



OBJECT ID	2015.22.1
OBJECT NAME	Photograph
DATE CREATED	1890 – 1913
MEDIUM	Photo Paper

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A black-and-white photographic print. The photograph depicts a man on horseback. The man is young and wearing a military uniform and cap. He has a handlebar mustache and there are a couple of medals pinned to his chest. The horse is dark in color. The photo was taken from the front of the horse, but focusing on the rider, so that half of the horse's face is out of frame. The photo has a strange, shadowy quality and almost looks like a painting. It appears that the original photograph was faded and in poor condition. It also looks like there was some staining or discoloration over part of the man's face. The name "John Agreostathes" is written on the back, and there are torn circles of black paper glue to the corners, as if the photo was previously attached to a backing.

#### ORIGIN

This picture was donated by Daisy Agres. It depicts a young John Agreostathes in uniform on horseback. Agreostathes (or Agriostathis) was born in 1879 and apparently served as an officer in the Greek army before immigrating to the United States. In the lead-up to the Balkan Wars, he organized and trained young Greek men in Chicago. In 1912, it is recorded that they were preparing to travel to Greece to take part in the conflict. It is unclear whether this photograph was taken during Agreostathes's time as a Greek officer or whether it is from the Balkan campaign.

#### CITATION

Photograph, 1890 – 1913, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/19/24.