

FASCINATING FIND

CASH REGISTER



This ornate mechanical cash register donated by Cullinanes operated in pounds, shillings and pence. It was built in 1915 by the National Cash Register Co, in Ohio, USA.

This is a nickel plated model 574 and is decorated in the "Empire" pattern designed by Tiffany. It has four drawers and is equipped with an electric motor, illumination, a printer and seven total adders.

From 1879 on, James Ritty, a cafe owner, invented, patented and manufactured the first cash registers, naming one "The Incorruptible Cashier". Both merchants and their employees resisted the uptake of the machines. In 1885 the Patterson brothers bought the business and marketed the NCR cash registers as the focal point of businesses, attractive to the public, and incorporating features that helped the owners to prevent theft by their employees.

By 1915 they had produced one and a half million machines, and by 1971 almost ten million .

Since then, NCR have been involved in various computer equipment, and today NCR supply over a third of the world's ATMs.