



OBJECT ID	2008.37.117
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	boat Greek Art Printing Company hawaii ocean liner printing block Queen Frederica Stamp Wood World War, 1939-1945 World War II ww ii

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Long, rectangular, wood printing block of a ship. The ship- a large ocean liner type- is shown in profile from an angle as it moves through the water. The boat has the name "Queen Frederica" displayed clearly. There is some writting on the back but it is unintelligable. The plate has taken on a red/orange tint.

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 boat is named for Queen Frederica who reigned during World War II. The ship was an ocean liner that began as a transport ship in World War II but became a cruise ship to Hawaii.

CITATION

Block, Printing, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.