



OBJECT ID	2013.16.14
OBJECT NAME	Pistol
MATERIAL	Metal; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Kremidas, George (owned by) Apostle, James (is related to) Apostle, Geraldine (is related to) Kremidas, George (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	bandits defense double barrel firearm gun hammer Metal pistol rust security trigger weapon weponry Wood

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This pistol has a curved handle and two long, stacked barrels. The metal pieces that decorate the trigger and handle have floral patterns that have been worn down in many places. The best preserved section is on the bottom of the bottom of the trigger guard. It shows a single flower with two long leaves. The metal plates on either side of the handle that attach to the hammers show traces of similar decoration but have since worn away. The plate on the left side of the gun has become partly detached at the end. All the pieces of metal including these plates, the hammers, the trigger, and the barrels have rusted quite a bit. The worse damage is in the crease between the two barrels.

The barrels are about 8 inches long and are made of smooth metal. If there was decoration it is no longer visible. On the very end of the top barrel on the left side a small strip of metal has been bent back leaving the exit of the barrel uneven.

The handle is constructed from pieces of metal and polished wood. The wood of the handle has been carved to have a scalloped pattern all the way around. The wood of the handle has cracked slightly along its border with a strip of metal that runs along the back of the handle starting between the hammers. The base of the handle is capped with a piece of metal that matches the end of the scalloped pattern.

The right hammer and the trigger show movement when pressed with minimal force. The left hammer didn't budge with the same light pressure.

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## ORIGIN

George Kremidas used this pistol to protect his family and land from rural bandits.

George Kremidas and his wife Despina lived in the Greek village of Dessila, Greece. Dessila is a tiny village in the area of Messenia on the Peloponnese. Their daughter Angeliki, the third of five children, was the only member of the immediate family to emigrate to America. While living in New England, she married Nicholas Apostolos and subsequently gave birth to two sons: George and James. The family moved to Michigan and both sons served in the military during World War II. Afterwards both sons earned degrees from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago and opened a mortuary in Muskegon, Michigan together. James married Geraldine Pavlis. In 1960 the two left to visit his family in Greece, however, on the day of their departure George Kremidas (James' grandfather) passed away at the age of 98. The personal artifacts included in this accession were given to the Apostles during this trip.

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## CITATION

Pistol, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/25/24.

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