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··(Mark Charles Honeywell)?,??, Wabash ? 1891 ?

Mark Charles Honeywell (December 29, 1874 - September 13, 1964) was an American electronics industrialist. He co-initiated the eponymous corporation Honeywell and was its first president and CEO (1927-1933).

Honeywell spent his childhood growing up in Wabash, Indiana, and Florida. He had various jobs during his younger years, including working in the citrus and bicycle businesses, and in his father's Wabash mill. He graduated from Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1891.

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