



OBJECT ID	2008.37.74
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Damianos, John (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	etching Evzone Greek Art Printing Company Metal printing block Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular wood printing block with the etched image of an evzone in full costume. The man is standing with his hands on hips and head turned to the side as if he is looking off into the distance. He is wearing a blouse with full sleeves, decorated vest, and a foustanella.

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 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.

The figure is most likely an evzone or Greek presidential guard. The traditional military outfit marks him as, if not a modern guard, perhaps a soldier from the War for Greek Independence.

CITATION

Block, Printing, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.