

OBJECT ID	1996.93.2.A
OBJECT NAME	Stefana
DATE CREATED	1924
MEASUREMENTS	23.8125 cm. L x 17.4625 cm. Diameter, Item (Overall)
OBJECT ENTITIES	Kefala, Merssini (is related to) Panayoti Avgidis, Foti (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Photograph, 1996.93.1 Stefana, 1996.93.2.B Stefana, 1996.93.2.C Handkerchief, 1996.93.3 Glove, 1996.93.4.A Glove, 1996.93.4.B Certificate, Marriage, 1996.93.5 Certificate, Marriage, 1996.93.6 Invitation, 1996.93.7
ACCESS POINTS	Stafana wedding

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Set of Marriage Crowns (Stefana) consisting of 3 pieces; 2 crowns, and a smaller piece of decorative wire that must have been used on the ribbon that connected the crowns. The crowns are simple wire ovals covered with green floral tape and decorated with ivory pearls and an occasional green leaf

resembling almond flower buds and branches. The front of the crowns are embellished with branch fashioned into a figure 8 finished with a cluster of 'almond buds' in the middle. There are also little white flowers on the back.

ORIGIN

Foti (Frank) Panayoti Avgidis was born in Balukiser(sp?), Turkey in 1894 of Greek parents. In 1912 he immigrated to America in order to escape being drafted into the Turkish Army. As a young man he worked in his brother in law's bakery in Crystal City, MO. His brother in law returned to Turkey to bring his family back to America, but was caught up in the massacre of the Greeks by the Turks. All of my father's family, mother, father, sisters and brother in law were all massacred. Mr. Avgidis then worked for the railroad, laying railroad ties as the west was becoming the new frontier. He worked all the way to the state of Washington.

Merssini Kefala was born in Pelikintos (sp?), Mytelene, Greece in 1904 (?). She immigrated to America in 1923 accompanied by her sister in law to be. They came to Stallings, IL to the farm owned by Peter and Vasil Kefalas, her brothers.

Mr. Avgidis was a friend of Peter and Vasil Kefalas and thereby the couple became acquainted. They were married December 7, 1924 in the home that Foti had built for his new bride.

They had two children, Diana and Frances. There were married 48 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Avgidis are deceased along with their daughter Diana.

CITATION

Stefana, 1924, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/11/26.