

Early Life Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on March 3, 1847. Telephone Alexander Graham Bell is best known for his invention of the telephone. Graham studied anatomy and physiology at the University of London but moved with his family to Quebec, Canada, in 1870. After receiving a patent on March 7, 1876, for transmitting sound along a single wire, he successfully transmitted human speech on March 10. While trying to discover the secret to transmitting multiple messages on a single wire, Bell heard the sound of a plucked string along some of the electrical wire. One of Bell's assistants, Thomas A. Watson, was trying to reactivate a telephone transmitter. Visible Speech illustrated how the tongue, lips, and throat are used to produce vocal sounds. Bell's telephone patent was one of the most valuable patents ever issued. In 1871, he began working with deaf people and published the system of Visible Speech that was developed by his father. Working with the Deaf Bell soon moved to Boston, Massachusetts.