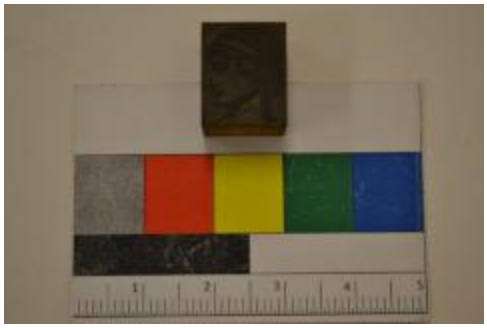




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| **OBJECT ID** | 2008.37.49 |
| **OBJECT NAME** | Block, Printing |
| **OBJECT COLLECTION** | Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of) |
| **DATE CREATED** | 1960 – 1972 |
| **MATERIAL** | Lead; Wood |
| **OBJECT ENTITIES** | Damianos, John (is related to) |
| **ACCESS POINTS** | Greek Art Printing Company<br>Hellenic Professional Society of Illinois<br>membership card<br>portrait<br>print<br>Printing<br>printing block<br>Program<br>Wood |

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular wood and cast lead printing block. The print image is a portrait of a young man, from the neck up. The man is facing to the left. The man has longer hair that covers his ear. He is wearing a cloth diadem.

## 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 image was used for the printing of membership cards and event programs for the Hellenic Professional Society of Illinois. The Hellenic Professional Society of Illinois was founded in 1925 by a group of Greek-immigrant professionals. The Society's mission is: to uphold the honor and dignity of the professions represented by its membership; to cultivate a spirit of good fellowship; to encourage and promote education and learning and to cooperate with other organizations of professional people in promoting the arts, letter and sciences, especially those enhancing the Hellenic spirit and culture. The Society holds events for recognizing graduates of Hellenic descent, lectures on cultural, historical, and business topics, social and philanthropic events. The Society also raises money to support institutions such as the National Hellenic Museum. The cloth diadem is a symbol of kingship in Hellenistic culture.

## CITATION

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