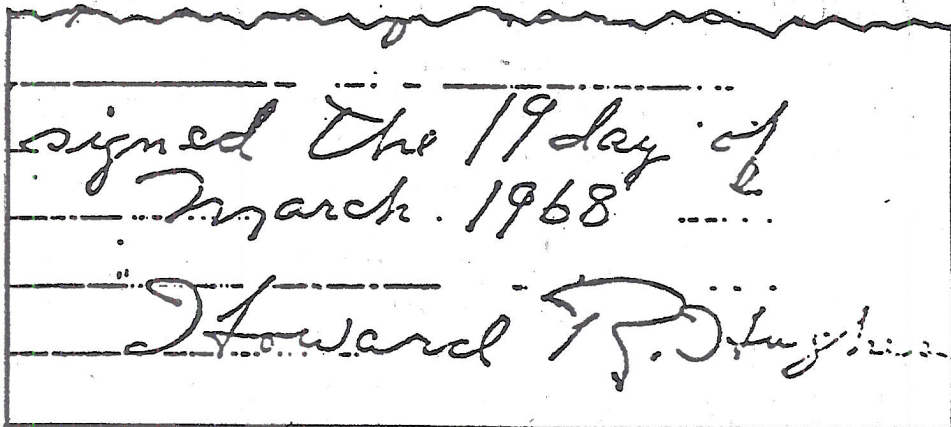


Expert Calls Howard Hughes Will Signature Authentic



signed the 19 day of
March 1968
Howard R. Hughes

Associated Press

Closing words of the document purported to be the will of Howard R. Hughes

By United Press International

A prominent autograph expert examined yesterday the signature on the will purportedly written by Howard Hughes and pronounced it authentic.

"My God, it looks just like Hughes's signature," shouted Charles Hamilton as he finished inspecting a photocopy of the document. He said the signature on the will matched details of authenticated Hughes signatures that he possesses.

"The signature is indeed

genuine," Mr. Hamilton said at his New York office. "The signature looks exactly like Hughes's and I think it would be exceedingly difficult to forge all the aspects of that signature."

Mr. Hamilton has written five books on handwriting and manuscript authenticity.

He recently drew national attention when he labeled as a bogus a document purported to be George Washington's personal copy of his commission as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. The document, which

had been put up for auction at the prestigious Sotheby Park Bernet Gallery, was subsequently discredited and removed from the auction list.

He noted that little care was taken to make the signature on the will particularly legible.

"A forger of Hughes's signature would never be so careless," Mr. Hamilton said. "In fact, the carelessness of this signature convinces me even more it was written by Hughes."