

# Review

## Pennsylvania Handwriting Analysis Forum

### March 25, 2023



*Here are three of the famous people whose handwriting we analyzed at our March 25, 2023 meeting:. Judy Garland, Ron DeSantis, and Hunter Biden. The fourth was Jill Biden, whose photo appears at the end of this Review in summary No. 4.*

**The Pennsylvania Handwriting Analysis Forum met by Zoom on March 25, 2023. We discussed several topics. Here is a summary of each one.**

1. Member Edith Malin and I presented the new **calligraphy service** by online businesses that were featured in the Allentown *Morning Call* and a recent NPR segment. Their target customers are **people who are disenchanted with their signatures** because they are illegible or these people want to a new image



of themselves or other reasons to change the look of their signatures. These businesses have a range of styles to adopt.

As was raised in the *Call* and NPR,

this creates a problem for the places where signatures are recorded and are important: bank and credit card signatures, voter registration, legal and financial documents, etc.

We discussed how these customers are handling this issue. We also waded into the offshoot of this area and discussed how we should advise a client on crafting their signature to minimize a forgery. **How should a forgery-proof signature be crafted?** Answer at the end of these summaries.





2. We discussed an article from *The New Yorker* about how **artificial intelligence in the digital world is being applied to mental health** and specifically for areas such as psychotherapy,

predicting mental illness months before it may arise, suicide prediction and prevention, especially among army veterans, and even creating software for devices to talk to a person needing help as if it were a therapist doing their work to aid them to understand their situation and work to get better.

The article cited the dearth of mental help in the US. Half of its counties have no psychiatrists. Sixty per cent of practitioners have no room for new patients. This is against the fact that one in five Americans has a mental illness, with one in twenty having a serious one, like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

Although the AI chatbots are based on



sometimes billions of algorithms recorded, then they try to predict human behavior, we noted that behavior is hard to predict and treat with an uncaring device that doesn't match the qualities of a human being with their wide background.

Nevertheless, science is moving ahead to fill the vast need to deal with our ever-increasing plague of mental illness, which has also exploded for our young people, especially from their use of those little devices in their hands and the experience of isolation during the virus pandemic.

3. I also gave members a fun quiz to see how much they recall from the pages of my book **Strokes: Inside the Fascinating,**



course would cite handwriting analysis as a better technique or test.

*Mysterious World of Handwriting Analysis.*  
One question was **why the Rorschach Inkblot Test had survived** for so long as a major aspect of psychology techniques when it has been so widely trashed by so many. The answer I had concluded in my book: Because nothing better has come to replace it. We of



4. We also **analyzed** the very limited examples of the **handwriting** available on the internet of the handwriting of **Jill Biden, Hunter Biden, and Ron DeSantis**, Governor of Florida, along with the writing widely available **Judy Garland**.

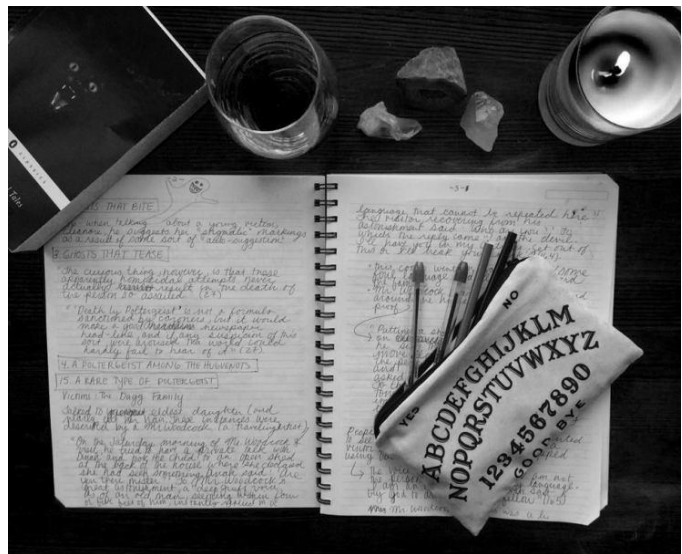
5. Member Edith Malin conveyed two Breadsticks.

These are items from the world of handwriting, handwriting analysis, and personality that we ask members to bring to the meeting to enlighten us or what is going on in our focused areas. One was the items previously discussed in this Review about calligraphers finding new signatures for persons seeking to change them for various reasons.

6. The other item she addressed was the **Commonplace Books** people are keeping for themselves, recording in their handwriting moments and events from their lives much like the ones from earlier times in history.

7. Member Terry Carroll presented a Breadstick about

her trip to **Pennsbury Manor** in lower Bucks County, Pa., the home of Pennsylvania's founder William Penn. She noted the many samples of handwriting but also that the Colonial facilities and the information

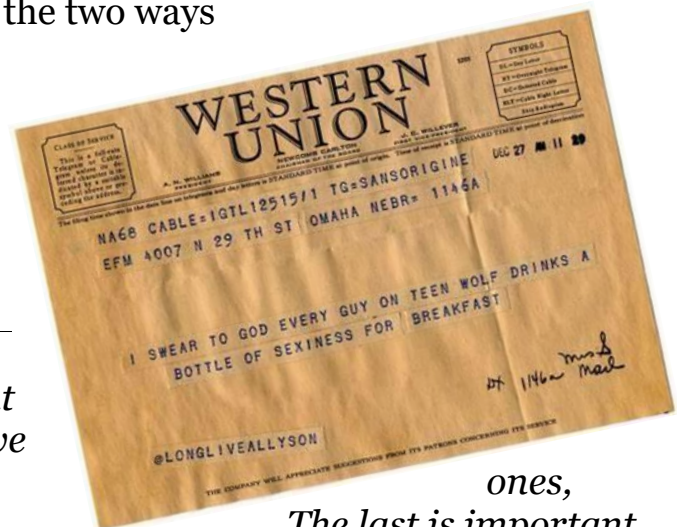




inside there are worth a good day visit. (Here it is shown left.)

8. I also noted the **method of long distance communication that replaced the handwritten** letter. In 1844 Samuel F. B. Morse sent the first telegraph message,

“What hath God wrought?” The telegram thus followed. That long history had ended with the last one sent in 2006. I posed this query to the group: That last telegram had the message about the two ways of **instant** long distance communication that it had also replaced. What were they? Answers below.



1. *Forgery-proof is extreme. However, a signature that is at least tough to forge should have many strokes in it, elaborate and be written spontaneously. because a forger is trying to copy your signature and must take their time to do it properly. A fast, smooth series of lines are not easy to copy because of the natural tension the forger is feeling, which causes the lines to wander, if ever so slightly. The forger must also take their time with so many lines to copy and keep close to the look of the original strokes of their victim.*

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8. *The answer: Smoke signals and flag signals, as in semaphores.*

