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I told him to sign his name in full (that is John Robert Smith) but he said he could not (he is illiterate and does not know how to write John Robert or any thing else except J. R. Smith which he writes purely mechanically hence he signed his name J. R. Smith and that is the only thing he can write. When he came to sign the second application he could not write Robert and he ask Jack Watkins to sign his name for him which Watkins did and Smith made his mark;

You can see by examining the first application how badly Smith wrote his signature. The above are the whole facts and the reason for J. R. Smith's signature appearing