



OBJECT ID

1998.26.2

OBJECT NAME

Box, Jewelry

MATERIAL

Silver

OBJECT ENTITIES

Chimens, Evelyn (owned by)
Chimens, Evelyn (is related to)

ACCESS POINTS

embossed
grapes
Silver
Vines

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Silver jewelry box with a hinged lid. The lid is embossed with grape vines and grape bundles. In the center is an embossed double-headed eagle with a crown. All four sides of the box are embossed with a pot bottom center and grape vines and grapes emanating from the pot. The four legs also have grape vine embossments. The underside of the lid is also embossed with a pot bottom center flowering vines emanating from the pot. The pot is flanked by birds on each side. An embossed bloom in the middle of the underside of the lid is also flanked by two birds in flight. Two more birds are embossed in the upper left and right corners of the underside of the lid. The inside of the box is lined with polished metal.

ORIGIN

Donated by Evelyn Chemins. Grapes and grape wine is a staple of both ancient and modern Greece. The evidence of winemaking in ancient Greece is one of the oldest of such a practice. The double-headed eagle is used both by the Greek Orthodox Church and in the coat of arms of Greece. The use of the symbol can be traced back to its use by the Byzantine emperors.

CITATION

Box, Jewelry, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 11/29/21.
