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**Raised in both Iowa and Kansas, George Phippen was a mid-west farmboy. He taught himself how to paint while serving in the military during World War II. He then moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he studied for three months with Henry Balink. Phippen began his professional career as a self-taught illustrator and a commercial artist. He started working with oil in 1948, while selling works for Christmas cards and calendars.**

**Phippen finally settled in Prescott and Skull Valley, Arizona, where he established a ranch, studio and foundry, and became a highly respected sculptor and painter of western genre. Best remembered for his bronze sculptures such as Cowboy in a Storm, Pippen was one of the founders and the first president of the Cowboy Artists of America.**

**One of his sculptures, "Wimpy," was commissioned by the King Ranch in Texas to commemorate its first registered Quarter horse. The work is in the collection of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.**

**#23 Lufkin City Hall – Oil on canvas. Gun fighter and rearing horse at night. Signed**