



1853 CAYLEY GLIDER

In 1853, Sir George Cayley, after a long career in early aviation, built a large gliding machine and coaxed his willowly coachman into testing the device. The darn thing flew but the coachman, as the story goes, protested saying he was hired to drive a coach and NOT to risk his life flying a glider. Building his first aerial device in 1796, many consider Cayley the first person to truly understand the underlying principles and forces of flight.