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RESUME

QUESTIONED DOCUMENT TRAINING

- 1967-1969 Two year in-residency training in the field of questioned document examination with the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory, Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- 1969 Six weeks in-residency training in questioned document examination with the United States Postal Service Identification Laboratory, Washington, D.C.
- 1975 One week symposium at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia on the subject of The Examination of Questioned Documents.
- 1977 Attended the 35th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in San Francisco. A paper, co-authored with Mr. James Buglio, Examiner of Questioned Documents, then of Sydney, Australia, entitled, "Another Adept Penman?" was presented by me at that session.
- 1979 Attendance at the 64th Annual Meeting of The International Association for Identification in Phoenix, Arizona.
- 1971-2007 Attendance at the Annual Meetings of The American Academy of Forensic Sciences: Phoenix (1971), Atlanta (1972), Las Vegas (1973), Dallas (1974), Chicago (1975), Washington, DC (1976), San Diego (1977), St. Louis (1978), Atlanta (1979), New Orleans (1980), Los Angeles (1981), Kissimmee (1982), Cincinnati (1983), Anaheim (1984), Las Vegas (1985), New Orleans (1986), San Diego (1987), Philadelphia (1988), Las Vegas (1989), Cincinnati (1990), Anaheim (1991), New Orleans (1992), Boston (1993), San Antonio (1994), Seattle (1995), Nashville (1996), New York City (1997), San Francisco (1998), Orlando (1999), Reno (2000), Seattle (2001), Atlanta (2002), Chicago (2003), Dallas (2004), New Orleans (2005), Seattle (2006), San Antonio (2007).
- 1984 Attended the 42d Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Nashville, Tennessee. Chaired a panel discussion entitled, "The Sometime Problem of Non-Payment for Services Rendered."
- 1985 Attended the 70th Annual Meeting of The International Association for Identification in Savannah, Georgia. Presented, "Another Adept Penman?" at that session.
- 1986 Attended the 44th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Savannah, Georgia.
- 1988 Attended the 46th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Aurora, Colorado, held in conjunction with the Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners. Presented "One Writer's Unusual Ability - A Reminder" at that session.
- 1988-2007 Attended the Annual Meetings of the Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners (SAFDE) in Atlanta, Georgia (1988-2001, 2004-2007), and Columbia, South Carolina (2002), Peachtree City, Georgia (2003). I am a Charter Member of this organization.
- 1989 Attended the 47th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Arlington, Virginia.
- 1989 Attended the XI. Mannheimer Symposium für Schriftvergleichung held in conjunction with the Document Group of the British Forensic Science Society, at the University of Mannheim, West Germany.

- 1990 Attended the 48th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in San Jose, California.
- 1991 Attended Spectrum '91, an International Forensic Law Enforcement Symposium in Detroit, Michigan.
- 1991 Attended the 49th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Orlando, Florida.
- 1992 Attended the 50th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 1994 Attended the 52nd Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Long Beach, California.
- 1996 Attended the 54th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Washington, DC. Presented a paper entitled, "A Magnificent Medical Malpractice Matter -- or, If You're Going to do Something Wrong, Do It Right."
- 1997 Attended the 55th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Scottsdale, Arizona. Presented, with co-author James Buglio, a paper entitled, "Another Adept Penman - The 20th Anniversary."
- 1998 Attended the 56th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 1999 Attended the 15th Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences in conjunction with the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Los Angeles, California.
- 2001 Attended the 59th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Des Moines, Iowa.
- 2002 Attended the 60th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in San Diego, California.
- 2003 Attended the 61st Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2004 Attended the 62^d Annual Meeting of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Memphis, Tennessee. Was voted in as an Honorary Lifetime Member by its membership.
- 2006 Attended the 64th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners in Portland, Oregon.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENT EXPERIENCE

- 1967-1969 Student, Questioned Document Examination.
- 1969-1973 Examiner of Questioned Documents, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (Japan).
- 1973-1979 Chief Document Examiner and Executive Officer, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (Japan).
- 1980-1981 Chief Document Examiner, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (CONUS), Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- 1981-present Private Consultant in matters relating to the examination of questioned documents.

CERTIFICATION

Diplomate - American Board of Forensic Document Examiners.
(Certified in 1979. Recertified in 1984, 1989, 1994 and 1999.)

Certified by The British Forensic Science Society (1987).
(Recertified in 1992, 1997 and 2002.)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) (Honorary Life Member)

The International Association for Identification (IAI) (Life-Active Member)

The British Forensic Science Society (BFSS)

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)

The Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners (SAFDE) (Charter Member)

ADDITIONAL DATA

In excess of 5,000 cases involving questioned handwriting, handprinting, typewritten material, indented writings, erasures, obliterations, mutilated documents, suspect counterfeit forms and United States currency have been examined by me. My testimony as an expert witness in the field of questioned documents has been presented for both prosecution and defense in criminal matters for the United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. I have also presented testimony in my field of expertise in United States Federal Courts, State Courts, Probate Courts, Juvenile Courts, as well as United States Civil Service Commission and Social Security Hearings and Arbitrations. I have testified as an Examiner of Questioned Documents in cases from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nigeria, North Carolina, Ohio, Panama, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Guam, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Republic of Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Articles which I have either authored or co-authored have appeared in The International Association for Identification News, The United States Army Military Police Journal, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly, The Police Chief, The Detective, The United States Air Force Forensic Science Digest, The United States Army Criminal Investigation (Pacific) Newsletter and, The Champion, the Official Journal of The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

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| 1972 | Lectured to over 100 participants at the U.S. Air Force (Pacific) Staff Judge Advocate Conference in Tokyo, Japan on the subject of questioned document examination. |
| 1977 | Instructed students with reference to questioned documents at The Military Police Investigators Academy, Seoul, Korea. |
| 1978 | Lectured concerning questioned documents at the U.S. Air Force (Pacific) Trial and Defense Counsel Seminar, Baguio City, Republic of the Philippines. |
| 1970-1981 | Conducted training sessions relative to the investigation and examination of questioned document cases to agents of the U.S. Army CID, the U.S. Air Force OSI, the U.S. Navy NIS, and the U.S. Marine Corps CID throughout the United States and the Far East. |
| 1976-1978 | Edited, and was a frequent contributor of articles pertaining to the examination of questioned documents to the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (Pacific) Newsletter. |
| 1981-1986 | Lectured on a regular basis to Criminal Justice students of The Georgia Military College on the subject of "The Investigation and Examination of Questioned Document Cases." |

- 1981 Retained by The Georgia Bureau of Investigation for a period of ninety days on an emergency-hire basis to conduct examinations of questioned document referrals.
- 1982 Lectured on the subject "The Investigation and Examination of Questioned Document Cases" to detective members of the Augusta, Georgia Police Department.
- 1982 Guest speaker on the subject, "The Individuality of Handwriting and Its Identifying Features" to Psychology students at Augusta College.
- 1983 Guest speaker at the Clarence Cohen Chapter of The National Sojourners Meeting at the Fort Gordon Officer's Club. The topic: "What is the Job of the Questioned Document Examiner."
- 1983 Retained by The Department of Defense to evaluate the methods, procedures, and workload of the Questioned Document Branch of the United States Army Criminal Laboratory, Continental United States.
- 1984 Guest speaker on the subject "Questioned Documents" at the Second Annual Expert Exposition held at the Hyatt Regency Continental Ballroom, downtown Atlanta, Georgia for Trial Lawyers from ten states.
- 1985 Guest speaker on the subject "Questioned Documents" at a Federal Bar Association, Aiken-Augusta Chapter meeting.
- 1985 Lectured to Criminal Justice students at Brenau College at both Spring and Fall semesters on the subject "The Investigation and Examination of Questioned Document Cases."
- 1986 Guest speaker on the subject of "Questioned Documents" at a C.S.R.A. (Central Savannah River Area) Chapter meeting of The American Society for Industrial Security.
- 1986 Guest speaker on the subject of "Questioned Documents" at a meeting of The Georgia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. This quarterly session was held on the campus of Augusta College.
- 1987 "Another Adept Penman?" presented at the VIII. Mannheimer Symposium fur Schriftvergleichung, University of Mannheim, West Germany.
- 1993 Published chapter entitled, "Questioned Documents: The Collection of Known Writings" in the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT - Techniques & Technology, 1993, Butterworth - Heinemann.
- 2004 Testified in a questioned document matter before a five-Judge Tribunal in the capitol city of Nigeria (Africa).
- 2007 Published chapter entitled, "Questioned Documents: The Collection of Known Writings" in the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT - Techniques & Technology, 1993, Butterworth - Heinemann (2nd Edition, 2007).

LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

Instrumentation and equipment for the analysis of questioned documents in my office and laboratory includes:

Bausch & Lomb Stereoscopic Zoom Microscope
 Research Devices Model J Infrared Microscope with reflected, transmitted, and infrared fluorescence capability
 Ultraviolet (short and long wave) light source
 Nichols Typewriter Test Plate Templates
 Foster & Freeman Ltd. ESDA (Electrostatic Detection Apparatus) for the restoration and decipherment of indented writings

Nikon F2 AS Photomic Camera with additional Macro Lens, Filters, Copy Stand, Lights, and other related photo equipment
INTERPOL card index system with complete set of addendums for the identification of typewriters and type style
manufacturers
ASQDE typewriter surveys (International & Domestic)
The HAAS Typewriter Atlas and Catalog on CD

LIBRARY AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

Among my reference material are over 1,300 papers on questioned document examination. Some are unpublished. Among the textbooks in my library are the following:

Questioned Documents by Albert S. Osborn
Question Document Problems by Albert S. and Albert D. Osborn
The Problems of Proof by Albert S. Osborn
The Mind of the Juror by Albert S. Osborn
Suspect Documents - Their Scientific Examination by Wilson R. Harrison
Forgery Detection, A Practical Guide by Wilson R. Harrison
Evidential Documents by James V. P. Conway
Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents by Ordway Hilton
The Law of Disputed and Forged Documents by J. Newton Baker
Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents (Revised Edition) by Ordway Hilton
Disputed Handwriting by Jerome B. Lavay
The Psychology of Handwriting by Robert Saudek
Forgeries and False Entries by William E. Hingston
Forged, Anonymous and Suspect Documents by A. J. Quirke
The Hand of Hauptmann by J. Vreeland Haring
The Craft of Forgery by Henry T. F. Rhodes
Money of Their Own, The Great Counterfeiters by Murray Teigh Bloom
Forgeries - Handwriting - Something for Nothing by George H. Zinnel
The Identification of Handwriting and the Cross Examination of Experts by M. K. Mehra
Crime In Ink by Claire Carvalho and Boyden Sparkes
The Identification of Handwriting and the Detection of Forgery by Charles Hardless
Liars and Letters Anonymous by Oscar Mendelsohn
Little Clues by William E. Hingston
Principles of Forensic Handwriting Identification and Testimony by Edward J. Smith
Valid or Forged by Lloyd L. Jones
The Forgers by E. Patrick McGuire
Salamander by Linda Sillitoe and Allen Roberts
The Mormon Murders by Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith
Handwriting - A National Survey by Reginald Piggott
Methods of Detecting Forgery and Raised Checks by Francis B. Courtney
Crime, Corruption, Conviction by John H. Orr
Handwriting of Junius by Twisleton and Chabot
Spencerian Key to Practical Penmanship by H. C. Spencer
Collector's Guide to Antique Typewriters edited by Dan R. Post
The History of the Typewriter - Successor to the Pen by G. C. Marcus
Hoax by Stephen Fay, Lewis Chester and Magnus Linklater
The Art of Cross-Examination by Francis L. Wellman
Classification and Identification of Modern Office Copiers (1983) by James H. Kelly
Penmanship Systems - USA - 1890 to Present compiled by the Scientific Identification Laboratory, U.S. Postal Service
Handwriting Systems of Foreign Countries compiled by the Scientific Identification Laboratory, U.S. Postal Service
The Story of Writing by Donald Jackson
The Birth of Writing by Robert Claiborne and the Editors of Time-Life Books
The Beginnings of Writing by Temple, Nathan and Burris
The History of Writing by Albertine Gaur
Great Forgers and Famous Fakes by Charles Hamilton

Pen, Ink, & Evidence by Joe Nickell

The History of Ink - Including Its ETYMOLOGY, CHEMISTRY and BIBLIOGRAPHY, published by Thaddeus Davids & Co., New York, 1860

AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

Awarded the Police Medallion and Certificate of Appreciation from the Superintendent, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department, for handwriting examinations conducted for that law enforcement agency.

Recipient of numerous letters of commendation and appreciation for assistance provided in questioned document problems, for testimony in judicial proceedings, and for lectures presented on the subject of questioned document examinations.

Military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, presented for "displaying superior technical competence and a high degree of innovation" while assigned to the United States Criminal Investigation Laboratory (Pacific) during the period of 1969-1979.

The Legion of Merit, conferred for "contributions to the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory System and Law Enforcement Community" upon my retirement on March 1st, 1981 with over thirty years of continuous active military service.

ADDENDUM

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| April 16/17
2008 | Attended the Annual Meeting of SAFDE (Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners) in Peachtree City, Georgia. [I am a Charter Member of that organization]. |
| February 18/23
2008 | Attended the 60th Anniversary Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) in Washington, D.C. |
| August 16/21
2008 | Attended the 66th Annual Conference of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) in Asheville, N.C. [I was one of five participants of a 2½ hour Panel Discussion and demonstration entitled "Skilled Signature Simulations" emanating from my original paper of thirty years ago entitled "Another Adept Penman". |
| February 16/21
2009 | Attended the 61st Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) in Denver, Colorado. |
| April 17/18
2009 | Attended the Annual Meeting of SAFDE (Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners) in Peachtree City, Georgia. [I have not missed a meeting since its inception, 19 years ago). |
| February 22/27
2010 | Attended the 62d Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) in Seattle, Washington. [This was the 40th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences that I have attended without having missed a single year]. |