
Subject: Re: 50th Anniversary Pocket Watch
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 2023 13:41:40 GMT
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Looks like you got it all right. That's an original late watch, and a beauty.

However, I never really looked at Art's SN 79 before. The more I see, the more I question it. It's obviously the wrong dial, and that makes me suspect the case too, since the dial has been redialed as a 50th anniversary (therefore someone had money).

Looking over my data (which is a bit thin for 50th, I'll admit), here is the distribution for Gruen gold cases with 7-digit SNs:

103xxxx - 1 (suspect; probably a marriage)

106 - 5

107 - 5

108 - 3

117 - 1 (SN 79)

Conclusion: I really need more data.

Case serial 1178002 would match up best with 1928-29. So I guess one question is when/whether Gruen had cased up these watches, or whether they reserved cases for them. We know there were several style lines of case as well, so it's not a simple question - plus these watches could be ordered to taste.

Looking into the other information I have for case serials 117, I think it could be original, but I'm inclined to be skeptical.

File Attachments

1) [Screen Shot 2023-09-04 at 10.08.48 AM.png](#), downloaded 903 times

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| V4 | 537007 | | Gruen <u>Verithin</u> Prec |
| V50 | 79 | | 50th Anniversary G |
| VE | 145228 | | Dietrich Gruen Prec |
| V4 | 522682 | 10/24/1934 | Gruen <u>Verithin</u> Prec |
| V2 | 148959 | Jan-29 | Dietrich Gruen Prec |
| V2 | 144956 | Jan-29 | N/A |
| V4 | 540261 | | Gruen <u>Verithin</u> Prec |