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Subject: Green black velvet - long version  
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Mon, 08 Mar 2021 16:42:06 GMT  
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#### Description

Green velvet top with black "rim". Same in bottom. Hinged. Gruen service crest inside top. Army green bottom. Watch holder from black velvet. Dent in lid not as designed.

Period: 1930 - 1935

Watch type: baguette

Size: L=5.75 cm W=20.75cm H=3.25cm

Inventor: unknown

Patents: unknown

Box maker: unknown, but looks a lot like the other green velvet box in the database. Might be F. H. Noble & Co., Chicago, Illinois

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Box papers: Form A 198 83450

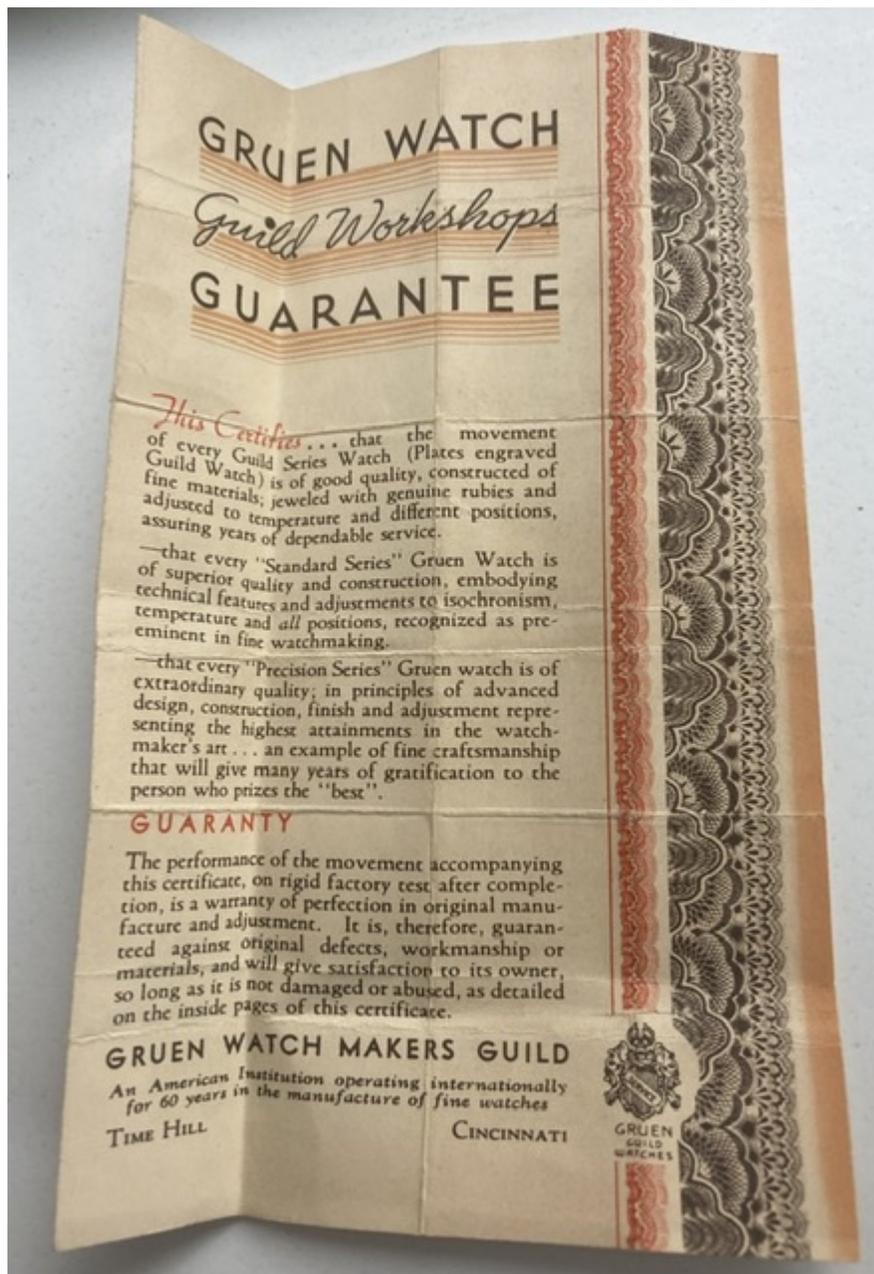
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"...every "Standard Series" Gruen Watch is of superior quality and construction, embodying technical features and adjustments to isochronism, temperature and all positions, recognized as pre-eminent in watch-making."

Wait, what? What year is this paperwork from?!

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thesnark17 wrote on Mon, 08 March 2021 19:52"...every "Standard Series" Gruen Watch is of superior quality and construction, embodying technical features and adjustments to isochronism, temperature and all positions, recognized as pre-eminent in watch-making."

Wait, what? What year is this paperwork from?!

Jenneke may have a more precise date but I think this can be dated to around 1935 or 1936. I'm just going off this mens form A198 43550.

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I do.

I just added some booklet pictures to the also 1930s box: green black with silver rim. That is the same booklet matthias shows.

Spot the differences... :d

Ok. The word "over".

The Form A198 43550 says: An american institution operating internationally for over 60 years in the manufacture of fine boxes.

The form A198 83450 of the box showed above says: for 60 years.

Not over, not under, but for sixty years. Meaning,  $1874+60=1934$ . This booklet (and the box) can be dated to 1934.

And yep, the word "all"... Well, good luck comparing.

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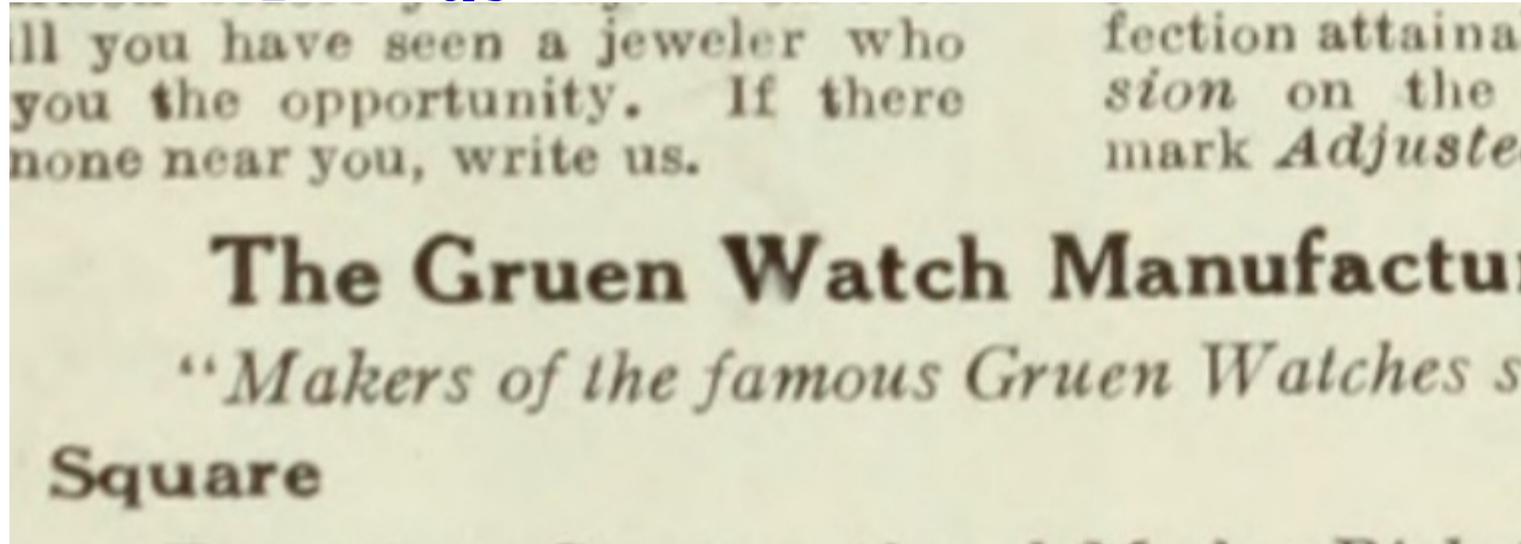
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"Not over, not under, but for sixty years. Meaning,  $1874+60=1934$ . This booklet (and the box) can be dated to 1934."

I guess it depends which ad you go off for your start date, y'know? :d

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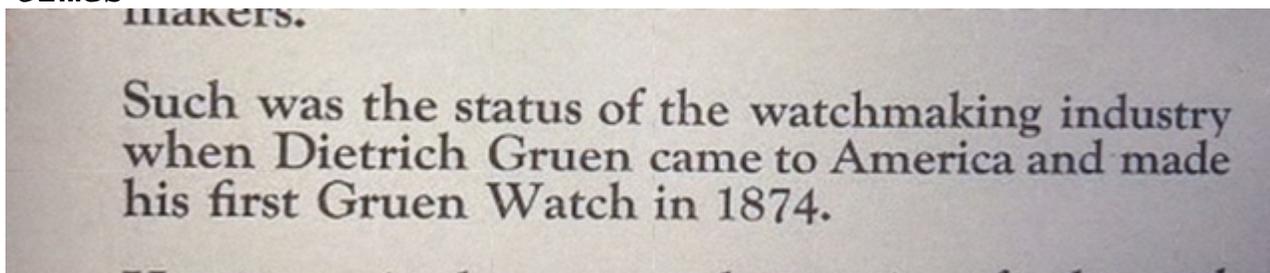
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Haha yeah. :d

But I trust the Gruen guild books. And 1874 is the date that Gruen used the most. Even if it is not their true starting date. :roll:

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Would n't that make it a Columbus Watch?...another embellishment?! Shocked. And it was the safety pinion in 1874. Yeah, the tendency for watch company's to take liberties with their establishment dates to earliest possible is kind of maddening for people who like dates set in stone like I do.

Subject for a different day but by my observations, technically, the Gruen Watch Co really can trace its true founding back to 1894 with D.Gruen & Son.

But this is all still on subject, bc where do you draw the line in what Gruen claims in it's literature, pamphlet s, and ads? When they say all positions, what does that truly mean? My motto is everything w a grain of salt w Gruen. Otherwise, I'd be believing things like Gruen was the first to make a curved movement...

I came across a newspaper thingy recently where Fred said no one is as susceptible to advertising as Americans are.

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No way was Gruen doing 6-position adjustment to regular wrist-watches in 1930-anything.

They probably mean the three or four positions considered "pre-eminent in watch-making"... but man is that misleading.

By the 1930s, the establishment date Gruen had been using for some time was 1874. It's true that Columbus didn't start until 1876, and DGS in 1894. Patent dates matter, folks! At least they did to Fred. Dietrich seems to have considered 1876 to be the real start date, and I can't fault him - Columbus was his company, and he was continually in business since then.

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Or 1874 could be somewhat true. The year the first Gruen watch was made with a (prototype) safety pinion. A fred gruen watch. :d

Not sure how it works. Draw first, patent it and make it. Or draw, make a prototype, test it and then apply for a patent.

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And you can see the movement of the 1874 watch in the 1929 guild book on page 10.... :d

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Interesting. I've seen, have and have had the short version. Never seen this long one before. It reminds me that I have an unusual green long box that I should post.

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