

OBJECT ID	2005.21.1
OBJECT NAME	Picture, Needlework
TITLE	Old Glory
DATE CREATED	1876 – 1889
MATERIAL	Silk
OBJECT ENTITIES	Effrem, Chris (collected by) Effrem, Chris (owned by)
RELATED ITEMS	Picture, Needlework, 2005.21.2
ACCESS POINTS	Art Embroidery Needlework

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a fabric collage of "The Old Glory." Underneath the title "The Old Glory" are two men in robes standing on either side of a crown. This is all resting atop a two-headed eagle, with wings spread. Under the left eagle's wing is the American flag (depicted with 26 stars) and under the right eagle's wing, is a Greek flag. The piece is in a red and gold painted frame.

ORIGIN

Chris Drikakas received two images, hand embroidered, which were made approximately between 1876 and 1889 from Chris Effrem. Chris Effrem owned these pieces for approximately thirty years.

Chris Effrem was a Greek sailor who jumped ship in 1950 and swam to shore in San Diego. Soon after arriving in California, he met his soon-to-be wife. Effrem was intrigued with the idea of a city that combined Indian and Greek roots; Minneapolis. He moved there within a year or so of living in the United States. He opened a wood carving shop in Minneapolis, called "Chris Effrem Wood Carving Shop".

Effrem was once a student in Athens, where he learned to draw and carve, creating art and furniture. Many people trained under Effrem's "master" until he

closed his shop. After this closure, he continued to work at his son's shop. Effrem was Vice President of the National Woodcarvers Association from 1975 to 1982. He also judged international woodcarving competitions. Effrem's work can be seen at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Cenntenial High School in Circle Pines, as well as at Corporations and Mansions. He carved many different things including: human figures, animals, and architectural elements. His work could be considered modern or classical.

CITATION

Picture, Needlework, 1876 – 1889, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.