

OBJECT ID	2022.26.1
OBJECT NAME	Embroidery
DATE CREATED	1918
DONOR	Virginia Polihrom
MEASUREMENTS	19 in H x 33 7/8 in W
MATERIAL	Silk; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Polihrom, Virginia (owned by) Manolas, Eirini (created by)
RELATED ITEMS	Embroidery, 2022.26.2
ACCESS POINTS	Embroidery World War, 1914-1918

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Tan embroidery with red, green, blue, and white flowers wrapped around Greek lettering. On the bottom of the embroidery are the letters E E M and the date 1918.

ORIGIN

The embroidery was made by a Greek woman named Eirini Manolas who was born in 1903. Had 3 brothers and one sister. In 1912 war broke out between Greece and Turkey.

The Hellenes were in Asia Minor before the Ottomans arrived. They were known as mikrasiati. During the 'Big Exchange' the Greek population was forced to leave Turkey and go to Greece where they were not welcomed and considered refugees.

Her older brothers left for America and she stayed in Greece until sea passage was arranged for her and her first cousin and young brother. Her father stayed in Greece and remarried. Her mother and older sister had died prior to the evacuation from Turkey.

While on the ship Salonika Eirini kept busy by embroidering pillow cases for a third mate. She arrived in New York, NY on January 7, 1916 on the ship SS Patris from Ezine, Asia Minor (now Turkey). After arriving and settling in New York she was sent to work in a factory embroidering blouses, slips and other feminine articles.

The embroidered panel was made after the end of WWI in commemoration of that victory. The exact starting and completion of said panel is not known.

What is known is that Eirini was a master of embroidery and crocheting.

CITATION

Embroidery, 1918, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.