Subject: Unknown early ladies' caliber
Posted by thesnark17 on Mon, 18 Jul 2022 02:44:50 GMT
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Model name: --
Type: pocket watch
Period/date: c. 1910s
Gender: women

Caliber: unknown
Size: 10''' (22.5mm)
Jewel count: 16 or (more likely) 17
Movement Maker: unknown, possibly LeCoultre
Movement Serial: 7001
Movement markings: Gruen Adjusted Swiss

Condition: not running, lower balance pivot is mushroomed

File Attachments

1) unknown caliber back.jpg, downloaded 3557 times



2) unknown caliber.jpg, downloaded 3632 times


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Subject: Re: Unknown early ladies' caliber
Posted by Jenneke on Mon, 18 Jul 2022 04:49:40 GMT
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It does have resemblance with the cal 87 in the caliber database. Do you have pictures from the setting mechanism?

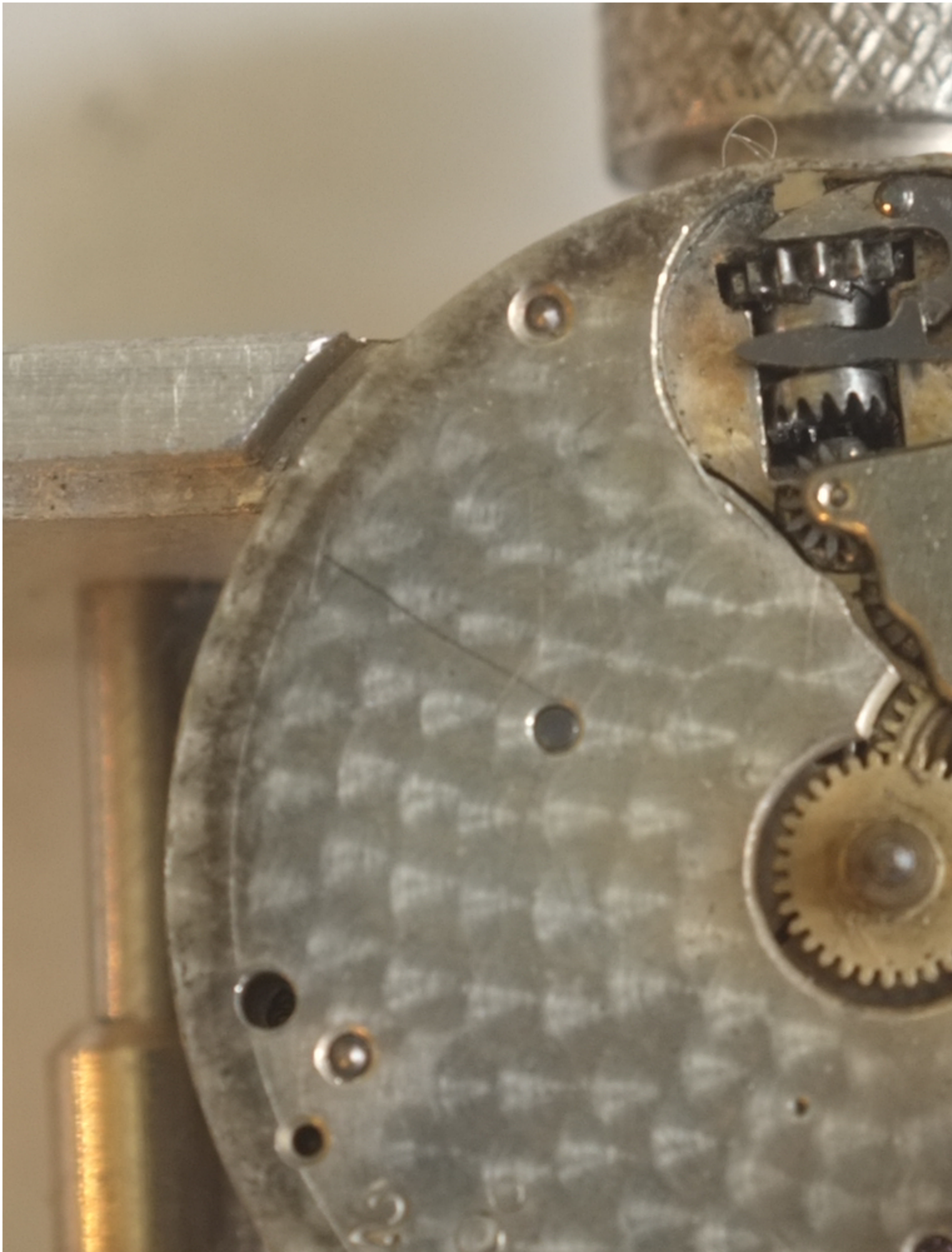
Subject: Re: Unknown early ladies' caliber
Posted by thesnark17 on Mon, 18 Jul 2022 16:54:19 GMT
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Well, if you insist... for the record, I really hate snap-on dials! I feel like I'm going to break it, every single time.

Of note, the jewel count is ... [drumroll please] ... 15! Yes, 15. The center wheel and third wheel are both only jeweled on the top. I've never seen this jeweling configuration on a Gruen before.

The only marks on the bottom plate are 2 on the left, and 7001 on the right.

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1) unknown mvt dial side.jpg, downloaded 2780 times



Subject: Re: Unknown early ladies' caliber
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 19 Jul 2022 19:55:38 GMT
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Strange the jewel count wasnt marked. And that keyless works does resemble the cal 87! It must be family.

Not sure what a snapping dial is?

Subject: Re: Unknown early ladies' caliber
Posted by thesnark17 on Tue, 19 Jul 2022 20:12:50 GMT
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A snap-on dial is one without feet, that is held on by a friction interference fit around the outside rim. You have to pry the dial off to remove it. They are common on high-end Swiss grades (not that I am implying that this on is particularly high end). The dial is also glass enamel - the best quality of its day - and "fancy".

Overall, this presents as a high-end movement but it is deceptive due to the jeweling.

Subject: Re: Unknown early ladies' caliber
Posted by Case on Wed, 20 Jul 2022 14:39:54 GMT
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I have seen 7000--exactly the same. Forgive a strange question: does the arrow on your balance bridge point toward the register? Or toward the regulator?

It does look to be well-made, even if lower jewels. All the best houses had entry-level (for them) watches--and this has some premium features that belie the jewel count.

Subject: Re: Unknown early ladies' caliber
Posted by thesnark17 on Wed, 20 Jul 2022 15:26:39 GMT
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I have also seen 7000 and noted it to be the same. 7000 and 7001 are the only movements I've ever seen in this serial range or this bridge style.

The arrow points to the cap setting. It is a very small arrow, completely hidden beneath the regulator.