



OBJECT ID	2008.37.204
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

"L" shaped wood and lead printing block with the print of a woman laying a palm branch over a stone walled object. The branch has a bow tied on one end. in the foreground. the woman is wearing long chiton and cloak. her hair is up in a bun. there are broad leaves, unlike the ones on the branch, on the ground around her feet. In the background is a cemetery scene with crosses, a small building, trees, and the horizon line with the sun peeking up from behind it. The inside top of the "L" shape of the block has a notch taken out, making a small step where the palm leaf protrudes from the design. the block is completely covered in black material. There are small circular marks around the outside of the metal plate. 4 around the outside of the shape, 3 around the inside.

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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