



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 very 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

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