



# TITAN

THE LIFE OF

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Rockefeller Institute  
General Education Board  
Rockefeller Foundation  
Laura Spelman K. Memorial  
Today worth \$1.4 B

Bill Elyja - Nancy Brown  
his mistress - two families  
Richford, N.Y.  
poverty

J.D. partner in Cleveland  
produce business  
Clark, Gardner and company

Wired a \$200 substitute for trial W.  
1862 - Ketchel and Gardner - made  
lots of money off of C.W. P71

Rock confrontation with  
Empire and Penn Railroad  
1877

Dec 1877 - Standard Oil  
had become the railroad  
industry (205)  
Then pipelines -

Religion - invoked  
fears when putting  
together Standard Oil



Random House papers - I talked -  
spent a day at Rock. Archive Center

b. 1839 d. 1937

J.D. - his evangelical baptism - du passkey  
his father William Avery - what was his reputation  
Bergamist - William Livingston of Freeport (other name)

Harsh business tactics, balanced by no drinking/smoking/womanizing  
deeply involved in temperance work (p 121)

Lockefeller Institute - medical - Simon Flexner - made an visit  
415

"Success comes from keeping the ears open and the mouth closed"  
p 114

Lock - Law of the officer (178)

MARCH 3, 1917 - Largest intra family transfer of money in history <sup>623</sup>

Ida Tarbell

p 208 - Gilded age - govt. / business relationships  
Allan Nevins - found only one instance of corruption  
1892 - 17 individuals controlled majority of stock in 20 companies

p 333

What was oil originally used for - When was the auto invented?

Review of 1893 - Awakened Rock. to public responsibilities of  
wealth - p 338

Henry Demarest Lloyd - Wealth Against Commonwealth p 339  
passed out d.c. politicians - 4 printings - Atlantic Monthly

Believed in inevitable collapse of capitalism

1897 - Rock. walks away from empire (he's 56)



alopecia - altered his appearance  
retired 1890 - Mister money bags

Pocantico Hills  
a jagged ridge Kykuit Hill - eye-cut  
no tobacco / alcohol  
wanted to live to 100  
Golf  
Chew food 10 times  
food not hot  
milk

1893 - hair loss or alopecia  
digestion problems

1904 - Cettin - stroke (mild -) Tarbell's series in  
McClure Mag

The story of the "widow Backus" - Tarbell

1892 - bought 22 of 26 competition in Cleveland

Sherman Anti Trust Act 1890

Created U. of Chicago



Wanted to live to be 100 - took daily table spoon of (632)  
olive oil  
round of golf.

Women - because retold - afterwards can ride (634)  
honky punky - hands under blankets  
"old rooster" corns on the table

Junior - Riverside church - more liberal  
Grand Teton National Park  
Versailles - 1 mil.  
Williamsburg 55 million  
MOHA - 181 out works in 1935  
The Cloisters

Both Flaeger and J. P. hired civil war substitutes <sup>107</sup>  
What were the railroad rebates - Were they illegal

Lloyd and Tarbell exposé led to the breakup of Standard Oil  
Ingier was too sympathetic - It was read by Tarbell P1618

Look - two postures - God and golf

He passed out between 29,000 and 30,000 coins

1905 - Lee approached William Ingier (p615)

May 1917 - Played Golf to Lee, 1920 - interview 1 hour  
480,000 words

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1896 - \$256,000 to William McKinley's Campaign  
2,300 to Mark Hanna

Dear Brian -

Interviewer extraordinaire.

Fresh from the dirt!!

Best -

John A. Gronow

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