



OBJECT ID	1994.41.20
OBJECT NAME	Chain, Key
DATE CREATED	1916
MATERIAL	Metal
OBJECT ENTITIES	<p>Metevilis, Marina (is related to)</p> <p>Mpalamas, Constantinos (is related to)</p> <p>Balafas, Gus (is related to)</p>

## RELATED ITEMS

Blanket, 1994.41.1  
 Assemblage, 1994.41.2  
 Gown, Baptismal, 1994.41.3.A  
 Gown, Baptismal, 1994.41.3.B  
 Bib, 1994.41.3.C  
 Cap, 1994.41.3.D  
 Bib, 1994.41.3.E  
 Bib, 1994.41.3.F  
 Mortar, 1994.41.5A  
 Pestle, 1994.41.5B  
 Link, Cuff, 1994.41.6.A  
 Link, Cuff, 1994.41.6.B  
 Stocking, 1994.41.7.A  
 Stocking, 1994.41.7.B  
 Shawl, 1994.41.8  
 Handkerchief, 1994.41.9.A  
 Handkerchief, 1994.41.9.B  
 Nightgown, 1994.41.10.A  
 Pantaloons, 1994.41.10.B  
 Pillowcase, 1994.41.10.C  
 Scarf, 1994.41.10.D  
 Doily, 1994.41.10.E  
 Doily, 1994.41.10.F  
 Bootie, 1994.41.11.A  
 Bootie, 1994.41.11.B  
 Jacket, 1994.41.11.C  
 Belt, 1994.41.11.D  
 Legging, 1994.41.11.E  
 Mitten, 1994.41.11.F  
 Cap, 1994.41.11.G  
 Petticoat, 1994.41.12.A  
 Cap, 1994.41.12.B  
 Certificate, Naturalization, 1994.41.13  
 Icon, 1994.41.14  
 Icon, 1994.41.15  
 Purse, Change, 1994.41.16.A  
 Purse, Change, 1994.41.16.B  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.C  
 Token, Tax, 1994.41.16.D  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.E  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.F  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.G  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.H  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.I  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.J  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.K  
 Coin, 1994.41.16.L  
 Photograph, 1994.41.17  
 Pad, Hot, 1994.41.18  
 Pendant, 1994.41.19  
 Clasp, 1994.41.21

## ACCESS POINTS

key chain  
Marina Metevilis  
Metal  
Shoe repair shop  
Star Shipline  
Stefani, Corinth

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small, metal keychain. Advertising tool for shoe repair shop. Large, metal key ring attached. Key chain is a silver, oval shape. One side, has a miniature design along the perimeter. Coming from the right side, are three banner looking designs, that contain the text, "Gus A. Balafas, 604 Commercial St., Atchison, Kansas". At the top of the keychain, there is additional, lighter colored text that reads, "If found return -to-", and at the bottom of the keychain, is additional, lighter colored text that reads, "And receive reward". On the opposite side of the keychain, there is a small engraved, high-topped shoe design, with no additional design whatsoever.

## ORIGIN

Marina Metevilis' father, Constantinos Mpalamas came from Stefani, Corinth to the US circa 1906 on the Star Shipline. Stayed in New York. One of eleven children, he learned the shoe repair trade, and went into business. Later he opened up more shops in various Missouri cities, which he turned over to immigrant relatives and friends who arrived later.

This keychain was an advertising tool which he gave to his customers. Note high-topped shoe design on reverse side.

## CITATION

Chain, Key, 1916, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/19/24.