



OBJECT ID	2008.37.55
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	December 18, 1927
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Damianos, John (is related to) Kallimachos, D. (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Association of the Greek Community of Chicago Greek Art Printing Company letter moustache National Herald Newspaper portrait print Printing printing block Program Republican Socrates Greek-American School Socrates School Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Rectangular wood and cast lead printing block. The print image is a portrait of a man from the shoulders up. The man is bespectacled and has a moustache and goatee. He has longer hair that is parted at the middle. He is wearing a stiff-collared shirt with a bow tie and jacket. There is an artist signature in the bottom right-hand corner.

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, The Greek Art Printing Company. The print image was used in the publishing of a letter from National Herald newspaperman, D. Kallimachos, to Socrates School Students in the program of a Socrates School theatrical production. Greek journalists were among the influential leaders of the Greek-American community. The National Herald, and the Atlantis were the most influential for Greek-Americans. Kallimachos writes that he "applauds all Hellenes despite political preferences." This reference is due to the fact that the Atlantis was a Royalist paper, while the National Herald supported Greek Republicanism. The Socrates Greek-American School, or Socrates School, was started in 1907 when the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago began offering Greek language classes at the famous Hull House. The Socrates Greek School opened in 1908 and was

renamed the Socrates Greek American School after an English curriculum was added in 1917. The image of the owl, in Western and Greek culture is a symbol of wisdom and was the symbol of the Greek goddess of wisdom, Athena. Socrates was classical Greek philosopher who is credited as one of the founders of Western Civilization.

CITATION

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