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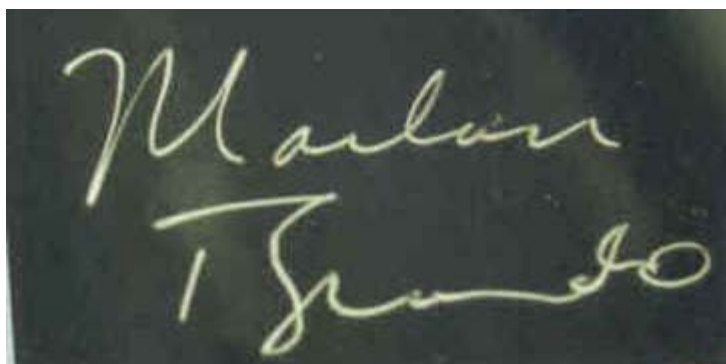
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INTERNET-AUCTION PROBLEM

I have been surfing the internet since 10-99, looking at McGwire & Sosa autographs on the various auction sites and there still seems to be an alarming rate of spurious signatures. I have looked at over 300 signatures, via the internet, and it appears that over 90% of these are not genuine! Many of them have COA's from unqualified and/or inaccurate so-called examiners. As we all should know, Mr. McGwire is very aggressive at stopping the flow of his signature being forged and sold to unknowing collectors. I believe, if the original pieces were submitted to my laboratory, the details would be apparent, as the poor line quality of these signatures are to the extent that the writing instrument, writing medium & ink evidence would be secondary. Do not bid on any autograph unless you are sure of its authenticity.

(TOP 10) (FORGED CELEBRITY LIST)

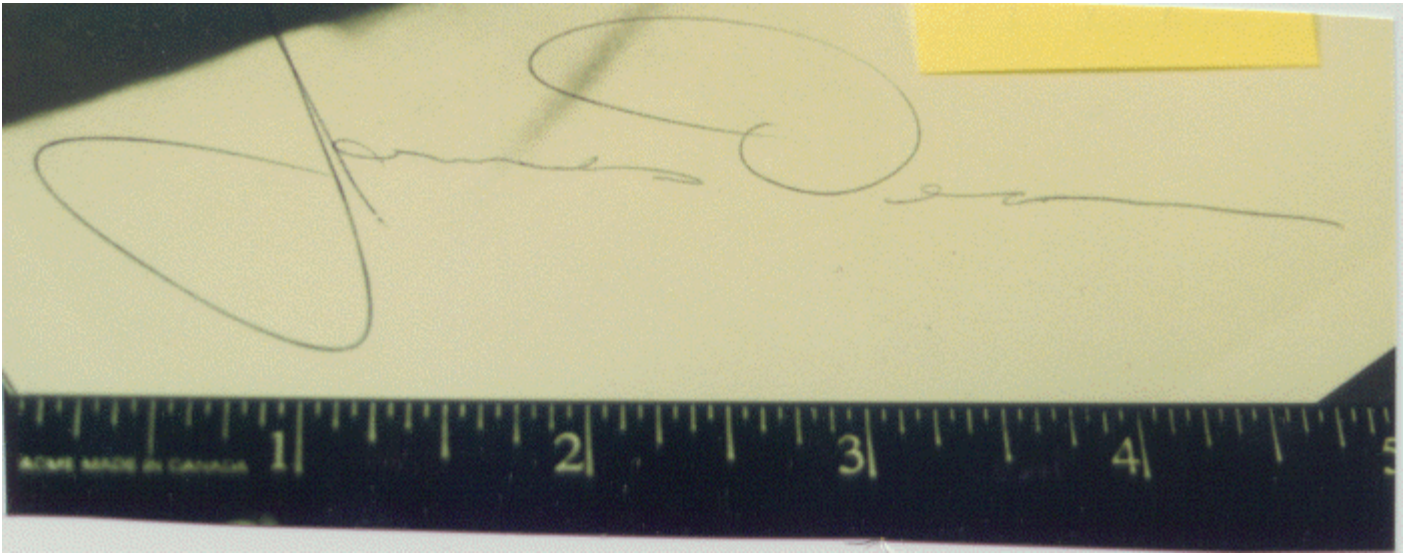
Listed below is my (Top 10) Celebrity Forged hit list. As with sports stars, there are other individuals whose autographs are more valuable, yet these are the celebrities that I have seen forged the most often. (Listed in alphabetical order and also note the following forged samples)



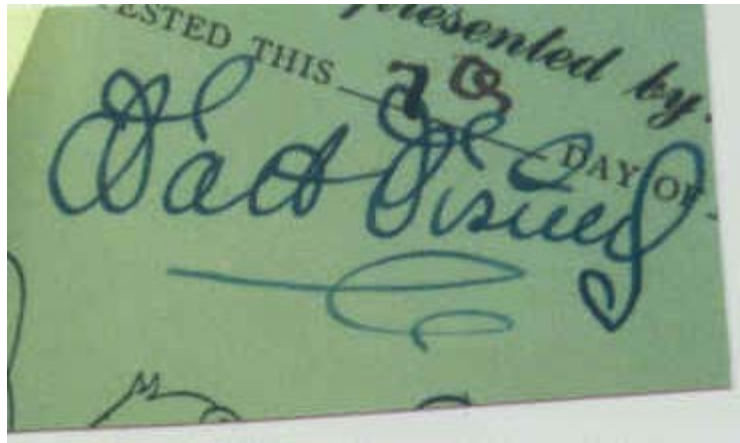
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Marlon
Brando

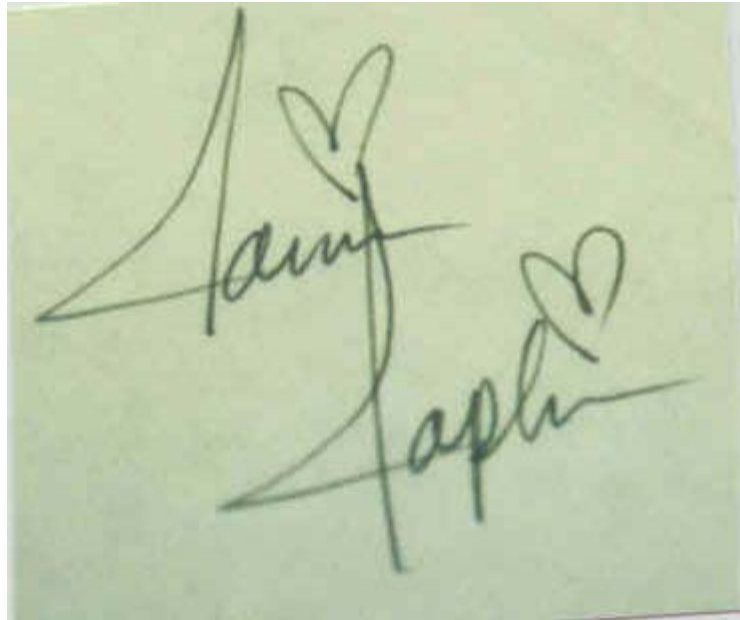
* James
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* Walt
Disney



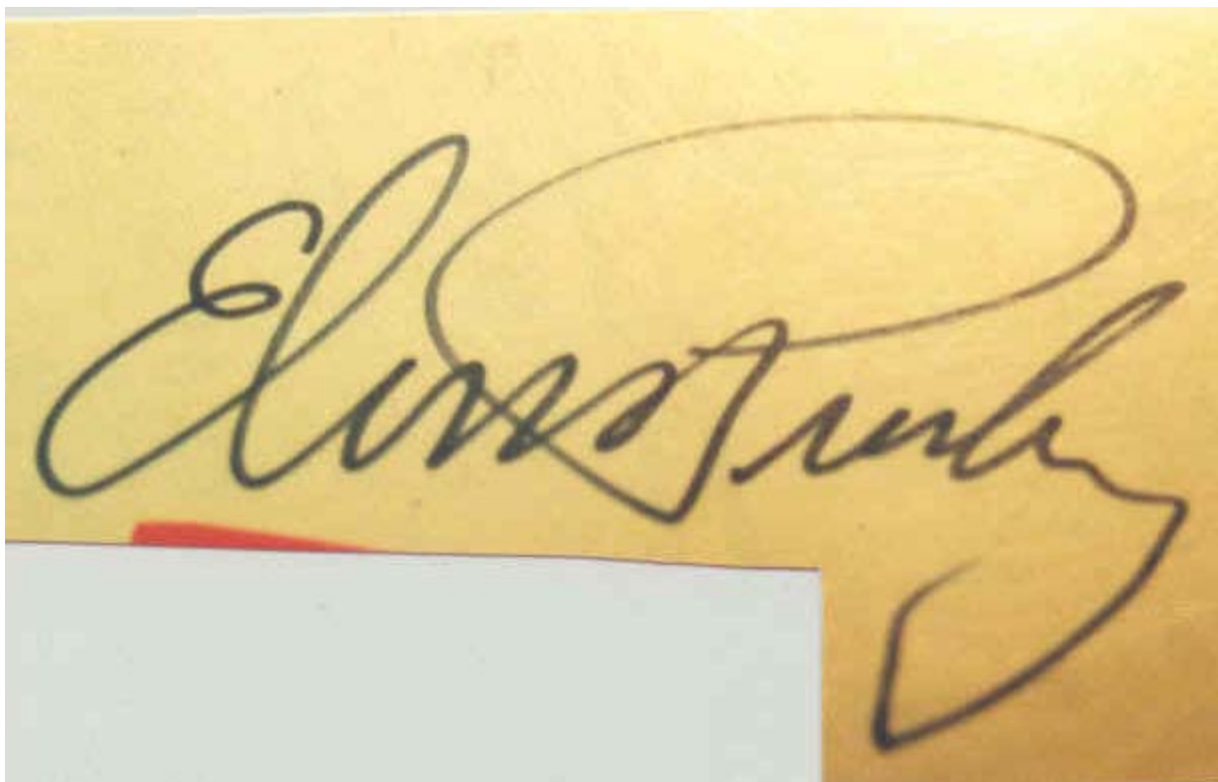
* Jimi
Hendrix



* Janis
Joplin

* John
Lennon
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Marilyn
Monroe

* Elvis
Presley



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Princess
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* Frank
Sinatra

UPDATE-OLD VINTAGE SPORTS (TOP10 FORGED VINTAGE-SPORTS LIST)

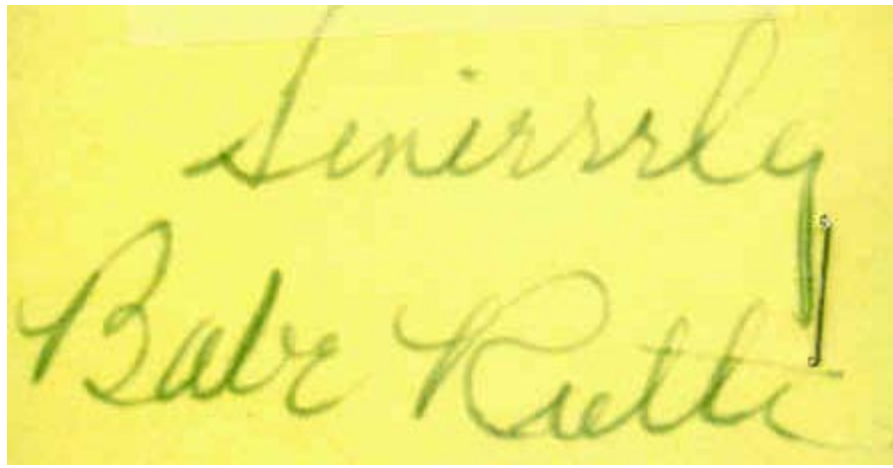
Listed below is my (Top 10) Old Vintage Sports Forged hit list. The stars on this list have their signatures forged more often than any other vintage athlete to date. The sheer volume of forgeries seen from these immortals is what puts them on the (Top-10) list.

There are rarer autographs than most of these individuals. This is due to the extreme lack of legitimate authentic samples. The list below are from athletes that obtain a very high demand and are also the favorites. These spurious samples can be found on baseballs, gloves, photos, 3 x 5 cards, and cuts. Beware mostly of the signatures on cut pieces of paper.

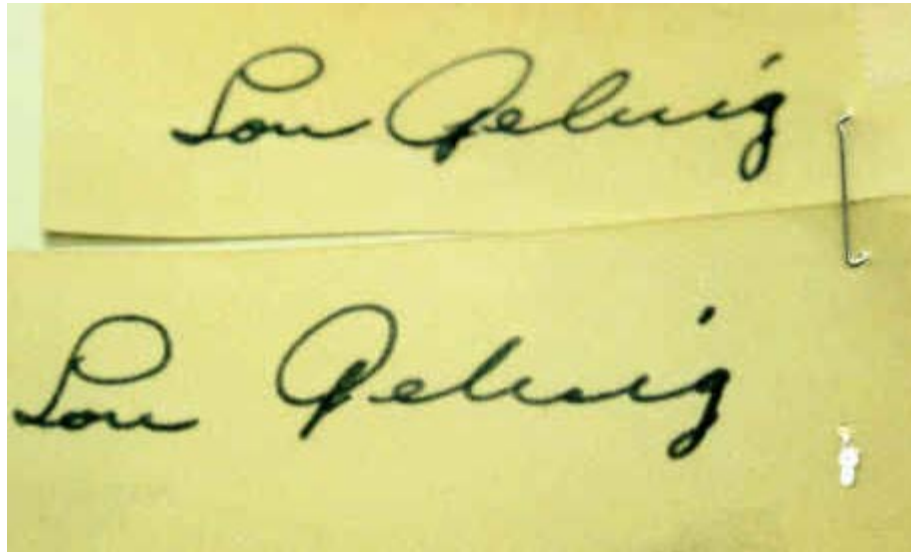
Forgers believe they can sign multiple times and simply cut out the ones that look the best. Also watch out for cuts on chain-line and vintage paper. These criminals will desecrate old books in order to obtain a medium that looks appropriate for the time frame. They will attempt this trick but to no avail. They cannot replicate the idiosyncrasies of the known author.

Many of these forged signatures were performed not for monetary gain, but to alleviate time for the athlete, i.e., secretaries and ghostwriters.

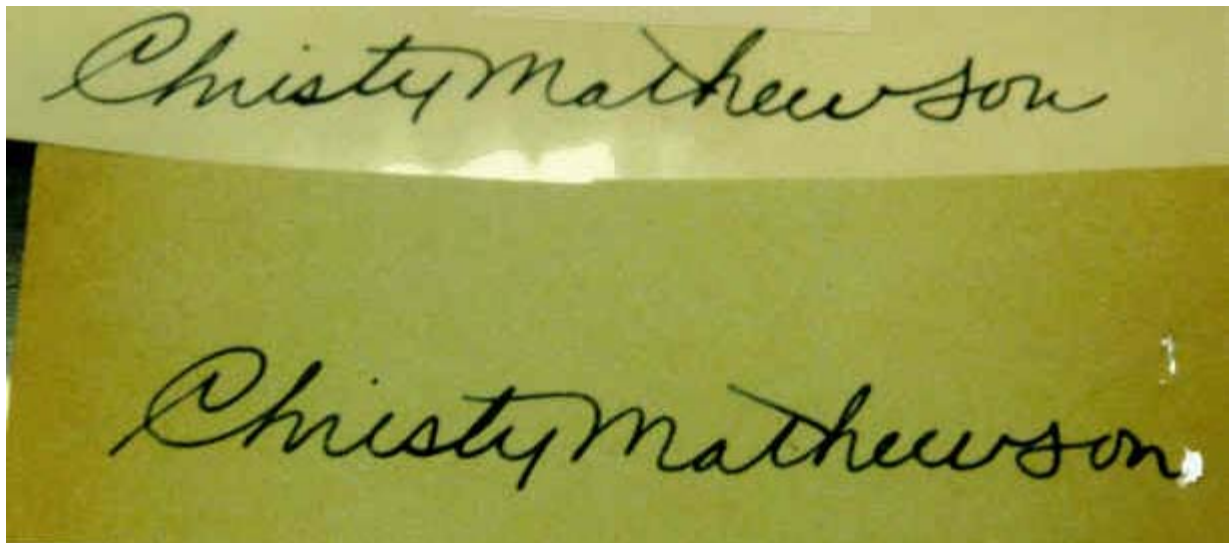
Note, herein, the following samples of forged signatures.



Sincerely
Babe Ruth



Lou Gehrig
Lou Gehrig



Christy Mathewson
Christy Mathewson

Listed in alphabetical order

(Top 10) Old Vintage Sports Hit List.

- 1 Ty Cobb
- 2 Jimmie Foxx
- 3 Lou Gehrig
- 4 Rogers Hornsby

- 5 **Christy Mathewson**
- 6 **Mel Ott**
- 7 **Satchel Paige**
- 8 **Babe Ruth**
- 9 **Honus Wagner**
- 10 **Cy Young**

Note: Williams, Mantle, DiMaggio & Clemente to be discussed
in the future.....