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On November 25, 2015, an obituary appeared in *the New York Times* headlined:

Douglass C. North, Maverick Economist,
Author and Nobel Laureate, Dies at 95

Douglass C. North was the co-recipient, with Robert C. Fogel, of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics in 1993. In 1987 he and Andrew C. Rutten, who is on the faculty of the Political Science Department of Stanford University, contributed "The Northwest Ordinance in Historical Perspective" to *Essays on the Economy of the Old Northwest*, published by Ohio University Press and edited by David C. Klingaman and Richard K. Vedder, professors in the Economics Department of that University. Years later, I bought a copy of this book through a sale catalogue, skimmed its contents, and placed it on a shelf of my library. Jump ahead about fifteen years. In 2011, I took another look at it, and quickly saw that the North-Rutten article was a perfect fit for the Minnesota Legal History Project, which I had "launched" in 2008. I contacted Ohio University Press, which held the copyright, and was informed that, for republication purposes, I should contact the authors of the article. I emailed Professor North at Washington University, and somehow my request to post his article on a small, obscure, narrowly focused website (run by a retired lawyer, no less) reached him. He granted it provided I have

the article proofed by his co-author, Andrew Rutten. That done, I posted it in June 2011, and it has been one of the most frequently viewed articles on the MLHP website ever since (for the 30 days ending February 27, 2017, it was viewed 188 times).

 "The Northwest Ordinance in Historical Perspective" complements "The Great Land Ordinances" by the late Jonathan Hughes, which also appeared in *Essays on the Economy of the Old Northwest*. It too has been viewed by several thousand viewers since it was first posted in June 2011 (in the 30 days from January 29 through February 27, 2017, it had 189 viewers).

With that we turn to the tables for 2015. Here are the results for November of that year.

Table 1

Daily Activity
November 1-30, 2015

Date	Hits	Page Views	Visitors	Average Visit Length	
Sun 11/1/2015	919	347	355	07:15	
Mon 11/2/2015	1,126	558	443	04:30	
Tue 11/3/2015	2,293	1,536	443	06:54	
Wed 11/4/2015	1,100	557	451	08:41	
Thu 11/5/2015	1,062	381	452	05:17	
Fri 11/6/2015	1,142	508	445	05:49	
Sat 11/7/2015	1,163	552	419	09:14	
Sun 11/8/2015	1,089	391	426	08:56	
Mon 11/9/2015	1,109	449	457	07:15	
Tue 11/10/2015	1,061	427	409	05:32	
Wed 11/11/2015	1,031	497	401	06:53	
Thu 11/12/2015	2,318	1,465	544	05:59	

Fri 11/13/2015	2,048	1,155	440	08:57	
Sat 11/14/2015	2,444	1,620	439	11:21	
Sun 11/15/2015	1,607	660	444	12:39	
Mon 11/16/2015	855	316	442	05:54	
Tue 11/17/2015	1,215	444	469	06:04	
Wed 11/18/2015	880	402	428	06:27	
Thu 11/19/2015	2,523	1,249	424	08:30	
Fri 11/20/2015	1,162	564	410	06:36	
Sat 11/21/2015	2,176	1,324	409	12:18	
Sun 11/22/2015	1,363	663	443	08:20	
Mon 11/23/2015	1,303	625	434	07:58	
Tue 11/24/2015	1,183	622	419	09:16	
Wed 11/25/2015	2,547	1,745	496	08:31	
Thu 11/26/2015	1,782	901	491	09:41	
Fri 11/27/2015	1,593	905	496	08:04	
Sat 11/28/2015	1,895	1,048	514	07:43	
Sun 11/29/2015	1,428	772	476	08:15	
Mon 11/30/2015	1,847	1,001	475	07:12	
Total	45,264	23,684	13,394	07:51	

Table 2

Activity by Hour of Day

November 1-30, 2015
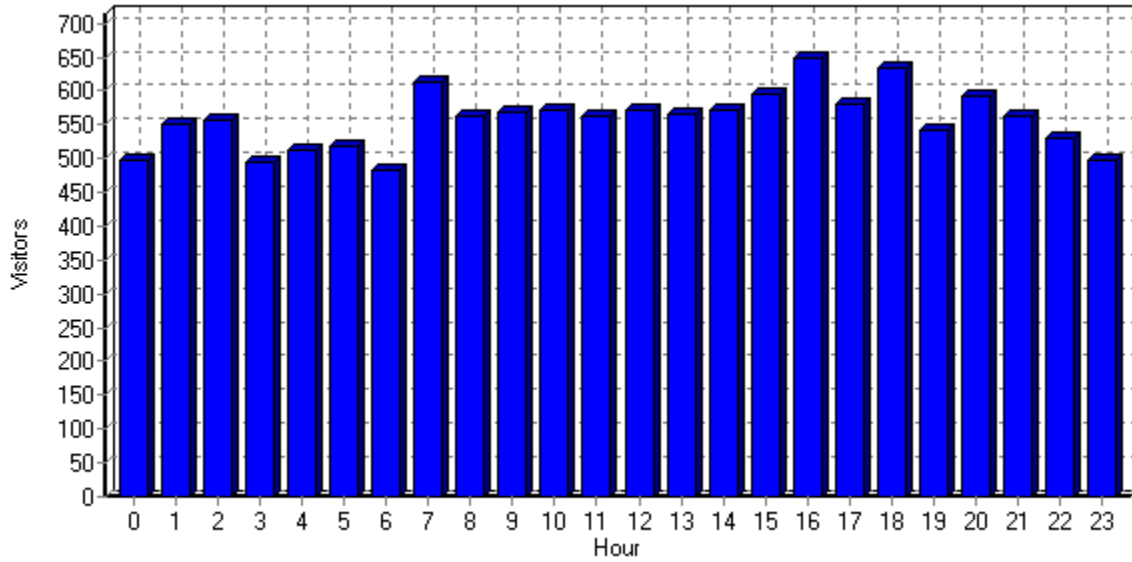
Table 3

Activity by Day of Week

November 1-30, 2015
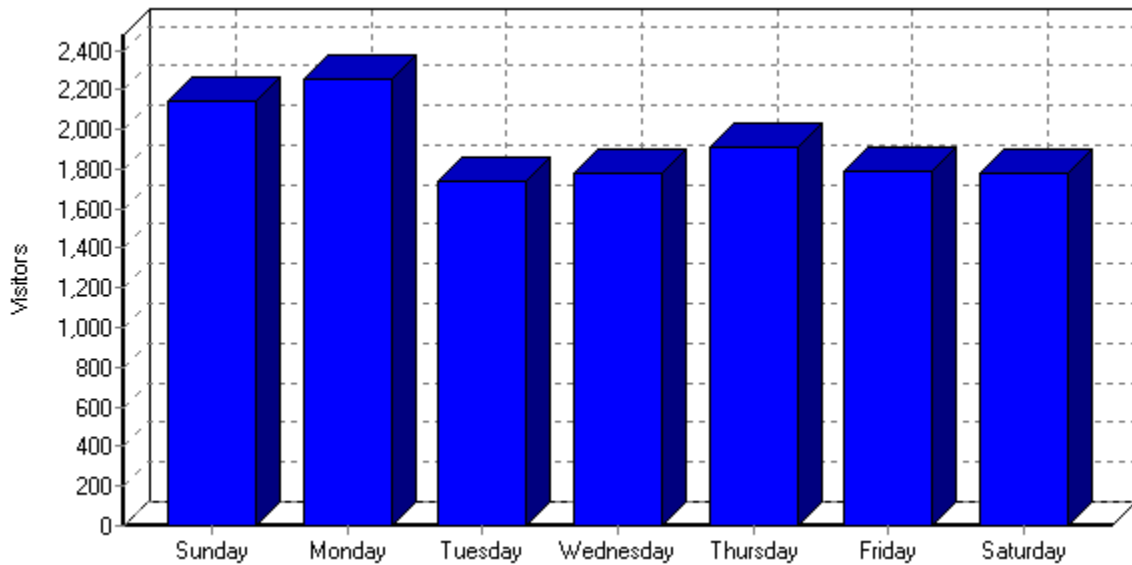
Table 4

Most Downloaded Files
November 1-30, 2015

	File	Hits	Incomplete Requests	Visitors	
1	Steffens- Shame of Mpls.	221	57	148	
2	McLeod County.	148	0	147	
3	Pound-Soc. Juris. (1907).	193	89	100	
4	Preemption Act of 1841.	117	12	98	
5	Hughes-Great Land Ord.	111	5	98	
6	Southwest Ordinance	88	0	85	
7	North-Rutten-NW Ord.	82	5	76	
8	H.C. 1993.	89	4	76	
9	North-Rutten – NW Ord.	92	8	75	
10	Lawbreakers Redwood Cty.	95	6	72	
11	Eugene M. Wilson	67	0	66	
12	Hughes-Great Land Ord.	69	0	61	
13	Wright County B & B	78	2	61	
14	H.C. 1986.	62	0	59	
15	Rogers on Severance.	60	3	57	
16	Land Revision Act (1891).	73	15	57	
17	H.C. 1989.	70	8	57	
18	1863 Indian Removal Acts.	71	6	54	
19	H.C. 1985.	62	4	54	
20	Ramsey County Bar Mem.	55	0	52	
21	Lac Qui Parle.	53	2	49	
22	Corliss Memoir.	55	6	49	
23	Timber Culture Acts.	49	2	45	
24	H. C. Memorials 1992.	49	4	44	
25	H.C. 1994.	45	2	43	
26	Dorsett Case.	46	2	43	
27	Dakota County B & B	44	1	42	
28	Renville County B& B.	45	2	42	
29	H. C. 1982.	41	0	41	
30	1780 Resolution on Pub. Lands	41	0	41	
31	J. Williams on Chatfield.	40	0	40	
32	Hedin - Pine River.	40	0	40	
33	Pierce Butler Memorial (1940)	42	2	40	

34	Stearns Cty B & B.	40	0	39
35	Briggs & Morgan book rev.	40	0	38
36	Brandeis - (1905)	45	7	38
37	Doc. on Terr. Ct. Part 2-A.	43	4	38
38	Redwood Cty (1916).	38	0	38
39	Frank H. Ewing (1856-1934).	39	1	38
40	Territorial Map 1775 - 1920.	45	9	37
41	Bench Bar Duluth.	38	0	37
42	Stearns County Courthouse	36	0	36
43	Steele County B& B	38	0	36
44	Wm. Lass-Dakota Terr.	37	2	35
45	Stevens - St. Paul Bar (1890)	42	2	35
46	Dreher, Nancy	36	0	35
47	Bell --Medico-Legal J. (1899)	35	0	35
48	Kittson County Bench & Bar	36	0	35
49	LeSueur County Bench & Bar	37	2	35
50	H.C. Bar Mem.-1987.	44	2	35
	Subtotal	3,162	276	N/A
	Total	14,158	402	N/A

Table 5

Most Active Countries
November 1-30, 2015

	Country	Hits	Visitors	% of Total Visitors	
1	United States	24,263	7,015	52.37%	
2	Unknown	14,022	4,703	35.11%	
3	China	718	649	4.85%	
4	Germany	1,911	481	3.59%	
5	Italy	369	122	0.91%	
6	Japan	283	95	0.71%	
7	France	1,031	92	0.69%	
8	Canada	244	53	0.40%	
9	United Kingdom	237	35	0.26%	

10	Vietnam	21	17	0.13%
11	Czechia	162	17	0.13%
12	Poland	22	16	0.12%
13	Ukraine	62	11	0.08%
14	India	27	10	0.07%
15	Netherlands	178	10	0.07%
16	Sweden	42	9	0.07%
17	Latvia	13	7	0.05%
18	Luxembourg	5	5	0.04%
19	Norway	31	5	0.04%
20	Israel	1,469	4	0.03%
21	Uruguay	5	3	0.02%
22	Romania	35	3	0.02%
23	Pakistan	11	3	0.02%
24	Brazil	9	3	0.02%
25	Russian Federation	6	2	0.01%
26	Belgium	2	2	0.01%
27	Australia	4	2	0.01%
28	Kuwait	12	2	0.01%
29	Korea, Republic of	2	2	0.01%
30	Portugal	25	1	0.01%
31	Slovakia	1	1	0.01%
32	Thailand	5	1	0.01%
33	Taiwan	2	1	0.01%
34	Estonia	1	1	0.01%
35	Spain	1	1	0.01%
36	Hungary	1	1	0.01%
37	Azerbaijan	1	1	0.01%
38	Switzerland	1	1	0.01%
39	Ecuador	19	1	0.01%
40	Mexico	3	1	0.01%
41	Nigeria	2	1	0.01%
42	Philippines	1	1	0.01%
43	Iceland	1	1	0.01%
44	Sri Lanka	1	1	0.01%
45	Lithuania	3	1	0.01%
	Total	45,264	13,394	100.00%

Table 6

Most Active US States
November 1-30, 2015

	State	Hits	Visitors	
1	California	5,073	2,804	
2	District of Columbia	1,533	510	
3	Indiana	1,579	362	
4	Minnesota	3,054	213	
5	Texas	1,061	196	
6	Delaware	164	53	
7	Colorado	162	45	
8	New Jersey	149	40	
9	New York	79	37	
10	Florida	86	32	
11	Ohio	1,217	28	
12	Missouri	320	24	
13	South Dakota	79	20	
14	Illinois	65	18	
15	Michigan	185	17	
16	Arizona	57	15	
17	North Carolina	59	13	
18	Washington	68	12	
19	Georgia	20	11	
20	Pennsylvania	35	10	
21	Wisconsin	23	8	
22	Massachusetts	18	8	
23	Virginia	21	7	
24	Iowa	52	7	
25	North Dakota	16	5	
26	Maryland	14	5	
27	Arkansas	15	5	
28	New Mexico	9	4	
29	Tennessee	14	4	
30	Maine	13	4	
31	Utah	6	4	

32	Rhode Island	10	3	
33	South Carolina	12	3	
34	Nevada	9	3	
35	Kansas	5	3	
36	Nebraska	6	3	
37	Connecticut	15	3	
38	Oregon	10	2	
39	Alaska	3	2	
40	Wyoming	3	1	
41	Louisiana	1	1	
42	Idaho	1	1	
43	Alabama	1	1	
44	New Hampshire	8	1	
45	Montana	1	1	
46	Mississippi	1	1	
	Total	15,332	4,550	

Table 7

Most Active Cities
November 1-30, 2015

	City	Hits	Visitors	
1	Mountain View, California, United States	2,676	1,982	
2	Sunnyvale, California, United States	2,164	747	
3	Beijing, China	683	627	
4	Washington, District of Columbia, United States	1,533	510	
5	Indianapolis, Indiana, United States	1,579	362	
6	Kiez, Germany	1,382	361	
7	Dallas, Texas, United States	356	178	
8	Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States	2,712	124	
9	Milan, Italy	363	120	
10	Tokyo, Japan	241	60	
11	Paris, France	544	56	
12	Wilmington, Delaware, United States	164	53	
13	Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States	206	44	
14	Gunzenhausen, Germany	342	38	
15	Mount Laurel, New Jersey, United States	125	36	

16	Denver, Colorado, United States	133	30
17	Berlin, Germany	49	29
18	Hanoi, Vietnam	21	17
19	Frankfurt Am Main, Germany	32	16
20	Stuttgart, Germany	37	15
21	Kansas City, Missouri, United States	268	14
22	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, United States	55	13
23	Chicago, Illinois, United States	52	13
24	New York, New York, United States	31	12
25	Kraków, Poland	18	12
26	Miamisburg, Ohio, United States	1,049	10
27	Ottawa, Canada	145	9
28	Cergy, France	9	9
29	San Francisco, California, United States	9	9
30	Durham, North Carolina, United States	34	8
31	Simi Valley, California, United States	37	8
32	Lake Forest, California, United States	51	8
33	Roubaix, France	43	8
34	San Diego, California, United States	8	8
35	Riga, Latvia	13	7
36	Jericho, New York, United States	7	7
37	Los Angeles, California, United States	37	7
38	Shenzhen, China	7	7
39	Fuzhou, China	15	7
40	Saint Louis, Missouri, United States	20	7
41	Amsterdam, Netherlands	170	6
42	Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States	13	6
43	Coburg, Germany	17	6
44	Seattle, Washington, United States	16	6
45	Rochester, Minnesota, United States	16	5
46	New Delhi, India	11	5
47	Kharkov, Ukraine	5	5
48	Los Altos, California, United States	9	5
49	Phoenix, Arizona, United States	15	4
50	Largo, Florida, United States	4	4
	Subtotal	17,526	5,640
	Total	20,161	6,076

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