



In Memoriam Clark Sellers, 1891—1973

Clark Sellers, charter member and Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and past chairman of the Questioned Document Section, passed away 10 April 1973 of a sudden heart attack.

Clark Sellers had been an examiner of questioned documents in private practice in Los Angeles, California, since 1924. He was one of the founders and a past president of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners. He was a prolific writer and

was highly regarded as a scholar and researcher in his field. He was an innovator credited among other things with developing graphic and persuasive methods of presenting evidence on questioned documents in trials at law. He participated in numerous celebrated trials involving handwriting identification or questioned documents, including the prosecution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann for the kidnap-murder of the Charles A. Lindbergh infant.

Clark Sellers was a zealous advocate of the use and value of physical evidence in connection with legal matters. He was very active in promoting the highest technical and ethical standards in document examination. He was unbendingly insistent upon the necessity of absolute integrity in the practice of forensic science, and was a co-author of the Code of Ethics of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners. He was known world-wide as preeminent in his field and was instrumental in encouraging the formation of associations of document examiners overseas for the extension and advancement of knowledge.

Clark Sellers was acknowledged to be a giant in his field, exerting strong beneficial influence on those with whom he came in contact and giving warm encouragement to younger practitioners. He was a mainstay to those around him. His presence will be widely and sorely missed.

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