Subject: Re: Pocket Watch

Posted by JackW on Tue, 31 Dec 2013 02:58:32 GMT

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Hi,

With the Mason's symbol it is certainly two things - 1) it has been personalized and thus is an exceptional item 2) the mason symbol was likely done after it left the factory. There have been some discussions in the past about the connections between the Gruen Family and free-masonry. Though to what degree their involvement in FM contributed to their business practices can only be speculated over.

As Mikey said, when you get a chance, pictures of the movement and the inside of the case back will help to some degree in a) getting an approximate age b) telling you more about the "history" of the pocket watch (potentially the movement maker) and c) satisfy our own curiosity on the movement.

It is a nice piece and the connection to family I hope makes it sentimental. My first PW I bought was sold because the seller had forgotten to whom the watch belong in their family and thus wasn't interested in keeping it.

Happy New Year!