



OBJECT ID	2008.37.42
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	February 25, 1943
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Damianos, John (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	<p>1943</p> <p>American Pan-Hellenic Federation</p> <p>Assumption Greek Orthodox Church</p> <p>Board of Directors of the Greek Community</p> <p>Greek Art Printing Company</p> <p>Greek War Relief Association</p> <p>greeting</p> <p>Mary</p> <p>print</p> <p>Printing</p> <p>printing block</p> <p>Souvenir Program</p> <p>Theotokos</p> <p>Wood</p>

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Square-shaped, wood and cast lead printing block. The print image is a circular seal with a representation of the Assumption of Mary within a circle outline. The representation is of a haloed Mary lying with arms crossed on a litter. The litter is being carried and is surrounded by several figures. Above Mary is a wreath with a haloed figure in the center and the wreath is held by two angels, in flight, on each side. Below the image is the word "Assumption."

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 print block was used for the printing of a greeting from the Board of Directors of the Greek Community in the souvenir program for the February 25, 1943 Benefit Dance for the Greek War Relief held by the American Pan-Hellenic Federation. The Assumption of Mary (the Birth-Giver) is a feast day in the Greek Orthodox Church to celebrate Mary's assumption, as the mother of God, to heaven.

CITATION

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