Subject: Mens wristwatch 705/2 in nickel, Strap 150
Posted by thesnark17 on Sun, 10 Jan 2021 17:50:26 GMT
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Model name : Strap 150
Type : wristwatch
Period/date : c. 1930-31
Gender : men's

Case Maker : Wadsworth
Case Material : Nickel
Case Serial : 8512576
Case Style no : 2

Caliber : 705
Movement Maker : Gruen Guild
Movement Serial: 1924

Here is the men's version of style number 2. This one is the '20s version of the el cheapo: nickel case, but still 15 jewels. I react badly to nickel. It seems that whoever bought this watch did, too. Also, note to self: never engrave a nickel watch! You'd think they'd have known that in the '20s too...

It runs for a short while.

It has such an elegance to it: if only it were in gold...

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Subject: Re: Mens wristwatch 705/2 in nickel
Posted by Barney Green on Sun, 10 Jan 2021 18:16:16 GMT
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Alex,

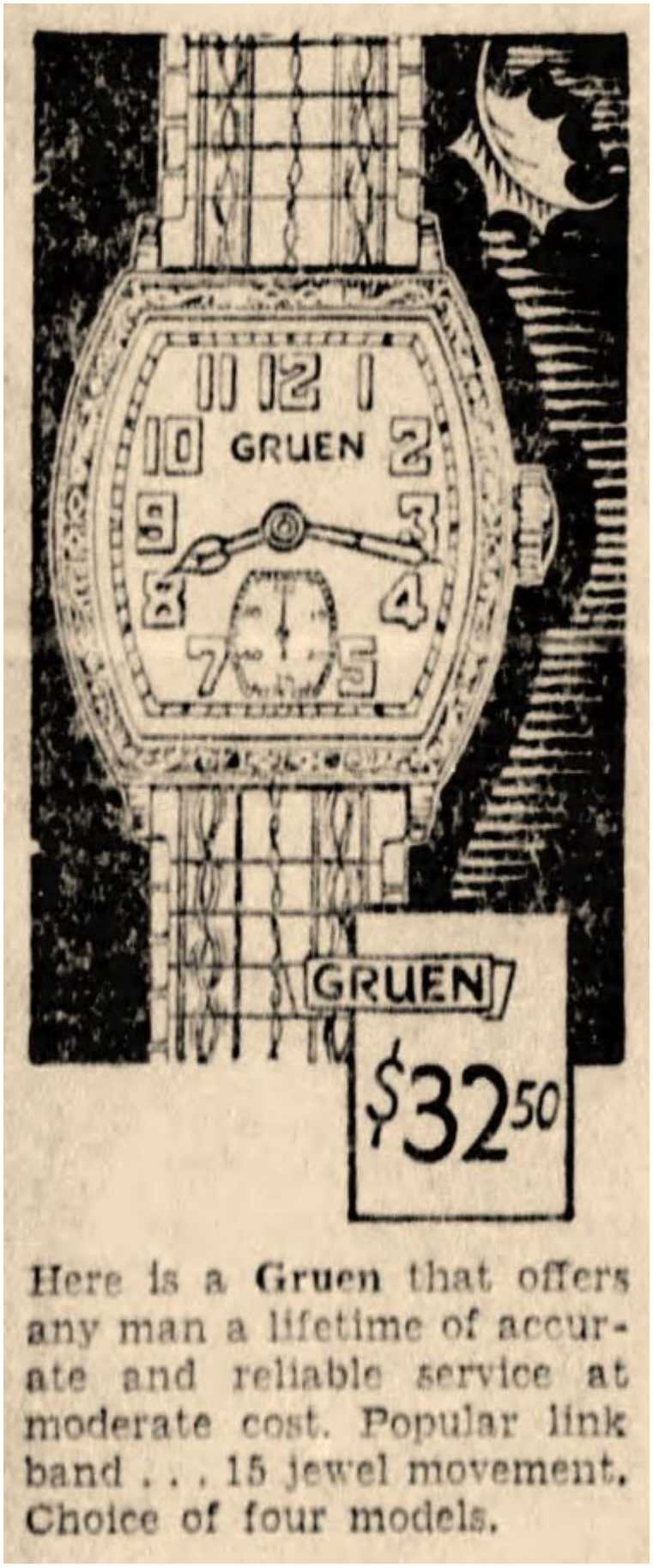
this one is even later. 1930/31 it should be, I'd say it is a Strap 150, very interesting that the case is a) from Wadsworth and b) not Gruen marked. Most Nickel cases did not come from Wadsworth but were marked "National".

Here from a 1930 XMAS ad:

Barney

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1) 1930 Nickel.JPG, downloaded 2760 times



Here is a **Gruen** that offers any man a lifetime of accurate and reliable service at moderate cost. Popular link band . . . 15 jewel movement. Choice of four models.

Subject: Re: Mens wristwatch 705/2 in nickel
Posted by thesnark17 on Sun, 10 Jan 2021 19:03:22 GMT
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Yeah, I was surprised at the lack of Gruen branding on the case. At least there are caliber and style numbers, so I did know it was original.

Request to mods to move this one to the 1930s group, since we have a positive ID.

Subject: Re: Mens wristwatch 705/2 in nickel
Posted by Case on Sun, 10 Jan 2021 19:41:05 GMT
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Agree with the dating perhaps +1-2 years. I have many examples of nickel Wadsworth house cases and a couple hardened sterlings (unsigned for Gruen) from this time. I can put them in between a 1928 wadsworth case patent and a 1934 patent for the sterling hardening process (their second submission).

Using Elgin case #s, serial #s & engravings, I have found Wadsworth house crossed 8.4MM just before Christmas 1931.