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| OBJECT ID         | 2008.37.78   |
| 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     | cigarette<br>Greek Art Printing Company<br>logo<br>Man<br>portrait<br>printing block<br>Scroll<br>Wood |

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular, wood printing block. The image on the block is a scroll framing a man standing with cigarette in hand while the smoke curls upwards. The stamp is done as a line drawing with thin border lines on his outfit and face. Just behind the man's back is a small, scrawled signature and on the bottom roll of the scroll are a couple of scribbled words. Whether they are readable when the block is printed is not entirely clear. It could denote the identity of the man or some sort of logo.

#### 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.

There is a good chance that this block is the logo for some company.

#### CITATION

Block, Printing, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/07/24.