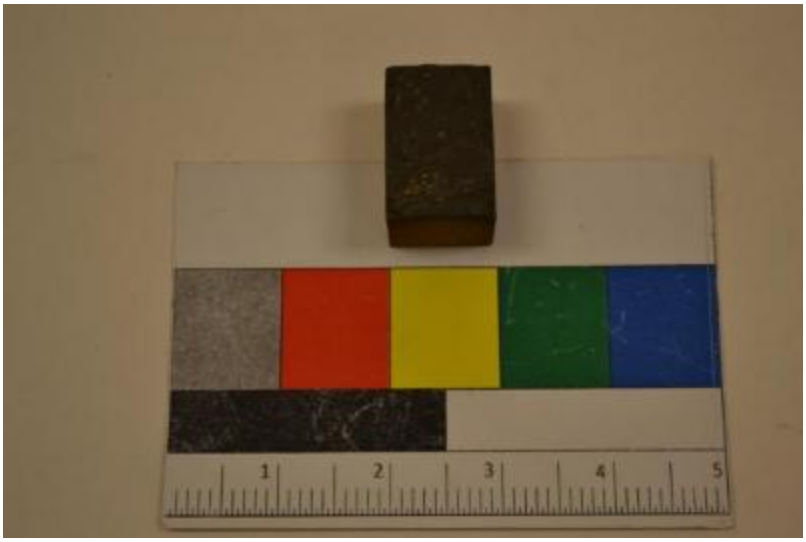

OBJECT ID	2008.37.43
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	February 25, 1943
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Damianos, John (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	American Pan-Hellenic Federation beard Greek Art Printing Company Greek War Relief Association portrait print Printing printing block Program Spartan Brotherhood Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular wood and cast lead print block. The image on the print block is side view of a bearded man, from shoulder up, facing to the left. The man appears to be older with a wrinkled forehead and wrinkles on his cheek. The man has a thick head of hair and is wearing a toga-type garment. Beneath the portrait is a single word that reads: "Lycurgus."

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 an advertisement for the Spartan Brotherhood in the souvenir program for the February 25, 1943 Benefit Dance for the Greek War Relief held by the American Pan-Hellenic Federation. The Spartan Brotherhood was most likely another of the many regionally focused Hellenic organizations that were formed by Greek immigrants to the United States. Lycurgus is the man, real or not, who is credited with carrying out the reforms that brought Sparta to greatness and fame.

CITATION

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