



OBJECT ID	1994.141.2
OBJECT NAME	Photograph
OBJECT ENTITIES	Poulos, Bessie (is related to) Poulos, George (is related to) Poulos, Mary (is related to) Poulos, Helen (is related to) Poulos, Anna (is related to) Poulos, Christ (is related to) Chipain, Demetra (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Photograph, 1994.141.1 Photograph, 1994.141.3 Photograph, 1994.141.4
ACCESS POINTS	Elmhurst Candy Kitchen

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Black and white photo of a man standing behind the display case in a candy store. The store is long and narrow with tin ceilings and mosaic floor. Picture appears to have been taken from the back of the store looking towards the front.

Behind the display case on the left, a gentleman is standing wearing a white shirt, with its sleeves rolled up and a light-colored bow tie. He is clean-shaven with straight dark hair, fair skin and a smile. There are open boxes of cigars displayed in the glass cases below. On the right counter, there are jars of candy, as well as a candy scale and two large, tiffany styled lamps with white marble bases and square, stained glass lampshades. In the back, beyond the counters, the room opens up with round tables surrounded by ice cream styled chairs, and a few men sitting down. The back of the photo has writing in green.

ORIGIN

This photo was taken in Elmhurst Candy Kitchen, 121 West First Street, Elmhurst, IL. This picture is permanently displayed in the Elmhurst Historical Museum.

Christ Anagnostopoulos (Poulos) came to America from Arvanito Kerasea, Greece at the age of 14, with but a few pennies in his pocket. He was one of the early Greek immigrants to come to America and was very ambitious and enterprising. there was talk among the Chicago Greek immigrants at that time, that the small towns west of Chicago were the place to be for making money. So he took a train to Elmhurst IL on Thanksgiving Day and liked what he saw. He noticed a vacant store across the street from the Chicago and North Western Railroad Station, and he approached the owner and told him that since he had now money and the owner had the vacant store, would he allow him to occupy the store with a restaurant, make money, and they both would fare well. The owner agreed, and within a very short time, he prospered and he had a building put up a few doors away. In the newly built building, he opened the Elmhurst Candy Kitchen. Shortly thereafter, he had the 125 West First Street building built for the De Luxe Restaurant. He also opened the same combination on Front Street in Wheaton, IL. He was the first Greek resident and the first Greek restaurant owner, not only in Elmhurst, but also in Dee Page County. Later, he added a building at 127 West First Street. His restaurant and candy store were the social gathering places for Elmhurst natives for many years. His picture is prominently and permanently displayed in the Elmhurst Historical Museum because of his business endeavors and because his building in the downtown area of Elmhurst helped in the development of early Elmhurst. His name appears often in the historical books on Elmhurst. Always aware of his good fortune - let alone sending money to his family in Greece, he gave freely to the Elmhurst Community - ice cream to Elmhurst College for their Ice

Cream Socials, and Christmas candy boxes to the City's Childrens' Christmis programs. In addition to helping many poor families, he also became involves in Civic Affairs of the City, including sponsoring the founding of the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. He was proud of his restaurants and candy stores and often said he brought ice cream to Elmhurst. Years later, he purchased a building at 605 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL in which he had the Home Restaurant. He and his wife, the former Demetra Chipianitis (Chipain), were family oriented and devoted parents. They had five children, Bessie, George, Mary, Helen, and Anna (Becky).

CITATION

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