

The Foggy Notion

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A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues.--Cicero

Spotlight on...

*19th Century Masterfile*TM

*19th Century Masterfile*TM, a compilation of several indices, is one of the largest resources for pre-1920 studies.

One index that Hastings Library users find very useful is the (*Jones and Chipman's*) *Index to Legal Periodical Literature*, 1786-1922. This index contains 98,254 citations from 590 general periodical titles, 236 legal periodical titles and 67 Law Report titles.

"But," you say, "it's just an index. Can't I get it full-text?" Sure, life is better when you can get exactly what you want full-text, but it will be many years into the future, if ever, before all the really old stuff gets put online. For now, the only way to find these materials is by using an index.

Getting a citation from an index means you have the exact article title, author, date of publication, journal name and starting page. It is verification that your research is on the right track. With the correct citation, finding a copy of the article will be much easier.

You can access the *19th Century Masterfile*TM by going to the Library's webpage at www.uchastings.edu/library, and clicking on "Subscription Databases"

under the Legal Research heading. (We also have *Jones and Chipman* in paper at KF8 .L4 in the 4th stacks index section.)

Articles of Interest

Daniel M. Filler, *Lawyers in the Yellow Pages*, 14 *Law & Lit.* 169-196 (2002).

Susan Ayres, *Incest in A Thousand Acres: Cheap Trick or Feminist Re-vision?*, 11 *TEX. J. WOMEN & L.* 131-155 (2001).

Paul Finkelman, *Fugitive Baseballs and Abandoned Property: Who Owns the Home Run Ball?*, 23 *CARDOZO L. REV.* 1609-1633 (2002).

Newspapers in the Library

Are you caught up on the news? If not, come by the Library and take a look at our newspaper collection. We have added some new non-legal titles to our subscription list:

- ☛ *Financial Times*
- ☛ *The International Jerusalem Post*
- ☛ *The Sacramento Bee*
- ☛ *San Jose Mercury News*

And, of course, we still subscribe to the old standbys:

- ☛ *Los Angeles Times*
- ☛ *New York Times*
- ☛ *San Francisco Chronicle*
- ☛ *Wall Street Journal*

The recent purchase of a newspaper rack makes finding today's

news easier. Please take only one newspaper at a time and return it to the Circulation Desk. Previous day's papers are shelved in the Reserve Reading Room.

Do you have a new subscription idea or suggestion? Let us know.

Personal Safety

Please do not leave your personal items unattended while in the Library. Occasionally, students have had their valuables stolen. Also, if you happen to be studying in the Library after dark, you may wish to contact the Security Desk for information on the van escort service.

Feeling Stressed?

If you've been feeling stressed lately, ask yourself when was the last time you had a delicious, hot meal. If it's been awhile, you might need one. How is your sleep? Did you get 7-8 hours of sleep last night? Maybe tomorrow you can sleep in a little later. What about doing something fun? When's the last time you did something really enjoyable?

Are you stressed about your research? There's no need to be. Bring your questions to the Library Reference Desk; our team of Reference Librarians is available 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, and 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. You can also reach us by calling 565-4751 or by using the reference email link on the Library's homepage.

The Reference Librarians can help you locate books (yes, books are still important), inform you about online

sources, or help you with legislative material searches.

Website of Interest

The Library of Congress has been working on the American Memory project for several years. The website, at <http://memory.loc.gov> serves as "gateway to rich primary source materials relating to the history and culture of the United States". Under the **Political Science and Law** collection, you will find links to items such as Civil War photographs, Women's Suffrage Books and Pamphlets (1848-1921), and also U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates (1774-1873).

Lexis and Westlaw News

Westlaw is offering training for your job search. How can you identify potential employers? What are some research techniques and databases you should use? Sign up at the Reference Desk for both parts. Part 1 will be Mon., Nov. 11, at 11:40 or 1:40. Part 2 will be Wed., Nov. 13 at the same times. The classes are one hour each.

For research assistance and job search training, the Lexis Rep is available to meet with students in LexisNexis lab (6th floor) during her office hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-3p.m.) or by appointment.

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