ASM International
Historical
Landmarks
1972-2019





The World's Leading Association Serving the Materials Industry. In 1969, the ASM Historical Landmarks Designation was established to permanently identify the many sites and events that have played a prominent part in the discovery, development, and growth of metals and metalworking. In 1987, the scope of this award broadened to include all engineered materials.

#### The 2019 Historical Landmarks are:

FERRERIA MIRANDAOLA IRONWORKS
PRATT & WHITNEY CASTING LABORATORY. 2019 Hartford, CT "For the development and industrialization of directionally solidified columnar grain and single crystal casting alloys and processes for use for gas turbine engine components."
Other Historical Landmarks:
ELECTRIC FURNACE
GRAPHITE REACTOR
FIRST CONTINUOUS SHEET ROLLING MILL
LOCATION OF THE FIRST STEEL CONVERTER (Kelly Steel Converter)
CORNWALL IRON MINE AND FURNACE
WESTERN ELECTRIC—ALLENTOWN WORKS
ALL-WELDED TEST BOILER DRUM
TREDEGAR IRON WORKS 1976 Ethyl Corporation, Richmond, Virginia

"Chartered in 1837, Tredegar Iron Works was a major supplier of armament to the Confederacy during the Civil War. The rolling mills turned out heavy iron plates for Confederate naval vessels, including the Merrimac."
CLIMAX MINE AND MILL COMPLEX
TREMONT NAIL COMPANY
OLD NEW-GATE PRISON AND COPPER MINE
IRON RANGES OF MINNESOTA
FORD TRI-MOTOR AIRPLANE 1976 Island Airlines, Port Clinton, Ohio "The first commercially successful all-metal aircraft, opened a new era in commercial aviation in the late 1920s."
ATLAS STEEL CONCAST MACHINE
LES VIEILLES FORGES ST. MAURICE
WATERBURY BRASS COMPANY MILL 1977 Waterbury, Connecticut "Constructed in 1846, it was the largest brass mill of its type in the United States."
BLAST FURNACE #1 Fundidora Monterrey, S.A., Monterrey, Mexico "First blast furnace in Latin America, built in 1902."
CRADLE OF ALLOY STEEL  Republic Steel Corporation, Canton, Ohio  "At this facility, constructed in 1907, United Steel Company (now LTV Steel Corporation) poured the first production heats of quality chromium-vanadium and chromium-molybdenum alloy steels."
FIRST BASIC OXYGEN FURNACES IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE Dofasco Melt Shop, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada "The first basic oxygen furnaces erected in the western hemisphere and put into production in 1954 for the production of top-blow, basic oxygen steel."

HYLSA, S.A., Monterrey, Mexico  "The world's first successful gas direct reduction plant for iron ore. It is the pioneer plant that opened an alternative route for economic steel making."
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, RIVER WORKS  Lynn, Massachusetts "The first American turbojet engine was built at this site and tested in April 1942."
GRUMMAN AEROSPACE CORPORATION
<b>#1 VACUUM INDUCTION MELTING FURNACE</b> Special Metals Corporation, New Hartford, New York "In 1952, first commercial vacuum induction melting furnace for production of superalloys."
AMERICA'S FIRST BESSEMER STEEL MILL 1979 Wyandotte, Michigan "Site of the Eureka Iron Works where the Bessemer converter was first used, in 1864, for the commercial production of steel in America."
EADS BRIDGE
DISCOVERY OF FIRST ECONOMICAL PROCESS FOR ELECTROLYTIC EXTRACTION OF ALUMINUM 1979  Oberlin, Ohio  "Charles Martin Hall invented the first economical process for the extraction of aluminum and in December 1888, the process was first commercialized."
PITTSBURGH WORKS OF THE PITTSBURGH REDUCTION COMPANY
FREE INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts "In 1868, the first American academic institution combining the concept of classroom learning and shop practice to engineering education."
SAUGUS IRON WORKS
EXPERIMENTAL BREEDER REACTOR I 1979 Idaho Falls, Idaho "In 1951, useful electric power was first generated from atomic energy."
JOHN WINTHROP JR. BLAST FURNACE

LUKENS STEEL CORPORATION
ACHESON GRAPHITE COMPANY. 1982 Niagara Falls, New York "Site of the first facility for production of graphite and graphite articles in 1899. Production of graphite made possible development of electric furnaces, motors and generators, and later, graphite fibers."
NEW ALMADEN QUICKSILVER MINE
PALACIO DE MINERIA 1982 Mexico City, Mexico "The first school of metals in the New World, created in Mexico City in 1774."
ARMY MATERIALS AND MECHANICS RESEARCH CENTER 1983 Watertown, Massachusetts "Developed and applied numerous significant metallurgical processes, tests and materials to the benefit of national security."
<b>THE CAST ALUMINUM CAP ON THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.</b> 1983 Washington, D.C. "This cap, installed on December 6, 1884, was the largest aluminum casting of its time."
REED GOLD MINE  Cabarrus County, North Carolina  "Site of the first major discovery of gold in the United States in 1799, and birthplace of the American gold mining industry."
THE IRONBRIDGE  Telford, Shropshire, England  "The first iron bridge, cast of iron smelted with coke, erected in 1779, leading to Britain's renown for engineering and manufacturing innovations."
HASHINO BLAST FURNACE RELICS  Kamaishi City, Iwate, Japan  "These first Western-style blast furnaces in Japan succeeded in producing pig iron from iron ore in 1857, thus marking the birthplace of the modern Japanese steel industry."
ALBANY RESEARCH CENTER, UNITED STATES BUREAU OF MINES
WORLD'S FIRST HOT AND COLD-WALL HOT-ISOSTATIC-PROCESSING (HIP) VESSELS Battelle Columbus Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio "A revolutionary process invented and developed in 1955–56."

BLAENAVON IRON WORKS1985
Blaenavon, Wales "Birthplace of the basic steel process developed by Sydney Gilchrist Thomas in 1878."
COLONEL FRISHMUTH'S FOUNDRY  Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  "Site of the first commercial aluminum reduction facility in the United States and the only producer of aluminum from its ore until the late 1880s."
ELWOOD HAYNES MUSEUM
FOREST HILLS RESEARCH LABORATORIES WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION
LA FARGA DE RIPOLL  Ripoll, Spain  "The Farga Catalana utilized an original process now known as the Catalan Process for making iron and steel from the 10th century until recent times."
MAGNESIUM PRODUCTION, DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY
METALS RESEARCH LABORATORIES ELKEM METALS COMPANY, TECHNOLOGY CENTER
STATUE OF LIBERTY
SLOSS FURNACES Birmingham, Alabama "These furnaces which became operative in 1882 were instrumental in establishing the steel industry in the South."
MARAMEC IRON WORKS
ARGONAUT BUILDING, GENERAL MOTORS RESEARCH LABORATORIES

BROWNSVILLE—ROUTE 40 BRIDGE
BUILDING 228, EXPERIMENTAL STATION 1988 E.I. duPont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, Delaware "At this site, Dr. Wallace H. Carothers and his associates invented and developed nylon."
ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE 1988  Daido Steel Company, Ltd., Nagoya, Japan  "The first Japanese electric arc Heroult-type furnace was erected on this site in 1916."
IPANEMA IRON AND STEEL WORKS
<b>KURE BEACH MARINE ATMOSPHERIC TEST FACILITY</b>
MASSENA PLANT
METALLURGY DIVISION
METALWORKING FURNACES Mission San Juan Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, California "The two furnaces at this site, circa 1790s, are the oldest existing metalworking structures in California."
MICHIGAN COPPER COUNTRY 1988 Coppertown Museum, Calumet, Michigan "The Michigan copper country is the site of the earliest prehistoric metalworking in North America."
BUILDING "2-0-2" NORTHROP AIRCRAFT. 1988 El Segundo, California "On this site, in the early 1930s, utilizing innovative metal fabrication, joining and design, Douglas Aircraft Company/Northrop Corporation created the cradle of Naval and Marine Corps Aviation."
RADWERK IV BLAST FURNACE  Vordernberg, Austria  "The Radwerk IV Blast Furnace, utilizing the technology of iron making with charcoal and water-power, continuously produced iron for Central Europe from medieval time, until the 20th century. It developed the Fillafer, heating of the air blast and special ore roasting processes."

Plymouth Rubber Co., Inc.	88
Canton, Massachusetts	
SUDBURY DISTRICT ORE BODY Sudbury, Ontario, Canada "The Sudbury District is the world's greatest single source of nickel sulphide ores. Mined since 1886, these ores also contain large amounts of copper, iron, cobalt and the precious metals."	88
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR IRON AND STEEL.  Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan  "Constructed in 1920, this site is considered to be the birthplace of physical and chemical science of metallic materials in Japan. KS and Sendust magnet materials were invented her	
ZINC DISTILLATION FURNACE	88
AC ROCHESTER DIVISION	89
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER  Carpenter Technology Corporation, Reading, Pennsylvania  "The invention of the world's first straight chrome and chrome-nickel free machining stainless steels, patented in 1931 and 1934, resulted in the use of stainless parts and fittings in almost every industry."	89
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts "Deep Submergence Vehicle Alvin was accomplished by the imaginative use and development of advanced materials, including high yield strength steel, titanium, and special polymeric materials."	89
THE EIFFEL TOWER.  Paris, France "The Eiffel Tower, erected in 1889 of puddled iron, is a distinctive architectural and engineering masterpiece."	89
MILL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NICKEL-BASE ALLOYS  Inco Alloys International, Huntington, West Virginia "This facility placed in operation the first continuous bright annealing sheet furnace in the world, and is the first facility solely dedicated to the production of wrought nickel and nickel-base alloys."	
OLIVER CHILLED PLOW WORKS	
YTTERBY MINE	

the black stone gadolinite mined here and were named after the Ytterby Mine."

MANUFALLAND DIEDCING AND DIEGED MILLS
MANNESMANN PIERCING AND PILGER MILLS
piercing and pitger processes, circa 1890.
ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE
ALUMINUM RESEARCH LABORATORIES
CLYDACH REFINERY
AIR FORCE MATERIALS LABORATORY 1990 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio "Since 1917, the Air Force Materials Laboratory, formerly the Material Section of McCook Field, has pioneered research and development of advanced materials and manufacturing processes for aerospace systems."
RESEARCH CENTER, ARMCO INC. 1991 Middletown, Ohio "Established in 1903, Armco's Research Center is the first commercial iron and steel research facility in North America. Its many accomplishments include electrical steel sheet, Armco ingot iron and continuous rolling of sheet steel."
AT&T BELL LABORATORIES
RESEARCH LABORATORIES, CORNING GLASS WORKS
WATERVLIET ARSENAL, U.S. ARMY Watervliet, New York "Major technological developments in the advancement of gun steel were made at the Watervliet Arsenal including autofrettage, guided boring, and chrome plating. Fstablished in 1813, it is the oldest, continuously active arsenal in the United States."

WATERVLIET PLANT, AL TECH SPECIALTY STEEL CORPORATION
stainless steels, tool steels and other specialty metals and the processes for their manufacture."
ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE, THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY1992
Milano, Italy "The first electric furnace of the indirect-arc type for melting steel was invented by Ing. Ernesto Stassano in 1898. Furnaces of this type were used to produce industrial quantities of steel in Europe and America."
BETHFORGE DIVISION, BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania "In 1898 F. W. Taylor and M. White developed at this location a heat treatment practice which permitted the widespread use of high-speed tool steels."
MOUND LABORATORY, EG&G MOUND APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES,
U.S. DEPT. OF ENERGY 1993 Miamisburg, Ohio
"Mound Laboratory's pioneering efforts in applied materials research and development successfully supported the Manhattan Project and provided radioisotope thermoelectric generators for space exploration."
MATERIALS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
Washington, DC
"In this building, starting in 1927, pioneering work led to landmark developments in gamma ray radiography, defect-free steel castings, heavy section steel weldments and fracture mechanics concepts."
TANNEHILL IRONWORKS
Birmingham, Alabama "Founded in 1830 and known as the birthplace of the Birmingham iron industry, Tannehill became a major supplier of iron for cannons and naval plate to the Confederacy."
METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY
Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan "In 1941, research conducted in the Old Main Building by Dr. E.O. Kirkendall led to the
discovery that defects in the crystal lattice affect atomic diffusion in metals. This discovery established the foundation for worldwide understanding of solid-state diffusion."
CHAMPION SPARK PLUG MINE (JEFFREY MINE)
"In 1919, discovery of andalusite at this mine led to the commercialization and
development of advanced ceramic spark plug insulation for internal combustion engines and the growth of the world's transportation industry."
EDGAR THOMSON PLANT
"Built in 1873 by Andrew Carnegie, the Edgar Thomson Plant pioneered numerous technological advances in the production of quality steel products for the railroad, automotive and appliance industries."
"LITTLE GIANT" UNIVERSAL TESTING MACHINE
Tinius Olsen Testing Machine Co., Inc., Willow Grove, Pennsylvania "The 'Little Giant', invented by Tinius Olsen I, in 1880, the world's first truly universal

testing machine, became the basis of all tension testing machines later produced in the United States of America."
METALS TECHNOLOGY LABORATORIES
GREENWOOD FURNACE
48" GREY MILL
Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania "The 48" Grey Mill, put into operation on January 9, 1908 at the Bethlehem Plant of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, was the first U.S. rolling mill to successfully produce large wide-flange steel beams as single sections rolled from ingots."
FORGE OF FONTENAY
Fontenay, Bourgogne, France "The Forge of Fontenay, erected around 1220 as a part of the Abbey of Fontenay, is the first metallurgical factory in Europe and the place of the invention of the hydraulic hammer. This invention became the basis of industrial manufacturing of iron in Europe."
EDEEDON FORCE
FREEDOM FORGE Standard Steel, Burnham, Pennsylvania "Founded as a tiny frontier iron foundry and forge shop on the banks of the Kishacoquillas Creek, Standard Steel grew with the nation to become a leading producer of high quality machined steel forgings."
LATROBE PLANT
Allvac—An Allegheny Teledyne Company, Latrobe, Pennsylvania "Established on this site in 1919, the metallurgical department of Vanadium-Alloys Steel Company made significant, innovative contributions to the field of tool and high-speed steels."
WILLIAM TOD CROSS-COMPOUND STEAM ENGINE
Former Youngstown Sheet and Tube Breir Hill Works, Youngstown, Ohio "The William Tod Company of Youngstown was one of a handful of builders of very large machinery for the American steel industry. This engine, with cylinders of 34- and 68-inch bore by 60-inch stroke, is representative of the firm's — and the industry's — application of steam power to rolling-mill drive early in the period of gradual transition to electric drive. The frame, cylinder, and flywheel castings, and the crankshaft, piston-rod, and connecting-rod forgings of these engines are typical of the largest work pieces produced by the nation's foundries and forges."
LD-VESSEL NUMBER 1 1998
Technical Museum of Vienna, Vienna, Austria "In 1952, the first commercial production of steel utilizing the basic oxygen method, developed by VOEST, took place in Vessel Number 1 located at the Linz steel plant. Today, much of the world's steel is made using Linz-Donawitz (LD) based processes."

Praxair Surface Technologies, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana

**SPEEDWAY LABORATORIES .....** 

"Original site of Prest-O-Lite and Acetylene Research of Union Carbide, where many inventions for the metals, automotive and aviation industries were made. It was here that the first useful application of detonation waves in gases led to the invention of the detonation gun process for plating metal and ceramic coatings on metal components. Patented in 1955, that process marked the inception of the modern thermal spray industry. In 1992, Union Carbide Coating Service became Praxair Surface Technologies."

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Town of Heroult, Shasta County, California

"In 1907, at Shasta County, the first electric arc furnace in the western hemisphere was utilized for the direct production of iron from this area's indigenous resources of magnetite  $(Fe_3O_4)$ , charcoal, limestone, and hydro electricity. It operated at the town of Heroult, named in honor of the furnace inventor Paul Heroult of France (who assisted in the installation). The town site, located at the confluence of the Pit and McCloud rivers, was subsequently submerged by the rising waters behind Shasta Dam in 1945."

#### POLYMERIC MATERIALS LABORATORY .....

Department of Industrial Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Politecnico, Milan, Italy "At Polymeric Materials Laboratory in the Department of Industrial Chemistry and Chemcal Engineering "G. Natta," Prof. Natta and co-workers pioneered the synthesis of chemically and sterically ordinate polymers, of outstanding importance for the industrial development of plastics, synthetic fibers and elastomers."

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Covington, Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio

"The Covington-Cincinnati Bridge, built to the design of John A. Roebling, epitomizes the best of mid-nineteenth century materials and fabrication technology, particularly in its use of wire rope for suspension cables and inclined stays."

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Solingen, Germany

"The Hendrichs Forge, founded in 1886, is representative of the drop forges which revolutionized the cutlery trade in Solingen."

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West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

"The pioneering work carried out at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory provided new materials for nuclear and non-nuclear applications, developed naval nuclear pressurized water reactor plants, and made significant contributions to the creation of the commercial nuclear power industry."

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Cleveland, Ohio

"Ohio Crankshaft is the site of the first production application for selective induction hardening of steel parts. Known as the TOCCO Process, its success spurred the growth of induction hardening technology."

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Helsinki-Espoo, Finland

"In 1949, Outokumpu Oyj introduced autogenous flash smelting of copper concentrates at their facility in Harjavalta, Finland. The process has become a primary means of copper and nickel production worldwide."

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Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

"In 1962, this site became the first "minimill" in North America, a revolutionary concept

relying entirely on electric furnaces, continuous casting and rolling mills for commercial production of carbon steels." Hamden, Connecticut "On this site, between 1798 and 1825, Eli Whitney built the first significant independent American armory. The development of materials processing innovations began the tradition of precision production and interchangeable parts in America." Newfoundland, Canada "Viking site of the first known metal smelting (iron from bog iron) and metal working (forging of iron into nails) that took place in North America." Tuscany, Italy "Populonia and the Island of Elba are recognized as the sites of significant ferrous and nonferrous mining and metalworking during the Etruscan (7th–3rd century BC) and Roman (2nd century BC–1st century AD) periods. THE CATERPILLAR TRACTOR AT HAGGIN MUSEUM ......2004 Stockton, California "Birthplace of the first useful Caterpillar tractor, an invention of Benjamin Holt of Stockton, California, that simulated the development of alloys for improved abrasion and wear resistance applications." BURDEN IRON WORKS ......2005 Ballston Spa, New York "Headquarters of a giant 19th century iron manufacturer. Burden's patented horse-

#### shoe making and concentric squeezing machines resulted in the automation and mass production of many essential iron products, a basis for the Industrial Revolution."

#### LADISH COMPANY, INC., CUDAHY FORGE DIVISION ......2005 Cudahy, Wisconsin

"The location for substantial contribution to forging metallurgy and deformation processing technology."

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"The Liberty Bell is an international symbol of freedom whose history is as significant to metallurgy and casting technology as it is to American heritage."

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Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

"Established in 1783, from a modified grist mill, the Phoenix Iron & Steel Works was the site of many metalworking firsts in America including rolling of iron nails, structural shapes and beams as well as invention and production of the spiral wrapped wrought iron Griffen gun and the hollow wrought iron Phoenix column."

#### THE H.L. HUNLEY ..... ......2007

North Charleston, South Carolina

"In context of naval warfare, H.L. Hunley changed the world. Its builders' innovative use of materials, design and manufacturing techniques in the world's first successful attack submarine "

١	ATI-ALLVAC Monroe, North Carolina "For pioneering achievement in vacuum induction melting of nickel-base superalloys, which began on September 19, 1957."
(	COORSTEK, INC
١	BEEHIVE COKE OVENS
 	ASM INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AND GEODESIC DOME
(	METCUT RESEARCH, INC  Cincinnati, Ohio  "This building constructed in 1951, was the first facility of Metcut Research Associates Inc.  Here groundbreaking research was conducted in areas of machinability and surface integrity."
١	CHERRY VALLEY COKE OVENS
(	USS MONITOR
-	THE MILK HOUSE, ELECTRON ENERGY CORP
1	OPEN COIL ANNEALING (OCA OPERATIONS) ArcelorMittal Dofasco
١	SPONGE IRON POWDER PRODUCTION

THE DELHI IRON PILLAR. 2013  New Delhi, India  "Delhi Iron Pillar—The rustless metallurgical marvel dedicated to ancient iron making traditions and blacksmiths of ancient India."
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SAVANNAH RIVER SITE
THE WORLD'S HEAVY HYDRAULIC CLOSED-DIE FORGING PRESSES
"These giant presses enabled quantum changes in the approach of modern aircraft design by producing large, forged monolithic structures. In turn, this capability provided designers with greater flexibility in the application of new alloys; lighter, stronger, and affordable aerostructures; and more powerful and fuel efficient gas turbine engines."
ALUMINUM COMPANY OF CANADA LTD
OERLIKON METCO
PARK METALLURGICAL/HEATBATH CORPORATION
SCRANTON IRON FURNACES
ALCOA INC. TENNESSEE OPERATIONS NORTH PLANT
QUINCY SMELTING WORKS (QSW)

WELD MOLD COMPANY
Brighton, Michigan
"For the development of the flood welding process, which facilitated the repair of steel alloy
forging dies, thereby extending their lifetime and productivity."

# MATERION ELMORE, OHIO PLANT 2018 Elmore, Ohio

"Materion's Elmore plant began producing beryllium and beryllium copper alloys in 1953. These materials have contributed to significant innovations in the aerospace and defense, information technology, automotive, and telecommunications industries."