



Henri Julien Félix Rousseau was born in 1844 in France to the family of a tinsmith; where he was forced to work as a small boy. He was a self-taught post-impressionist painter, mostly known for his Naive and Primitive painting style.

He started painting in his early forties, and in less than 10 years retired from his job as a Toll and Tax collector and pursued art full-time.

Pablo Picasso once stumbled across a canvas painting of Rousseau's that was being sold to be painted over. Recognizing the original artist, Picasso went to meet him, and later held a banquet in his honor.

Rousseau retired in 1893 and took on part time jobs to supplement his pension, such as a playing violin in the street. His final painting was completed in 1910. In the same year, he ignored a leg condition he had, which was found to have gangrene. After operating he died from a blood clot on the 2nd of September, 1910, in Paris.





