

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents

REFERENCE: Hilton, O., *Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents*, Elsevier North-Holland, New York, 1981, 424 pages, \$45.00.

This revised edition of Mr. Hilton's treatise on document examination work is a valuable and welcome publication. Mr. Hilton has expanded on his original book in a number of areas of importance in the questioned document field. Specifically, chapters on the identification of signatures and forgery detection and the identification of hand-lettering and numerals have been enlarged. Information on typewriter identification has been enlarged to include data on proportionally spaced and single element machines as well as modern electronic typewriter devices.

In his discussion of mechanical impressions, such as those produced by check writers and other printing devices, Mr. Hilton also includes unusual and new printing devices such as computer printouts, time clock and date stamps, and other unusual recording devices. Other expansions have been made to chapters on the collection of handwriting and typewriting standards as well as document reproduction, such as new photocopying methods.

Mr. Hilton's book is written in precise, clear, easy-to-understand language, punctuated with numerous case illustrations. It is "must" reading for all with a serious interest in document examination work. It is a welcome addition to the libraries of all those interested in or engaged in the unique field of forensic science known as the examination of questioned documents.

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