



OBJECT ID	2008.37.73
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1914
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Damianos, John (is related to) Damianos, Aristotle (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	1914 Greek Art Printing Company print Printing printing block ship Wood

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular, wood and cast lead printing block. The print image on the block consists of two lines of text. The first line reads: "Greek Art Printing Co." The second line: "Since 1914." To the right of the text is a partial image of a Greek sailing ship. The sails, part of the hull, and the stern are visible. Along the bottom of the printing face is a line depicting waves on a body of water. The line of waves is broken directly underneath the partial image of the ship.

#### ORIGIN

Donated by John Damianos. The printing block was used in a linotype printing machine. Linotype presses allowed for the casting of entire lines to be printed at a time. Linotype printing was eventually succeeded by lithograph printing and computer typesetting during the 1960's and 1970's. This printing block was used by the Chicago-based, Greek Art Printing Company that was owned and operated by Aristotle Damianos. The printing block was used for the printing of the business receipts for the Greek Art Printing Company. The block only created part of the image that is used on the receipts, however. The image on the receipts has two colors, therefore this printing block only contains part of the complete image in order to create the part of the complete image in one color while another block with the remaining components of the image would create the part in another color. The Greek Art Printing Company was responsible for the printing of a wide range of materials, including wedding invitations, invoices, flyers, programs, letterhead, etc., for Greek businesses, organizations, institutions, and individuals in the Chicago area, and elsewhere.

#### CITATION

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