

OBJECT ID	2011.7.235
OBJECT NAME	Bag, Pastry
OBJECT COLLECTION	Alex's Candy Shop (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1920 – 1940
MEASUREMENTS	11.5900200000 cm. W x 13.81252 cm. L, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Canvas ; Metal; Paper; Wax
OBJECT ENTITIES	Rassogianis/Franks families, By (owned by) Rassogianis, (is related to) Franks, Paulina (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Alex's Candy Shop Pastry Bag St. Louis Ice Cream Parlor

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a folded pastry bag in its original wax paper packaging. The packaging is a brownish-yellow wax paper, significantly ripped in many places. The label on the packaging has the brand, "Ateco," printed in the top left corner of the label. On the right it says, "Double Seamed" with "Pastry Bag, size 18" printed in the center label, and "with rustproof eyelets" printed below it. The pastry bag itself is 18 inches long by 12 inches wide. On the bottom of the label is small text and information about obtaining this pastry bag from Ateco. It reads "Double seaming makes them better than ordinary bags. Ask your supply house for genuine Ateco Pastry Bags."

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

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