

OBJECT ID	2011.7.221
OBJECT NAME	Currency
OBJECT COLLECTION	Alex's Candy Shop (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1923
MEASUREMENTS	7.7800200000 cm. W x 18.5750200000 cm. L, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Paper
OBJECT ENTITIES	Rassogianis/Franks families, By (owned by) Rassogianis, (is related to) Franks, Paulina (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Alex's Candy Shop Money St. Louis Ice Cream Parlor

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a $1.00 bill. It is in very poor condition, almost broken into eight pieces, held together by tape, which has yellowed with age. The front has a picture of George Washington. The top reads "Silver Certificate" below which it says "This certifies that there has been deposited in the Treasury of The United States of America" Below Washington, it reads "One Silver Dollar, Payable to the bearer on demand." There is a seal in the left side, and a number 1 with Dollar across it on the right side. Both are in blue. There is a serial number below the seal and above the 1. The back of the bill is green. There are 1's in all of the corners, as well as in teh middle of the short sides. The middle of the bill reads "The United States of America One Dollar" and there are three pieces of tape across it, as well as one around the middle.

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

Currency, 1923, Alex's Candy Shop, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.