JLG Telehandler

After retiring in the late 1960's, John L. Grove started on a cross country RV trip. After spending numerous years establishing his family built crane business with his brother, John had no idea that this trip would bring forth the rise of JLG Industries, Inc. The world leader of mobile aerial work platforms and precision material handling technologies was the end result of a road trip.

Whilst on their journey, John spent time talking to previous business contacts whom the Groves stopped to visit along the way. These conversations combined with a tragic event two workers being electrocuted on scaffolding when the Groves were visiting Hoover Dam John uncovered a substantial market for a product that could promptly and securely lift people in the air to accomplish maintenance and other construction services.

Upon returning from their travels, John established a partnership with two friends and acquired a metal fabricating business in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1970, starting operations with a crew of twenty employees, they manufactured and sold the first JLG aerial work platform. The business incorporates many of the basic design elements of that original lift into current models.

JLG lift trucks have come a long way since Mr. John L. Grove came back to town from his cross-country road trip and since the first aerial work platform debuted on the market. At present, the business proudly continues to expand itself into various marketplaces worldwide and develops new products to ensure clients are capable of being more efficient and perform in the workplace within a safer environment.