
Subject: Re: Early Wristlet

Posted by [Ephemerald](#) on Mon, 02 Jan 2023 00:34:36 GMT

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JackW wrote on Sun, 01 January 2023 17:13 Barney's images can also be used to suggest that the lugs were altered from a fixed hinged band to a hinged loop to accommodate a ribbon. Not saying that is the case, but another possibility for the life of the watch. More than enough examples of altered lug styles on watches completed in the period to back this up as a hypothesis. Ok. Point taken. I agree that it seems it can be used to fit a narrative. I see that a lot.

My take is, not really, while Barney's ads do show the similarities..... the ads are not showing any images of my exact model but with different lugs on it.

There are multiple obvious differences between my model and the models in his examples, and in fact, in any known examples in any known Gruen ads.

So it is not quite as framed, "hey, there's the exact watch! but with different lugs...hmmm"

Theory does not add up, but totally my opinion, bc if the existence of altered lugs on watches puts every unknown model, with absolutely no signs of alteration whatsoever, into question...oh my.

It is a rare watch.

In a loupe it looks factory. As it does without one, actually :lol: Clearly it matches.

Personally, other than gender, I think Paul nailed it and at least, accurately understood it was Gruen.

I also think, it's possible an documentation pops up some day that confirms the gender, either way.

File Attachments

1) [A7D9D89C-350A-40C5-9554-9C7BCD805A59.jpeg](#), downloaded 1867 times

Right: An early Gruen man's wristwatch—date unknown, but I believe this is pre-WWI. The 29mm-diameter case is made of silver, and has a hinged back and inner dust cover just like a pocket watch. The 15-jewel movement was originally designed for a woman's pocket watch. Note that, when wearing it, you must hold your arm vertically to read the time. This was not unusual for early wristwatches, awkward, and eventually the dial orientation we use today became standard.

