



OBJECT ID	2008.37.216
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 block with a casting of the land formations and ship lanes of Greece and the Aegean. Part of Asian Minor is also pictured along with Crete. Latitude and longitude lines are also pictured. There is a map key at the bottom right corner. In the center, the metal has a small rusted area. Around the outside are circular markings. Towards the bottom the wood is cracked all the way through, being held together only with the metal casting. There are ripped pieces of paper stuck to the back that has some illustration on it, but now it's indistinguishable. Perhaps an image of the map on the flip side.

#### 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.

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#### CITATION

Block, Linoleum, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*,  
<https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/03/24.

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