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Object ID

2008.37.5

Object Name

Block, Printing

Object Collection

Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)

Material

Lead; Wood

Object Entities

Damianos, John (is related to)

Access Points

church
Greek Art Printing Company
Greek Orthodox Church
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Orthodox
print
Printing
printing block
Trinity
Wood

Object Description

Wooden and cast lead printing block. The printing block is of left aligned text in three lines. The first line reads: "HOLY TRINITY." The second: "GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH." The third: "of CHICAGO."

Origin

□ Donated by John Damianos. The printing block was used in a linotype printing machine. Linotype presses allowed for the casting of entire lines to be printed at a time. Linotype printing was eventually succeeded by lithograph printing and computer typesetting during the 1960's and 1970's. This printing block was used by the Chicago-based, The Greek Art Printing Company. The Holy Trinity Greek orthodox Church was established in 1897 as the first permanent Greek Orthodox church in the Midwest and only the third in the United States. It continues as a parish today, located at 6041 West Diversey Avenue in Chicago. The Church played a large role in establishing Greek language classes at the Hull House starting in 1907. The classes were intended to instill Greek language, cultural ideals and faith in the children of Greek immigrants and to perpetuate these same values to their new homeland in the United States.

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