



OBJECT ID	2011.7.262
OBJECT NAME	Book, Account
OBJECT COLLECTION	Alex's Candy Shop (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1920 – 1940
MATERIAL	Cardboard; Paper
OBJECT ENTITIES	Rassogianis/Franks families, By (owned by) Franks, Rassogianis; (is related to)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a book of check receipts from 1919/1920. The book is bound in a thick black cardboard material, with a red/brown binding. Almost every page is written on. Checks of particular interest: Check #200 was a check sent to the donor's father while he was away in Greece during WWI. It was written to Constan. J. Rassogianis on Sept. 29, 1919 for \$15.00. Check #238 was a check sent to John's wife in Greece before she came to America. It was written to Paletime Rassogianis on November 18, 1919 for \$25.00. Check #255 was written on November 18, 1919 to a "F. Kvasnika," who may have been the owner of the St. Louis store property for the amount of \$70.00.

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 entrepreneur, he also had many other accomplishments. Among these was his four years of involvement 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

Book, Account, 1920 – 1940, Alex's Candy Shop, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 10/14/26.
