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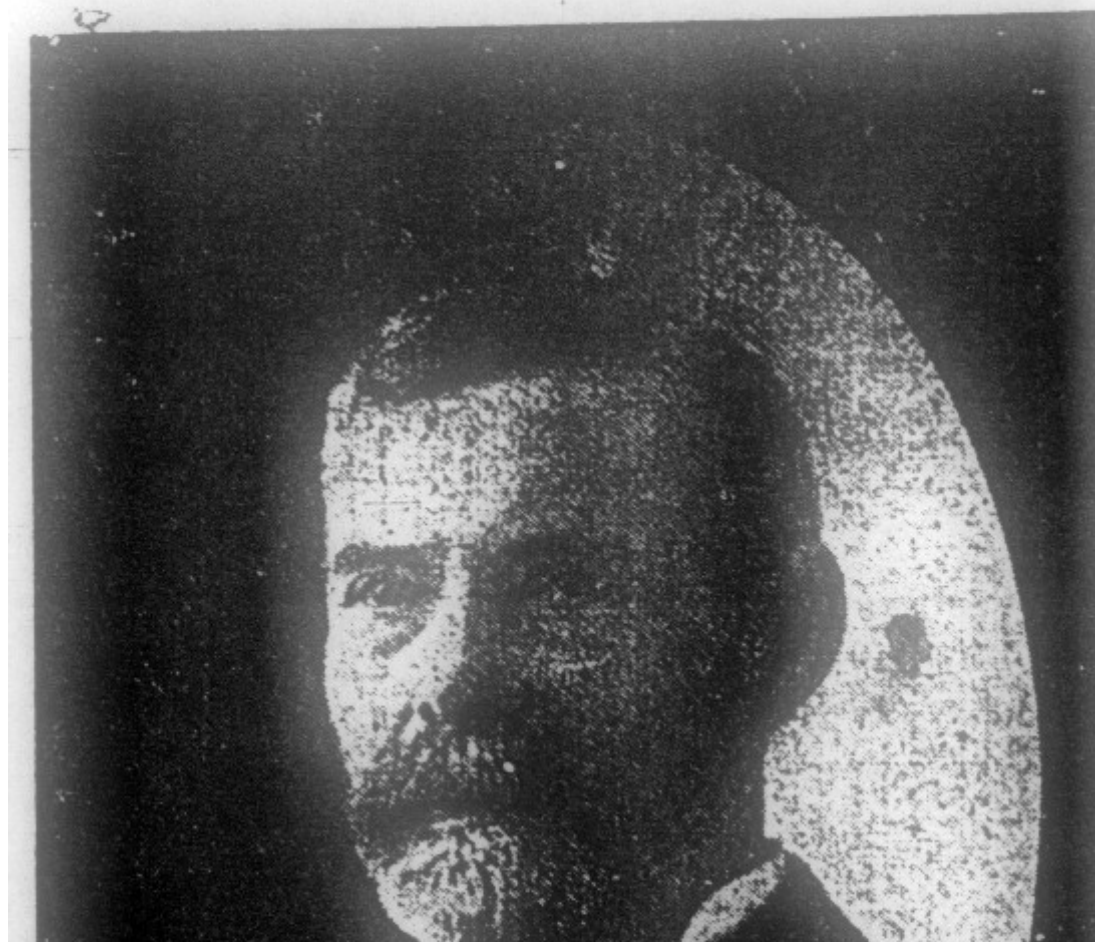
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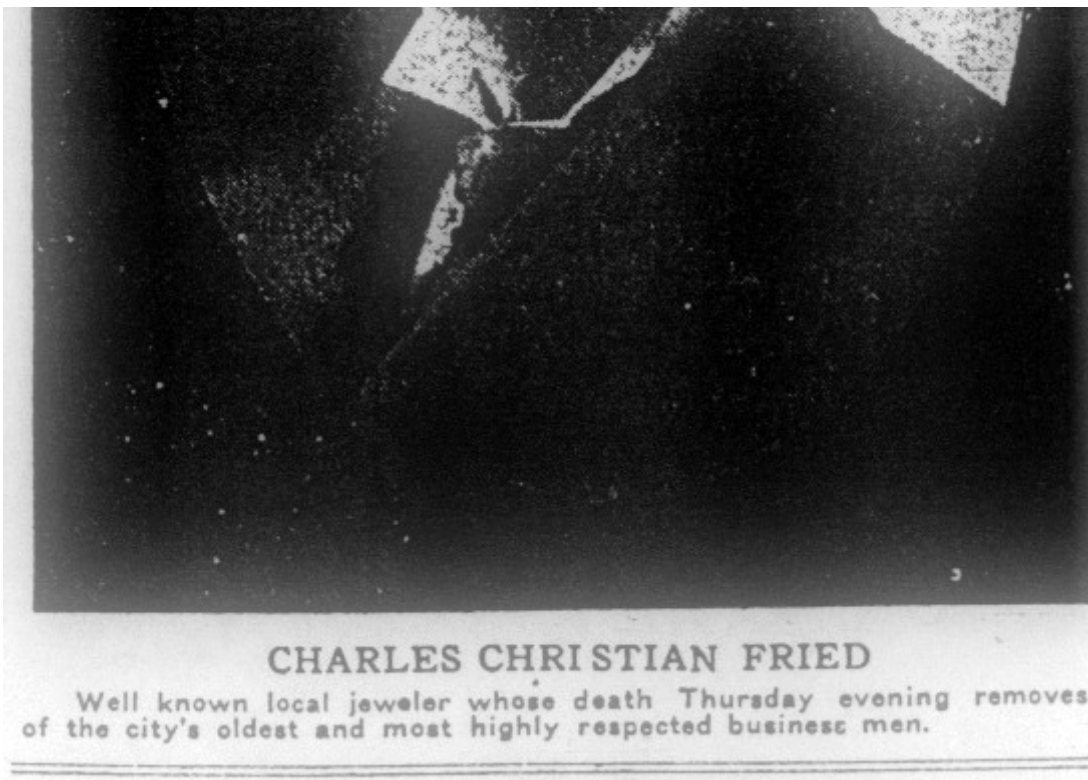
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# C.C. Fried Biography

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Above picture taken from the April 19, 1907 Edition of the Springfield Daily News

Compiled and presented by William Kapp

C.C. Fried's name is found on a few private label Ball Hamilton dealer /inspector marked watches. The movement pictured below is one of the 42 known surviving Ball Private lavel. This particular movement passed thru some famous hands. It is pictured on page 69 in Roy Ehrhardt's 1978 American Pocket Watch Price Indicator Identification and Price Guide. It is referenced again as having been seen in American Pocket Watches Identifaction and Price Guide Beginning to End . 1830-1990 by Roy Ehrhardt and William "Bill" Meggers. Finally both the movement and dial are sketched in American Railroad Watches by Colonel George E Townsend as plates 101 and 165. Unfortunately sometime after those sketches the dial has become seperated from the movement and replaced. One imagines that the original dial must have been damaged and that subsequent owners desired to improve it.

While the following may be more than many ever needed to know about a particular private label jeweler, there is a sense of wonder and history in imagining the lives associated with this industry and the places and scenes that our watches have visited.

Mr Fried was in business from 1878 to his death in 1907. His son Karl operated the jewelry store until 1940. The population of Springfield was around 35000 at the turn of the 20th century as compared to 65000 today but 54 trains a day passed thru the city in 1900. I would imagine all the Ball

Inspector/jewelers found themselves in similar hub cities.

From the History of Clark County, Ohio, W. H. Beers & Co 1881, Part VI , Page 829 (Biographical Sketches-Springfield Township)

"C. C. FRIED, jeweler, Springfield. Charles Christian Fried is essentially a Springfield product, and a creditable one. He was born May 13, 1842, in this city: he lost his father when 10 years of age, and his mother seven years ago; he has two sisters-Mrs. Schertzer and Mrs. Weaver, both residents of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Fried has been twice married-first, to Miss Sarah J. McBeth, on Aug. 6, 1863, who bore him a daughter on July 23, 1867, whom they named Jessie Lavinia; he lost his wife Nov. 13, 1873; on Feb. 25, 1875, he married Miss Anna Knott, by which union he had one daughter, born Feb. 24, 1877, whom they were so unfortunate as to lose on the 7th of July following; their last visitor is a little son, dating from Sept. 15, 1879. Mr. Fried commenced at the very bottom round of the ladder, being apprenticed in 1858 to Mr. W. Grossman, a jeweler, with whom he worked four years; before the end of his apprenticeship, the war had commenced, and young Fried responded to the President's call for 75,000 volunteers for three months, enlisting in Capt. Ed Mason's company, Springfield Zouaves, of the 2d O. V. I.; served three months, and then worked at his trade in Cincinnati, Ohio; returning to Springfield, he worked successively for B. Allen one and a half years, John P. Allen, his successor, eight years; then formed a copartnership with B. Allen, which continued two years, and in 1872 he opened his own store in a little frame house, and with less than \$500 worth of goods; his prosperity has been marked and rapid; he bought the site of his present place of business and built the store in 1878, and is now doing about the leading jewelry business of the city, besides having acquired his home, No. 20 West Columbia street, and several other properties. Mr. Fried is a member of Ephraim Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was Treasurer eleven years, and is also a member of the Encampment, being Junior Captain; he is a member of Clark Lodge of F. & A. M. ; the order of United American Mechanics; Improved Order of Red Men, and the Murphy Club; he is, last, but not least, a member of good standing of the First Presbyterian Church, and one of its Trustees, and a member of the City Council for the Second Ward. Mr. Fried is wide-awake, progressive, public-spirited, and right abreast of the times, thoroughly a self-made man, and one whom all like."

From Mr. Fried's obituary published 4/19/1907 in the Springfield Daily News, we learn that he was also a Mason and served 22 years on the Springfield City Council.

Printed ad from the Springfield Daily News:

FRIED CHAS. C., Practical Watch Maker, Jeweler and Optician; keeps constantly on hand a Large Assortment of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware; Repairing Watches a Specialty, 6 E. Main; Residence, 183 S. Lime



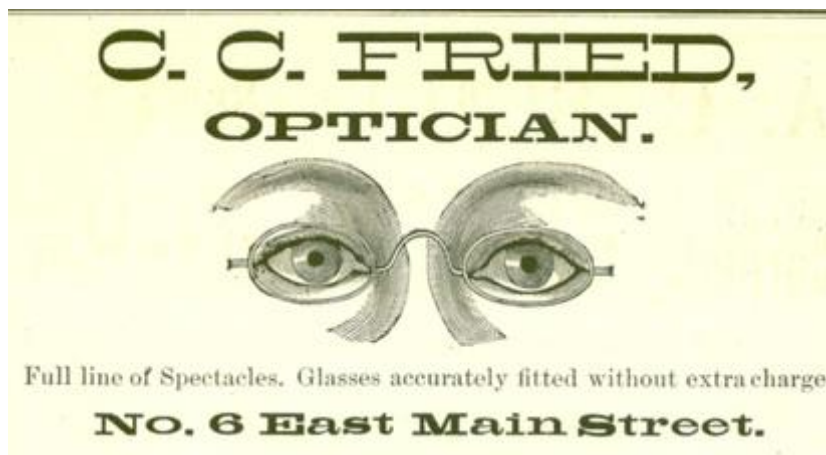
C.C. Fried Hamilton Ball 13266 Springfield, O Private label



Fried's Jewelry store picture from the Clark County Historical Society Fisher Family Collection.

Below AD for his optical business





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