



OBJECT ID	2008.37.39
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1969 – 1972
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	<p>Damianos, John (is related to)</p> <p>Terzakis, Danny (is related to)</p> <p>Manos, Nicholas (is related to)</p> <p>Timotheos, Bishop (is related to)</p> <p>Stacy Dia, (is related to)</p> <p>Argiris, Van (is related to)</p> <p>Daros, John (is related to)</p> <p>Irene Dia, (is related to)</p> <p>Karas, Theodore (is related to)</p> <p>Louris, George (is related to)</p> <p>Mantzoros, Peter (is related to)</p> <p>Maragos, Samuel (is related to)</p> <p>Melas, Nicholas (is related to)</p> <p>Philippidis, Nicholas (is related to)</p> <p>Photopulos, Bud (is related to)</p> <p>Tiniakos, Mark (is related to)</p> <p>Zimbrakos, Paul (is related to)</p>

ACCESS POINTS

1972
contract
Greek American Organizations of the Greater Metropolitan Area of Chicago
Greek Art Printing Company
Greek Independence Day Parade
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Chicago
Greek Orthodox Church Communities
helmet
letterhead
membership card
moustache
Patriotic Tripolitan Lodge "Theodoras Kolokotronis"
print
Printing
printing block
soldier
uniform
Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular wood and cast lead printing block. The print image is of a moustached and long-haired man from the shoulders up and facing to the left side. The man is dressed in military uniform with part of the shoulder board visible and is wearing a plummed helmet with a visor, neck guard and chin strap. The helmet is in the style of a 19th century cuirassier's helmet.

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, Greek Art Printing Company. This printing block was used in the printing of letterheads and advertising contracts for the 1972 Greek Independence Day Parade Committee. The parade was sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Chicago, the Greek orthodox Church Communities, and the Greek-American Organizations of the Greater Metropolitan Area of Chicago. The image is also used for the printing of By-law booklets, letterhead, and membership cards for the Patriotic Tripolitan Lodge "Theodoras Kolokotronis." The Lodge was founded in 1924 and was located at 304 South Halsted Street, Chicago. The figure in the image is Theodoras Kolokotronis. Kolokotronis was a pre-eminent Greek general during the Greek War of Independence and is celebrated as one of the foremost heroes of the war. In 1825 he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Greek forces in the Peloponnese. Kolokotronis is most recognized for his victory at Dervenaki Pass over the Ottoman army of Mahmud Dramali Pasha in August of 1822. The victory over the Ottoman army at Dervenaki Pass contributed greatly to the Ottoman's need to turn to Muhammad Ali of Egypt for help against the Greeks. The helmet worn by Kolokotronis in the print image is in the style of a 19th century cuirassier's helmet. Cuirassier's are mounted cavalry named after the breastplate armor they wear, the cuirasse.

CITATION

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