

## Growing Up Carnegie



**A**ndrew was born on November 25, 1835 in Dunfermline, Scotland. He was welcomed into the world by his mother, Margaret, and father, Will, in a tiny cottage.

The Carnegies were working-class people. Will was a master weaver. He created the finest **damask** linens upon handlooms. Margaret took care of the family.

Andrew's father, grandfather, and uncles were Chartists. They fought for the rights of Scotland's workers. From them, Andrew learned the importance of treating workers fairly. He also learned to dislike people who inherited wealth and privilege.

*Andrew was born in this cottage in Dunfermline, Scotland.*



Growing up, Andrew explored the ruins of the Scottish countryside. He listened to his family spin tales of Scotland's heroes. Andrew didn't show an interest in school until he



*Andrew explored the lakes and mountains of the Scottish countryside.*

was eight, but he always had a head for business. When asked to fetch water for his family daily, Andrew found a way to be first—he cut in line! When he needed money to feed his pet rabbits, he had a plan. He'd name them after friends who brought them food and water.

Life was good for the Carnegies until new, steam-powered looms put Will out of work. The Carnegies struggled to pay bills. Margaret repaired shoes and opened a store in their front room. But, it wouldn't be enough.

### Did You Know...



Every year, Andrew could only look through the gates of Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline, Scotland on the one day it was open to the public. Because Andrew's uncle spoke against the park's owner for not opening the park year round, Andrew was forbidden to enter. When Andrew made his fortune, he bought the park and opened it up to the public.