



OBJECT ID	2011.7.157
OBJECT NAME	Mold, Candy
OBJECT COLLECTION	Alex's Candy Shop (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1920 – 1940
MEASUREMENTS	7.9375 cm. H x 2.7000200000 cm. W x 14.7650200000 cm. L, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Metal
OBJECT ENTITIES	Rassogianis/Franks families, By (owned by) Rassogianis, (is related to) Franks, Paulina (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Alex's Candy Shop candy mold Rabbit St. Louis Ice Cream Parlor

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small sized, candy/chocolate mold in the shape of a running rabbit. The item is comprised of two sides held together by a long clamp running along the mold's top side. The rabbit is running across the ground at the bottom of the mold. There are three concave circles on one side that correspond to convex circles on the other. The inside of the mold is shiny.

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

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

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