JLG Telehandler

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

While on their journey, John spent time conversing with 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 traveling to the Hoover Dam— John uncovered an infinite marketplace for a product that could promptly and securely elevate individuals in the air to accomplish upkeep and other construction functions.

Upon returning from their travels, John established a partnership with two friends and purchased a metal fabricating business in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1970, opening operations with a crew of twenty workers, they manufactured and sold the first JLG aerial work platform. The business incorporates some of the basic design elements of that original lift into existing designs.

Since then, JLG Forklifts have come a great distance from when Mr. John L. Grove returned from his fatefull cross-country journey and since the first JLG aerial platform entered the marketplace. As of today, the company has extended itself into quite a few international marketplaces and continues to cultivate contemporary machines to guarantee that clients are able to become safer and more resourceful within their workplace.