

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

Multi-Item Collection Certificate — Six Pieces

THE SCHOENHUT DOLL & PIANO COLLECTION



This certificate documents a collection of five antique Schoenhut all-wood spring-jointed dolls and one R. Bliss toy piano, gathered together as a themed grouping. **Albert Schoenhut**, a third-generation German wood carver, founded his Philadelphia toy factory in 1872, producing his first wooden piano toys before later patenting his famous "All Wood Perfection Art Dolls" on January 17th, 1911 — the first dolls in the world made entirely of wood with compressed metal spring joints allowing them to stand and pose independently. Schoenhut dolls were produced from 1911 through the mid-1920s in a range of sizes from small character babies to 21-inch child dolls, each carved and painted by hand. The **R. Bliss Manufacturing Company**, founded in Rhode Island, was renowned for its wooden toys wrapped in colorful chromolithographed paper, including dollhouses, ships, and toy pianos produced from the late 1800s through 1935. Each item below is individually described, with condition and available markings noted, followed by a summary of estimated values.



ITEM 1 OF 6

15" Schoenhut Character Doll — Incised Back Mark

A 15-inch Schoenhut all-wood spring-jointed doll with dark mohair wig styled with a red satin bow, painted brown eyes, and expressive character face with slightly open mouth. Dressed in a red sailor-style outfit with white trim. The back carries an incised manufacturer's mark confirming Schoenhut origin.

- ♦ Marking: Incised on back — Schoenhut manufacturer's mark
- ♦ Construction: All-wood, spring-jointed body
- ♦ Hair: Dark mohair wig with satin ribbon bow
- ♦ Costume: Red sailor-style outfit, not confirmed original
- ♦ Era: circa 1911–1924

\$250 – \$500



ITEM 2 OF 6

13" Schoenhut Baby Doll — With Label

A 13-inch Schoenhut all-wood spring-jointed baby doll with molded bald head, painted facial features, and closed mouth typical of Schoenhut's baby character line. Dressed in a red knit romper bearing an original clothing label, and knit booties. Baby dolls of this type were introduced by the Schoenhut family beginning in 1911.

- ♦ Marking: Original clothing label present on romper
- ♦ Construction: All-wood, spring-jointed body
- ♦ Head: Molded bald head, painted features
- ♦ Costume: Red knit romper with label & matching booties
- ♦ Era: circa 1911–1924

\$200 – \$450



ITEM 3 OF 6

R. Bliss 8-Key Toy Piano

An antique R. Bliss upright toy piano featuring the manufacturer's signature chromolithographed paper covering with a scene of cherubs playing music, gilt scrollwork accents, and eight functioning wooden keys. Shows honest age wear consistent with a piece of this vintage, including some paper loss and chipping to the finish.

- ♦ Maker: R. Bliss Manufacturing Company, Rhode Island
- ♦ Marking: "Bliss" lettering visible on lithographed front panel
- ♦ Keys: 8 functional wooden keys
- ♦ Condition: Honest wear — some paper & finish loss noted
- ♦ Era: late 1800s – early 1900s

\$150 – \$350



ITEM 4 OF 6

20" Schoenhut Character Doll

A 20-inch Schoenhut all-wood spring-jointed doll with auburn mohair wig, painted blue eyes, and a gently molded character face with rosy cheeks. Dressed in a cream lace-trimmed blouse and skirt with lace-up shoes. A larger and more substantial example within the Schoenhut child doll range.

- ♦ Construction: All-wood, spring-jointed body
- ♦ Hair: Auburn mohair wig
- ♦ Eyes: Painted blue eyes
- ♦ Costume: Cream lace-trimmed blouse & skirt, lace-up shoes
- ♦ Era: circa 1911–1924

\$350 – \$700



ITEM 5 OF 6

14" Schoenhut Model 101 — Carved Hair

A 14-inch Schoenhut all-wood spring-jointed doll (model 101) with carved and molded blonde hair rather than a wig — a more desirable and labor-intensive feature valued by Schoenhut collectors. Fully articulated with the characteristic spring joints at shoulders, elbows, hips, and knees, shown undressed to display the carved hair and jointing clearly.

- ♦ Model: Schoenhut No. 101
- ♦ Hair: Carved & molded blonde hair — not wigged
- ♦ Construction: All-wood, fully spring-jointed body
- ♦ Condition: Presented undressed — no clothing
- ♦ Era: circa 1911–1924

\$400 – \$800



ITEM 6 OF 6

16" Schoenhut Toddler Doll

A 16-inch Schoenhut all-wood spring-jointed toddler doll with molded painted hair, gentle infant-like facial features, and the bent-limb toddler body style introduced by Harry Edison Schoenhut in 1913. Shown partially dressed in a cream chemise, revealing the wood spring-jointed limbs.

- ♦ Type: Toddler / bent-limb baby body style
- ♦ Construction: All-wood, spring-jointed body
- ♦ Hair: Molded & painted
- ♦ Costume: Cream chemise, partially dressed
- ♦ Era: circa 1913–1924

\$300 – \$600

COLLECTION SUMMARY

#	ITEM	NOTABLE FEATURE	ESTIMATED VALUE
1	15" Schoenhut Character Doll	Incised back mark	\$250 – \$500
2	13" Schoenhut Baby Doll	Original clothing label	\$200 – \$450
3	R. Bliss 8-Key Toy Piano	Lithographed cherub scene	\$150 – \$350
4	20" Schoenhut Character Doll	Larger size, auburn wig	\$350 – \$700
5	14" Schoenhut Model 101	Carved (not wigged) hair	\$400 – \$800
6	16" Schoenhut Toddler Doll	Bent-limb toddler body	\$300 – \$600

Estimated Collection Total (6 pieces) \$1,650 – \$3,400+

Collector's Note: Schoenhut all-wood dolls are highly regarded by antique doll collectors for their historical significance as the world's first fully-jointed wooden dolls, and values vary considerably based on size, whether the hair is carved (rather than wigged), condition of the original paint, and presence of manufacturer markings. Carved-hair examples, larger sizes, and pieces with intact incised marks or original labels typically command the higher end of the range. The R. Bliss piano's value depends heavily on the condition of its lithographed paper covering. These estimates are conservative starting points based on comparable examples in the current collector market (2024–2025); a professional in-hand appraisal is recommended for insurance or high-value sale purposes.

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