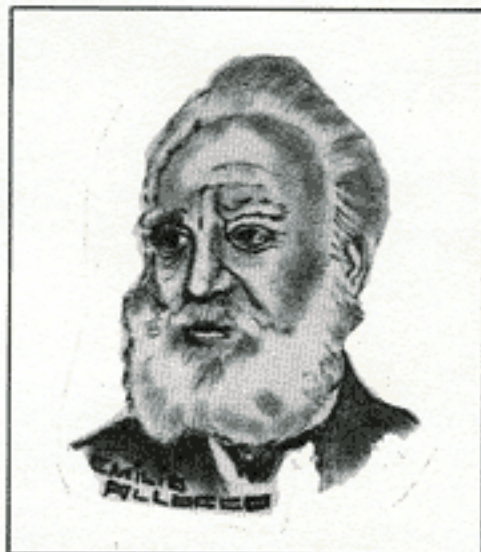


## AMERICA THE GREATEST®

America is the greatest nation in the world because she has allowed her citizens the opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness." Citizens such as  
**ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL.**

- Born:** March 3, 1847 (Pisces)  
the second of three sons,  
in Edenburgh, Scotland.
- Died:** August 2, 1922
- Father:** Alexander Melville Bell,  
teacher of deaf students.
- Mother:** Eliza (Grace) Symonds,  
artist.
- Accomplishment:** Inventor of the telephone.



**ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL**

Alexander Graham Bell was born and raised in Edenburgh, Scotland. His father was an internationally renowned teacher of the deaf, who developed a method of deaf communication called "Visible Speech." Because of this background, Alexander developed an intense desire to teach and improve the life of the deaf. This became a life-long mission; actually, the development of the telephone occurred as an offshoot of Bell's studies on deafness. In 1866, Bell carried out a series of experiments dealing with the production of vowel sounds utilizing electronically-driven tuning forks. He thus locked onto the concept of speech carried over a wire. The year 1870 was one of tragedy for the Bell family, as Alexander's two brothers died from tuberculosis. For his health, Alexander came to North America, landing in Quebec. On August 1, 1870, he moved to Boston to begin teaching at Miss Sarah Fuller's School for Deaf Children. Bell set up a small laboratory at 109 Court Street, Boston, hired an assistant, Thomas A. Watson, and continued to develop the telephone. On March 10, 1876, Bell transmitted the first complete intelligible message, "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you." (It is rumored this message was transmitted after Bell accidentally spilled battery acid on his leg.) On March 7, 1876, the historic first telephone patent (174,465) was issued to Alexander Graham Bell, and on July 9, 1877, the Bell Telephone Company was formed.

A nation is as great as the sum total of the greatness of its individuals. America offers her people more opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness" than any other nation on earth. I challenge you to develop yours!

Today we honor ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL. Tomorrow could we honor you?

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