

OBJECT ID	2011.7.7
OBJECT NAME	Box, Candy
OBJECT COLLECTION	Alex's Candy Shop (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1930 – 1940
MEASUREMENTS	5.3975 cm. H x 17.62252 cm. W x 26.51252 cm. L, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Cardboard; Wrapping Paper
OBJECT ENTITIES	Rassogianis/Franks families, By (owned by) Rassogianis, (is related to) Franks, Pauline (is related to)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A red candy box from the candy store. Adorned with diagonal dark striping and a green bow with fake gold mistletoe on the top. The box is Christmas themed and shows little wear. The only evident damage is a stain on part of the bow. The box also contains some of the original wax paper and sheeting. The bottom of the box is silver colored.

The box was used to store and sell candy from Alex's Candy Shop.

ORIGIN

Paulina Franks' grandfather, John Rassogianis, came to Chicago in the 1890s. He began his life in the new city by peddling fruits and later, with the help of his sons Alex and George, would open a candy store. In the 1920s Paulina Franks' father Constantine became a part of the family business and the store was able to prosper. When the second business closed Paulina Rassogianis chose to hold as many of the candy store's items as possible and, later, donate them to the National Hellenic Museum.

The Rassogianis family began their candy business in Chicago proper, working out of their own shop named "St. Louis Ice Cream Parlor." Eventually, the shop was closed and the Rassogianis' chose to continue their candy store venture in Berwyn, Illinois. The new shop they chose to open was named Alex's Sweet Shop.

Paulina Franks' father was a key contributor to the success of the Rassogianis candy stores. While Constantine Rassogianis was a noteworthy entrepeneur, he also had many other accomplishments. Among these was his four years of involvment in the Greek national military during World War I wherein he

obtained the rank of sergeant. Also, he was a published author and poet, an experienced mandolin player, a church officer and had extensive knowledge of psalti.

CITATION

Box, Candy, 1930 – 1940, Alex's Candy Shop, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.