



OBJECT ID	2008.37.47
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1954 – 1976
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	<p> Damianos, John (is related to) Stevenson, Richard (is related to) Sisler, George (is related to) Abbott, Prof. (is related to) Kohn, Alfred (is related to) Dick, Edison (is related to) George Rich, III (is related to) Swift, T. (is related to) DuVal, Ione (is related to) Glyman, James (is related to) Parry, D. (is related to) Photos, . (is related to) Manaves, Penelope (is related to) Milonas, Electra (is related to) Spartin, Peter (is related to) Spirides, Bessie (is related to) Zimdahl, Edna (is related to) </p>

ACCESS POINTS

1954
 1957
 1958
 1959
 1960
 1961
 1967
 1969
 1971
 1976
 Greek Art Printing Company
 Greek Committee to Aid the Immigrants' Protective League
 Immigrants' Protective League
 Immigrants Protective League
 Menu
 N.H.I.B.T.
 National Hellenic Invitational Basketball Tournament (NHIBT)
 Parthenon
 Parthenon Restaurant
 print
 Printing
 printing block
 Program
 Sponsor
 The Greek Committee to Aid the Immigrants' Protective League
 Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular wood and cast lead printing block. The print image is of the Parthenon. A small area of ground surrounding the Parthenon is visible along the bottom. There are three clouds in the sky above the Parthenon.

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. The image was used on the cover of the programs for The Greek Committee To Aid The Immigrants' Protective League's Annual Benefits. The Greek Committee was formed in 1940 to assist the Immigrants' Protective League in interpreting its work in the community and to assist with the cost of helping immigrants not just of Greek origin but of all nationalities. The Immigrants' Protective League was founded by a group of Hull House women in 1909. The purpose of the League was to assist newly arrived immigrants find family and friends and to adjust to living in the United States. The League established waiting rooms at train stations with multi-lingual League members who could assist immigrants with finding friends or family. The League also conducted investigations of employment and loan agencies that targeted immigrants, so as to ensure immigrants were not being taken advantage of. The image is also used in multiple sponsor advertisements in the programs for the 1967, 1969, and 1971 N.H.I.B.T. The image is also used on the cover of menus from 1976 for the Parthenon Restaurant of 314 South Halsted Street, Chicago. The restaurant was opened in 1958 and still operates as that same address under the founders and owners, Chris and Bill Liakouras. The restaurant is known for being the birthplace of Flaming Saganaki (flaming cheese). The Parthenon is located on the Acropolis in Athens and is a temple dedicated to Athena, the patron goddess of Athens. In 1687 the Parthenon was severely damaged when it was used for a gunpowder magazine by the Turks during a Venetian siege. A stray cannon shot hit the Parthenon and set off a massive explosion from the gunpowder stored there.

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