

Edward A. Deeds—Timeline
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1874 Edward Andrew Deeds born in Granville, Ohio

1897 Graduates from Denison University as valedictorian (class of 20 students)

1898 Joins Thresher Company in Dayton

1899 Joins NCR as Factory Engineer

1902 Leaves NCR to build the “Palace of Light” Shredded Wheat plant in Niagara Falls

1903 Returns to NCR as Assistant General Manager

1904 Deeds hires [Charles Kettering](#) from Ohio State University

1908 Kettering begins working in Deeds barn on ignition systems; Barn Gang is formed

1909 Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company (DELCO) incorporated /Kettering leaves NCR

1912 DELCO sells the self-starter sold to Cadillac

1913, March Dayton Flood

1913, May Deeds chairs Flood Prevention Committee, [Arthur Morgan](#) hired

1914 Ohio Conservancy Act Passed

1914 Deeds and Kettering found the [Engineers Club](#)

1915 Deeds resigns from NCR to run DELCO full time

1916 Deeds and Kettering sell DELCO to United Motors for \$9 million

1916 Deeds and Kettering incorporate Domestic Engineering Company (home lighting)

1916 Deeds and Kettering purchase the land that becomes McCook Field

1916 Deeds and Kettering incorporate Dayton Research Laboratories

1917 Helps to found Dayton Wright Airplane Company

1917 Conservancy District, leases Huffman Prairie to the Army (Wilbur Wright Field)

1917 Joins United States Army as Colonel and Chief of Aircraft production, resigns from DELCO

1918 Legal appeals closed; Miami Conservancy project construction begins

1922 Reorganizes 100 Cuban sugar farms into General Sugar Company

1923 Miami Conservancy project construction completed

1925 Becomes Chairman of Board of Niles Bement Pond (parent of Pratt & Whitney)

1928 Acquires the first private luxury airplane, Kingbird, a 10-passenger Ford Tri-Motor

1929 Builds 200-foot yacht, Lotosland, for more than \$1 million

1931 Returns to NCR as President

1938 Becomes a Director of National City Bank in New York

1942 Deeds Carillon Tower is built

1957 Retires from NCR

1960 Dies at the age of 86 and is buried at Woodland Cemetery