Subject: Gruen Guild Watch Service Box - Canada
Posted by Ephemerald on Sun, 16 Oct 2022 18:56:58 GMT
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Period: 1933
Watch type: tbd
Size: tbd
Inventor: na
Patents: na

Time for me to share a box. But going for fastest post ever.
Side photo reads " 704s Rec'd Dec 30, 1933"

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Subject: Re: Gruen Guild Watch Service Box - Canada
Posted by Jenneke on Sun, 16 Oct 2022 19:52:54 GMT
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Could this be a box that Gruen used when sending a watch back? After fitting a watch strap on the fixed lugs?

Subject: Re: Gruen Guild Watch Service Box - Canada
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 18 Oct 2022 17:03:22 GMT
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Yes, Gruen seems to send back a serviced calibre 704. But there are 6 squared off sections, much like the calibre/dial boxes. So maybe there was 6 of them, not sure, but a watch with strap wouldn't fit.

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Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 18 Oct 2022 19:55:30 GMT
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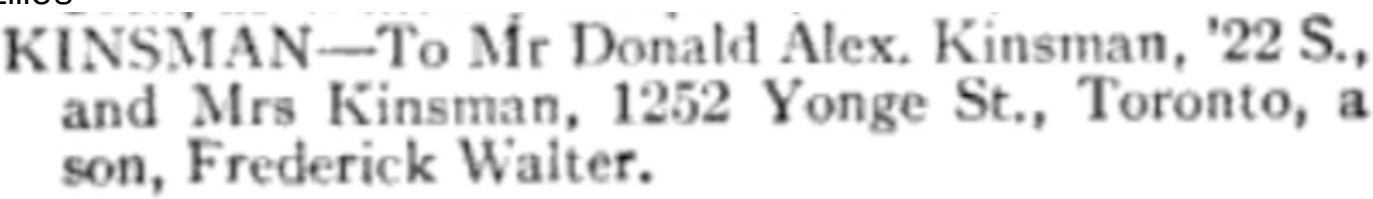
Was Mr “Kinishman” (sorry, cant read those old handwriting…) a watchmaker? Maybe a spare movements order?

Interesting to see that Gruen would do repair on watches “of all makes”. Do they mean like Elgin etc.

Subject: Re: Gruen Guild Watch Service Box - Canada
Posted by Case on Wed, 19 Oct 2022 02:00:10 GMT
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Mr Donald Alexander Kinsman, University of Toronto class of 1922. So about 32-33 years old in 1933, with an 8 year old son.

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KINSMAN—To Mr Donald Alex. Kinsman, '22 S., and Mrs Kinsman, 1252 Yonge St., Toronto, a son, Frederick Walter.

Subject: Re: Gruen Guild Watch Service Box - Canada
Posted by Barney Green on Wed, 19 Oct 2022 12:25:28 GMT
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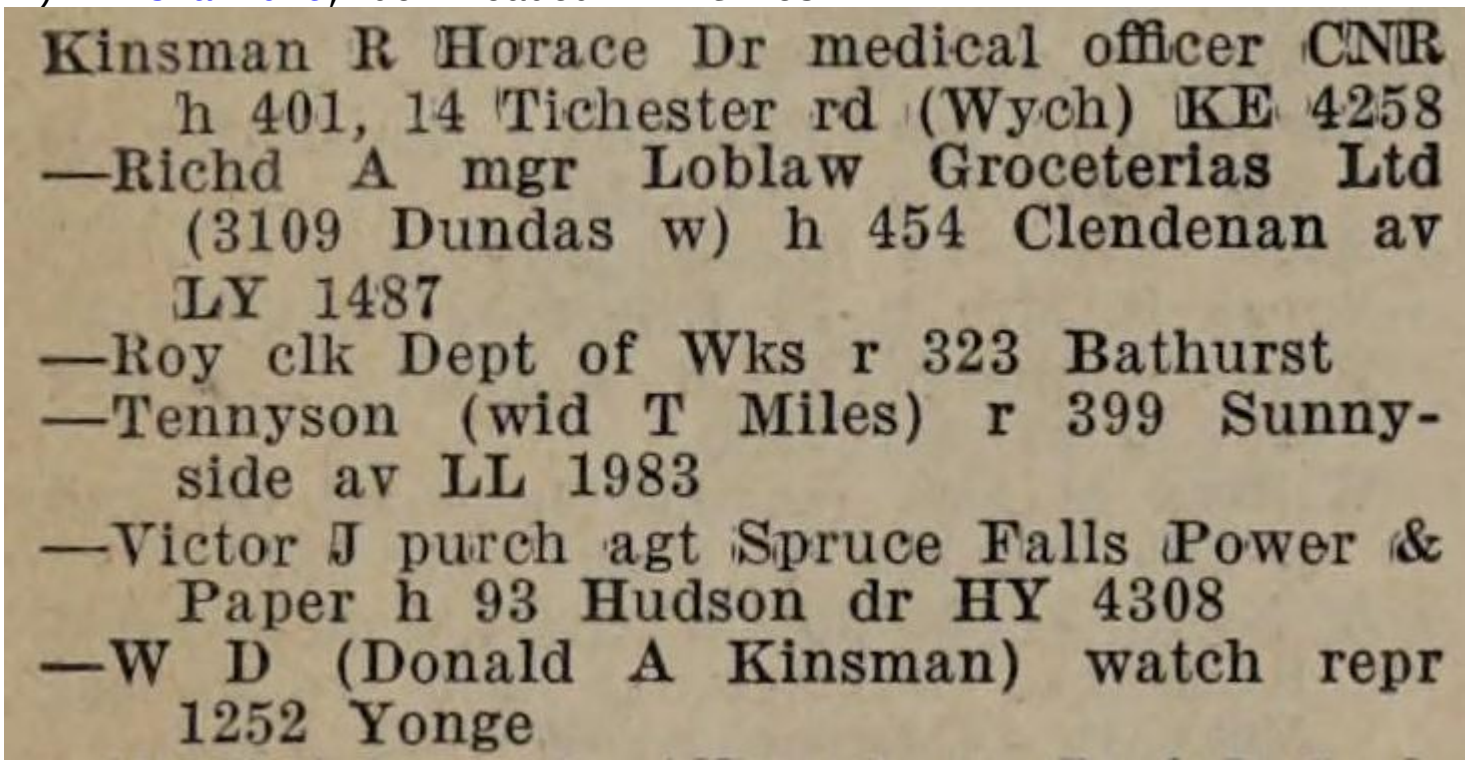
Yes, he is listed 1940 to 1945 in Toronto as a professional watch repairer for W D Kinsman. May be he took over his father's repair shop.

1938 Walter D Kinsman is listed as jeweller and watchmaker, his son as watchmaker.

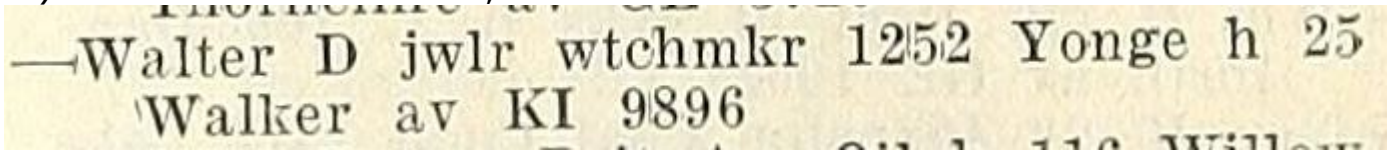
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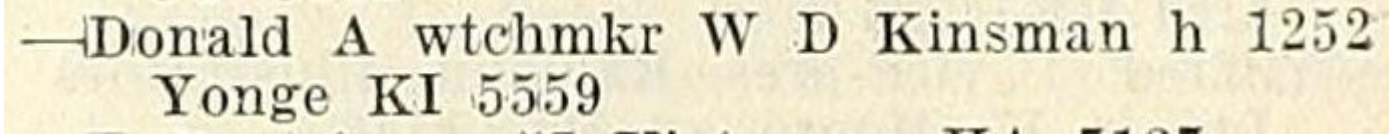
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Yonge KI 5559

Subject: Re: Gruen Guild Watch Service Box - Canada
Posted by Case on Wed, 19 Oct 2022 22:17:51 GMT
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Nice! That’s what I was seeking but couldn’t find. Wondering if he repaired watches. 6 cavities, a single caliber stamped on the box. Could this be a genuine material/refill box?

Subject: Re: Gruen Guild Watch Service Box - Canada
Posted by Barney Green on Thu, 20 Oct 2022 12:19:17 GMT
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It's an old Canadian watchmaker family. Daniel Kinsman is listed in 1861 already as watchmaker in 365 Yonge Street, either the moved or the street was renumbered in between.

Subject: Re: Gruen Guild Watch Service Box - Canada
Posted by Ephemerald on Thu, 20 Oct 2022 16:06:39 GMT
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Barney Green wrote on Thu, 20 October 2022 06:19It's an old Canadian watchmaker family. Daniel Kinsman is listed in 1861 already as watchmaker in 365 Yonge Street, either the moved or the street was renumbered in between.
You're right, Kinsman's are an old Canadian watchmaker fam...but before that they were an old English watchmaker family from Cornwall. Daniel is Donald's grandfather.
Donald's occupation in 1922 was as a chemist. In 1933 he would have been 36.