

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of The Personal Identification of Living Individuals

REFERENCE: Roger, S. L., *The Personal Identification of Living Individuals*, Charles C Thomas, 2600 South First, Springfield, IL 62717, 1986, \$19.50, 92 pp.

This book is an overview of the many methods of personal identification of living individuals. It is heavily referenced with little or no original subject matter. The book is a narrative work intended for field workers or generally interested readers. The field of personal identification via the techniques addressed in this book such as fingerprints, lip prints, handwriting, visual identification, voice printing, and dentition have been known for years. The author discusses the Bertillion Measurement System as a method of individual identification that has lost credibility years ago.

The book is organized well and the illustrations are clear and informative. However, the section on fingerprinting the dead, while certainly important, is beyond the scope of this book. Its contents are very basic and probably "inherent" to most people in the field of personal identification.

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