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## BELL FARM

John A. Bell, Sr. was the fourth generation of Bells to reside in the Pittsburgh suburb of Carnegie where the first John Bell settled in 1768. Orphaned as a child, Bell found work as a store clerk at age 16 and at 21, acquired interest in a local flour mill. Bell became well known in the Carnegie community, counting among his friends those active in Allegheny County politics.

In 1888, a year after selling the mill, Bell was appointed chief clerk to the county treasurer. He was later elected County Treasurer and served from 1891 through 1894, after which, he entered the banking business. Bell soon extended his business interests into oil and coal, becoming Western Pennsylvania's largest independent coal operator with 20,000+ acres of coal fields, two Great Lakes docks and nine mines that he consolidated into the Carnegie Coal company. At the same time, Bell was president of six area banks and owner of the 1,100-acre Bell Dairy Farm in Moon and Findlay townships where his extraordinary knowledge of pedigrees enabled him to develop a prize-winning Holstein herd.





Following his 1908 graduation from Princeton University, John A. Bell Jr. was sent to Oklahoma where he remained for the next six years overseeing his father's oil interests before being called home to help with family businesses. Bell Sr.'s reported intention was to make his only son Western Pennsylvania's "coal king".

After returning to Carnegie in 1914, Bell Jr. married Nelly Waite with whom he would have four children: Dorothy Bell Evans, John A. Bell III, Jean Bell Snyder and Reynolds Waite Bell. Bell Jr. and his young family lived in a fourteen-room home built for them by his father on the Bell Estate in Carnegie and in 1923, Bell Sr. transferred the deed of his prized dairy farm to his son.