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Brown paper sleeve with circular window at centre

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Physical description

Brown paper sleeve with circular window at centre advertising portable gramophones. Illustration of portable machine top right corner and text "The Best Portable / Gramophone in the World! / "His Master's Voice". Reverse with illustration of tin of gramophone needles bottom left and text "ALWAYS USE / "His Master's Voice" / NEEDLES".

Statement of significance

The Rev. J.W. Schomberg Collection consists of a home-made gramophone, four boxes of gramophone needles and thirty-five records, all dating from the early 1930s. The gramophone's cabinet was constructed by Junius Schomberg, from silky oak wood, in imitation of those available through retailers in the early 1930s. What is most unusual about this gramophone is that Schomberg has used a giant whelk shell as an amplifier, hidden within the cabinet.

Between August 1921 and his sudden death on 5 February 1936 at the age of forty-five, Junius was superintendent of the Mission for Pacific Islands and based at the Torres Strait mission of St Paul's on Moa Island. The collection's significance lies in its close association with the Schomberg family's time on Moa. The collection demonstrates Junius's resourcefulness and adaptability and the broader cultural life of a missionary at this time.

Object information

What

Type [Record covers](#)

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Dimensions W 310mm x H 310mm x D 2mm

Material [Paper](#)

 Who

Maker
[His Master's Voice](#)

User
[Reverend Junius W. Schomberg](#)

 Where

[Moa Island, Torres Strait, Queensland, Australia](#)

