



J.P. Bickell

McIntyre Porcupine Mines Ltd.

John Paris "Jack" Bickell was a millionaire by the age of 30. He took over the gold mining company of McIntyre Porcupine Mines Ltd. and used the Grumman's to commute from Toronto to his various business interests.

Bickell donated his first G-21A c/n 1013, to the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in 1939 replacing it with c/n 1061, which he sold later to the RCAF in 1940. His commitment to helping the war effort was also demonstrated when he went to England to work with Lord Beaverbrook (G-73 c/n J-13) in London on matters of aircraft production and ultimately became President of **Victory Aircraft**. The second G-21A was replaced in turn by the G-44 Widgeon (CF-BVN c/n 1240) which is believed to have been based at Malton, Ontario (the primary Victory Aircraft factory) from 1942 until 1945. Bickell's role in allied munitions production probably facilitated the export of the G-44 in 1941.

The registration CF-BKE was used on the original G-21A and later used on the G-73 (c/n J-2), which was delivered in September 1946.



Grumman G-44 Widgeon (c/n 1240) CF-BVN