



OBJECT ID	2005.8.16
OBJECT NAME	Blouse
MEASUREMENTS	51.9125200000 cm. H x 64.6125200000 cm. W Width was taken from shoulder to shoulder. The sleeves weren't measured. Since this is a textile, the dimensions may change depending on how it is displayed., Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Cotton

OBJECT ENTITIES

Theodoracopulos, Theodore (is related to)
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ACCESS POINTS

floral

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Long sleeved blouse of sheer material. Colorful embroidery on arms and shoulders, around neck, and at waist. Front is divided in three sections by two vertical lines. Each section has a panel of a flower wreath on a looser knit fabric. The embroidery on the shoulders consist of diamond designs. There is a small green diamond, followed by a yellow diamond and then a red diamond. Outside of this, there is a blank space, then another yellow diamond. There are red lines between these diamond designs that form an X with curls on the end. In between the X's, there are still more diamonds. Down the sleeve, there are upside down V's with curled ends and a diamond on the top in red. Yellow is used to outline the diamonds on the top. Along the cuffs, neckline, and bottom, there is a double yellow stitched border. In between the two yellow lines, there is a zigzag design of red, green, and black. The shoulder, arm, and vertical line designs were cross stitched. The vertical lines consist of small red diamonds outlined in black. The three wreaths on the front are from the same pattern, though the one on the right is more faded. They are green wreaths with red, yellow, purple, blue, and pink flowers.

ORIGIN

The donor's father, Aristotle, came to America from Greece in 1903 and worked many jobs in New York and Ohio, until he settled in Chicago Heights, IL. He founded a small retail general store in 1907 selling ready to wear and specialized in the sale of fabrics. He is reputed to be the first Greek in this business in the U.S.A. His business prospered and he became very active in the church and other community activities in America and in Greece. For his many good services and contributions he was awarded the title of Grand Crusader of the Order of the Orthodox Crusaders of the Holy Sepulcher by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Damianos II.

CITATION

Blouse, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 12/01/21.
