



OBJECT ID	2008.37.76
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	Greek Art Printing Company portrait printing block Sculpture statue stone Woman Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular, wood printing block with the etched image of statue of a woman, The woman is seated or kneeling on one knee (it is unclear because her body is clearly out of proportion so it looks like she has a very long torso) with her face turned upwards. there is a piece of crumbling paper attached to the back of the block

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.

It is unclear whether the statue this image is based off of is ancient or if it was made later during one of revivals of Greek culture in the arts.

CITATION

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