

OBJECT ID	2011.7.222
OBJECT NAME	Bill-of-sale
OBJECT COLLECTION	Alex's Candy Shop (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1920 – 1940
MATERIAL	Cardboard; Paper
OBJECT ENTITIES	Rassogianis/Franks families, By (owned by) Rassogianis, (is related to) Franks, Pauline (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Alex's Candy Shop St. Louis Ice Cream Parlor

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a Bill of Sale of Personal Property document. It is from when John Rassogianis sold the St. Louis Avenue Chicago store to Alex Rassogianis on January 20, 1914. The document has "Know all Men by these Presents, that, " printed largely in bold in the top left hand corner. The information specfic to the sale is printed in different text, with a large blank section in the middle and red line running through it. At the bottom of the document are Alex and John's signatures, in addition to the signature of the witness present at the signing of the document.

On the back of the document there is more text with blank spaces for information to be filled in, but has been left blank.

The Bill of Sale of Personal Property is framed in an orange cardboard-like material.

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

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