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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	brazier fire flame Greek Art Printing Company hearth insignia logo printing block progressive association Seal Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Square, wooden printing block of a seal. The seal is composed of a band of writing encircling a blazing hearth. The band reads: "Greek American Progressive Ass'n..... USA." The hearth is an open top brazier with three flames.

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.

Ahepa (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association), a cultural group designed to support education, community, and achievement in the Greek American community, is most likely the organization behind this seal.

CITATION

Block, Printing, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/05/26.