



OBJECT ID	2008.37.203
OBJECT NAME	Block, Linoleum
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Metal; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Damianos, John (is related to) Damianos, Aristotle (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Greek Art Printing Company insert Metal printing block Stamp

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular wood and lead printing block. The print cast on it goes as follows:

Line 1: "GREEK ART PRINTING CO." "co." is smaller than the rest of the line, and the "G" in "GREEK" is at least twice as large as the rest of the lettering in the line and has column like structures inside of it.

Line 2: "LINOTYPE COMPOSITIONS NEWSPAPERS MAGAZINES MENUS"

part of the metal is broken off in the upper left corner. The back of the block has the word "TURQUOISE" written towards the center, off to the right just some, in red ink.

#### 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.

#### CITATION

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