



OBJECT ID	2011.7.142
OBJECT NAME	Plate
OBJECT COLLECTION	Alex's Candy Shop (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1920 – 1940
MEASUREMENTS	2.7000200000 cm. H x 16.0350200000 cm. W x 23.6550200000 cm. L, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Ceramic
OBJECT ENTITIES	Rassogianis/Franks families, By (owned by) Rassogianis, (is related to) Franks, Paulina (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Alex's Candy Shop dish St. Louis Ice Cream Parlor

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Oval-shaped, ceramic dish with decorative border along rim with a decorative seal. An "O.P.Co. Syracuse China" stamp on the bottom of the dish. The decorative bordder appears to be in black and looks like connected T's. The seal appears to be an R with a ribbon below it, with the words "Hotel Rome Omaha".

ORIGIN

Hotel Rome was a hotel located in Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Plate, 1920 – 1940, Alex's Candy Shop, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.