

At an early age, Rockefeller *invested* in oil *refineries*. By 1900, he owned the Standard Oil Company. He also owned rail lines, steel mills, and steamship lines.

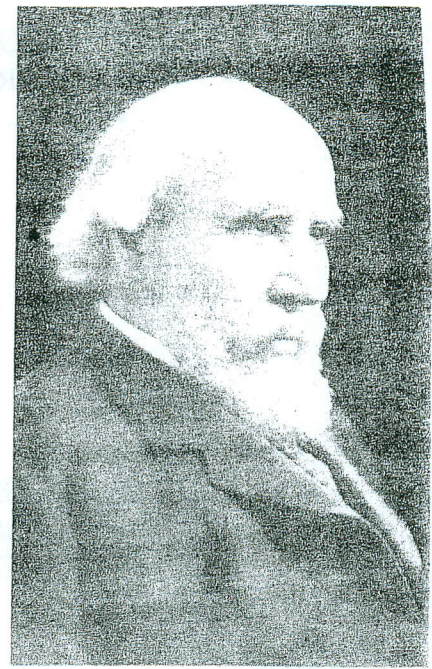
Late in life, Rockefeller gave away millions of dollars. His donations funded research and educational projects.

Cornelius Vanderbilt was another legendary businessman. Vanderbilt was a railroad *tycoon*. He bought small rail lines and combined them into one line. This saved travel time for passengers and freight shipments.

Vanderbilt also installed double railroad tracks for safety and speed. He replaced old iron rails and bridges with steel. These improvements helped industry develop by allowing businesses to move raw materials and goods more efficiently.

James J. Hill was another businessman interested in transportation. Hill built the Great Northern Railway. This system ran between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Seattle, Washington. Hill's railway helped farmers settle the Great Northwest region of America.

Hill also developed steamboat routes to the Orient. This allowed Northwest farmers and factory owners to sell their goods abroad.



James J. Hill

1. In what field did John D. Rockefeller make his fortune?

2. List three ways in which Cornelius Vanderbilt improved the nation's railroads.

3. What railroad did James J. Hill build?

4. What region did Hill's railway help settle?

5. Why did Hill develop steamboat routes to the Orient?

6. NAME SOME OTHER GREAT EARLY INDUSTRIALISTS AND THEIR BUSINESSES.