Subject: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by Thojil on Thu, 12 Mar 2015 19:26:43 GMT
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Model name :
Type :Cartouche
Period/date :1920's
Gender :Ladies

Case Maker :Swiss (Unknown)
Case Material :14K SG
Case Serial :5333
Case Style no :

Caliber :846
Movement Maker :
Movement Serial:

Bracelet :

I just got lucky and won this cartouche shaped full Swiss Gruen featuring the mysterious 'Factory L' movement Cal. 849. So far I had never seen this movement in its original case, until I found this one in Germany

Solid 14k 30x19mm ornate case with wire lugs. Unfortunatelly the case doesn't give any additional clues other than it was produced in Switzerland. So happy with any additional info.

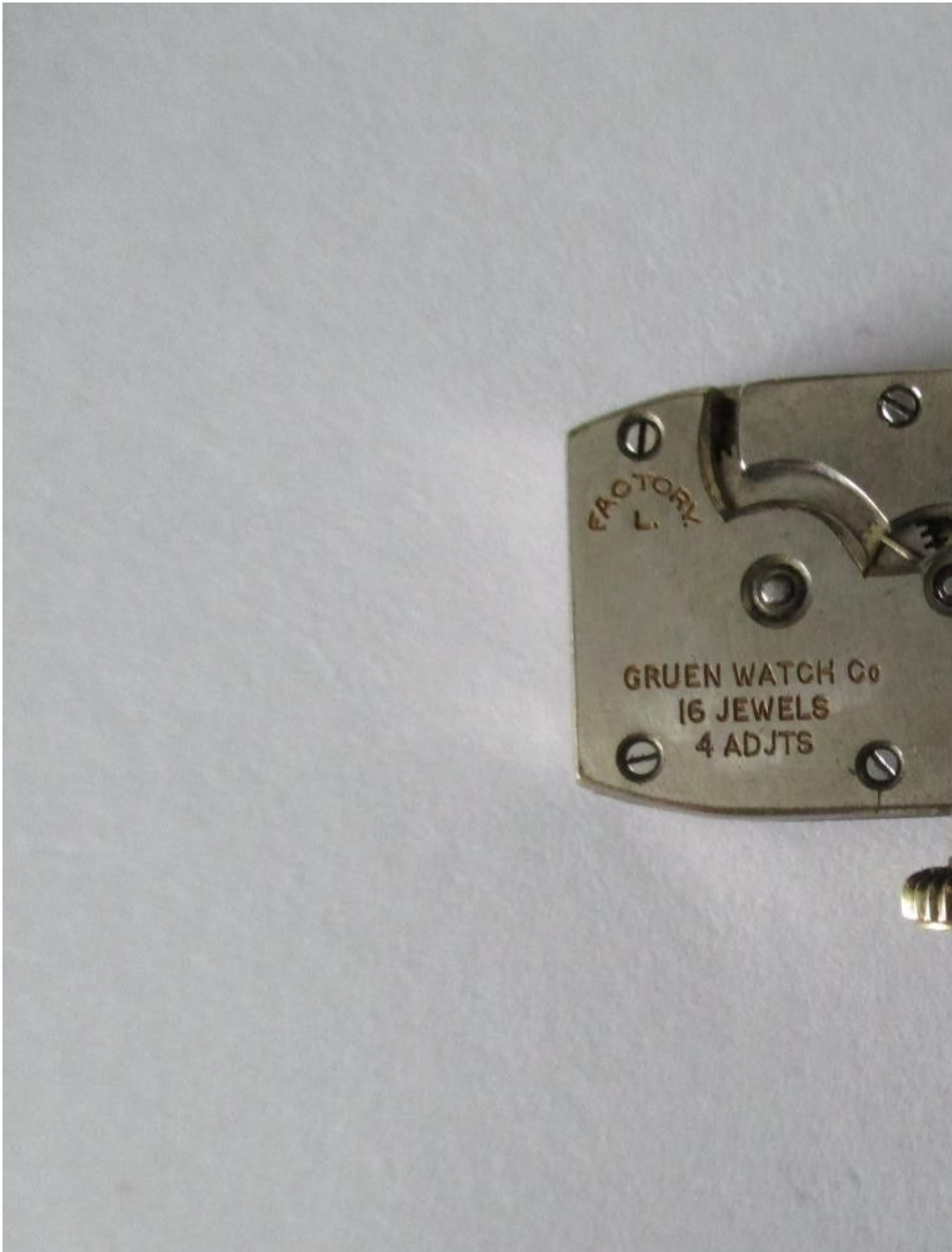
The pictures are from the seller.

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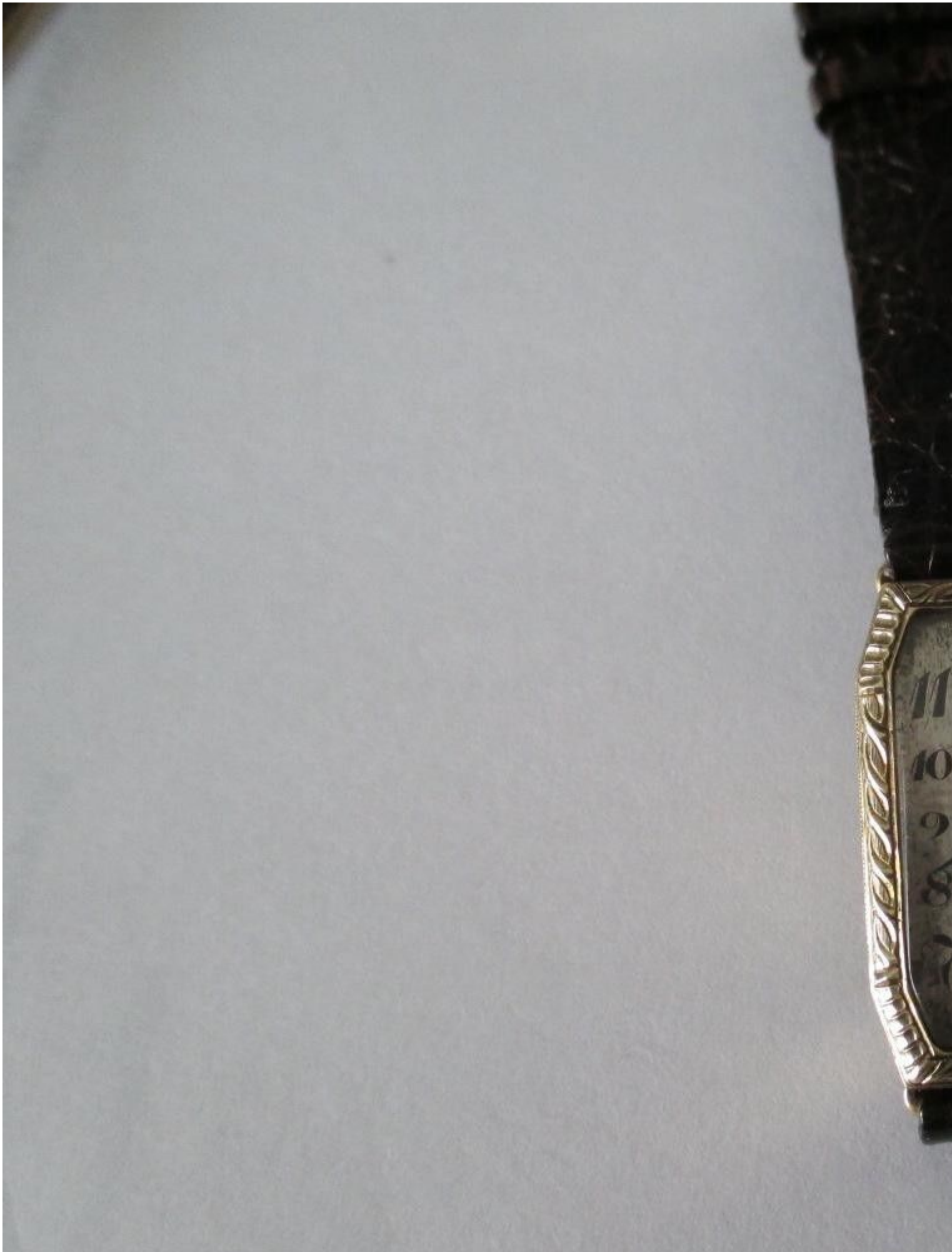
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Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by Gary on Thu, 12 Mar 2015 19:42:35 GMT
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Veri nice touche Thojil! Interesting to see the barrel bridge being shared with the center wheel on that movement.

Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by timeliz on Thu, 12 Mar 2015 19:55:07 GMT
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Nice one, Thojil!

That looks like the movement Baileybird was asking about at VWF.

Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by Bayleybird1996 on Thu, 12 Mar 2015 21:40:59 GMT
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timeliz wrote on Thu, 12 March 2015 19:55Nice one, Thojil!

That looks like the movement Baileybird was asking about at VWF.

You are absolutely right, timeliz, but Thojil's is marked "Factory L" and runs. Mine was in a case without a dial and is dead as a doornail!
This movement just doesn't look very "Gruenish" to me, but I am a novice about this kind of thing. Hopefully someone will
know the maker.

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1) Mystery.JPG, downloaded 3077 times



Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by afire on Fri, 13 Mar 2015 21:03:08 GMT
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I was thinking it might be in the 1918 book, but it's not. And obviously it's much too early for the 1929 book, so I suppose it falls into the no-man's land. I also didn't spot it in 1919-1922 ads currently up on eBay, and I suspect it was made in that timeframe. I'd periodically check ads from the late teens to early twenties.

Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by MikeTheWatchGuy on Mon, 16 Mar 2015 02:37:55 GMT
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If looking for the movement, it's on page 137 of the Repairer's Reference, which is Plate S-4 of the 1926 Standardized Parts Supplement B. So the movement showed up somewhere between 1921-1926.

Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by Thojil on Mon, 16 Mar 2015 09:56:24 GMT
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Thanks all for the info (or lack of). When I get around stripping the movement I will check for more hints on the manufacturer.

Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by timeliz on Thu, 26 Nov 2015 01:46:23 GMT
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More eye candy...

I recently got lucky and found this Cartouche with cal 849. I was pleasantly surprised by the size. I was expecting it to be smaller based on the dims listed on interchangeability list, pg. 7 (Mike's green tome) but those are incorrect!
I took a comparison photo next to an 835 cartouche.
My movement does not have the 'Factory L' stamp. Batteries ran out before I could get movement pics and inside case marks.
Case marks are the same as Thojil's except case # is of course different.

Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by Gary on Thu, 26 Nov 2015 02:05:31 GMT
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Wow Liz, that one is stunning! I love the bezel design on that one.

Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by Barney Green on Thu, 26 Nov 2015 08:33:45 GMT
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First of all: I love those watches! Congrats to the owners...

Putting together what I know about these, I would say it is possible to date them towards 1921/22. For what I know the Cartouches were introduced 1921, so this is the starting point. The Catalog formerly known as Master Book starts late 1922. Since these ARE Cartouches and they are NOT in the Catalog, they should have introduced before which leaves the time frame mentioned earlier.

Here is a 1921 ad showing the movement:

And a 1922 ad showing the shape:

Note that these watches were had engraved. I have different Cartouche ads from 1922 saying that they were available in 14k / 18k / white gold / green gold / plain / hand carved. Depending on the carver the patterns often were individual at that time. The dial from 1922 seems to be a 100% match...

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2) 1922_Cartouche.jpg, downloaded 3062 times



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Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by Thojil on Thu, 26 Nov 2015 12:57:42 GMT
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Thanks Barney for the very useful information.

Subject: Re: 'Cartouche' case with Cal. 849
Posted by JackW on Thu, 26 Nov 2015 16:22:55 GMT
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Wow Barney! That is some great info.