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OBJECT NAME	Photograph
DATE CREATED	1948
OBJECT ENTITIES	Karountzos, Steve (is related to) Hadzimichali, (is related to) Sperling, Angeliki (is related to) Sperling, Nicolas (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	blue portrait print White Yellow

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Framed portrait of a frontal male with blonde hair and a moustache dressed in traditional costume. He wears a red and black head wrap. He wears a base layer of a loose-fitting white shirt, over which are two vests, which are blue and buff in color. He also wears elaborately decorated sleeves in the same blue with buff embroidery, which are a rich red on the underside. He wears a fustanella. He also wears plain black shoes and white stockings covered with richly decorated blue and buff cloth greaves. This exterior scene has a buff ground and on which sits a wall of three courses of large rectangular gray blocks to elbow high, above which is a blue sky with white clouds. The figure leans on the remains of the wall with his elbow on top of the wall. The bottom right hand corner of the print says "Astiki" in English and Greek. The matting for the portrait is a light pink hue, with a gold frame.

#### ORIGIN

This print comes from the Book "Hellenic National Costumes" by Hadzimichali, Angeliki and Nicolas Sperling. The prints were done by miniature artist Sperling. The book had multiple pressings (1948, 1954). Ultimately there were two volumes and a supplement with 111 plates total. The original unframed,



unmatted prints were 8 1/2" X 11 5/8".

Steve Karountzos has lived in the United States since 1966 and attained U.S. citizenship in 1971. Before that, he served as a sergeant in the Greek Royal Air Force from 1954 to 1958. Now residing in Hammond, Indiana, he is now a part of the Northwest Indiana contingent of Greek and Greek-American military veterans.

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#### CITATION

Photograph, 1948, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlihost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/19/24.

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