



OBJECT ID	1995.59.2
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, 1995.59.3 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	rust sharp shears sheep Theodore polley wool

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Large metal shears most likely used for shearing sheep. The shears are beginning to deteriorate and are held together by a thin, black rope. They are a continuous piece of metal that has been bent into a heart shape at one end and two wide, sharp points at the other. The tips of these sharp points have some dirt built up on them. The middle of the device is flat and soft. When one squeezes this section, the sharp points come together to cut sheep's wool. These type of shears were common in the 1800's and were 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 03/28/24.
