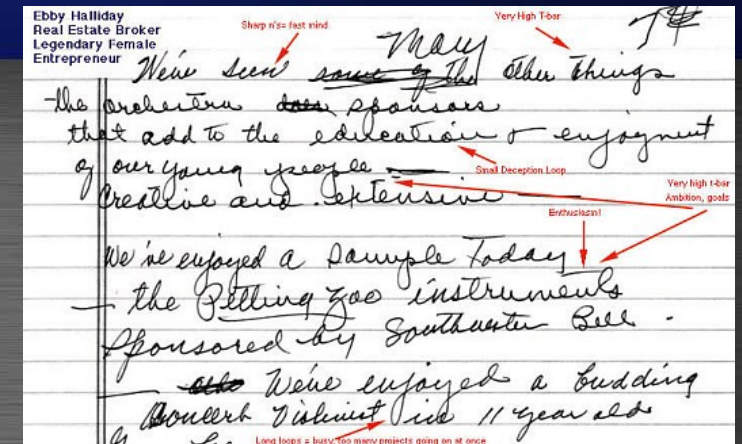
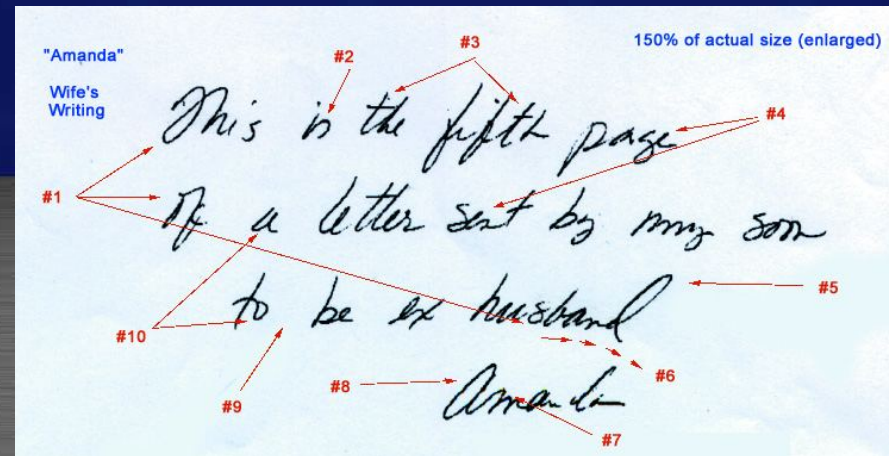
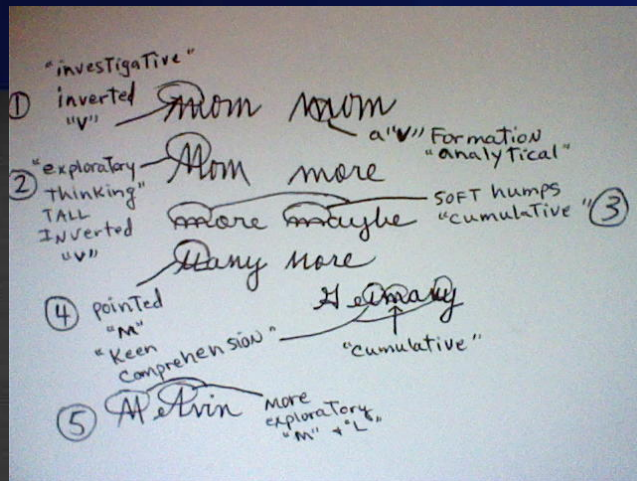


Phyllis Rosabonheur Greene Mattingly came to Fort Collins in 1949. After a stint hosting a talk show on KCOL, Phyllis became an internationally recognized handwriting analyst.

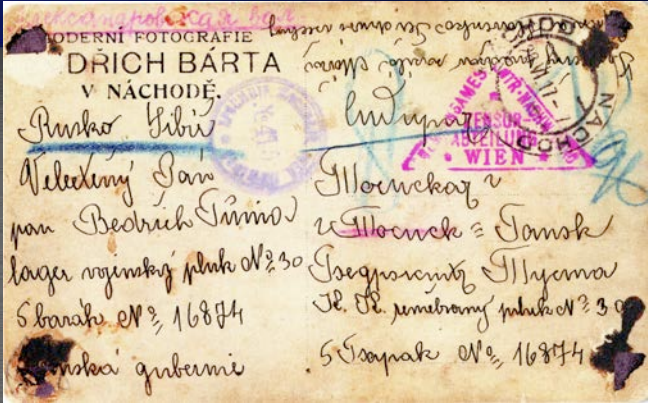
Phyllis Mattingly (1916 - 2000)



How does a woman in the 1970s become a graphoanalyst? Mattingly got professional training at the University of Chicago (either a Master's Degree in Graphoanalysis, or a Master Certification in Graphoanalysis, depending on which source you read). Using her professional skills, she verified and interpreted wills, diaries and other documents, including – it was said – one of Adolf Hitler's. She used her expertise in such varied areas as custody cases, pre-marriage compatibility consultations, and hiring decisions.



“With as little as a signature to work from Mattingly can see evidence of a sense of humor, a temper, or a lack of motivation.” (Jan 23, 1994, *Coloradoan* newspaper)



Mattingly taught handwriting analysis in Australia, lectured to the United Kingdom Chapter of Graphoanalysis, was included in the 1988 and 1989 editions of Who's Who of the World's Professional Women, and in 1987 was the International Graphoanalyst of the Year.

Here's a fun tidbit: The prosecution in the O.J. Simpson trial hired her to analyze handwriting of witnesses. She told them not to use Mark Fuhrman, but they did anyway, and he turned out to be an unreliable witness.



Mattingly's other claim to fame was as Fort Collins' Welcome Lady. She brought newcomers gifts, coupons, and information about the town. She supported many diverse Fort Collins institutions like the symphony, the library, Planned Parenthood, the Christian Science Church, the Women's Choral Group, the local AARP chapter, and Easter Seals.



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