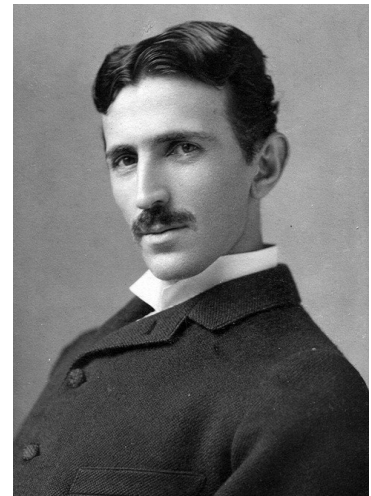


NIKOLA TESLA AND HIS SECRET NOTEBOOK

Nikola Tesla died at age 86 of natural causes. At the time, he was living at the New Yorker Hotel. After receiving news of his death, his nephew, Sava Kosanovic, rushed to his hotel. It was then that he discovered his uncle's body had been removed, and someone had taken technical papers, as well as a black notebook, from his personal safe.

Some of the missing papers were believed to include hundreds of pages of notes, many of them marked "government." It was 1943, and America was still in the midst of World War II. The Office of Alien Property hurriedly confiscated two truckloads of Tesla's documents from various locations so they wouldn't fall into enemy hands.

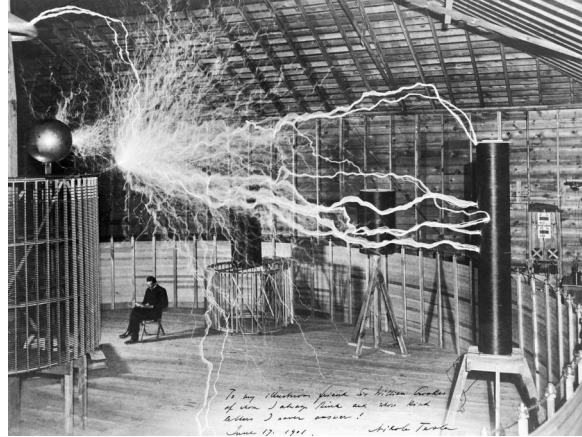
Nikola Tesla was one of the most prolific inventors in modern history. He was born in Croatia and exhibited an early interest in technology. He studied electrical engineering and physics in France in the 1870s. It was there that he conceived the concept of the alternating current (AC) power distribution system.



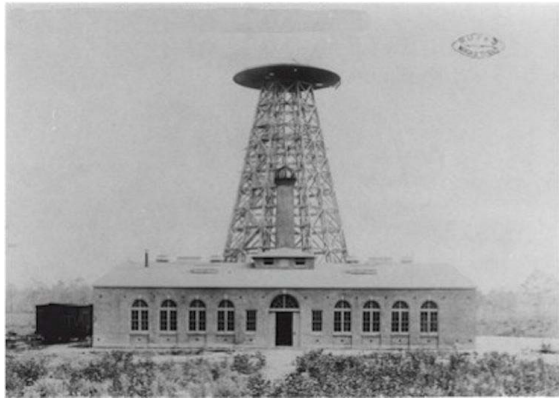
Soon after, he moved to the United States to work for the famous inventor Thomas Alva Edison. Ultimately, Tesla disagreed with Edison on the method for distributing electricity and left the company so he could further develop his concepts of alternating current motors and power distribution systems. He Tesla won out and his alternating current inventions ushered in the modern age of electricity and are arguably the foundation of the modern world we live in today.

He was awarded around 300 patents. In the 1890s, one particular technology that consumed him was the wireless transmission of power. In 1899, Tesla traveled to Colorado Springs to

perform wireless experiments. He created structures in a barn that included large coils and a mast that held a metal ball high in the air. He was able to create very high that resulted in spectacular electrical discharges. At one point, Tesla's experiments in Colorado Springs blew the local generators and cast the city in darkness. Tesla fixed the generators himself and continued his experiments.



Tesla returned to New York in 1900 and, with the financial backing of American banker J.P. Morgan, began working on a facility on Long Island, New York, that he called



Wardenclyffe. The facility included a power plant and a large tower that stretched more than 180 feet into the sky. The facility was intended to link the major telegraph offices around the world and act as a worldwide communications hub. When Tesla

performed initial tests on the incomplete tower, he found that it was not working as expected. Ultimately, he ran out of funds to complete his work. The facility was sold to pay off Tesla's debts, and the tower was dismantled.

Tesla claimed he would be able to transmit power wirelessly worldwide. Although his notes of his Colorado Springs experiments were published in 1976, no one has been able to reproduce what he said could be done. The building at Wardenclyffe was purchased in May 2013 by a group of scientists and Tesla enthusiasts who plan to convert it into the Science Center and Museum. To this day, Tesla's alleged missing papers have never been found.