

FASCINATING FIND

GRAMOPHONES



The two gramophones shown are a small part of the museum's audio collection. These machines were powered by a wind-up spring drive mechanism with a mechanical governor, and they played 10 and 12 inch shellac discs that ran at 78 rpm.

The upright Edison disc phonograph, model H19, was available from 1918 until the late 20s: and the HMV portable gramophone shown appears to be a model 101, and dates from the 20s and 30s.

After World War II these machines were replaced by electric ones that could play 45 and 33 rpm vinyl discs, and in the 70s and 80s vinyl records almost disappeared in favour of the compact cassette and the CD. Ultimately the CD/DVD format will be replaced by solid state memory chips.

These gramophones are displayed with many others at the museum in the radio/audio collection under the Church.