

OBJECT ID	2001.34.8.17B
OBJECT NAME	Photograph
DATE CREATED	2000
OBJECT ENTITIES	Steve Frangos, Demetri (is related to)

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RELATED ITEMS	Tape, 2001.34.1 Book, 2001.34.2 Tool, Combination, 2001.34.3 Bottle, 2001.34.4 Bottle, 2001.34.5 Roll, Player Piano, 2001.34.6 Photograph, 2001.34.7 Photograph, 2001.34.8.1 Photograph, 2001.34.8.2 Photograph, 2001.34.8.3 Photograph, 2001.34.8.4 Photograph, 2001.34.8.5 Photograph, 2001.34.8.6 Photograph, 2001.34.8.7 Photograph, 2001.34.8.9 Photograph, 2001.34.8.10 Photograph, 2001.34.8.11 Photograph, 2001.34.8.12A Photograph, 2001.34.8.12B Photograph, 2001.34.8.12C Photograph, 2001.34.8.13 Photograph, 2001.34.8.14 Photograph, 2001.34.8.15 Photograph, 2001.34.8.16 Photograph, 2001.34.8.17A Photograph, 2001.34.8.17C Photograph, 2001.34.8.17D Photograph, 2001.34.8.17E Photograph, 2001.34.8.17F Photograph, 2001.34.8.17G Photograph, 2001.34.8.18A Photograph, 2001.34.8.18B Photograph, 2001.34.8.19 Photograph, 2001.342001.34.8.15
ACCESS POINTS	Ypsilanti, Michigan; Ypsilanti Water Tower; monument; statue; flags; water tower

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Statue of Demetri Ypsilanti in Ypsilanti, Michigan in front of the Ypsilanti Water Tower. Statue is located between US and Greek flags. There are trees located around the left and right sides of the water tower in the picture. There is also a man, in a white and blue striped polo and khaki pants standing to the left of the statue, in the picture. The man is holding a hat in front of him.

ORIGIN

Ypsilanti (1793- 1832) was a hero of the Greek War of Independence. The Ypsilanti Water Tower (1890) was named in his honor, as was the town of Ypsilanti itself (1829).

An explanation of the Ypsilanti Water Tower is as follows:

Day laborers constructed this water tower which was completed in 1890 at a cost of $21,435.63. The tower and the city waterworks supplied 471 customers in the first year. An ordinance passed on April 14, 1898, established a yearly rate schedule. Rates were based on the number of faucets in use, the type of business that customers operated and the livestock they owned. A residence with one tap was charged $5.00; a private bathtub cost an extra $2.00. Saloon keepers paid $7.00 for one faucet, $3.00 for each additional faucet and $1.00 for each billiard table. Each cow a person owned cost $1.00. People who failed to pay their bill were subject to a $50.00 fine and ninety days in the county jail. Until 1956 this structure was the only water

tower in the Ypsilanti water system.

CITATION

Photograph, 2000, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 03/28/24.