



OBJECT ID	2008.37.95
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) Damianos, Aristotle (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	eagle Greek Art Printing Company homer printing block Scholeion Seal Wood

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Long, rectangular, wood printing block of a crest with a two headed eagle. The eagle is holding a globe and an open book in each claw. At the center is a seal with a person playing the lyre. Below this seal is the name Homer in Greek, it is most likely then the figure pictured above. On the wings, in Greek, it says: "Greek Scholeion." There is the imprint of a seal on the back.

#### 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 Scholeion is a theater school/performance space in Athens.

#### CITATION

Block, Printing, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*,



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