



OBJECT ID	1995.59.3
OBJECT NAME	Shears, Sheep
OBJECT COLLECTION	Dr. Theodore Polley Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Metal
OBJECT ENTITIES	Polley, Theodore (is related to) Policandriotes, John (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Saw, Hand, 1995.59.1 Shears, Sheep, 1995.59.2 Shears, Sheep, 1995.59.4 Shears, Sheep, 1995.59.5 Knife, 1995.59.6 Sickle, 1995.59.7 Sickle, 1995.59.8 Decanter, 1995.59.9 Lamp, Oil, 1995.59.10 Lantern, 1995.59.11 Ashtray, 1995.59.12 Knife & Sheath, 1995.59.15
ACCESS POINTS	mushroom rust sharp shears sheep Theodore polley wool

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Metal shears most likely used for shearing sheep. The shears are incredibly rusted and tied together by a thin black rope. They are a continuous piece of metal that has been bent into a mushroom shape at one end and two sharp points at the other. The middle of the device is flat and soft. When one squeezes this section, the sharp points come together to cut sheep's wool. This type of shears was common in the 1800's and was used to harvest wool.

ORIGIN

Dr. Theodore Z. Polley was born on February 22, 1915 to parents John Policandriotes and Marlo Contos. He was raised in Joliet, Illinois and attended school there until 1937, when he attended University of Illinois. By 1941 he had become a medical doctor. He has gained associate professorships at numerous Universities, sat on the board of many hospitals and medical organizations, and operated a private practice in Joliet. He married Catherine Cordogan in 1942 and has had three children. These items probably were not used by him, though. Judging by the age of the items, they were most likely used by his parents and had been passed down to him.

CITATION

Shears, Sheep, Dr. Theodore Polley Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.