



OBJECT ID	1997.1.2
OBJECT NAME	Tablecloth
DATE CREATED	1889
MATERIAL	Linen
OBJECT ENTITIES	Moraitou, Katina (created by) Strimboules, Ann (is related to) Moraitis, Katina (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Cover, Pillow, 1997.1.1 Nightgown, 1997.1.3 Photograph, 1997.1.4A Photograph, 1997.1.4.B
ACCESS POINTS	handmade household accessory table cloth textile

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Fine linen white Battenburg handkerchief with monogram. Handkerchief is square and generously edged with white Battenburg lace containing a pattern of flowers and leaves. In the center, a satin-stitched monogram with the initial "M" is lavishly embellished with delicate flower embroidery.

#### ORIGIN

Donor's mother donated the table cloth which she embroidered herself for her dowry.

Her mother, Katina Moratiou, was born in Turkey in 1889. She was the oldest of 8 children. Her father Nicholas grew tobacco and managed a large farm. They moved to Greece to avoid problems in Turkey, losing everything. Katina was forced to move to America and manufactured fine clothing. She was forced to change her name and ethnicity on her passport because there was a barrier on how many Greeks were allowed to enter the country at the time.

#### CITATION

Tablecloth, 1889, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/23/24.