

Carl J. Smith

Carl J. Smith (b.1928-)

This Biography by Jack W. Rogers:

When Carl J Smith was becoming known in the Texas Panhandle in the 1950's, I bought about eight of his paintings through an Amarillo promoter named John L. McCarty. McCarty claimed that Smith was so shy that he would not talk with anyone except McCarty, so I never had the privilege of meeting him in person.

McCarty told me he was buying all of Smith's output at the time for about \$3.00 per panel, and he sold the larger (about 24X28) Masonite panels to me for \$125.00, and I think the smaller ones went for \$75.00. My first painting (and I wish I still had it) was completely monochromatic in orange, and featured a mounted cowboy viewing his range.

I believe a Hereford, Texas attorney, James W. Witherspoon, also collected several of Smith's early works. I eventually sold all of mine in about 1976 to a CPA in Hereford TX named Stanley Schaeffer.

#20 Lufkin City Hall – “The Long Trail”-Oil painting on canvas. A man, woman, two horses, mule and a dog in the snow. Signed