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The multi-individuality of handwriting is a rare phenomenon, resulting in the development of two or more wholly or largely different habits of writing. These heterogeneous skills of writing are used in a spontaneous way, but also by conscious choice of one of them, depending on the circumstances of writing, e.g. taking notes, preparing official documents, emotional state or the speed of writing. Different varieties of writing of the same person can lead experts to issue erroneous opinions, especially if the reference material does not reflect the type of the handwriting appearing in the questioned document. There can be a problem with the assessment of the homogeneity of the reference material in the case of the multi-individuality of handwriting. There is also the ability to manipulate the reference material. The example of the multi-individuality of handwriting will be presented.

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