



OBJECT ID	2004.5.29.B
OBJECT NAME	Urn
MATERIAL	Copper
OBJECT ENTITIES	Gravenites, Helen (owned by) Gravenites, Helen (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	container with handles copper container etched copper floral pattern wheat

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Ovular copper container with two handles. The exterior of the container is etched with a repeating motif of a stalk of grass or wheat that curves into a soft S shape. These stalks are each connected by a loop that serves as the groundline for decoration. The handles are a tear-drop shape with a flattened head. They were originally decorated but have since been worn away. The outside edge of the handles are pointed and quite sharp. Both inside and the outside of the container show discoloration and staining.

There is a printed return address on the bottom of the container with the donor's name and address with the words "Greece" and "Rm 224" written on it. There is another smaller sticker with the number 400 written on it.

ORIGIN

The container was previously owned by Helen Gravenites. It is in a pair with object 2004.5.29.A which is the same shape and material but has a different design.

While this item was handmade there is no indication beyond "Greece" where it hails from. There is also no artist signature. There is a chance, considering that other copper items in the donor's collection may be from Cyprus, that this container was made in Cyprus, or from Cypriot copper, or at least influenced by the style.

CITATION

Urn, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/18/24.
