



**The Record Shop
& Miss Lena's Store**
165 East Kelley Street

The Record Shop was in the home of Henry & Lena Stuart, 165 E. Kelley Street. Long time resident, Doris Allen said in 2016 “they started with selling records, then cigarettes and knick knacks, then ice cream and so on.” It was first known as The Record Shop but later became known as Miss Lena’s Store and operated from 1962 until 1994.

Both the Stuarts were born in Harrisonburg. Henry Stuart, 1915-1994, attended Wilberforce University and was a WWII Veteran. Lena Mae Vickers Stuart, 1917-2003, graduated from the Effinger Street School. In addition to operating The Record Shop with her husband, she raised a family and worked at Harrisonburg Auto Auction and H&R Block. Both the Stuarts were active in their churches, the Bethel AME Church, across the street from their home and the John Wesley United Methodist Church.

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