

Signature offers peek at Prince's personality

Prince William signed his son George's baby certificate on Friday, allowing the world, perhaps unknowingly, to catch a glimpse of his personality.

Adam Brand is the chairman of The British Institute of Graphologists. He's seen Prince Charles's signature in person and fondly remembers analyzing that of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Mr. Brand said Prince William's is much different from both of his parents.

"With Princess Diana, there was a feeling of 'I wish to be noticed,'" he said. "If you look at Charles, it is very large indeed, and therefore the signature of a person saying 'I know I'm going to be the next king.' It's got quite a lot of formality about it."

"[Prince William] is not saying, 'I am a future king,'" Mr. Brand said. "A small signature like that has got a pleasant modesty though obviously with a large 'W' it does mean that he knows he has a sense of presence in the world."

Mr. Brand said though it's impossible to know a person merely from their signature, certain aspects of it give clues to their habits and traits.

For example, the way Prince William's signature is underlined indicates a sense of self-reliance.

"The tenacity of a hook at the end there is a nice bit of persistence," Mr. Brand said.

He said the Duchess of Cambridge's signature – not shown on the birth certificate – is more right-slanted, which shows she's more emotionally responsive than her husband.

And the fact that the Prince chose to sign in the middle of the row is key as well, indicating he is modest and balanced.

"If you look at [people's signatures] generally, it's like entering a room; people who cling to the door tend to cling to the left margin. Handwriting is all about symbolism. He's not clinging to the door and he's not rushing out of the room on the other side," Mr. Brand said.

The high dots on the "i's" suggest a sense of curiosity.

"A signature is your public image," Mr. Brand said. "[Prince William's] signature is similar to his other writing, so what you see is what you get; he's not putting on a mask."

BIRTH

Entry No. 207

Registration district Westminster

Administrative area

Sub-district Westminster

City of Westminster

1. Date and place of birth **CHILD**
Twenty second July 2013
St Mary's Hospital Praed Street Westminster

2. Name and surname
His Royal Highness Prince George
Alexander Louis of Cambridge

3. Sex
Male

4. Name and surname **FATHER**
His Royal Highness Prince William Arthur Philip
Louis Duke of Cambridge

5. Place of birth
Paddington Westminster

6. Occupation
Prince of the United Kingdom

7. Name and surname **MOTHER**
Catherine Elizabeth Her Royal Highness
The Duchess of Cambridge

8.(a) Place of birth
Reading

8. (b) Occupation
Princess of the United Kingdom

9.(a) Maiden surname
MIDDLETON

9. (b) Surname at marriage if different from maiden surname
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10. Usual address (if different from place of child's birth)
Kensington Palace London W8 4PU

11. Name and surname (if not the mother or father)
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INFORMANT 12. Qualification
Father

13. Usual address (if different from that in 10 above)
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14. I certify that the particulars entered above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief
Lilly

Signature of informant

15. Date of registration
Second August 2013

16. Signature of registrar
Theresa Conner
Deputy Registrar

17. Name given after registration, and surname