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## Robert S. Hartmann Phonograph Disc Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Robert S. Hartmann Phonograph Disc Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1916-1930s.
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0297
<b>Creator:</b>	Decca (recording company). Duchin, Eddie (musician) Cugat, Xavier (bandleader) Columbia (recording company). Goodman, Benny (Benjamin David), 1909-1986 National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Community Life Victor (recording company). Silvertone (recording company). King, Wayne (musician) Iona, Andy (musician) Lombardo, Guy, 1902-1977 Kinney, Ray (musician) Edison, Thomas A. (Thomas Alva), 1847-1931 Hemple, Frieda (singer) Hartmann, Robert S.
<b>Extent:</b>	2.5 Cubic feet (8 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated by Robert S. Hartmann, March 1988.

### Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

### Preferred Citation

Robert S. Hartmann Phonograph Disc Collection, ca. 1916-1930s, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

### Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

This collection consists of popular music recorded between approximately 1916 and the 1930's collected by Robert S. Hartmann.

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## Scope and Contents

Popular music recorded approximately 1916-1930s: 78 and 45 RPM phonograph discs produced by Edison recordings, Victor, Decca, Columbia, and Silvertone.

Boxes 1-4: 53 10" Edison recordings of popular songs by such artists as Freda Hemple, George Hamilton Green, the Metropolitan Quartet, and Frederick Kinsley; also hymns, World War I songs, and some operatic selections.

Box 5: 32 45-r.p.m. records, primarily by Victor, some Decca, others, by Eddie Duchin, Xavier Cugat, Guy Lombardo.

Box 6: 41 45-r.p.m. records, including 16 by Victor, 4 by Columbia, 4 by Silvertone, 8 unlabelled, 3 family recordings, 4 in Greek. Artists include Eddie Duchin, Guy Lombardo, Wayne King.

Box 7: Several volumes of Victor library, all 78 r.p.m. Artists include Ray Kinney, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Dick McIntire, Andy Iona.

Box 8: Popular recordings; Christmas carols sung by Frieda Hempel, recorded by Edison; and family recordings.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Music -- Performance -- 1910-1940
- Popular music

Types of Materials:

- 45 rpm records
- 78 rpm records
- Phonograph records
- Sound recordings