



# The University of Wisconsin Law Library

## U.S. Legal History Resources

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#### Primary Sources

##### I. Case Law, Federal Courts

- United States Supreme Court Reporters
  - *United States Reports*
    - Coverage: 1789 - present
    - Location: 5th Floor East, stacks 6-11 & 4th Floor East, stacks 17-18
    - Notes: The early volumes of *United States Reports* were originally published as separate reporters (Dallas, Cranch, Wheaton, Peters, Howard, Black and Wall). For example, volume 33 of *United States Reports* was originally volume 8 of *Peters Reports*, so you will see this volume cited 33 U.S. (8 Pet.) in newer writings, but simply 8 Pet. in older cases.
  - *Supreme Court Reporter* (West)
    - Coverage: 1882 - present
    - Location: 5th Floor East, stacks 11-13 & 4th Floor East, stack 18 (4<sup>th</sup> floor subscription discontinued after vol.120)

- *United States Supreme Court Reports* (Lawyers Ed.)
  - Coverage: 1789 - present
  - Location: 5th Floor East, stacks 14-16 & 4th Floor East, stacks 18-19
-  *Hein Online U.S. Supreme Court Library*
  - Coverage: 1754 - almost present
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/heinonline>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
-  *LexisNexis Academic, Legal Research* (contains *United States Supreme Court Reports* (Lawyers Ed.))
  - Coverage: 1790 - present
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/lexisnexis>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
-  *Westlaw Patron Access*
  - Coverage: 1790 - present
  - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/electresources/databases/allwithann.php>
  - Availability: Law Building only
-  *Findlaw*
  - Coverage: 1893 (150 U.S.) - present
  - Location: <http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/supreme.html>
  - Availability: Free on Internet
- Lower Federal Courts Reporters
  - *Federal Cases*
    - Court(s): Circuit Courts of Appeal, District Courts
    - Coverage: 1789-1879
    - Location: 5th Floor East, stack 30
    - Notes: Early federal cases appeared in a variety of reporters, but were reprinted in *Federal Cases*, a retrospective companion to the *Federal Reporter*
  - *Federal Reporter*
    - Court(s): Circuit Courts of Appeal, District Courts (until 1932), etc.
    - Coverage: 1<sup>st</sup> Series, 1880 - 1924; 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, 1924 - 1993; 3<sup>rd</sup> Series, 1993 - present
    - Location: 5th Floor East, stacks 30-35 & 4th Floor East, stacks 20-21 (4<sup>th</sup> floor subscription discontinued after 3rd Series, vol. 195)
  - *Federal Supplement*
    - Court(s): District Courts (many district court cases are unreported)
    - Coverage: 1<sup>st</sup> Series 1932- 1998; 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, 1998 - present
    - Location: 5th Floor East, stacks 36-50 & 4th Floor East, stacks 21-24 (4<sup>th</sup> floor subscription discontinued after 2nd Series, vol. 67)

- *Federal Rules Decisions*
    - Court(s): District Courts (cases construing *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure & Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure*)
    - Coverage: 1939 - present
    - Location: 5th Floor East, stacks 52-54
  -  *LexisNexis Academic, Legal Research*
    - Court(s): Circuit Courts of Appeal, District Courts
    - Coverage: 1789 - present (varies by court)
    - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/lexisnexis>
    - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  -  *Westlaw Patron Access*
    - Court(s): Circuit Courts of Appeal, District Courts
    - Coverage: 1789 - present (varies by court)
    - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/elecresources/databases/allwithann.php>
    - Availability: Law Building only
- Digests - Federal Courts
    - *United States Supreme Court Digest*
      - Court(s): U.S. Supreme Court
      - Coverage: All *United States Reports*
      - Location: 5th Floor East, stack 15
    - *Federal Digest*
      - Court(s): All federal courts
      - Coverage: Pre 1939
      - Location: 5th Floor East, bookcase tables
    - *Modern Federal Practice Digest*
      - Court(s): All federal courts
      - Coverage: 1939 - 1960
      - Location: 5th Floor East, bookcase tables
    - *Federal Practice Digest (West)*
      - Court(s): All federal courts
      - Coverage: 1961 - present
      - Location: 5th Floor East, stacks 1-6

- Case Citators - Federal Courts
  -  *KeyCite* via *Westlaw Patron Access*
    - Court(s): All federal
    - Coverage: 1789 - present
    - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/elecresources/databases/allwithann.php>
    - Availability: Law Building only
  -  *LexisNexis Academic, Legal Research*
    - Court(s): U.S. Supreme Court only
    - Coverage: 1789 - present
    - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/lexisnexis>
    - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff

## II. Case Law, State Courts

- State Courts, Reporters
  - *National Reporter System (7 Regional Reporters)*
    - Location: 5th Floor West, stacks 1-9 & 4th Floor East, stacks 1-14
    - Notes:
      - State cases since about 1880 appear in the regional reporters.
      - Many states rely on the regional reporters exclusively, and no longer publish official reports.
    - Reporters:
      - *Atlantic Reporter*
        - \* State Courts: CT, DE, DC, MA, MD, NH, NJ, PA, RI, VT
        - \* Coverage: 1885 - present
      - *North Eastern Reporter*
        - \* State Courts: IL, IN, MA, NY, OH
        - \* Coverage: 1885 - present
      - *North Western Reporter*
        - \* State Courts: IA, MI, MN, NB, ND, SD, WI
        - \* Coverage: 1879 - present
      - *Pacific Reporter*
        - \* State Courts: AL, AR, CA, CO, HI, ID, KS, MT, NE, NM, OK, OR, UT, WA
        - \* Coverage: 1883 - present
      - *South Eastern Reporter*
        - \* State Courts: GA, NC, SC, VA, WV
        - \* Coverage: 1887 - present
      - *South Western Reporter*
        - \* State Courts: AR, KT, MO, TN, TX
        - \* Coverage: 1887 - present
      - *Southern Reporter*
        - \* State Courts: AL, FL, LA, MS
        - \* Coverage: 1887 - present



- ☞ *LexisNexis Academic, Legal Research*
  - Court(s): All regions
  - Coverage: Varies by region
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/lexisnexis>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
- ☞ *Westlaw Patron Access*
  - Court(s): All regions
  - Coverage: Varies by region
  - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/electresources/databases/allwithann.php>
  - Availability: Law Building only
- State Reporters (official)
  - Location: 2nd Floor South & 2nd Floor East (shelved alphabetically by state)
  - Notes:
    - All states publish(ed) their own court reporters which are published chronologically. The earliest cases are available in these reporters.
    - State cases since about 1880 also appear in the regional reporters.
    - In recent years, an increasing number of states have discontinued publishing official state reporters and rely solely on the regional reporters. Therefore, the Law Library has recently cancelled all official state reporters except Wisconsin.
    - Although the official title of a state reporter may have changed over time, individual titles are not listed here. Rather, a simple start date of coverage is provided. For a detailed list, consult *Hein's State Report Checklist*, Ref KF/3/W54/1990
  - States:
    - Alabama: Begins with 1820
    - Alaska: Begins with 1869
    - Arizona: Begins with 1866
    - Arkansas: Begins with 1820
    - California: Begins with 1857
    - Colorado: Begins with 1864
    - Connecticut: Begins with 1785
    - Delaware: Begins with 1832
    - District of Columbia: Begins with 1801
    - Florida: Begins with 1846
    - Georgia: Begins with 1805
    - Hawaii: Begins with 1847
    - Idaho: Begins with 1866
    - Illinois: Begins with 1819
    - Indiana: Begins with 1817

- Iowa: Begins with 1838
- Kansas: Begins with 1858
- Kentucky: Begins with 1785
- Louisiana: Begins with 1877
- Maine: Begins with 1636
- Maryland: Begins with 1811
- Massachusetts: Begins with 1630
- Michigan: Begins with 1805
- Minnesota: Begins with 1851
- Mississippi: Begins with 1839
- Missouri: Begins with 1821
- Montana: Begins with 1868
- Nebraska: Begins with 1860
- Nevada: Begins with 1865
- New Hampshire: Begins with 1796
- New Jersey: Begins with 1790
- New Mexico: Begins with 1852
- New York: Begins with 1794
- North Carolina: Begins with 1778
- North Dakota: Begins with 1890
- Ohio: Begins with 1821
- Oklahoma: Begins with 1890
- Oregon: Begins with 1853
- Pennsylvania: Begins with 1754
- Rhode Island: Begins with 1647
- South Carolina: Begins with 1671
- South Dakota: Begins with 1890
- Tennessee: Begins with 1847
- Texas: Begins with 1840
- Utah: Begins with 1871
- Vermont: Begins with 1800
- Virginia: Begins with 1728
- Washington: Begins with 1854
- West Virginia: Begins with 1863
- Wisconsin: Begins with 1842


\* In addition to the set on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, *Wisconsin Reports* is also available on 4th Floor East, stacks 14-15 & Ref KFW/2445/A2

- Wyoming: Begins with 1870
-  *LexisNexis Academic, Legal Research*



- Court(s): All states
- Coverage: Varies by state
- Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/lexisnexis>
- Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff


-  *Westlaw Patron Access*
  - Court(s): All states
  - Coverage: Varies by state
  - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/electresources/databases/allwithann.php>
  - Availability: Law Building only
  
- Digests - State Courts
  - *American Digest System (Century, Decennial, & General)*
    - Court(s): Every case ever published in West system, state & federal
    - Coverage:
      - *Century Digest*, 1658-1896
      - *Decennial Digests* (1<sup>st</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>), 1897 - 2001 (cumulated every 10 years)
      - *General Digest*, 2001 - present
    - Location: 5th Floor East, stacks 9-10
  - *North Western Digest*
    - Court(s): MI, WI, IA, MN, ND
    - Coverage: All cases reported in *North Western Reporter*
    - Location: 5th Floor West, stack 10
  - State Digests
    - Court(s): Digests are available for some states
    - Coverage: Varies by state
    - Location: 2nd Floor East & 2nd Floor South (shelved alphabetically by state with reporters)
  - *Wisconsin Digest (West)*
    - Court(s): Wisconsin
    - Coverage: All cases reported in *Wisconsin Reports*
    - Location: Ref KFW/2457/W47, 4th Floor East, stack 15 & 2nd Floor East, stacks 22
  - *Wisconsin Digest (Callaghan's)*
    - Court(s): Wisconsin
    - Coverage: All cases reported in *Wisconsin Reports*
    - Location: Ref KFW/2457/C34 & 2nd Floor East, stack 22
  
- Citators - State Courts
  - *Shepard's Wisconsin Citations*
    - Court(s): WI
    - Coverage: All cases reported in *Wisconsin Reports*
    - Location: Ref KFW/2459/S53/1995
  -  *KeyCite via Westlaw Patron Access*
    - Court(s): All state
    - Coverage: Varies by state
    - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/electresources/databases/allwithann.php>
    - Availability: Law Building only

### III. Other Case Law Collections




-  *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln*
  - Coverage: 1836-1861
  - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/elecresources/databases/allwithann.php>
  - Availability: Law Building only
  - Notes: Original documents from Lincoln's law practice, including facts about cases and non litigation activities handled by Lincoln and his law partners.



### IV. Attorneys General Opinions





- *What are attorneys general opinions?* As the legal adviser to the executive officials of the government, the attorney general renders requested legal advice generally in the form of written opinions. Although these opinions are official statements of an executive officer, they are merely advisory statements and are not mandatory orders.
  
- Federal Attorneys General Opinions
  - *Official Opinions of the Attorneys General of the United States*
    - Coverage: 1791-1982
    - Location: 1st Floor, West (Government Documents) J 1.5:
  - *Opinions of the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of Justice*
    - Coverage: 1977-1995
    - Location: 1st Floor, West (Government Documents) J 1.5/4:
  -  *Hein Online U.S. Attorney General Opinions*
    - Coverage: *Attorney General Opinions*, 1791 - 1982 & *Legal Counsel Opinions*, 1977-1996
    - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/heinonline>
    - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  -  *Westlaw Patron Access*
    - Coverage: *Attorney General Opinions*, 1791 - 1982 & *Legal Counsel Opinions*, 1977-1996
    - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/elecresources/databases/allwithann.php>
    - Availability: Law Building only




- State Attorneys General Opinions
  - All States
    - Coverage: Varies by state
    - Location: 2nd Floor South & 2nd Floor East (shelved alphabetically by state) & 2nd Floor West (Microforms Room) cabinet 44
  - Wisconsin - *Opinions of the Attorney General of Wisconsin*
    - Coverage: 1912 - present
    - Location: Ref KFW/2840/A552
  -  Westlaw Patron Access
    - Coverage: Varies by state (most 1977-present)
    - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/elecresources/databases/allwithann.php>
    - Availability: Law Building only


## V. Legislation, Federal

- Slip Laws / Public Laws - Federal
  - *What is a Slip Law / Public Law?* The United States Government Printing Office issues the first official publication of a law in the form of a slip law, or public law.
  - Slip Laws / Public Laws in print
    - Location: Fifth Floor East, stack 22
    - Coverage: Kept until bound in the *United States Statutes at Large*
  -  LexisNexis Congressional
    - Coverage: 1789 - present
    - Location: <http://21020.libproxy.law.wisc.edu/congcomp>
    - Availability: Law Building Only
  -  GPO Access
    - Coverage: 1995 - present
    - Location: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/index.html>
    - Availability: Free on Internet
  -  Thomas
    - Coverage: 1973 - present
    - Location: <http://thomas.loc.gov>
    - Availability: Free on Internet


- Statutes - Federal
  - *What are the United States Statutes at Large?* The official compilation of public and private laws. The *Statutes at Large* is printed annually and the laws within are arranged by order of passage. Each volume contains an index.
  - *United States Statutes at Large*
    - Coverage: 1789 - present
    - Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor East, stacks 18-22
    - Notes:
      - Historical index to the statutes: *Index to the Federal Statutes, 1874-1931: General and Permanent Laws Contained in the Revised statutes of 1874 and volumes 18-46 of the Statutes at Large* (Location: <http://ets.umdl.umich.edu/l/lmc> & 5th Floor East. Stack 18)
  -  *Hein Online U.S. Statutes at Large*
    - Coverage: 1789 - almost present
    - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/heinonline>
    - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
- Code - Federal
  - *What is the United States Code?* The *United States Code* is the official topically arranged collection of all laws in current force and effect. A new edition appears every six years, with annual supplements between editions.
  - *United States Code* (official)
    - *United States Code* in print
      - Coverage: 1940 - present
      - Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor East, stack 23-24 & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor East, stack 16 (current); First Floor West, Y 1.2/5 (1940 - current)
      - Notes:
        - \* Prior to 1940, the title was *Code of Laws of the United States of America of a General and Permanent Character in Force*.
        - \* Both the 1925 and 1935 editions are in the law library microforms collection, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West.
        - \* The *Revised Statutes of 1873* was an early codification of federal statutes. A second edition was published in 1878. The law library has this edition (Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor East, Stack 22).
    -  *U.S. Code* via Cornell University
      - Coverage: Current edition
      - Location: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode>
      - Availability: Free on Internet





-  *U.S. Code* via GPO Access
  - Coverage: 1994 - present
  - Location: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>
  - Availability: Free on Internet
-  *U.S. Code* via United States House of Representatives
  - Coverage: Current edition
  - Location: <http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm>
  - Availability: Free on Internet
- Annotated United States Code
  - Notes: The annotated codes referred to below -- *United States Code Annotated* and the *United States Codes Service* – provide more detailed history notes for each code section than the official *United States Code*, as well as notes of cases that have interpreted the laws. All three sets have general subject indexes and various other indexes and tables.
  - *United States Code Annotated* (West)
    - Coverage: 1927 - present
    - Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor East, stack 27; 4<sup>th</sup> Floor East, stacks 16-17 (current); & Microforms room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West (1927 - present)
  - *United States Code Service* (LexisNexis Publishing)
    - Coverage: 1972 - present (law library has only the current edition)
    - Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor East, stack 24-26
    - Notes: *United States Code Service* was preceded by the *Federal Code Annotated* (1936-1971). The law library does not maintain this collection.
  -  *LexisNexis Congressional*
    - Coverage: Current edition of *United States Code Service*
    - Location: <http://21020.libproxy.law.wisc.edu/congcomp>
    - Availability: Law Building Only
  -  *Westlaw Patron Access*
    - Coverage: Current edition of the *United States Code Annotated*
    - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/electresources/databases/allwithann.php>
    - Availability: Law Building only

- Legislative History - Federal
  - *What is a Legislative History?* Term used to designate documents produced by Congress leading up to the enactment of a law. The purpose behind conducting a legislative history of a particular law is to examine Congress' intent behind the enactment of the law, or the reasons behind the failure of a bill to become a law.
  - Types of Documents Useful in Compiling Legislative Histories
    - Bills
    - Committee Hearings
    - Committee Reports (generally considered to be the most authoritative)
    - Debates (appear in the *Congressional Record*)
    - Presidential or Executive Branch Documents
  - Legislative Documents in print
    - Location: U.S. Government Depository Libraries (e.g. UW-Madison Law Library, Wisconsin State Historical Society Library). Holdings vary.
  -  *LexisNexis Congressional*
    - Coverage: Varies depending on document type
    - Location: <http://21020.libproxy.law.wisc.edu/congcomp>
    - Availability: Law Building Only
    - Notes:
      - Offers indexing of Congressional publications dating back to 1789 (*CIS Index* from 1970 onwards and *Congressional Indexes* for earlier coverage).
      - *CIS Index* offers compiled legislative histories for public laws passed since 1970. Includes bill text from 1989, committee reports from 1990, the *Congressional Record* from 1985, congressional hearing testimony from 1988, and House and Senate documents from 1995.
  -  *Thomas*
    - Coverage: Varies depending on document type
    - Location: <http://thomas.loc.gov>
    - Availability: Free on Internet
    - Notes: Includes the text of bills since 1989 and summaries of all bills introduced since 1973, selected committee reports since 1995, and the *Congressional Record* since 1989.
  -  *GPO Access*
    - Coverage: Varied depending on document type
    - Location: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs)
    - Availability: Free on Internet
    - Notes: Includes the text of bills from 1993 (103<sup>rd</sup> Congress), selected committee reports since 1995, the *Congressional Record* since 1995, selected House and Senate hearings from 1997, selected committee prints since 1997. *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (since 1993) and *Public Papers of the Presidents* (since 1992).

- Compiled Legislative Histories
  - *CIS Index*
    - Coverage: 1970 - present
    - Location: Ref KF49 C62
    - Notes: Compiled legislative histories for public laws passed during the year. Coverage is paralleled on LexisNexis Congressional
  - *U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News (USCCAN)*
    - Coverage: 1948 - present
    - Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor East, stacks 28-29
    - Notes: Provides a partial legislative history of public laws passed since 1948. Usually, at least one committee report or conference report is included. Hearings are not included.
  - *Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories* (Nancy P. Johnson)
    - Coverage: 1789 - present
    - Location: Ref KF42.2 1979
    - Notes: The most useful tool for compiled legislative histories. Provides a checklist of all available compiled legislative histories compiled from the first through the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress (2000). Updated periodically.
  - *Federal Legislative Histories: An Annotated Bibliography and Index to Officially Published Sources* (Bernard D. Reams, Jr.)
    - Coverage: 1789 - 1990
    - Location:
    - Notes: Limited to legislative histories published by official government sources.
  -  *Hein Online U.S. Federal Legislative History Library* (Contains *Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories* and more)
    - Coverage: 1789 - present
    - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/heinonline>
    - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff


## VI. Legislation, State

- Session Laws - State
  - *What are Session Laws?* Each legislative session, state legislatures for all fifty states publish volumes of session laws that include all laws passed during the legislative session. The volumes are arranged chronologically in the order of passage.
  - State Session Laws in print
    - Location: Second Floor East and South (older editions) & Microforms room, Second Floor West (current editions)
    - Coverage: Both current and older editions are available for selected states
  -  *Hein Online U.S. State & Canadian Session Laws*

- Coverage: Varies by state (Most 2000 to present)
- Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/heinonline>
- Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
-  *American Law Sources Online (ALSO)*
  - Coverage: Current only
  - Location: <http://www.lawsources.com/also/>
  - Availability: Free on Internet
  - Notes: Links to states which have their session laws freely available over the Web.
- Statutes / Codes - State
  - *What are State Statutes / Codes?* Each state has a set of statutes that has been extracted from the session laws and then reorganized topically. The law library maintains the current editions of the annotated codes of all fifty states.
  - State Statutes / Codes in print
    - Location: Second Floor East and South (Current editions); Microforms Rooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West (Superceded editions)
    - Coverage: Current editions. Superceded editions are available for selected states in the microforms room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West.
  -  *LexisNexis Academic, Legal Research*
    - Coverage: Current editions of the codes of all states
    - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/lexisnexis>
    - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  -  *Westlaw Patron Access*
    - Coverage: Current editions of the codes of all states
    - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/elecresources/databases/allwithann.php>
    - Availability: Law Building only
  -  *American Law Sources Online (ALSO)*
    - Location: <http://www.lawsources.com/also/>
    - Coverage: Links to states codes freely available over the Web.
    - Availability: Free on Internet





- Legislative History - State
  - Notes:
    - Compiling legislative histories for state laws can be difficult. For the most part, state legislatures do not publish their debates, committee reports, or transcripts of hearings held before legislative committees.
    - Individual states will generally have state agencies that offer research services to the state legislature and contain many documents that will help in understanding particular state laws.
    - In Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau serves this function: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/>.
    - Wisconsin Legislative Drafting Records from 1999 - present are freely available online at <http://library.law.wisc.edu/draftingrecords/>.
    - Most states have published legislative history research guides online. The Indiana University School of Law Library has compiled a list of *State Legislative History Research Guides on the Web*: [http://www.law.indiana.edu/library/services/sta\\_leg.shtml](http://www.law.indiana.edu/library/services/sta_leg.shtml)


## VII. Other Legislative Collections

- University of Chicago Law School *Legal History Guide*
  - Location: <http://www.law.uchicago.edu/legalhistory/>
  - Notes: Online guide to primary and secondary legal resources that are relevant to the study of American legal history.
- *The Avalon Project* at Yale Law School
  - Location: <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon>
  - Notes: Online collection of documents relevant to the fields of law, history, economic, politics, diplomacy and government.
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
  - Location: <http://www.nara.gov>
  - Notes: Online collection of many federal records and materials from historical periods.
- *Congress and The Courts: A Legislative History, 1787-1977 and 1978-84*
  - Location: Ref KF 8713.8 1978 and Ref KF 8713.8 1985
  - Notes: Documents and materials regarding the creation, structure, and organization of federal courts and the federal judiciary.
-  *Colonial and American Indian Treaties: A Collection*
  - Coverage: 1629-1865
  - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/electresources/databases/allwithann.php>
  - Availability: Law Building only
  - Notes: A collection of major treaties between Native Americans and the American colonies, and later the United States. Keyword search or browse by date, region (state or tribe), and title.
- *Prestatehood Legal Materials: A Fifty-State Research Guide*
  - Location: Ref KF240 P68 2005



## Secondary Sources

### VIII. Books, Microfilm, and Other Media



-  *MadCat* - UW-Madison Libraries' online catalog
  - Location: <http://madcat.library.wisc.edu/>
  - Availability: Free on Internet
  - Notes:
    - Search help available at <http://madcat.library.wisc.edu/help/contents.htm>
    - Do a key word search to locate items that are relevant. Look at the subject headings in the records and click on the appropriate ones to find other relevant titles.
    - Searches may be limited by date and holding library.
    - Do not use to locate periodical articles.
-  *Hein Online Legal Classics Library*
  - Coverage: 1500s-1900s
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/heinonline>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  - Notes:
    - More than 1,000 works from some of the greatest legal minds in history.
    - Contains both legal “classics” as well as some rare texts.
-  *Nineteenth Century Legal Treatises Index & Twentieth Century Legal Treatises Index*
  - Coverage: 1800s & Early 1900s
  - Location: <http://microformguides.gale.com/SearchForm.asp>
  - Availability: Free on Internet
  - Notes:
    - Two indexes to works relevant to legal theory and history printed in the United States and the United Kingdom during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
    - Indexes can be searched simultaneously.
    - Search *MadCat* to determine if item is available on campus or request interlibrary loan via Library Express (<http://www.library.wisc.edu/services/ill.htm>)
-  *Eighteenth Century Collections Online*
  - Coverage: 1700-1800
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/ecco>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  - Notes:
    - Full-text and images of every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in the United Kingdom and in the British colonies during the eighteenth century. Approximately 150,000 items are included.
    - Subjects include: history, geography, social sciences, fine arts, medicine, science, technology, literature and language, law, and reference materials.




-  *Bibliography of Early American Law*
  - Coverage: 1600's - 1860
  - Location: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/electresources/databases/allwithann.php>
  - Availability: Law Building Only
  - Notes:
    - Abstracts of American legal literature published in this country or abroad, from its beginnings to the end of 1860.
    - It also includes works on foreign, comparative and international law published in America.

## IX. Periodical Indexes

-  *19<sup>th</sup> Century Masterfile: Series I*
  - Coverage: 1786-1907
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/19thcenturymasterfile>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  - Notes:
    - An online version of *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature (1802-1907)*; the foremost index for nineteenth century periodicals.
    - For legal periodicals, searches may be limited to the *Jones & Chipman's Index to Legal Periodical Literature (1786-1922)*
-  *Index to Legal Periodicals & Books*
  - Coverage: 1908 - present
  - Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor West, Index Tables (Print, 1908-present) & <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/ilpb> (Electronic, August 1981 - present)
  - Availability (Electronic): Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff

## X. Periodicals & Newspapers - Full Text

-  *Hein Online Law Journal Library*
  - Coverage: Late 1800s (first issue of each journal) - almost present
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/heinonline>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  - Notes:
    - Over 370 U.S. academic law journals, many dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
    - PDF images.
    - Searchable on author, title, and full-text.
-  *LexisNexis Academic, Legal Research*
  - Coverage: Early 1980s - present (varies by title)
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/lexisnexis>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  - Notes:
    - More than 628 academic law reviews.

-  *JSTOR (Journal Storage Project)*
  - Coverage: First issue of each journal - (almost) present
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/jstor>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  - Notes:
    - Core scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences.
    - Coverage is from the first issue of each journal to the latest 3-5 years.
    - Searchable on author, title, abstract, and full text.
-  *ProQuest Historical Newspapers: New York Times, Chicago Tribune & Los Angeles Times*
  - Coverage: *New York Times*, 1851 - present; *Chicago Tribune*, 1849 - present; *Los Angeles Times*, 1881 - present
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/proquesthn>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  - Notes:
    - Full-image articles in PDF.
    - Wide range of search options including full-text.
    - Individual issues are browsable.
-  *Times (London) Digital Archive*
  - Coverage: 1785-1985
  - Location: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/timeslondon-da>
  - Availability: Licensed access for UW-Madison students, faculty, staff
  - Notes:
    - Full-image articles in PDF.
    - Wide range of search options including full-text.
    - Individual issues are browsable.

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