and horse paintings.