



OBJECT ID	1995.17.1
OBJECT NAME	Suitcase
DATE CREATED	1900s
MATERIAL	Leather
OBJECT ENTITIES	(father of donor), Constantine (owned by) Balamas, Constantine (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Purse, 1995.17.2 Towel, Hand, 1995.17.3.A Towel, Hand, 1995.17.3.B Burner, Incense, 1995.17.4 Photograph, 1995.17.5.A Photograph, 1995.17.5.B Album, Record, 1995.17.6.A Album, Record, 1995.17.6.B Blanket, 1995.17.7 Photograph, 1995.17.5.C Photograph, 1995.17.5.D
ACCESS POINTS	Suitcase Travel

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Caramel brown leather suitcase, duffel shaped, with 2 leather straps, leather handle and metal clasp. Visibly worn on handle and edges of leather straps. Scratch marks on the sides.

ORIGIN

Constantine Balamas came from Stefani, Cornith to the USA in 1906 on the Star Shipline. He operated a coffee shop in the Liberty Hotel in downtown Kansas City next door to President Harry Truman's haberdashery. He met Mr. Truman and they became friends and together attended Kansas City University in the evenings.

Pictures of the donor's family can be found in the accession file.



CITATION

Suitcase, 1900s, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 06/15/26.
