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Laws

When I began thinking of articles to post on the MLHP several years ago, I asked myself an odd question about people I knew: aside from lawyers, how many had ever read the text of a federal or state law? Very few, I concluded. Articles in popular magazines and newspapers that concern a particular law may mention its purpose or paraphrase a few sections but that's about all. To fill the gap, I posted the texts of laws on Minnesota's formation (the 1849 Organic Act, for instance), the 1787 Northwest Ordinance, and others. Then, inspired by "The Great Land Ordinances" by the late Jonathan Hughes, posted in 2011, I began adding the texts of important federal statutes that effected the settlement of the West: the Ordinance of 1784, the 1790 Southwest Ordinance, the 1862 Morrill Act, the 1891 Land Revision Act, the Timber Culture Acts of 1873-1891, and others. Since then, month after month, these laws are some of the most frequently viewed articles on this website.

Statistical tables for the year 2013 follow.

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Tables 1 and 2 show the number of daily “visitors” or viewers in November and December 2013. The numbers vary considerably. During most days there were less than 300 viewers.

TABLE 1
Daily Activity from November 1 – 30, 2013

Date	Hits	Page Views	Visitors	Average Visit Length
Fri 11/1/2013	890	459	248	04:04
Sat 11/2/2013	708	422	234	05:29
Sun 11/3/2013	705	466	330	04:23
Mon 11/4/2013	1,001	573	283	04:45
Tue 11/5/2013	792	400	287	03:55
Wed 11/6/2013	930	476	396	06:15
Thu 11/7/2013	1,188	471	290	04:03
Fri 11/8/2013	1,029	316	188	07:42
Sat 11/9/2013	671	317	235	04:14
Sun 11/10/2013	884	333	213	06:38
Mon 11/11/2013	816	404	288	03:26
Tue 11/12/2013	1,412	463	288	03:01
Wed 11/13/2013	562	186	241	03:32
Thu 11/14/2013	946	473	271	04:00
Fri 11/15/2013	1,459	651	388	06:00
Sat 11/16/2013	1,177	650	238	08:13
Sun 11/17/2013	1,158	492	210	07:51
Mon 11/18/2013	1,499	469	299	06:01

Tue 11/19/2013	1,842	736	299	07:27	
Wed 11/20/2013	837	261	274	05:22	
Thu 11/21/2013	1,421	472	305	05:09	
Fri 11/22/2013	1,018	386	311	06:20	
Sat 11/23/2013	1,437	498	260	06:27	
Sun 11/24/2013	1,244	421	219	08:29	
Mon 11/25/2013	3,982	734	210	08:06	
Tue 11/26/2013	1,449	408	215	12:57	
Wed 11/27/2013	1,687	549	225	08:03	
Thu 11/28/2013	1,256	507	198	08:04	
Fri 11/29/2013	1,486	702	193	19:06	
Sat 11/30/2013	1,033	286	189	06:24	
Total	36,519	13,981	7,825	06:14	

TABLE 2
Daily Activity, December 2- 31, 2013

Date	Hits	Page Views	Visitors	Average Visit Length	
Mon 12/2/2013	1,820	677	305	09:54	
Tue 12/3/2013	1,813	545	353	07:57	
Wed 12/4/2013	1,261	483	408	04:25	
Thu 12/5/2013	1,195	499	475	04:58	
Fri 12/6/2013	1,546	790	415	05:45	
Sat 12/7/2013	1,263	536	466	05:58	

Sun 12/8/2013	1,472	613	541	04:38	
Mon 12/9/2013	1,471	493	446	04:39	
Tue 12/10/2013	1,498	529	411	03:56	
Wed 12/11/2013	1,429	467	507	03:49	
Thu 12/12/2013	3,515	792	501	04:01	
Fri 12/13/2013	1,836	572	461	05:10	
Sat 12/14/2013	1,077	402	328	06:15	
Sun 12/15/2013	1,407	433	394	02:56	
Mon 12/16/2013	2,176	441	391	03:51	
Tue 12/17/2013	819	324	284	05:28	
Wed 12/18/2013	924	302	246	06:02	
Thu 12/19/2013	1,119	554	341	05:55	
Fri 12/20/2013	635	293	286	04:38	
Sat 12/21/2013	1,533	453	238	07:49	
Sun 12/22/2013	655	286	230	05:00	
Mon 12/23/2013	559	269	268	04:22	
Tue 12/24/2013	953	381	238	04:57	
Wed 12/25/2013	674	386	212	06:33	
Thu 12/26/2013	790	510	322	06:03	
Fri 12/27/2013	2,733	2,385	271	04:46	
Sat 12/28/2013	750	341	189	09:30	
Sun 12/29/2013	1,504	362	220	05:25	
Mon	1,036	329	257	05:30	

12/30/2013					
Tue	660	412	327	05:25	
12/31/2013					
Total	40,123	15,859	10,331	05:19	

TABLE 3
Activity by Day of Week, December 2-31, 2013.

Day	Hits	Page Views	Visitors	
Sunday	5,038	1,694	1,385	
Monday	7,062	2,209	1,667	
Tuesday	5,743	2,191	1,613	
Wednesday	4,288	1,638	1,373	
Thursday	6,619	2,355	1,639	
Friday	6,750	4,040	1,433	
Saturday	4,623	1,732	1,221	
Total	40,123	15,859	10,331	

Tables 4 and 5 show the most frequently downloaded files in November and December 2013.

TABLE 4
Most Downloaded Files in November 2013.

	File	Hits	Incomplete Requests	Visitors
1	<u>Steffens- Shame of Mpls.</u>	259	92	155
2	<u>North-Rutten- NW Ordinance.</u>	190	77	105
3	<u>Preemption Act of 1841.</u>	98	28	68
4	<u>Hughes' Land Laws</u>	81	26	53
5	<u>1863 Indian Removal Acts.</u>	68	10	52
6	<u>Burwell, John Henry.</u>	49	0	49
7	<u>Lawbreakers Redwood County.</u>	54	8	46
8	<u>HC Bar Memorials 1985.</u>	58	4	45
9	<u>Stearns County Courthouse</u>	50	2	44

10	<u>Corliss Memoir.</u>	70	16	44
11	<u>Kate Noonan Case.</u>	50	4	41
12	<u>Hart - MN Jail System.</u>	49	4	41
13	<u>Wright Cty Bench & Bar.</u>	55	5	40
14	<u>Minn. Const. in Dakota Language.</u>	168	124	39
15	<u>Territorial Map 1775 - 1920.</u>	82	42	38
16	<u>Hennepin Cty Bar Memorials 1993.</u>	51	14	37
17	<u>McLeod County Judges & Lawyers.</u>	44	6	36
18	<u>Killing & Transfiguration..</u>	45	4	35
19	<u>Brown Cty Bench & Bar</u>	44	8	35
20	<u>Stryker- Mitchell</u>	43	6	35
21	<u>Bench & Bar St.Paul (1899).</u>	50	9	35
22	<u>Lac Qui Parle B & Bar</u>	43	4	35
23	<u>Ramsey Cty Bar.Memorials (1993)</u>	41	2	35
24	<u>Con, Right to Garden</u>	35	0	34
25	<u>Militia Amend. of 1877.</u>	38	0	34
26	<u>1780 Res. on Public Lands.</u>	34	0	33
27	<u>North-Rutten.on NW Ordinance</u>	58	24	33
28	<u>Land Revision Act (1891).</u>	55	18	33
29	<u>Lac qui Parle Cty Courthouse.</u>	36	0	33
30	<u>Austin H. Young .</u>	39	0	33
31	<u>Harry Churchill (1888-1934).</u>	38	2	33
32	<u>And Justice for None book review..</u>	41	4	33
33	<u>Harold Hyman Book</u>	40	7	33
34	<u>Enabling Act (1857).</u>	34	0	33
35	<u>Barnes, Frank</u>	35	0	32
36	<u>Atty Gen Election Resuts</u>	33	2	31
37	<u>Murders in Watonwan Cty.</u>	35	0	31

38	<u>2009 Annual Report.</u>	36	2	31
39	<u>Charles Farnham.</u>	63	12	31
40	<u>Hennepin Cty Bar Memorials- 1978.</u>	38	0	31
41	<u>Freeborn Cty courthouse.</u>	37	2	30
42	<u>Documents Part 2-D.</u>	37	2	30
43	<u>Steele Cty Bench & Bar</u>	41	0	30
44	<u>Donohue, William F.</u>	32	2	30
45	<u>Eugene M. Wilson.</u>	30	0	30
46	<u>Attorneys Gens, 1849-2013.</u>	31	0	30
47	<u>Wm D. Mitchell.</u>	30	0	30
48	<u>'Booster' Literature</u>	34	0	29
49	<u>Bradley Meeker.</u>	33	2	29
50	<u>Emergence of a Criminal Defendant's Rt to Testify.</u>	44	11	29
	Subtotal	2,779	585	

TABLE 5
Most Downloaded Files, December 2 - 31, 2013.

	File	Hits	Incomplete Requests	Visitors
1	Steffens- Shame of Mpls.	530	291	217
2	North-Rutten.	185	62	113
3	Preemption Act of 1841.	93	16	72
4	1863 Indian Removal Acts.	86	28	53
5	Lawbreakers Redwood County.	54	0	53
6	Militia Amend. of 1877.	47	0	47
7	Lass-Dakota Terr.	48	4	44
8	Pierce Butler Memorial (1940).	43	0	43
9	Enabling Act (1857).	45	2	43
10	Legal Humor.	45	2	42
11	McDonald, Robert J.	44	1	42
12	John Galbraith	50	0	41

13	H. C. Mem.(1982).	43	0	41
14	Gideon S. Ives.	40	0	40
15	Exam of Stewart Harvey	45	6	39
16	Van Dyk, John	41	2	39
17	Land Revision Act (1891).	52	13	39
18	J. Williams on Cooper.	38	0	38
19	Donohue, William F.	39	0	38
20	Earl Larson.	38	0	38
21	H. C. Bar Mem. (1990).	38	0	37
22	John W. Mason.	39	2	37
23	Neil Ferguson.	36	0	36
24	Southwest Ordinance.	41	3	36
25	Manahan- T O L.	36	0	36
26	Luther W. Youngdahl.	37	1	36
27	Minn. Const. in Dakota Language.	39	4	35
28	Walter Henry Sanborn-	52	16	35
29	Hughes.	46	11	35
30	Justice Courts.	35	0	35
31	Lien, Elias.	34	0	34
32	Presidents MSBA 1901-2011	34	0	34
33	Pioneer Justice Ct.	34	0	34
34	Freeborn Cty B& B.	36	2	34
35	Hastings Hart -Jails 3 (1895)	34	0	34
36	Nolan - Horsethieves.	36	2	34
37	O' Rourke Returns.	34	0	34
38	North-Rutten.	64	30	34
39	Steele Cty B& B	38	2	33
40	Stearns County Courthouse.	36	3	33
41	'Booster' Literature.	32	0	32
42	McCaughan Samuel K..	32	0	32
43	Winona Ct Bar.	34	2	32
44	Dreher, Nancy.	32	1	31
45	John E. Burchard	31	0	31

46	Murders in Watonwan Cty.	38	7	31
47	And Justice for None Book Review.	38	0	30
48	Lafayette French.	30	0	30
49	Judge Isaac Atwater.	32	2	30
50	Warren Burger.	30	0	30
	Subtotal	2,714	515	N/A
	Total	9,909	944	N/A

TABLE 6

Most Active Countries, December 2-31, 2013.

	Country	Hits	Visitors	% of Total Visitors
1	United States	22,703	4,882	47.26%
2	Unknown	8,878	4,576	44.29%
3	China	4,763	454	4.39%
4	Germany	882	96	0.93%
5	Japan	2,229	78	0.76%
6	France	52	42	0.41%
7	United Kingdom	100	35	0.34%
8	Canada	114	31	0.30%
9	Ukraine	29	11	0.11%
10	Czechia	44	10	0.10%
11	Poland	22	10	0.10%
12	Russian Federation	12	8	0.08%
13	Bulgaria	17	7	0.07%
14	New Zealand	7	7	0.07%
15	Brazil	23	6	0.06%
16	Israel	12	6	0.06%
17	Sweden	34	5	0.05%
18	Uruguay	4	4	0.04%
19	South Africa	5	4	0.04%
20	Turkey	6	4	0.04%
21	Romania	36	4	0.04%
22	Korea, Republic of	5	3	0.03%
23	Singapore	26	3	0.03%

24	Netherlands	12	3	0.03%
25	Australia	13	3	0.03%
26	Spain	3	3	0.03%
27	Austria	18	3	0.03%
28	Egypt	4	2	0.02%
29	Algeria	4	2	0.02%
30	Belarus	2	2	0.02%
31	Norway	2	2	0.02%
32	India	6	2	0.02%
33	Italy	2	2	0.02%
34	Mexico	2	2	0.02%
35	Vietnam	3	1	0.01%
36	Venezuela	1	1	0.01%
37	Saudi Arabia	1	1	0.01%
38	Albania	3	1	0.01%
39	Thailand	1	1	0.01%
40	Finland	3	1	0.01%
41	Croatia	3	1	0.01%
42	Ireland	11	1	0.01%
43	Estonia	1	1	0.01%
44	Belgium	4	1	0.01%
45	Switzerland	1	1	0.01%
46	Serbia	1	1	0.01%
47	Nigeria	1	1	0.01%
48	Philippines	1	1	0.01%
49	Puerto Rico	9	1	0.01%
50	Malaysia	2	1	0.01%
	Subtotal	40,117	10,328	99.97%
	Total	40,123	10,331	100.00%

Tables 7 and 8 show the states where visitors to the MLHP are located. The total for California is high because that is where search engines of Google and others are located. I don't know why the total for the District of Columbia is so high.

TABLE 7
Most Active U. S. States, December 2013.

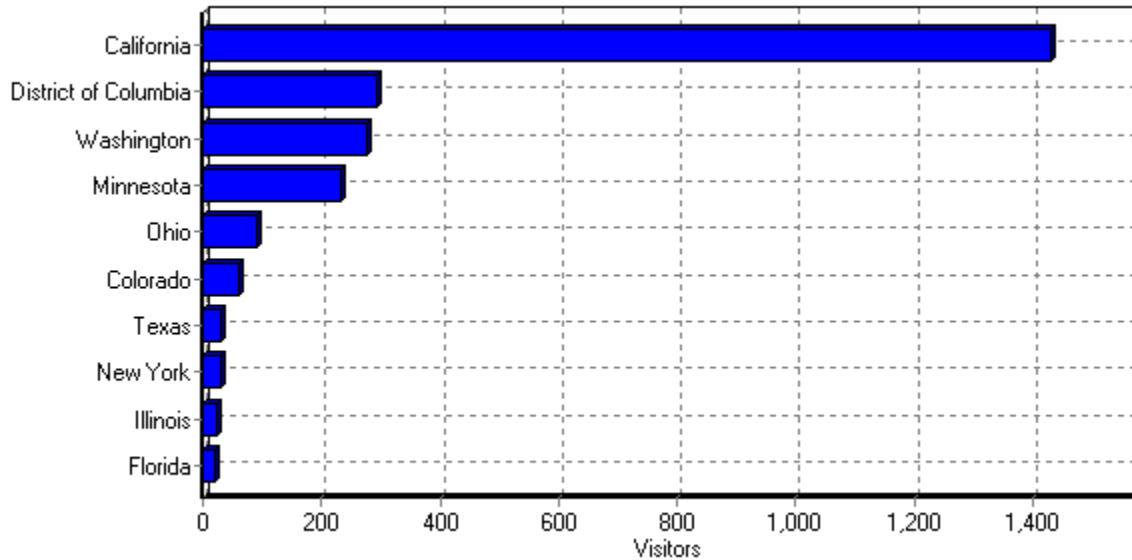


TABLE 8
Most Active U. S. States, December 2-31, 2013.

	State	Hits	Visitors
1	California	3,718	1,429
2	District of Columbia	593	294
3	Washington	564	275
4	Minnesota	11,042	234
5	Ohio	963	90
6	Colorado	201	60
7	Texas	83	29
8	New York	82	29
9	Illinois	70	25
10	Florida	40	20
11	New Jersey	165	18
12	Michigan	52	14
13	Wisconsin	48	13
14	Pennsylvania	77	13
15	Missouri	102	11
16	North Carolina	15	8
17	Nevada	17	7

18	Connecticut	39	7
19	Arizona	41	6
20	Virginia	33	6
21	Utah	19	6
22	Alabama	26	6
23	Georgia	10	6
24	Maine	9	5
25	Indiana	6	5
26	Idaho	7	5
27	Massachusetts	25	5
28	Maryland	13	5
29	Oregon	5	4
30	New Mexico	17	4
31	Iowa	6	4
32	South Dakota	16	3
33	Tennessee	10	2
34	Kansas	12	2
35	Kentucky	4	2
36	Nebraska	8	2
37	North Dakota	21	2
38	Arkansas	1	1
39	West Virginia	1	1
40	South Carolina	4	1
41	Alaska	8	1
42	Vermont	6	1
	Total	18,179	2,661

TABLE 9
Most Active Cities, December 2-31, 2013.

	City	Hits	Visitors
1	Mountain View, California, United States	3,280	1,283
2	Beijing, China	4,610	334
3	Washington, District of Columbia, United States	593	294
4	Seattle, Washington, United States	454	266
5	Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States	10,604	154
6	Shenzhen, China	75	75

7	Simi Valley, California, United States	159	63
8	Frankfurt Am Main, Germany	53	49
9	Mogadore, Ohio, United States	391	41
10	Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States	249	39
11	Miamisburg, Ohio, United States	519	32
12	Denver, Colorado, United States	146	31
13	San Francisco, California, United States	63	29
14	Kiez, Germany	559	22
15	Marseille, France	20	20
16	Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States	24	19
17	Paris, France	21	18
18	Fuzhou, China	18	17
19	Chicago, Illinois, United States	50	15
20	Sunnyvale, California, United States	23	11
21	Ottawa, Canada	26	10
22	Sacramento, California, United States	109	7
23	Gunzenhausen, Germany	126	7
24	Saint Petersburg, Florida, United States	12	7
25	Auckland, New Zealand	7	7
26	Reading, United Kingdom	7	7
27	Dallas, Texas, United States	7	6
28	Warsaw, Poland	10	6
29	Guangzhou, China	6	6
30	Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States	9	5
31	Kansas City, Missouri, United States	69	5
32	Kharkov, Ukraine	16	5
33	Rochester, Minnesota, United States	12	5
34	Los Altos, California, United States	4	4
35	London, United Kingdom	19	4
36	Cape Town, South Africa	5	4
37	Moscow, Russian Federation	6	4
38	Stockholm, Sweden	31	4
39	Markham, Canada	5	4
40	Sofia, Bulgaria	10	4
41	Henderson, Nevada, United States	12	4
42	Qiryat Gat, Israel	6	4
43	Montgomery, Alabama, United States	18	4
44	Saint Louis, Missouri, United States	16	4

45	Portland, Maine, United States	4	4
46	Shanghai, China	6	4
47	San Antonio, Texas, United States	33	4
48	Houston, Texas, United States	7	4
49	Salt Lake City, Utah, United States	13	3
50	Changsha, China	3	3
	Subtotal	22,525	2,961
	Total	24,349	3,404



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