

The Infamous Henning Nickel



When & How To Detect

Definition

- Counterfeit Jefferson Nickel
 - 1939
 - 1944
 - 1946
 - 1947
 - 1953

Key Signs

- 1944 No “P”
- 1944 4.96 Grams
- 1944 – Hole / Lopped “R”
- 1939 – 5.42 Grams
- 1946 – 5.26 Grams
- 1946 Hole / Lopped “R”
- 1947 – 5.33 Grams
- 1947 - “R” Not Damaged
- 1953 – 5.58 Grams
- 1953 – Hole / Lopped “R”
- All – Massive Die Crack On Reverse

Who Was Henning And Why?

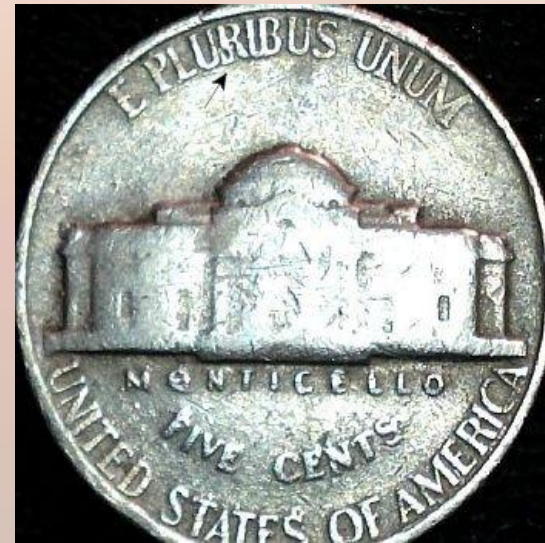
- Francis LeRoy Henning
 - Erial, New Jersey
 - Born September 18, 1891
- Began counterfeiting career with fake \$5 which had almost same buying power as modern \$100!
- Convicted / sent to 3 years in prison.
 - Released in 1939.
- Started his nickel production 1939.
 - Rented building to produce.
 - Had DIY coin press.
- Made company named "Childs Plastic Moulded Products Company"
- Also employed by Day & Zimmermann Engineers of Philadelphia, PA
- Chose nickels because they were expected to look heavily circulated.
 - All were made to look circulated.
- Unknown why he made 1944 with no mint mark or without silver.
 - He claimed to lose money with his counterfeit nickel production.
- Bought \$6,800 of Monel (alloy of 79.1% copper, 20.5% nickel, and 0.4% iron) in 1954.
- Approximated he made only \$5,000 in revenue by passing pieces into circulation with process before dumping his supplies.
- Threw approximately \$20,000 face value into New Jersey's Cooper Creek and Pennsylvania's Schuylkill River.
- Had a loss of \$2,000 in just material costs.
- Another 3 years in prison and \$5,000 fine.

More About Henning & End Results

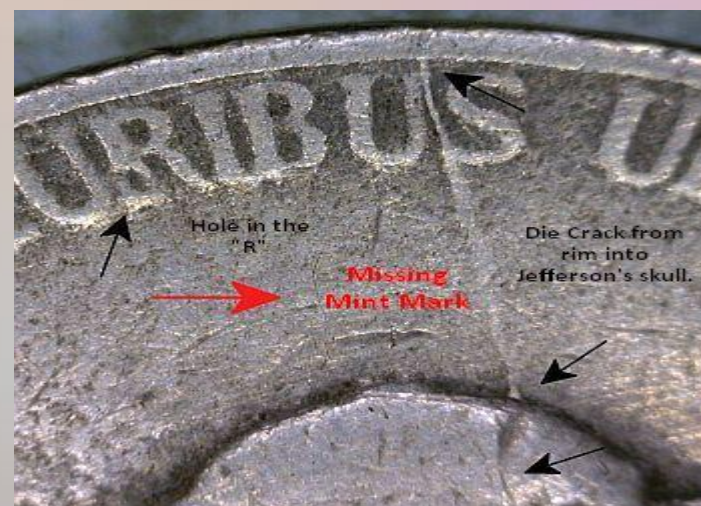
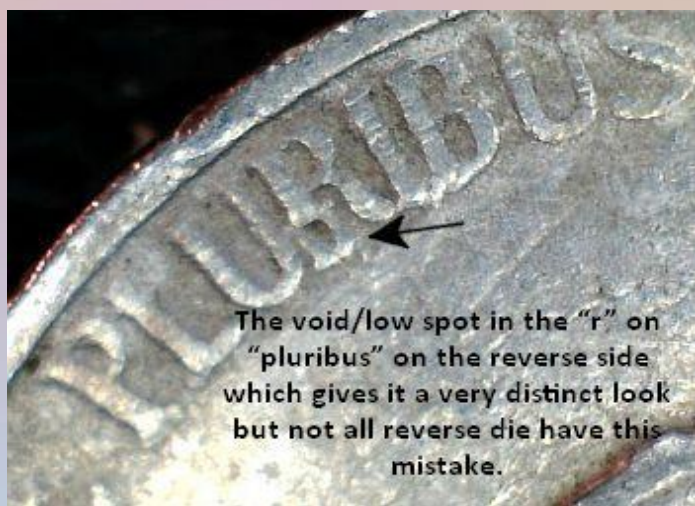
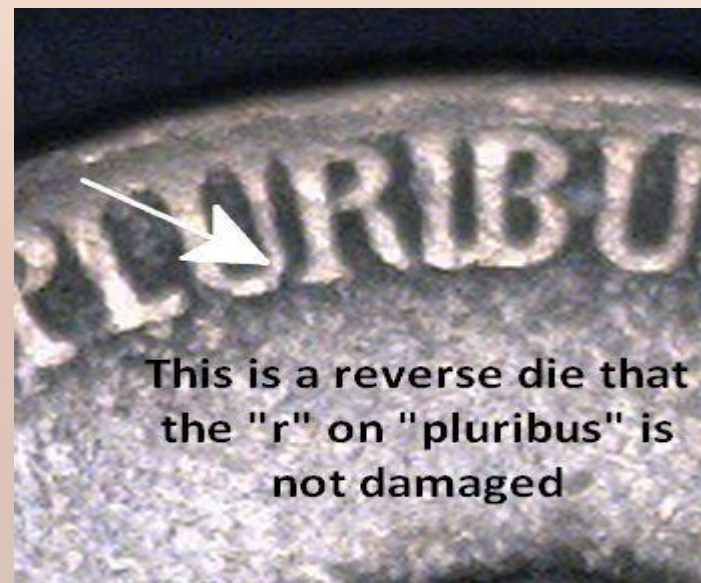
- Lost approximately \$7,000 of own money.
 - \$71,042 adjusted for inflation.
- Authorities salvaged and melted coins he threw into Cooper Creek (40,000 coins).
 - US Mint was able to reuse metal in production of future cupronickel coins.
- US Secret Service and Philadelphia Police Harbor Patrol used mine detection equipment from local military bases when searching creek.
- He spent his coins on commute between cities.
 - Many banks had small piles of these.
 - Discovered by numismatist Harmen K. Rogers.
- Henning claimed to be a vending machine operator to justify all his coins.



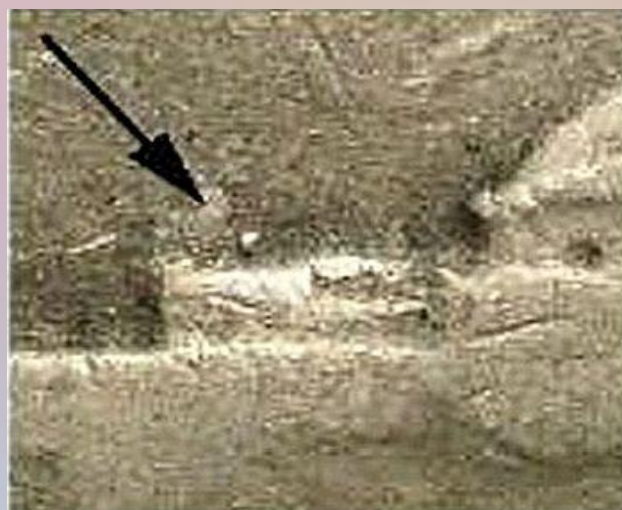
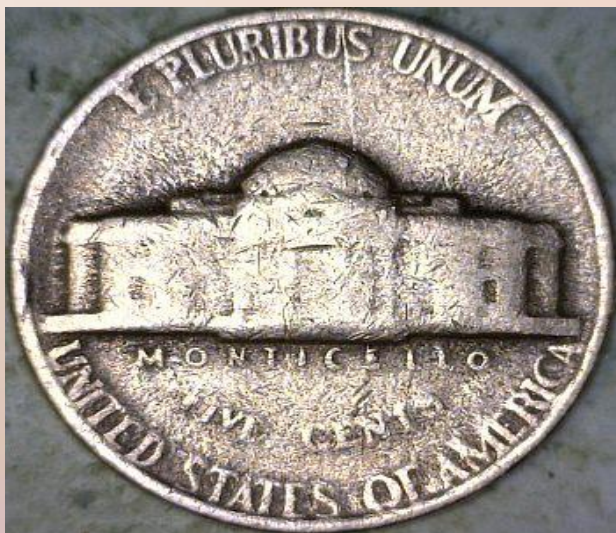
Fake 1939



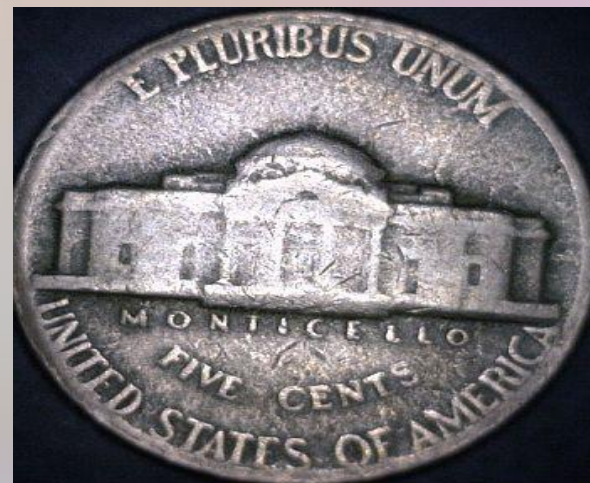
Real & Fake 1944



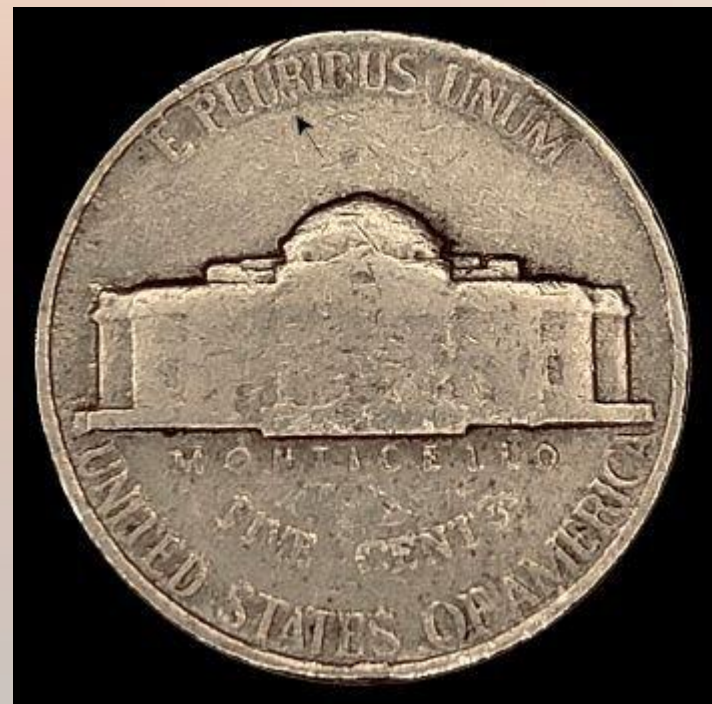
More Fake 1944



Fake 1946 & 1947



Fake 1953





Secondary Market Continued



Sold Aug 11, 2024
1944 JEFFERSON NICKEL ♂
HENNING NICKEL ♂ 5C NON SILVER
NO P MINTMARK
Uncertified · 1944 · Ungraded

\$275.00

1 bid
Free shipping
Free returns



Sold Aug 10, 2024
1944 HENNING Jefferson Nickel!
Non-Looped R! Super Rare Issue!
Uncertified · 1944 · Ungraded

\$261.56

11 bids
+\$4.00 shipping



Sold Jul 26, 2024
1944 Henning Jefferson Nickel - ICG
Certified VG 8
ICG · 1944 · VG 8

\$250.00

+\$4.90 shipping



Sold Apr 23, 2024
1944 5C Henning Jefferson Nickel
No Mintmark
Uncertified · 1944

\$275.00

Best offer accepted
Free shipping
Free returns



Sold Jul 17, 2024
1944 Henning non NICKEL 5 cent
(42348 nickel mss)
Uncertified · 1944

\$299.95

Best offer accepted
Free shipping



Sold Jul 7, 2024
1944 HENNING "Jefferson" NICKEL -
No Mintmark - Missing "P" - Looped
"R"
Uncertified · 1944 · Ungraded

\$261.56

6 bids
+\$4.95 shipping



Sold Jun 27, 2024
1944 "HENNING" (Jefferson) NICKEL -
No Mintmark - Missing "P"
Circulated(FULL R)
Uncertified · 1944 · Ungraded

\$349.00

Best offer accepted
+\$5.00 shipping



Sold Jun 25, 2024
1944 Henning NICKEL ♂ Privately
Minted Jefferson NICKEL ♂ NON
SILVER NO P MINTMARK
Uncertified · 1944 · Ungraded

\$202.50

6 bids
Free shipping



Sold Jun 23, 2024
1944 Henning 5c Nickel. No "P".
Not Silver
Uncertified · 1944

\$186.05

14 bids
+\$3.50 shipping



Sold Jun 22, 2024
1944 5C Henning Jefferson Nickel
No Mintmark
Uncertified · 1944

\$275.00

or Best Offer
Free shipping
Free returns



Sold Jun 16, 2024
NOTORIOUS NICKEL! Rare 1944
HENNING "Privately Minted"
Jefferson Nickel! NO "P"!
Uncertified · 1944

\$166.05

8 bids
+\$4.95 shipping



Sold Jun 10, 2024
1944 HENNING JEFFERSON NICKEL
NO P NO LOOP ROTATED REVERSE
STRUCK THROUGH...
ICG · 1944 · G 4

\$399.00

22 bids
Free shipping

Secondary Market



Sold Jun 8, 2024
1944 JEFFERSON NICKEL ⚡
HENNING NICKEL ⚡ 5C NON SILVER
NO P MINTMARK ▲TRUSTED▲
Uncertified · 1944 · Ungraded

\$235.00
Free shipping
Free returns



Sold Jun 4, 2024
1944 JEFFERSON NICKEL ⚡
HENNING NICKEL ⚡ 5C NON SILVER
NO P MINTMARK ▲TRUSTED▲
Uncertified · 1944 · Ungraded

\$295.00
Free shipping
Free returns



Sold Jun 3, 2024
1944 HENNING (Jefferson)
NICKEL..NO MINT MARK!!.. MISSING
"P"...NON LOOPED "R"
Uncertified · 1944

\$171.36
2 bids
+\$4.95 shipping



Sold Jun 1, 2024
1944 HENNING Jefferson Nickel!
Non-Looped R! Super Rare Issue!
Better Grade!
Uncertified · 1944 · Ungraded

\$207.50
13 bids
+\$5.25 shipping



Sold May 27, 2024
1944 5C Henning Jefferson Nickel No
Mintmark - 5.34 grams
Uncertified · 1944

\$275.00
1 bid
Free shipping
Free returns



Sold May 24, 2024
1939 Henning Jefferson Nickel
Looped R Contemporary Bogus Neat
and Popular! 4.6g
Uncertified · 1939

\$299.00
Best offer accepted
Free shipping



Sold May 24, 2024
1944 Henning Nickel ICG-VG8
ICG · 1944 · VG 8

\$350.00
1 bid
+\$5.35 shipping

Publications

