

Philo T. Farnsworth

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Adopted Hoosier, Philo Farnsworth, declared at the early age of six, his intentions to become an inventor. By the time Farnsworth was 16 years old, he had outlined the concept of the color television set. At age 21, Farnsworth made his first TV transmission from a San Francisco laboratory. Farnsworth moved to Fort Wayne in 1938, where he secured enough financial support to further his experiments.

In 1939, he and his associates purchased Cape Automatic Phonograph which became the Cape Farnsworth Company until it was acquired by ITT. He has been called the "father of modern television", and he's collected over 160 patents in the field of electronics and nuclear fusion.