The Roller Coaster

On March 8, 1848, the builder of the world’s first roller coaster was born. La Marcus Thompson who is often called the “Father of the Gravity Ride, created the first gravity-powered roller coaster in the U.S. at Coney Island New York. La Marcus was a natural mechanic. At the age of 12, he designed a butter churn and an oxcart his roller coaster paved the way for future rides such as Space Mountain at Disney World.