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| OBJECT ID         | 2008.37.28  |
| OBJECT NAME       | Block, Printing   |
| OBJECT COLLECTION | Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of) |
| MATERIAL          | Lead; Wood  |
| OBJECT ENTITIES   | Damianos, John (is related to)                              |

## ACCESS POINTS

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church  
Greek Art Printing Company  
Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago & Western Suburbs  
Plato  
Plato School  
President of the School Board  
print  
Printing  
printing block  
School Board  
School Certificate  
The Assumption  
Wood

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Wood and cast lead printing block. The printing block is rectangular with the bottom left corner having a small rectangular notch taken out of it. There are five small square holes that have been bored out of certain spots of the print block along the bottom left-hand side. The print face has several lines of text. The first line at the top forms a slight arch of text reading: "Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago & Western Suburbs." The second line, centered and horizontally aligned, reads: "The Assumption." Between the second and third lines of text is a small decorative dividing line. Beginning with the third line of text, the remaining text of the print face is in Greek. The third line translates to: "The Assumption of Mary." The fourth line: "Greek School." Fifth line: "Plato." Between the fifth and sixth line of text is another decorative dividing line. The sixth line translates to: "School Certificate." Below and to the right of the sixth line of text are three lines of text. The middle line has the Greek word for "number" and is followed by a brace and the other two lines consisting of "school registers" on the top line and "control" on the bottom line, both followed by a blank line. To the bottom left of the sixth line of text is another line of text separate from the right-hand text that reads: "School Year 19\_\_-19\_\_." The next four lines make up a short paragraph that reads: \_\_\_\_ Disciple \_\_\_\_\_, born \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_ enrolled in the \_\_\_\_\_ class and at the end of the school year 19\_\_--19\_\_ examined \_\_\_\_ in the courses in the order of graduation listing \_\_\_\_." The next line of text translates to: "With the degree \_\_\_\_\_ with the conduct of \_\_\_\_\_." The next line is centered and reads: "In Chicago the \_\_\_\_ June, 19\_\_." The last two lines are in the bottom right corner. The first line translates to: "The President of the School Board." The second line is a blank line for a signature.

## 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.

## CITATION

Block, Printing, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlihost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/03/24.