
Subject: Re: Early 1950's Ladies Display Box
Posted by [Ephemerald](#) on Wed, 19 Aug 2020 20:40:07 GMT
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Hi Martin.

Thank you for the reply. I edited it to reflect the proper city, Buffalo, NY. I appreciate your research. And for the point in the right direction. You may know this following info but if not, here you go.

I now believe E.C.B. Co. to be a another contender for *early* Gruen watch box supplier, and possibly supplied Gruen throughout it's tenure. Not just the later 40s, 50's marked boxes they are known for. Following circumstantial:

I saw that E.C.B. Co founder Gustave J. Weil and his son, Lawrence M. Weil were in trade meetings in the 1920s with Fred Gruen according to Jeweler's Circular . I know!...Fred got around, though.....I recently clipped a blurb that say Fred crossed the Atlantic EIGHTY SIX times for business on a passenger ship throughout his career.

E.C.B produced all kinds of watch and jewelry boxes, leather, paper, wood, & later plastic...and producing as early 1898.

Here is some from 1906 version letterhead.

After Broadway they expanded to 795 Woodlawn Avenue. The building was demolished in 2017, empty lot to this day.

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I saw recently where Gruen claims to be the first watchmaker to sell watches in boxes ready to go, haha.

That could be a Gruen alternate history but....

I found documentation of E.C.B. Co producing exclusive Gruen watch box patents in 1936.

That is fact.

Apologies for all typos initially.

Thanks! mat

File Attachments

1) [ECB.jpg](#), downloaded 1404 times



2) [795WoodlawnAveBuffaloNY.jpg](#), downloaded 1413 times

