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Two major changes were made to the MLHP in mid-2011. First, the homepage was redesigned. Permission was received from Tracey Baker, the enlightened Assistant Head of Collections and Reference, at the Minnesota Historical Society, to post images from its collection of photographs. Although the MLHP is not incorporated, the MHS views it, for this purpose, as the equivalent of an educational nonprofit entity. As a consequence, rarely seen photographs of lawyers and judges now appear regularly on the MLHP homepage with a caption and acknowledgment. Our goal is to change the photos once or twice a week.

The second change, equally important, coincided with the revamped homepage. The MLHP received permission from several scholars to post particular articles which have attracted new visitors and are, month after month, some of the most frequently downloaded papers. They are:

Douglas C. North & Andrew R. Rutten, "The Northwest Ordinance in Historical Perspective" (MLHP, 2011) (published first, 1987). North was the co-recipient, with Robert C. Fogel, of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics in 1993; Rutten is on the faculty of the Political Science Department at Stanford.

Jonathan Hughes, "The Great Land Ordinances" (MLHP, 2011) (published first, 1987). Hughes, a prolific economic historian, died in 1992, and permission was secured from his literary executor, Louis Cain, to post his paper.

Patrick B. Nolan, "The Waseca County Horse Thief Detective Society" (MLHP, 2011) (published first, 1987). Nolan received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota where his thesis director was the late Paul Murphy, Professor of Constitutional history.

Lincoln Steffens, "The Shame of Minneapolis: The Ruin and Redemption of a City that was Sold Out," with an "Introduction" by Dr. Mark Neuzil of the University of St. Thomas. Steffens' article was published in 1903.

Inspired by Jonathan Hughes, most of the important federal statutes on land development enacted in the Nineteenth Century are posted on the MLHP. Interestingly, these laws are some of the most frequently viewed articles on the website.

Inspired by these scholars, other articles that provide background to the study of Minnesota’s legal history have been posted, as, for example, Frederick Jackson Turner’s “The Significance of the Frontier in American History” (MLHP, 2011) (delivered first, 1893). Other articles on the intellectual and cultural climate of the nation, at various times, will be posted in the future—the rationale being that Minnesota’s legal history is part of the state’s history, which is part of the nation’s. To state the obvious: it is not possible to study and write about the history of Minnesota law without understanding that it is influenced by, entwined with and reflects the political, economic, cultural and intellectual currents of the country as a whole—including of course developments in law.

The following charts cover the last 30 days of 2011—from Friday, December 2, through Saturday, December 31.

TABLE 1

For a website like the MLHP, the “visitors” count is more important than “hits.” On most days in 2011, viewers numbered less than 200 per day.

Daily Activity

Date	Hits	Page Views	Visitors	Average Visit Length	Bandwidth (KB)
Fri 12/2/2011	364	170	182	06:20	0
Sat 12/3/2011	455	248	179	07:44	0
Sun 12/4/2011	409	158	171	08:16	0
Mon 12/5/2011	438	167	187	04:00	0
Tue 12/6/2011	522	173	216	06:39	0
Wed 12/7/2011	503	193	188	07:35	0
Thu 12/8/2011	478	181	205	04:55	0
Fri 12/9/2011	426	173	175	08:05	0
Sat 12/10/2011	905	418	197	05:48	0
Sun 12/11/2011	395	198	185	05:45	0
Mon 12/12/2011	684	256	218	05:28	0
Tue 12/13/2011	877	487	186	06:56	0
Wed 12/14/2011	528	192	192	06:14	0
Thu 12/15/2011	510	186	188	06:35	0
Fri 12/16/2011	644	418	196	04:34	0
Sat 12/17/2011	445	223	153	07:51	0
Sun 12/18/2011	435	198	192	04:28	0
Mon 12/19/2011	455	170	183	04:28	0
Tue 12/20/2011	389	141	196	04:19	0
Wed 12/21/2011	874	338	197	07:39	0
Thu 12/22/2011	411	196	167	05:24	0
Fri 12/23/2011	316	140	152	05:29	0
Sat 12/24/2011	343	154	151	08:57	0
Sun 12/25/2011	412	154	160	08:54	0

Mon 12/26/2011	371	152	184	04:52	0
Tue 12/27/2011	812	351	226	09:23	0
Wed 12/28/2011	596	213	247	09:50	0
Thu 12/29/2011	572	283	205	04:41	0
Fri 12/30/2011	552	320	209	06:26	0
Sat 12/31/2011	1,102	660	176	07:09	0
Total	16,223	7,311	5,663	06:29	0

TABLE 2

The following were the most frequently downloaded articles from the MLHP in December 2011.

Most Downloaded Files

	File	Hits	Incomplete Requests	Visitors	Bandwidth (KB)
1	Wright Cty B & B.pdf	64	2	59	0
2	Hughes. pdf	72	12	59	0
3	Preemption Act of 1841. pdf	79	16	58	0
4	Lawbreakers Redwood County. pdf	51	1	50	0
5	McLeod County. pdf	51	2	48	0
6	Con. Rt. To Garden. pdf	46	0	46	0
7	Stearns County Courthouse. pdf	42	0	42	0
8	Hedin: Pine River.pdf	54	13	41	0
9	North-Rutten. pdf	40	0	39	0
10	Shame of Mpls. pdf	55	17	37	0
11	Kittson Cty. pdf	44	2	37	0
12	Big Stone Cty. pdf	40	5	35	0
13	Rogers on Severance. pdf	34	0	33	0
14	Lass.. pdf	36	4	32	0
15	LeSueur County. pdf	32	0	30	0
16	Dunn. pdf	29	0	28	0
17	North-Rutten. pdf	32	2	27	0
18	The Otter Tail Cty Bar. pdf	25	0	25	0
19	Steele Cty B& B.pdf	27	2	25	0
20	Nolan - Horsethieves. pdf	26	2	24	0
21	Preemption Act of 1841. pdf	24	2	22	0
22	Lac Qui Parle. pdf	23	0	22	0
23	Rotation in office. pdf	25	3	22	0
24	Brown Cty B& B. pdf	25	3	21	0
25	Wabasha B & B. pdf	23	2	21	0
26	Renville Cty B & B. pdf	23	0	21	0

27	Emergence of a Criminal Defendant. pdf	27	6	21	0
28	Killing & Transfiguration pdf	21	1	20	0
29	North-Rutten. pdf	21	2	19	0
30	Eugene M. Wilson. pdf	21	2	19	0
31	Fillmore Cty B & B. pdf	21	2	19	0
32	William Mitchell. pdf	19	0	19	0
33	Murders in Watonwan Cty. pdf	18	0	18	0
34	Bench & Bar Ramsey Cty pdf	19	0	18	0
35	Winona Cty B & B (1913) .pdf	18	0	18	0
36	Isaac Atwater .pdf	18	0	18	0
37	Enabling Act (1857). pdf	17	0	17	0
38	Kennedy on Kellogg. pdf	17	0	17	0
39	Turner - Frontier. pdf	21	4	17	0
40	Redwood County. pdf	20	2	17	0
41	Cudmore's Ter. Bar. pdf	17	0	17	0
42	Briggs & Morgan. pdf	17	0	17	0
43	Dakota Cty B & B. pdf	17	0	17	0
44	Minn. Const. in Dakota Language. pdf	17	0	17	0
45	Clark - C. K. Davis. pdf	18	0	17	0
46	Documents Part 2-F. pdf	25	9	16	0
47	Killing and Transfiguration. pdf	16	0	16	0
48	Nicollet Cty B & B pdf	16	0	16	0
49	Kate Noonan Case. pdf	18	0	16	0
50	17th Dist. pdf	17	1	16	0
	Subtotal	1,478	119	N/A	0
	Total	3,476	160	N/A	0

TABLE 3

Residents of 37 countries viewed the MLHP in the last 30 days of 2011.

Most Active Countries

	Country	Hits	Visitors	% of Total Visitors	Bandwidth (KB)
1	United States	7,320	2,955	52.18%	0
2	Unknown	7,109	1,803	31.84%	0
3	China	431	375	6.62%	0
4	Ukraine	589	311	5.49%	0
5	France	93	62	1.09%	0

6	Sweden	48	31	0.55%	0
7	Canada	114	22	0.39%	0
8	Netherlands	255	14	0.25%	0
9	Japan	20	13	0.23%	0
10	Australia	22	12	0.21%	0
11	Czechia	79	12	0.21%	0
12	Germany	25	10	0.18%	0
13	United Kingdom	16	7	0.12%	0
14	Austria	4	3	0.05%	0
15	South Africa	4	3	0.05%	0
16	Singapore	2	2	0.04%	0
17	Algeria	6	2	0.04%	0
18	Switzerland	2	2	0.04%	0
19	Moldova	2	2	0.04%	0
20	India	5	2	0.04%	0
21	Spain	2	2	0.04%	0
22	Norway	7	2	0.04%	0
23	Philippines	3	2	0.04%	0
24	Saudi Arabia	1	1	0.02%	0
25	Taiwan	1	1	0.02%	0
26	Trinidad and Tobago	5	1	0.02%	0
27	Turkey	5	1	0.02%	0
28	Croatia	2	1	0.02%	0
29	Indonesia	2	1	0.02%	0
30	Brazil	39	1	0.02%	0
31	Belgium	1	1	0.02%	0
32	Bulgaria	1	1	0.02%	0
33	Malaysia	1	1	0.02%	0
34	Russian Federation	2	1	0.02%	0
35	Korea, Republic of	2	1	0.02%	0
36	Italy	2	1	0.02%	0
37	Jamaica	1	1	0.02%	0
	Total	16,223	5,663	100.00%	0

TABLE 4

For each 30 day reporting period in 2011, the number of states where MLHP viewers resided was usually about 40. In December 2011, it was 43.

California and Washington top the list because they are the home states of Google and Microsoft which sweep the internet for changes to websites, including the MLHP. Ohio has many “hits” because Lexis-Nexis is located in Miamisburg, Ohio.

Most Active US States

	State	Hits	Visitors	Bandwidth (KB)
1	California	2,736	930	0
2	Washington	556	282	0
3	Minnesota	474	95	0
4	Florida	101	77	0
5	Virginia	59	24	0
6	Texas	85	21	0
7	Colorado	49	20	0
8	New York	38	18	0
9	Ohio	435	13	0
10	Wisconsin	35	12	0
11	District of Columbia	32	11	0
12	Utah	30	10	0
13	Missouri	63	9	0
14	New Jersey	16	9	0
15	Pennsylvania	27	8	0
16	Oregon	29	8	0
17	Michigan	18	7	0
18	Massachusetts	14	7	0
19	South Dakota	23	6	0
20	Oklahoma	6	5	0
21	Nevada	7	5	0
22	Arizona	14	5	0
23	South Carolina	17	5	0
24	Alaska	4	4	0
25	Tennessee	13	4	0
26	North Dakota	25	3	0
27	Georgia	6	3	0
28	North Carolina	6	3	0
29	Kansas	10	3	0
30	Maryland	6	3	0
31	Kentucky	3	3	0
32	Illinois	9	3	0
33	Iowa	15	3	0
34	New Mexico	5	3	0
35	Arkansas	8	2	0
36	Delaware	2	2	0
37	Vermont	1	1	0
38	Mississippi	1	1	0
39	Hawaii	1	1	0
40	Connecticut	2	1	0
41	Rhode Island	1	1	0
42	New Hampshire	4	1	0
43	Nebraska	9	1	0
	Total	4,995	1,633	0

TABLE 5

This table lists the cities where viewers of the MLHP resided. It is not unusual for the viewers in certain cities in China and France—usually Marseille and Paris—to exceed those in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Most Active Cities

	City	Hits	Visitors	Bandwidth (KB)
1	Mountain View, California, United States	2,560	858	0
2	Beijing, China	391	338	0
3	Seattle, Washington, United States	520	271	0
4	Boca Raton, Florida, United States	57	55	0
5	Marseille, France	45	45	0
6	Halmstad, Sweden	46	30	0
7	Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States	97	29	0
8	Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States	167	24	0
9	Henan, China	23	22	0
10	San Diego, California, United States	40	22	0
11	Sunnyvale, California, United States	28	13	0
12	Paris, France	30	12	0
13	Herndon, Virginia, United States	11	11	0
14	Miamisburg, Ohio, United States	432	11	0
15	Amsterdam, Netherlands	239	11	0
16	Washington, District of Columbia, United States	32	11	0
17	Shanghai, China	11	10	0
18	Sydney, Australia	20	10	0
19	Cupertino, California, United States	9	9	0
20	Denver, Colorado, United States	14	7	0
21	Manitou Springs, Colorado, United States	12	6	0
22	Rochester, New York, United States	8	6	0
23	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, United States	23	6	0
24	Ottawa, Canada	7	5	0
25	Encino, California, United States	5	5	0
26	Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States	6	5	0
27	Salt Lake City, Utah, United States	13	4	0
28	Stafford, Virginia, United States	4	4	0
29	Clearwater, Florida, United States	9	4	0
30	Bellevue, Washington, United States	11	4	0
31	San Antonio, Texas, United States	11	4	0
32	New Ulm, Minnesota, United States	7	4	0
33	Whitman, Massachusetts, United States	4	4	0
34	Hollywood, Florida, United States	7	4	0
35	Hoboken, New Jersey, United States	4	4	0
36	Jordan, Minnesota, United States	8	4	0
37	Nashville, Tennessee, United States	12	3	0

38	Marshalltown, South Africa	4	3	0
39	Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States	3	3	0
40	Fuzhou, China	4	3	0
41	Dallas, Texas, United States	34	3	0
42	Houston, Texas, United States	10	3	0
43	Portland, Oregon, United States	16	3	0
44	Port Saint Lucie, Florida, United States	5	3	0
45	Winona, Minnesota, United States	5	3	0
46	Washoe Valley, Nevada, United States	4	3	0
47	Toronto, Canada	51	3	0
48	Victoria, Canada	4	2	0
49	Ithaca, New York, United States	6	2	0
50	Littleton, Colorado, United States	6	2	0
	Subtotal	5,075	1,911	0
	Total	6,041	2,186	0



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