



OBJECT ID	1995.59.6
OBJECT NAME	Knife
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, 1995.59.3 Shears, Sheep, 1995.59.4 Shears, Sheep, 1995.59.5 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 Theodore polley

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Metal knife, most likely used for cutting food. Main section of the knife is one singular piece of metal. Handle is perpendicular to the blade; the metal twists at their junction. Handle is flat and slightly curved to contour to the hand. At the bottom of the handle, another flat piece of metal is attached by a single nail. This makes the handle slightly thicker at this section. The blade is very dull and its edge has been chipped away; showing that it has been used before. The entire object is very rusted.

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

Knife, Dr. Theodore Polley Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 08/20/26.