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Old English Cases and State Session Laws Now on HeinOnline

By Peter Hook, Electronic Services Librarian

Hopefully by now you know that HeinOnline is more than PDF facsimiles of legal journals. The resource also contains the Federal Register 1936-2006, the CFR 1938-1983, US Reports 1-541, and more—ALL IN IMAGE-BASED, PDF FORM. In furtherance of its mission to digitize useful sources of legal information, HeinOnline released this week two new online libraries: (1) English Reports, and (2) Session Laws.

English Reports

This set contains almost all relevant English cases from 1220-1865. It is the most commonly cited source for English cases prior to 1866 (the year of inception of the BlueBook preferred Law Reports). Again, these cases are available as PDF facsimiles. The *English Reports* reprints over 100,000 cases from 265 separate reporters. Star pagination exists as to the original reporter from which the case was taken and parallel citations are given to additional reporters that contain the same case. The *English Reports* consists of 178 volumes that were compiled from 1900 to 1932. One can search or browse all 176 volumes along with its "Index of Cases" and "Index Chart." Note: There are many latin phrases used. Don't try reading the early cases unless you

are proficient in translating Latin!

Session Laws

Session laws are statutes printed in their entirety before they have been chunked up and arranged in subject fashion in a code. They can be hundreds of pages long and scholars often cite the session law when referencing an entire act. The *U.S. Statutes at Large* (1789-2004), the set of books containing federal session laws, has been on HeinOnline for some time. Now state session laws are also available on HeinOnline. For Indiana, as well as almost all other states and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, session laws are available from 2001 forward. Earlier session laws will be added to the system over time.

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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY: SPRING(ER) HAS SPRUNG.



The Law Library has recently gained access to more than 1500 journal titles published by the European academic publisher Springer. Although founded in Germany in 1842, the company has long been a publisher of English language materials, particularly in the Science/Technology/Medicine fields. Over the years however, as the company grew, Springer acquired quite a few legal titles. Among the Springer titles that the library has subscribed to in paper over the years are:

- Constitutional Political Economy
- Criminal Law Forum
- Feminist Legal Studies
- International Journal for the Semiotics of Law
- Journal of Medical Humanities
- Law and Human Behavior
- Law and Philosophy
- Public International Law
- Social Justice Research

These, along with other Springer legal titles will soon be available electronically, as links are inserted in the IUCAT records for each. The Law Library will not create links for the majority of the Springer non-law titles, but the Wells Library will. In addition, you can access the complete Springer collection by connecting to the SpringerLink home page at <http://www.springerlink.com/home/main.mpx>

Richard Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

THE RED BARN MURDER

I recently came across an article in my Portland State University alumni magazine on a book about a famous homicide that occurred in England in 1828. The crime was popularly known as the “Red Barn Murder” because the victim was murdered and buried in a red barn in the hamlet of Polstead in Suffolk County.



The book was titled *An Authentic and Faithful History of the Mysterious Murder of Maria Marten* and was written by a journalist

named James Curtis and published in 1828. The article in my alumni magazine discusses Portland State English professor Paul Collins and his research into the murder, the journalist, and the book. In Professor Collins’ opinion, by “combining his interests and skills in interviewing and reporting, Curtis [wrote] the first true-crime book.” [p.13]

The article in *Portland State Magazine* is a summary of Professor Collins’ essay. The full essay is published in *Believer* magazine’s November 2006 issue. I also found more information on the murder at the St. Edmundsbury Borough Council website at www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/visit/redbarn-intro.cfm. The introduction on the website says that “Maria Marten, or The Murder in the Red Barn has passed into legend. ... But this tale is more than a legend. Maria Martin [sic] was murdered in The Red Barn. Her lover William Corder was arrested for the murder, brought to trial and executed at Bury St. Edmunds in August 1828. So much is historical fact, but even before the trial the elements of sordid country murder were being sensationalized by media hype. As the 19th century progressed new elements were grafted onto the story. Fact and fiction merged into a folk tale which still fascinates today.”

Essentially what happened was Maria Marten was murdered by her lover William Corder the night they were going to leave for London. Marten’s mother had repeated dreams that Maria was dead and buried in the Red Barn. Eventually Maria’s father probed the floor of the barn and discovered Maria buried in a shallow grave. Corder was arrested in London and brought to Bury St. Edmunds for trial. The trial was filled with sensation and high drama, including the display of Maria Marten’s skull. Corder was found guilty and hung three days later in a heavy rain with a crowd of thousands witnessing the execution. Corder was dissected, and his skin was tanned and used to bind a copy of James Curtis’ book about the murder! So as Collins says, Curtis was one crime writer to actually get inside a murderer’s skin.

The full essay by Professor Collins is titled “The Molecatcher’s Daughter” and is available at www.believermag.com/issues/200611/?read=article_collins. Also the Wells Library research collection has a reprint of James Curtis’ book at HV6535.G73 B9.

Michael Maben
Cataloging Librarian

IT’S BACK!

The *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* has always been an important periodical index for those engaged in comparative law research. It indexes articles from the leading law journals of many national jurisdictions, and many of the foreign periodicals held by the Law Library are indexed in no other source. The *Index* also covers essay collections and festschriften. The *Index*

covers all forms of foreign (non-Anglo-American) law. This includes comparative law and legal systems, such as Islamic law; socialist law; public and private international law; and transnational commercial law. The entries are not limited by country of publication, but rather by type of publication. Thus, while publications concerning British and American law are not included, British and American publications concerning foreign law are included.

The printed version (Indexes K33 .I6) covers the years from 1960 onward, while the electronic version begins in 1985. Until last spring, the Law Library had access to the electronic *Index* through the Wells Library. The Wells Library subscription lapsed at that time, and the Law Library has not had access during the interim. However, the Law Library has now obtained its own subscription, so the *Index* is back. In fact, the search interface is now better than before, providing intuitive search types and syntax, as well as simple, straight-forward search assistance. Particularly useful are the index subject headings and the types of limits one can impose on the search.

If you are doing comparative or foreign law research, just follow the link on the Online Resources page (Foreign and International databases). The Law Library does not subscribe to all the titles indexed, but the Library does subscribe to many of them, and the rest are of course available through inter-library loan.

Ralph Gaebler
Foreign & Int'l Librarian

electronic legal research. Following the formula established in previous years, each of the "Jump Start" sessions will begin with a brief review of the basic legal resources so that every student has a complete grasp of the legal research process. The librarians will also provide information about more specialized types of reference books, including practice aids and form books. The "Jump Start" sessions will then focus on individual student problems and questions about legal research, with an emphasis on the type of practice student participants will be seeing in the summer. The Reference librarians will also describe how the Law Library can continue to serve alumni through research assistance and the copying of hard-to-locate cases, briefs, articles, documents, etc..

During the online research sessions, Peter Hook, the Electronic Services Librarian, will discuss applications and uses of these extraordinary sources in the law office and on the job. These sessions will include hands-on exploration of the various online sources.

If you have any questions about the "Jump Start" programs, be sure to drop by the Reference Office and speak to a reference librarian. We'd especially like to hear from those of you who already know in what jurisdiction you'll be working this summer and any special areas of law with which you'll be dealing. We plan to tailor the "Jump Start" sessions to your particular needs in order to make the program a continuing success. Times and dates for "Jump Start" sessions will be posted around the Law School and to your email after Spring Break.

Keith Buckley
Collections Development Librarian

JUMP START RETURNS!

The extremely popular "Jump Start" research program will return to the Law Library later on this spring. The program, designed by the Reference librarians, will again work towards preparing law students for summer clerkships and the first year of practice. In addition to sessions on traditional legal research, there will also be sessions dealing specifically with the Internet and Web applications. During last year's sessions, a number of students learned the necessary research skills for dealing with materials such as legislative history, administrative law and the regulatory process, and

TO: ALL GRADUATING STUDENTS
RE: GRADUATION DISPLAY

It is time to begin the planning for the graduation display for the lobby. As we have done in the past, we want to do a collage of pictures, memorabilia and clippings commemorating your years of law school. We have already gathered a few things, but the real source of such items is all of you. We will return all the items to you following graduation. Here is what we would like to

THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

Suggestion: Jeff Stake should not be able to reserve a conference room on the 4th floor, for two and half hours, by putting a post-it note in the window, only to be used as a lunch room for conservative professors. This use should not trump legitimate academic uses by students. Further, this group is exceedingly loud when entering and exiting the room. If they want to reserve the room, they should go through normal channels with the library. Instead, they are rude to students that have gone through the established library procedure in reserving it, even when the students are both kind and willing to move.

Response: I can vouch for the fact that Professor Stake does go through the normal library procedures for reserving the conference room on the 4th floor. He has been doing so for many years. If there was a problem with the reservation I can assure you that it was the fault of the library and not Professor Stake. Conference rooms in the Library can be reserved by law students AND law faculty. Professor Stake's group is a law and economics group composed of faculty not only from the Law School but from other disciplines across campus. We have never had any reports of problems with them, but obviously you should immediately let someone in the Reference Office know if you do experience difficulty.

include:

PICTURES

These can include school-type shots or pictures at home, in Nicks, at picnics, whatever. The important element is that they depict some aspect of your lives while law students. They can be any size, but if they are prints of digital photos, please print them to one of the standard sizes (e.g. 4x6, 3x5). We usually have many photos to include and if too many are of an extraordinary size, we may not be able to fit them all in.

If you are a member of a law school group like a law journal, student organization or moot court team, please make sure a group photo is submitted.

We also always have a family section where we include engagement or wedding pictures, pictures of you and your spouse and/or children or you with other family members. All are entirely appropriate and welcomed.

DIGITAL PHOTOS – When submitting digital photos, you must give us copies of the photos rather than a disk. Since pictures on photographic paper are more vibrant and interesting, we prefer that you give us copies using photographic paper rather than regular paper.

MEMORABILIA

This category can include law school tee shirts, cups, posters from events that occurred during the three years. Plaques, trophies or awards won can be included. We can even include comments from you or reminiscences of significant or enjoyable events or happenings in the past three years.

CLIPPINGS

Any newspaper article about you, a fellow graduating student, or the law school during the three years would be great. These can be local paper clippings or from your hometown. Be sure to include what newspaper the article is from and the date of the article.

WHATEVER

Anything that has significance to you; will fit in the display case; and is in reasonably good taste can be included. If you have some ideas that we can help with let us know.

Please get these items to us as soon as possible. We plan to put up the display in the beginning of April, and it will take us some time to coordinate and organize the material. Each item must have a completed form attached that includes your first and last name

and the address where you want it returned. You can pick up these forms at the Reference Desk or in the Library Office. For pictures, include the first and last name of each person in the picture as well as what current class standing is (1L, 2L, 3L, Non-Law), what event is pictured, and what year it was taken. You may also include a caption if you would like. We reserve the right to omit any item if needed.

GIVE ITEMS ONLY TO THE LIBRARIANS IN THE REFERENCE OFFICE OR TO THE SECRETARY TO THE LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR. To insure they are not lost or that we have all the necessary information to return the items, do not just leave them in the office or at the Circulation Desk.

We will not be able to do the display without your help -- so don't put it off -- start to look for these things now! Comments and suggestions about the display are welcome. Thanks.

Submission Deadline: March 23rd (earlier submissions will be appreciated!)

Spring Break Hours

March 9 - 18, 2007

March 9 Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

March 10 Saturday CLOSED*

March 11 Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

March 12 - 16 Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March 17 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March 18 Sunday Resume Regular Hours

*The Library will be closed due to a scheduled power outage

WORKING THE HALLS

Happy March Birthday to:

Prof. Hoffmann on the 1st
Prof. Geyh on the 6th
Lesley Davis on the 8th
Dean Applegate on the 20th
Prof. Fidler on the 29th



Prof. Ochoa on the 29th
Liz Goldberg on the 30th