



OBJECT ID	1998.16.1
OBJECT NAME	Crock
DATE CREATED	circa 1920
MEASUREMENTS	24.2900200000 cm. H x 23.97252 cm. Diameter, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Stone
OBJECT ENTITIES	Red Wing Union Stoneware, (created by) Gatsis, George (owned by) Gatsis, Mary (is related to) Gatsis, George (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Knife, 1998.16.2 Knife, Carving, 1998.16.3 Knife, 1998.16.4 Knife, 1998.16.5 Knife, 1998.16.6 Knife, 1998.16.7 Knife, 1998.16.8
ACCESS POINTS	Olives Red Wing Stoneware

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Stoneware crock; cylindrical, smooth and grey in color with a 1" lip at the top creating a slight overhang around the circumference. There is no lid.

On the front of the crock and slightly beneath the lip, the artist stamped a large number 2 in blue with a curled flourish at the top and bottom of the number where the number begins and ends. Under the curly blue '2', you'll see a bird's wing stamped in red. The bird's wing is about the same height but much wider than the "2". An blue oval stamp sits under the red wing and reads: "Red Wing Onion Stoneware Co. Red Wing Minn.". A small clump of something that might be cement is affixed to the crock, to the right and slightly below the blue oval stamp.

The bottom of the crock is made of the same material as the rest of the crock and is somewhat yellow in color.

ORIGIN



This container originated from Red Wing, Minnesota and was made by the Red Wing Union Stoneware Co. This company was founded by a German immigrant named John Paul in 1861 and made various forms of pottery.

Olives are made by packing as many olives as possible, then adding a brine (usually made of vinegar, salt and water). The olives would stay in the crock for approximately two weeks.

CITATION

Crock, circa 1920, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/29/26.
