

Support and Inspire the Future of Manufacturing: Honor a Manufacturing Innovator, Advocate, or Educator in New Exhibit

The American Precision Museum recently launched an exciting new interactive digital exhibit called “The Manufacturing Ledger” that is accessible online and will soon be integrated into an engaging physical exhibit at the museum. “The Manufacturing Ledger” is a dynamic collection of stories and profiles about individuals whose career was spent in manufacturing – whether the person’s career was spent on the shop floor, engineering department, sales department, or in the corporate boardroom.

“The Manufacturing Ledger” embraces the “people” aspect of the manufacturing history, which will allow the American Precision Museum to tell the full narrative of manufacturing by providing a well-designed framework and functional platform to relay sponsored profiles and pictures of an infinite number of individuals. The museum welcomes anyone from a variety of manufacturing career categories to be included in the Ledger: Machine Tool Builder, Machine Tool Distributor/Importer, Manufacturer, Educator, and Industry Advocate (such as Associations, Media).

Interacting with the exhibit is easy and cross-referenced, allowing visitors to sort profiles by industry sector, job function, name, and company so visitors can find former co-workers and learn more about their career paths. There are also search functions to locate those who founded a company and those who invented a technology used in manufacturing. Visitors can also search by various lifetime achievement awards from participating associations, such as the AMT (Association for Manufacturing Technology), NTMA, PMPA (Precision Machined Products Association) and WiM (Women in Manufacturing) as well as members of the Machine Tool Hall of Fame.

Participating in The Manufacturing Ledger supports the American Precision Museum financially and physically. Contributing your story, or that of a family member, friend, colleague, mentor, or educator enriches the content of the exhibit itself, while financial donations sponsoring each profile helps fund the museum, which holds the largest collection of historically significant machine tools in the nation, housed in an 1846 armory building, designated a

National Historic Landmark. The museum’s goals are to preserve, present, and interpret its artifact collections and property; to inspire new generations of innovators; and to build communities that foster a strong manufacturing future.

“The American Precision Museum is home to remarkable manufacturing breakthroughs,” states Lee Morris, Chairman of Morris Group, Inc. “To produce precise, interchangeable rifle componentry, engineering innovators replaced manual filing and fitting with water-powered, metal cutting machine tools of their own design. It is doubtful that these engineers had any idea of the impact of their creativity. They were at the forefront of a manufacturing revolution, but their individual stories are mostly lost. The progress of every decade since, is the product of people thinking, creating,

and improving in response to perceived opportunity. The story is repeated time and again. It’s the people behind manufacturing innovations who are so compelling. Along with the machinery that they have created, we also need to collect, share, and preserve personal stories of the manufacturing innovators who have so strongly influenced the United States throughout the years.”

To begin the process of contributing your unique manufacturing story, or to honor someone you know who put their heart and soul into their career, go to “The Manufacturing Ledger” at ledger.americanprecision.org.

For further information, contact Steve Dalessio, (802) 674-5781, ledger@americanprecision.org at the American Precision Museum.



Screen Capture of “The Manufacturing Ledger’s” Search Tool, allowing visitors to sort by industry sector, lifetime achievement awards, or inventors and founders. Visitors can also search by name, company and job function.



Example Profile of an individual who earned a lifetime achievement award from the Association of Manufacturing Technologies and worked in several industry sectors categorized as being both a founder of a manufacturing company, as well as an inventor.