



OBJECT ID	2012.23.22
OBJECT NAME	Board, Sandwich
OBJECT COLLECTION	Ramova Grill Collection (is part of)
MEDIUM	Oil Paint
MATERIAL	Metal
OBJECT ENTITIES	Grill, Ramova (owned by) Dinos, Tony (is related to) Miller, Ward (is related to) Gertos, Bob (is related to) Gertos, Bill (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Ramova Grill Sandwich Board

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A black metal frame and board with corner pieces to make it look like a frame. There is a red line on the top and bottom on the left side of the board but fades half way and on the right side there are no red lines. The top half says, "Grilled Cheese Sandwiches on Toast 1.80," and on the bottom half is says, "Bacon Lettuce & Tomato on Toast 4.25." The sign is falling apart in the left side and there are a lot of paint or other marks on the frame and parts of the board. The types of sandwiches are faded and some have previous words that are still visable but the prices are in a bright white paint. It is a little sticky around the frame. There are some cracks along the side of the board. Some parts of the frame is peeling off and there are more cracks and holes on the left side.

ORIGIN

The Ramova Grill opened in Chicago in 1929 and after 82 years it shut down in 2012. Tony Dinos was from Greece and moved to the United States in 1960 where he started working at the Ramova, his first and only job he has ever had in the United States. He started out as a dishwasher but once he learned English better his uncle, Pete Gertos, promoted him to cook and four years after that he bought in and owned part of the place. In 1965, while working at the grill, Dinos met Liberty Sfondels, whom he would marry just two month later and are still married to this day. The Ramova Grill was known for

their pancakes and chili. Dinos got the chili recipe from the original owners and will not give the recipe to anyone, not even his son-in-law who owns a diner in Indiana. Dinos and his partner Bob Gertos have decided to close the grill after working there for 52 years to spend more time with family and travel.

CITATION

Board, Sandwich, Ramova Grill Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/23/24.
