



GLENN CURTISS

Innovator (1878 - 1930)

Curtiss was the founder of the U.S. aircraft industry. He began building engines for airships in 1904, and was a member of the Aerial Experiment Association - an organization founded by Alexander Graham Bell to research aircraft designs. Curtiss flew in the first officially witnessed flight in North America and made the first long-distance flight in the United States. His company, the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Company, is still manufacturing aircraft components to this day as the Curtiss-Wright Corporation.