Subject: Re: Caliber 849

Posted by Case on Sat, 01 Aug 2020 19:33:55 GMT

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Congrats, Barney, on another example of excellent research! Landeron it is. It's hard to say anything about early Gruen with 100% certitude, but these Depose filings make it 100% in my book.

I'd done some looking at Landeron. The sites I found generally state Hahn switched to Landeron in 1925, but I disagree. I can confirm Hahn was already stamping Landeron on at least some movements circa 1920, possibly late teens. Here is one active swamp example with pre-1922 tariff stamps for US import. 133393265453 The dial suggests late teens.

Tangential but related, I have also found that Hahn/Landeron was a member—or at least a source—of SADA. I say that because I sometimes find SADA movements similar to Gruen but can find no info on SADA. Item 303616958737 looks like a left handed variant of 120 above; item 162861925030 has "Landeron" stamped on front plate below 6 position (I had one with a clearer stamp, but it ended).

Anyway—back to the important stuff. Well done, and congrats again!