

Lewis Howard Latimer, who was a patent expert, a draftsman, and an inventor, made the first drawing of the telephone. However, the telephone was patented in 1876 by Alexander Graham Bell. In 1881, Latimer invented and patented a method of making carbon filaments for Edison's lightbulb. Latimer worked and made patents for Maxim Weston (Westinghouse) and Edison Electric (General Electric) Companies.