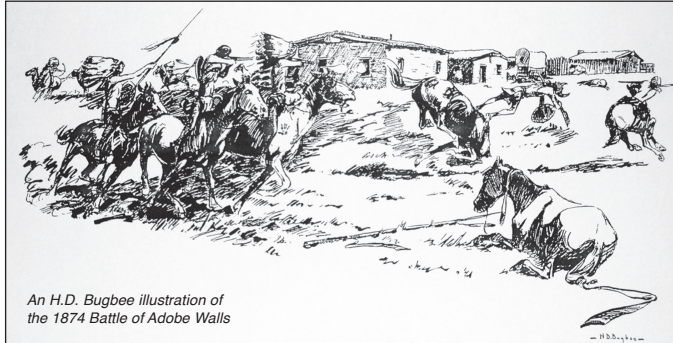


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An H.D. Bugbee illustration of the 1874 Battle of Adobe Walls

Harold Dow Bugbee

Harold Dow Bugbee was an American Western artist, illustrator, painter, and art curator of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas. Bugbee became the dominant artist of the Texas South Plains, inspired by his role model, Charles M. Russell of Montana, who had sketched and painted life of the northern Great Plains. Bugbee was born in 1900 in Massachusetts.

In 1914, Harold moved his family to Texas at the suggestion of his cousin, Hutchinson County cattleman T.S. Bugbee who owned of the Quarter Circle T Ranch, second oldest ranch in the Panhandle. After high school, Bugbee spent summers at the Taos art colony. He later attended the Cumming School of Art in Des Moines, Iowa. He was a prolific painter and left a large collection.

In 1951, Bugbee became the art curator for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. He held this part-time position for 12 for years until he died in 1963. ■

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