
Subject: The caliber 885

Posted by [JackW](#) on Sun, 11 Feb 2018 17:12:12 GMT

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The 885 is another common one out of the caliber stable. I've one on the bench and thought I should take some images. Afire has this post on his very fine watch, which I think is the only other one that clearly IDs what the movement is. An ebauche finished by/for Gruen from FHF. However, Afire state 324, Ranfft indicates the cal 1146 by FHF. There is a clear stamping with the FHF mark.

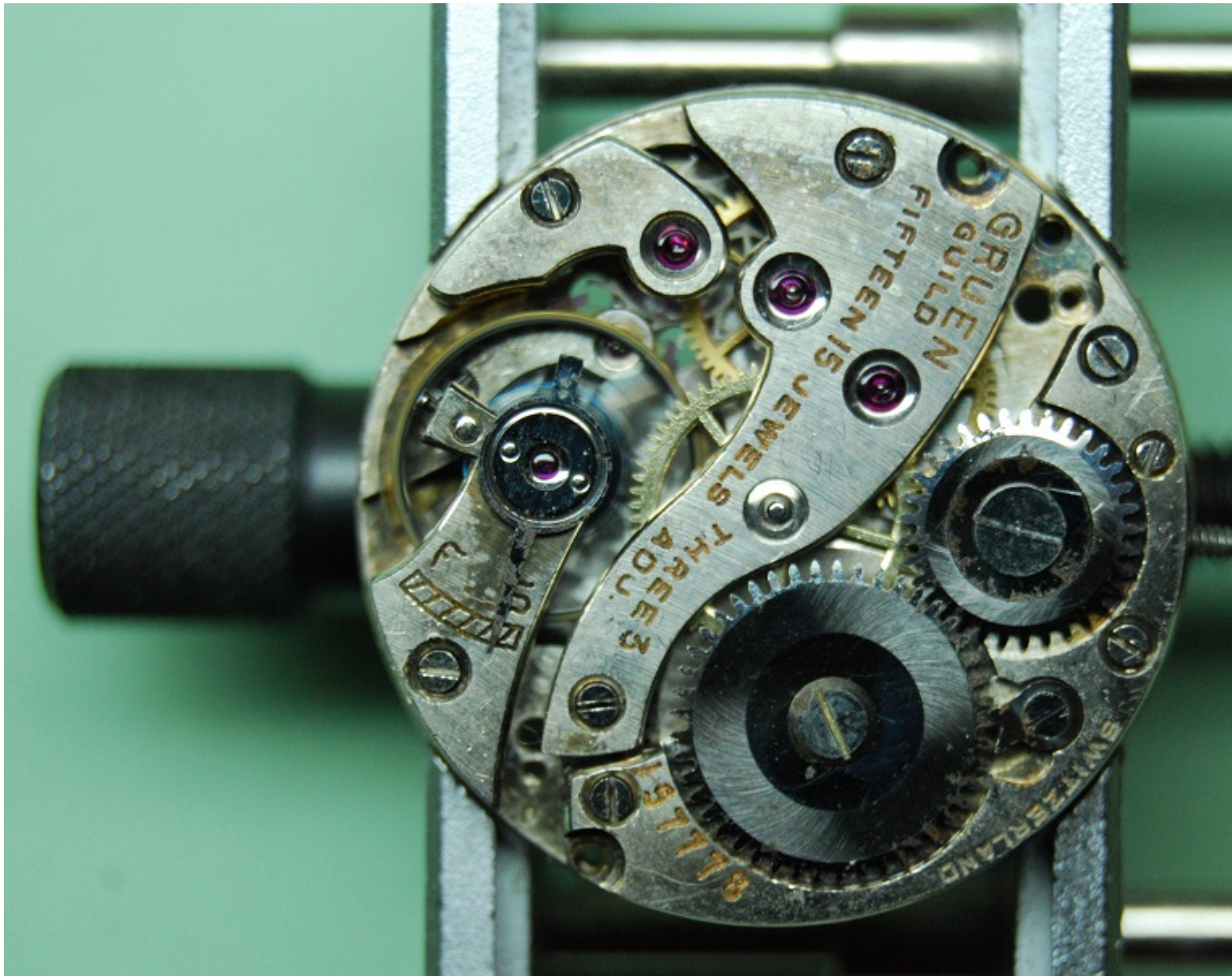
For those working on restoring the 885 there is this post on issues with the staffs

Cousins has the mainsprings as 1.45 x 0.11 x 280 x 9 (Part #GR3981) and Borel has these as 1.40-.10-320 9 (Part # MS-511M). Both are in white alloy.

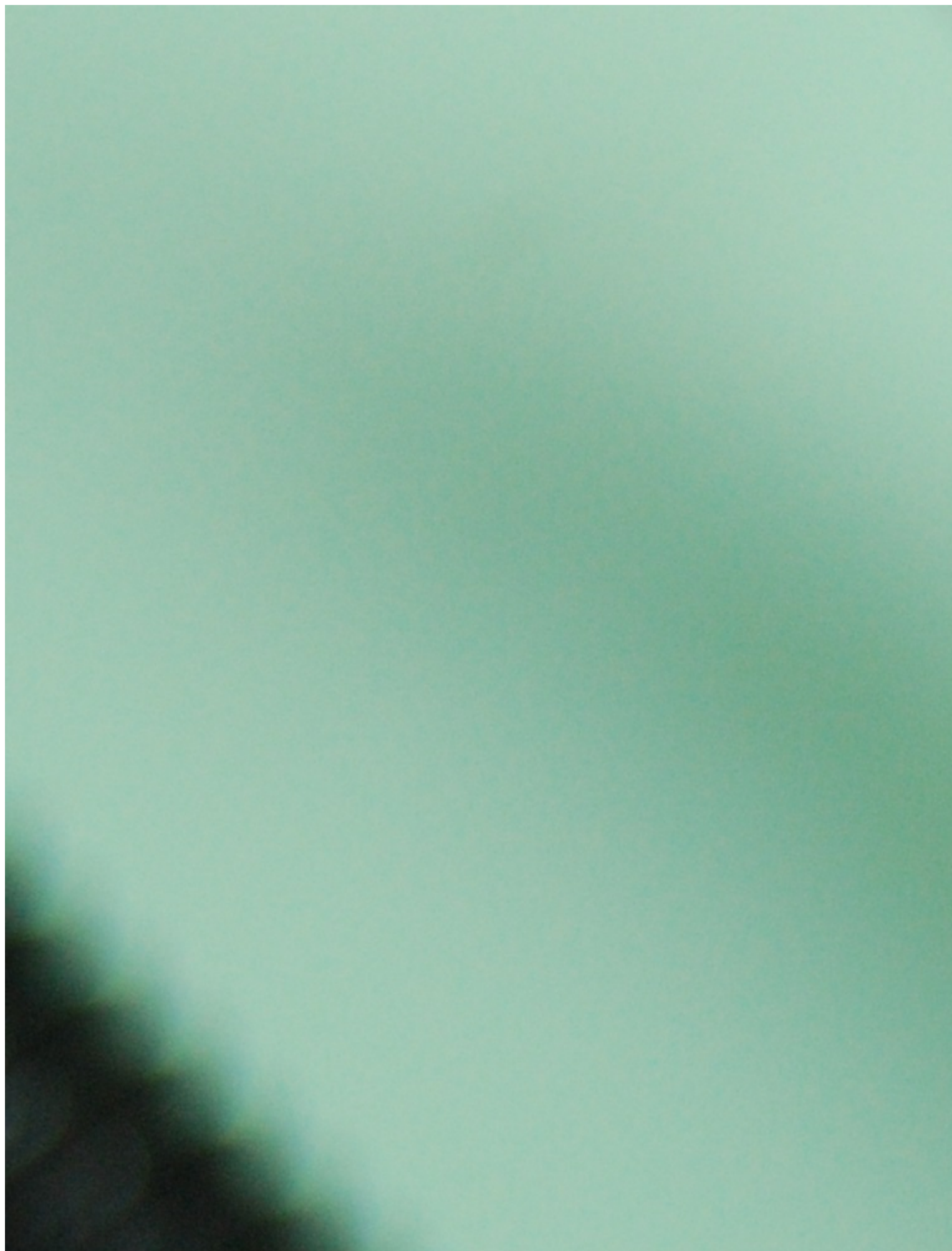
Gruen (1947 Horological Manual) listed the size as 1.45 x .11 x .280 but this is for a blued steel.

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Subject: Re: The caliber 885

Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 13 Feb 2018 20:06:09 GMT

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Huh. I must have gotten that from somewhere. There was this discussion in which the 885 and FHF 324 come up as allegedly having some interchangeability.

http://vintagegruen.org/vgforum/index.php?t=msg&goto=2861&&srch=324#msg_2861

And a quick google of FHF find mention of the FHF 324 being the base for the Bulova 10AN, and from the bridge side, you can see a family resemblance. I googled 10AN set lever, and it certainly has more than a passing similarity to the 885 set lever.

I would say there's some connection.

Subject: Re: The caliber 885

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sun, 19 Nov 2023 20:23:11 GMT

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The base of this movement isnt the FHF 1146 mentioned by Rannft. The stem doesnt fit.

Another example (with uncommon swirlies on the balance cock).

And a strange G next to the 885.

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