JLG Telehandler

In the late 1960's John L. Grove, with his wife Cora embarked on on a cross country trip in their RV. Recently retired, after spending numerous years working with his brother to build their crane company into an market leader, John had no idea that important trip would allow JLG Industries, Inc to emerge. The world leader of mobile aerial work platforms and precision materials handling equipment was the end result of a road expedition.

Whilst on their journey, John spent time talking to past business contacts whom the Groves stopped to see 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 discovered an infinite marketplace for a product that could swiftly and safely elevate people in the air to accomplish upkeep and other building functions.

After their return from holiday, John set up a business with two of his friends and bought a metal fabrication company in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. Starting with a small crew of twenty staff, they fashioned and sold their first JLG aerial work platform in 1970. The business incorporates many of the simple design elements of that original lift into current designs.

Since then, JLG Forklifts have come a long way from when Mr. John L. Grove came back from his fatefull cross-country trip and since the first JLG aerial platform entered the marketplace. As of today, the company has expanded itself into many different international marketplaces and continues to develop new equipment to ensure that clients are able to become safer and more resourceful within their workplace.