

OBJECT ID	2011.6.14a
OBJECT NAME	Photograph
DONOR	Gift of Elena G. Karalis in Memory of Louis Gianakopulos Family
OBJECT ENTITIES	Karalis, Elena (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Man

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A black and white photograph of an older man that might be part of the Greek royal family with dress shoes, pants, and a jacket that has medals and pins with a sash running across his chest. He is wearing sunglasses, has a sword in one hand and a wand in the other hand, and a hat on his head. Behind him there are two pillars and between them there are other men in suits coming up the stairs. On the back of the photo is says "Panagiotes metropoulos Athens Greece" and there is a purple stamp in Greek.

ORIGIN

The donors grandfather, Gus Gianakopulos, came to America with 200 youths from the Sparta area around the time of 1881. Mr.Chaconas was in charge of the trip and when they arrived in Chicago all 200 of them were put in one room together and bought each one of them a push wagon. The group of people would sell one product a day using their push wagons. In 1893 the Gus became a US citizen and was working in the fruit and vegetable wholesale business. He later went back to Greece to visit but called the US his country. In 1900 a few men went back to Greece to get married and on their way back they brought the donors grandmother, Georgia, to Chicago, where her father and brother were. Gus and Georgia got married in December 1901 at the Holy Trinity Church and they invited all Greeks and the story is that there were 98 carriages that attended the reception. They had several children, first a boy then a girl named dasiy, then the donor's mother Pauline, next were two sisters, Virgina and Eleanor, and last was John. The Spartans in the area started a church in a building on South Water Street, but the priest had decided to go back to Greece. In 1908-1909 they built what is now the Annunciation Cathedral on LaSalle Street and in 1910 the church was completed. This church is where the whole family was baptized, married, and burried. The family lived on the north side of Chicago so any Greek schools were too far away for them to attend so a greek teacher came in Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 25 years. The donors mother, Pauline went to Forest Academy to studied dress design and not much after that she met her

husband and moved to Minneapolis in 1929. The two worked and helped out the church they were members of quite a bit. They traveled a lot and often went to Greece but in 1970 he passed away. They had two children, George and Elena and after her husband passed away Pauline and Elena went on many different trips around the world.

CITATION

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