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GEORGE BISSELL

George Bissell, a Wall Street attorney and broker, believed there was a great investment opportunity in oil. In 1854, he purchased the Hibbard Farm in Venango County, Pennsylvania and transferred the title to a corporation he formed, The Pennsylvania Rock Oil Co. In 1858, the corporation leased the Hibbard Farm to Seneca Oil of Connecticut to bore for oil. Seneca's well, the Drake, was the discovery well of the great Pennsylvania Oil Field. Bissell moved to Pennsylvania and with partners successfully invested millions in the early oil industry.



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