

KNOBBY'S RECORD STORE ADVERTISEMENTS

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Repository:	Crandall Public Library. Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs, Glens Falls, NY.
Creator:	Knobby's Record Store
Title:	Knobby's Record Store Advertisements
Dates:	ca 1955
Abstract:	Two 45 rpm phonograph records in a sleeve printed "Knobby's Records" and "Record Club – Mail Orders" with the address (51 Warren) and list of types of music and other items sold at the store.
Quantity:	1 folder
Identification:	Archives & Manuscripts: Businesses

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Knobby's Record Store was owned by Henry C. Knoblauch & Sons, a Glens Falls firm which owned coin-operated music systems (jukeboxes), the record store and, later, "amusement devices" (pinball machines?).

Henry Charles Knoblauch, was born in 1886 in Oceanic, New Jersey, to a father of German birth and an American mother. In 1900 he was living with his widowed mother, Jessie, in Bolton, New York on Lake George. He was a 1908 graduate of Harvard College. He started his business career in 1910 in association with an electric light and power company. Subsequently he was a Ford automobile dealer in Bolton and Glens Falls. The final chapter of his business career was as president of Henry C. Knoblauch and Sons, music operators. He died in 1958 at the age of 71.

Henry and his wife Mabel Finkle Knoblauch were married in 1918 in Oneonta, NY. They had three sons and a daughter, all born in Bolton: Charles E. 1919-1975, Henry C. Jr. 1921- , George 1923 -2002, and Jessie Knoblauch Ashley 1924-2005. Henry first appears as a "music machine salesman" in the 1938 City Directory. His three sons all served in the armed forces during World War II, and the firm of Henry C. Knoblauch & Sons appears in the City Directory in 1950. That year was also the first appearance of the record store: as "Knobby's Park Street Record Store, 28 Park, Henry C. Knoblauch, prop". All of the sons are listed as members of the firm. The record

store is owned by the firm and managed by Henry, Jr. The main business of the firm is "coin operated systems." The music store moved to 51 Warren Street, and in 1955 Charles is listed as the proprietor. George Knoblauch and his wife June were no longer listed in the firm, or in Glens Falls, after 1957. In 1958 Henry Sr. died. In 1961 the firm of Henry C. Knoblauch & Sons was running the record store (now moved to 7 Broad Street, Hudson Falls) as well as "amusement devices," and Charles was the proprietor of Knoblauch's House of Books at 183 Bay Street. His wife, Helen, was associated with the book store and was also the secretary of the Lake George Opera Association. The record store disappeared from the Directory after 1962. Charles and Helen left Glens Falls after 1964, leaving Henry Jr. and his wife Marjorie with Knoblauch & Son. Marjorie was also employed by Muzak Corp.

Knobby's Record store seems always to have been an auxiliary to the jukebox business, although, at least at the Warren Street location they also sold record changers, tape recorders, hi-fi equipment and radios.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

Two 45 rpm phonograph records, each in a sleeve printed "Knobby's Records" and "Record Club – Mail Orders" with the address (51 Warren) and list of types of music and other items sold at the store.

One: Coral Records "The Birth of the Blues" and "I Heard," sung by Pearl Bailey.
Two: Decca Extended Play 45: "The High and the Mighty", "When I Grow Too Old to Dream", "Moon of Manakoora" and "I'll Follow My Secret Heart," played by Bill Snyder.

INDEX TERMS

Topics:	Advertisements Sound recording Jukeboxes
Places:	Glens Falls, NY Bolton, NY
Important People:	Knoblauch, Henry Charles 1886-1958 Knoblauch, Mabel Finkle (Mrs Henry C.) 1889-1967 Knoblauch, Charles E. 1919-1975 Knoblauch, Helen S. (Mrs. Charles) Knoblauch, Henry C. jr. 1921- (died after 1993) Knoblauch, Marjorie (Mrs. Henry jr.) 1933 – (died after 1995) Knoblauch, George 1923-2002 Knoblauch, June C. (Mrs. George) 1928-2011
Form/Genre:	45 rpm records

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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