Subject: Cartouche 255
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 29 Apr 2014 22:37:58 GMT
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Model name : Car 255
Type : Cartouche
Period/date : ca 1929
Gender : Ladies

Case Maker : Gruen
Case Material : 14k white gold
Case Serial : 1237144
Case Style no : 107

Caliber : 155
Movement Maker : unknown
Movement Serial: -

Bracelet : Grosgrain band with Gruen clasp (not original). Original would have been 13mm grosgrain silk (see Master book) or mesh cord (Gruen guild 1929 book).

Other info : Crystal very thick and assumed to be a later replacement. Dial looks to be a redial. Engraved with a French name: Beatrice Guerout. History unknown.

From the Gruen guild 1929 book:

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Subject: Re: Cartouche 255
Posted by Gary on Wed, 30 Apr 2014 01:11:44 GMT
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Wow! That one is a beauty! The crystal sure looks to be handmade. For the thickness and uneven plane it looks like examples I've tried to make here. I sure like that crown design!

Edit: spelling...plain plane is all the same.

Subject: Re: Cartouche 255
Posted by Thojil on Wed, 30 Apr 2014 09:55:55 GMT
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Madame is moving upmarket Beautiful!

Subject: Re: Cartouche 255
Posted by timeliz on Wed, 30 Apr 2014 21:25:11 GMT
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Very nice, Jenneke!

I remember seeing that one but never bid. Glad it found a good home!

Subject: Re: Cartouche 255
Posted by Jenneke on Wed, 30 Apr 2014 21:49:37 GMT
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Quote:Madame is moving upmarket
You can't buy them all! At least I can't. I did not win the Kingsday lottery. I bought this as my birthday present. Next year, hmmm, Gruen Orné?

Quote:The crystal sure looks to be handmade.
I will try to make a picture with better light. The seller told me the watch was in a collection of antique watches on display in his father's jewelry store for over 60 years. So it must be an old redial/crystal replacement.

Subject: Re: Cartouche 255
Posted by Jenneke on Fri, 16 Jul 2021 21:43:09 GMT
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When looking at the ehrards masterbook I noticed something that might me wonder… if the crystal is original. If you look at car 123 and 131 the crystal also seems bulky. And looking at my watch in the mode du bijou add, it could have that crystal too.

What do you think?