

# Handwriting Analysis for Genealogy

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## Uses of Handwriting Analysis for Genealogy

- Validating document was actually signed by correct person, e.g. probate
- Identity merging and separation
- Examination of person's personality

## Handwriting Traits - Document Examination

Alignment	Arrangement	<b>Connections</b>
Initial Strokes	Pen Lifts	<b>Pressure</b>
Punctuation	<b>Rhythm</b>	Shading
<b>Size</b>	<b>Slope</b>	Terminal Strokes
Paper	Ink	

## Handwriting Traits - Graphology

Baselines	<b>Connections</b>	Margins
<b>Pressure</b>	<b>Rhythm</b>	<b>Size</b>
Slant	<b>Slope</b>	Spacing
Speed	Zones	

## Books - Document Examination

Kelly, Jan Seaman and Lindblom, Brian S., *Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents, 2nd Edition*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2006

Morris, Ron, *Forensic Handwriting Identification*, Academic Press, 2000

Huber, Roy A. and Headrick, A.M., *Handwriting Identification: Facts and Fundamentals*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 1999

## Books - Graphology

Lowe, Sheila, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Handwriting Analysis*, 2nd Edition, Alpha Press, Penguin Group, Indianapolis, 2007

McNichol, Andrea, *Handwriting Analysis: Putting It to Work for You*, McGraw Hill, New York, 1991

Amend, Karen Kristin and Ruiz, Mary Stansbury, *Hand Writing Analysis: The Complete Basic Book*, New Page Books, Franklin Lakes, NJ, 1980

Dresbold, Michelle, *Sex, Lies, and Handwriting: A Top Expert Reveals the Secrets Hidden in Your Handwriting*, Free Press, 2008

### **Software - Handwriting comparison (Document Examination)**

CEDAR-FOX (PC, \$\$\$) - [http://www.cedartech.com/products\\_cedarfox.html](http://www.cedartech.com/products_cedarfox.html)

MovAlyzeR (PC, \$\$\$) - <http://www.neuroscript.net/movalyzer.php>

### **Software - Graphology**

Handwriting Analyst (PC & Mac, \$40) - [www.haprogram.com](http://www.haprogram.com)

Sheila Lowe's Handwriting Analyzer (PC, Free Trial, \$125+) - [www.handwritinganalysis.com](http://www.handwritinganalysis.com)

Handwriting Analysis by Jakub Koter (iOS, 2.5/5 stars, \$.99) - [itunes.apple.com](http://itunes.apple.com)

Writing Defines U - Graphology by WsCubeTechApps (Android, 4/5 stars, free) - [play.google.com](http://play.google.com)

Signature Analyzer by ARMDDevelopers (Android, 3.5/5 stars, free) - [play.google.com](http://play.google.com)

Graphology by LH Apps (Android, 3/5 stars, free) - [play.google.com](http://play.google.com)

### **Organizations & Associations - Document Examination**

American Society of Questioned Document Examiners - [www.asqde.org/](http://www.asqde.org/)

American Board of Forensic Document Examiners - [www.abfde.org](http://www.abfde.org)

### **Organizations & Associations - Graphology**

American Handwriting Analysis Foundation - [www.ahafhandwriting.org/](http://www.ahafhandwriting.org/)

AAHA - American Association of Handwriting Analysts - [www.aahahandwriting.com](http://www.aahahandwriting.com)

International Graphoanalysis Society - [www.igas.com](http://www.igas.com)

American Society of Professional Graphologists - [www.aspghandwriting.org](http://www.aspghandwriting.org)