

Springfield Armory
National Historic Site



Critical Contributions

Wilbur Ancrum

WWI veteran Wilbur Ancrum began working at Springfield Armory in 1919 as a laborer. He worked his way up to become foreman of the vital Heat-Treating Shop where he transformed designs into functioning weapons including the M1 Garand Rifle, the standard service rifle during WWII. Here, he stands alongside John Garand to recognize his contribution to victory.

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