



OBJECT ID	2008.37.14
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	Greek Art Printing Company print Printing printing block Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Wood and cast lead printing block. The print design is a landscape of three figures standing in front of a stone structure with arched doorways. The figure on the far left is wearing a dark tunic and appears to be a male with longer hair. The center figure also appears to be a male wearing a hat, light-colored cape, and dark tunic. The figure on the far right is a bearded male who appears to be wearing a toga. The bearded figure has his head bowed and is being handed either a sheet of paper or a tablet by the figure in the center. There is Greek text on the paper/tablet, but not all the characters can be identified for a translation.

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. It is unknown what the image on this printing block is supposed to represent.

CITATION

Block, Printing, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/23/24.