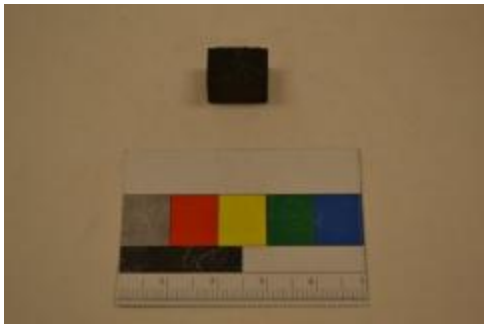




OBJECT ID	2008.37.130
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Damianos, John (is related to) Damianos, Aristotle (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	flag Greek Art Printing Company printing block Stamp Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small rectangular wood block with metal etching. The block itself is a black color and is incredibly dirty. The metal etching on the block depicts a Greek flag and an American flag crossed over each other. The American flag, though, appears to be incomplete. It is hard to tell whether this is by design or from damage done to the block.

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 image printed on this stamp has long been used to signify friendship between the nations of America and Greece. Immigrants have used this image to display both their heritage and their current residence.

CITATION

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