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New Partnership with Iowa Agencies

LLMC recently finalized a formal agreement with the Iowa Legislative Services Agency and the State Library of Iowa to provide access to, and archival preservation for, Iowa's principal legislative documents. The initial agreement provides in this calendar year for the scanning and hosting online by LLMC of full runs of the Iowa session laws, codes, and house and senate journals. The two Iowa agencies will join forces to provide all of the hardcopy needed by LLMC for scanning these titles. In addition to providing historical hard-copy for retrospective scanning purposes, the Legislative Services Agency (which provides nonpartisan staff services to all members of the Iowa General Assembly), will help LLMC to keep all of the above titles current by means of its own digitization program that covers post-2000 materials.

An important component of the Iowa/LLMC agreement is its focus on assisting the Iowa agencies in their preservation missions by utilizing LLMC's archiving capacity for both the original paper and the digital images. As to the hardcopy, the paper blocks of all of the materials involved in the scanning project will be shrink-wrapped and sent to LLMC's dark archives housed in salt mines near Hutchinson, Kansas. As to the digital images, LLMC has committed to using the technical capacities tied to *LLMC-Digital* to serve in the role of a "mirror site" to Iowa's in the preservation of the images.¹

LLMC is delighted to be partnering with Iowa in this seminal venture that furthers the access

¹ As has become common in this type of long-term storage arrangement, the Iowa agencies will retain formal ownership of both their paper and the digital images derived from them, with the right, upon prior notice of at least one year, to reclaim possession of either or both should LLMC ever prove unwilling or unable to continue its preservation responsibilities.

and preservation goals of both parties. Our hope is that, as this relationship matures and flowers, it can serve as a model for similar cooperative arrangements with agencies in other states.

Haiti Patrimony Collection Nears Launch

The observance last month of the first anniversary of the Great Haiti Earthquake only increased our motivation to push harder to complete our ambitious Haiti Legal Patrimony Collection.² Although the project began only last April, it now appears that, due to amazing cooperation by a small army of dedicated librarians in a score or more libraries, we will be able to have the core of this collection online and accessible to the Haitian people by this coming April. After months of preparatory work, over the past several months critical pieces of the project infrastructure have fallen into place. Meanwhile the core collection has been substantially enhanced. The main pieces of the puzzle now coming together are as follows:

— *Identifying the Core Collection:* As regular readers will recall, the method chosen for developing this collection was to combine the holdings of two libraries

² Providing additional motivation were communications from relief workers in Haiti who had heard of our project. One of them, Ms. Nancy Hibbard, who works at *Centre d'Enseignement Classique Epanoui de Delmas* (CECED), associated with Matthew 25 House, #6, Rue Martial, Delmas, Port au Prince, wrote to describe a Christmas party her school threw for kids in the neighboring tent city: *Today was our school Christmas program with music, juice, pate, candy and every child received a gift (hair ribbons, crayons, water bottles)! Before the party, we handed out report cards for the first trimester. Reginette (one of our amputees) aspired to be #1 and attained it! I am so happy for her! Most of the students are from the connecting camp so their homes (tents) will have no beautifully decorated trees, no cookies, no Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. It made me sad to hear one child soberly state, "Tonton Nwèl pa konnen ayiti egziste. (Santa Claus doesn't know Haiti exists.)" Anyway, at least they had a lot of fun today. A selection of pictures from the Christmas party are available for viewing as an endpost following page 5 of this newsletter.*

with a strong presence in the subject area to form a solid and bibliographically coherent core of unique titles around which contributions by other libraries of unique titles could coalesce. Two law libraries volunteered to fill that vital core role, Columbia University Law Library and the Law Library of Congress. Combining the unique law and governance related titles of those libraries produced a core collection of roughly 423 titles. The bulk of those books have now been scanned, about half at LLMC's plant in Hawaii, and the other half in-house at the Library of Congress.

- *Recruiting Additional Donors:* With the core collection identified, we then put out the call for other libraries willing to canvass their collections and provide access to any unique titles that they might hold that could enhance the project. Eighteen of our colleague libraries answered the call. Their combined contributions to date have grown the collection by roughly 276 unique titles. Most of the scanning for the books provided by the sponsor libraries took place at LLMC HQ in Hawaii, although some were scanned on site at the donor libraries. This latter approach permitted the inclusion of a number of titles that could never have been shipped off site due to rarity or fragile condition. The contributions of our sponsor libraries, named below,³ added immeasurably to the worth of the collection. They also provide graphic evidence for something experienced

³ Our sponsor libraries' names follow in alphabetical order: Association of the Bar of the City of New York Lib., Barbados Museum and Historical Society Lib., the Center for Research Libraries Collection, Cornell Univ. Law Lib., Univ. of Florida libraries, George Washington Univ. Law Lib., Harvard Univ. law and other libraries, Univ. of Hawaii libraries, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Lib., Los Angeles Law Lib., the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Law Studies libraries in Hamburg & Heidelberg, Univ. of Michigan Law Lib., Univ. of Oxford Law Lib., Saint Louis Univ. libraries, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School Lib., Yale University Law Lib., & York University Law Lib.

librarians have always known; that collection policies differ widely in response to local needs, so that no library has everything.⁴

- *Preparing Titles for LLMC-Digital:* It was understood from the beginning that the Haiti Legal Patrimony project titles would appear on multiple host sites; our own and at least one other catering directly to the Haitian people. Images destined to appear on our own site go the usual route: proofing and tagging in Kaneohe, cataloging in St. Louis and OCRing in Eagan, MN, home to our host NBS. At this point roughly 60% of the target titles are past the scanning and OCRing stages, and cataloging is catching up smartly. Titles are rapidly flowing onto LLMC-Digital. At current rates it seems safe to state that over 70% of the target titles will be on our site by the end of April, and that most of them will be up by the end of July.
- *Providing a Host Site for Haiti:* Finding an appropriate host that could deliver the collection on a fee-free basis in a way convenient to the Haitian people seemed at first a daunting task. After all, given the scale of the disaster, few Haitian government agencies, or even NGOs, have the luxury of attending to anything but the most immediate physical needs of a traumatized people. Providing universal access to legal research may be a worthy goal in the longer run, but for now must give place to the basics. So we feared that actual delivery of the content to Haitians might be a distant goal. However, our problem was soon solved by our discovery of an already existing digital service seemingly designed for the task. The site goes by the handle Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC, pronounced dee-lock). dLOC is a multi-institutional, international collaborative

⁴ Those who would like to see how each of the sponsor libraries' separate contributions enriched the original base collection are invited to scan the main project summary worksheet, the current copy of which is provided on www.llmc.com (click on the "Haiti Project" tab in the menu bar).

that already hosts materials for several Caribbean countries. It is associated with the University of Florida Libraries system, which, as the technical lead for dLOC, facilitates and provides support for access to digital files for, among others, three existing dLOC partners in Haiti: Archives Nationales d'Haïti/National Archives of Haiti, Bibliothèque Nationales d'Haïti/National Library of Haiti, & Bibliothèque Haïtienne des Pères du Saint-Esprit/Library of the Haitian Fathers of the Holy Spirit. This already established connection with Haiti could mean that dLOC's hosting may go beyond interim and might even prove permanent. But that is something for the Haitians themselves to decide in less stressful times. The main point is that we have solved the free-hosting question for the collection for the indefinite future.⁵

- *Publicizing the Haiti Information:* Having the Haiti patrimony data available online in one organized package will serve to educate both Haitians and the wider world on the rich history behind the development of Haiti's legal and governance institutions. But, despite their magic, digital venues do not yet convey the unity of a subject as effectively as a traditional print bibliography. For this reason the project organizers have determined that the digital Haiti collection needs to be backed up with a print guide. That is now in preparation. It will be published by The Hein Company in a dual-language

⁵ One possible complication in this arrangement was posed by the fact that dLOC, as constituted, operates on a no-fee public access model. This means that the Haiti Collection would be accessible by anybody who knows how to access dLOC. However, the LLMC Directors at their recent semi-annual meeting in San Francisco solved that problem by deciding that, for at least this one collection, LLMC will follow the lead of other non-profits such as Canadiana.org by making some of our material public access. Part of the expressed rationale for their decision was that, while it will be constructive for the Haitian people to know more about their legal patrimony, it would also contribute to Haiti's reconstruction for the rest of the world to know more about Haiti.

edition, with the English text authored by Jerry Dupont, followed by a French translation by Richard Amelung.

- *A Role for the Rest of Us:* While the Haiti Collection is already impressive, it could be improved considerably by adding roughly ninety titles that have been identified from bibliographies and other sources to which we have not yet been able to obtain scanning access. Some of these titles are purely legal, but most are early treatises with background bearing upon the shaping of Haitian institutions and governance, or upon Haiti's relations with its historically most important foreign protagonists, the U.S. and France. A spreadsheet listing those target titles is attached to this issue. Those of us already in the project would be eternally grateful to those of our law librarian colleagues who accept our invitation to check this list against their institution's holdings for possible matches. Some of you who are connected with a college or university may find that the book is in the general collection. If so, we would be most appreciative if you could use your good offices to help effect a loan or some other form of access.⁶ Finally, those of us in law libraries will be pleased to learn that the

⁶ If you find any of the target titles, and can arrange a loan, be assured that LLMC would be willing to fund the use of FedEx in both directions to ensure the safest possible shipping, and to guarantee priority scanning to facilitate the shortest possible loan period for your materials. Also, if the materials are just too fragile to ship, we would be happy to discuss on-site scanning options. All correspondence relating to such matters should be directed to the project supervisor at LLMC HQ in Kane-he, HI, Jerry Dupont, at JerryD@llmc.com. One caution, please don't bother to tell us that a given title is available on Google. We are aware that at least a third of the remaining target titles are available on Google Books. That's where we read them and ascertained that they had relevance for the collection. However, we already have sought permission to use those images, and that permission has been withheld because Google, while sympathetic with the project, does not wish to set a precedent for off-Google use.

Center for Research Libraries, which is now in partnership with LLMC on several projects, will also assist with this one by circulating this list among its non-law-school-library-affiliated members

Morris Cohen and LLMC

It would be hard to find anybody who has been in law libraries for more than a decade who does not have many fond and admiring memories of our recently departed colleague Morris Cohen. Morris was a giant of our profession, whose influence was felt, not just in the major law libraries where he served – Buffalo, Penn, Harvard, & Yale – or just in the legal texts he authored, but in friendships and mentorships he formed with hundreds of his colleagues. Morris also had a special history and relationship with LLMC from its inception. So we asked Jerry Dupont, who was there at the time, to contribute some memorial material from LLMC's early days.

I first met and became friends with Morris back in 1969, when I was serving as assistant director at the University of Michigan Law Library. Meeting-and-becoming-friends-with was, I soon discovered, the operative formula for this man. In the 40 years since, I have never come across a person who disliked him, or who, having gotten to know him even a bit, was not fond of him. He was a gentleman, a gentle man, and a scholar.

As with so many of our colleagues, Morris and I remained friends at a distance; meeting at conventions, while working on various projects together, and occasionally in his home, where I was doubly blessed to be befriended by his gracious wife Gloria. So it was with heavy heart that I came across his obit in my local paper, The Honolulu Star Advertiser, as reprinted from the New York Times.

In 1973 I took the position of founding law librarian at the University of Hawaii Law School. Ironically, I didn't find out until four months ago, and then quite by accident, that Morris, as a consultant to the dean, had been a principal influence on my appointment. As it turned out, it was the difficulty of creating a research law library from scratch, on an insufficient budget, that sparked the concept of starting a project

purposed like LLMC. But doing something that big required allies, and so, when we got started in early 1976, I did what came naturally. I approached Donald Gordon, a former colleague who had become dean at Wayne State, to help me raise money. And I approached Morris, then law library director at Harvard, to help me raise friends. Both came through swimmingly, but it clearly was Morris' pledge to permit the use of the Harvard Law Library collection as a principal source for LLMC's filming activities that made the difference with major donors. By the end of 1976 we had the requisite seed money raised, the first cameras bought, a few operators trained, and were ready to roll.

But things then came a bit unstuck. A rump group on Harvard's law faculty became belatedly aware of what they apparently viewed as an affront to Harvardian dignity. There was a ruckus, and, in the denouement, Morris was overruled and Harvard left the enterprise.⁷ I know that Morris was deeply hurt by this turn of events, but even then he maintained his sense of humor. As he said to me later over a beer: "Well Jerry, at least we hung in there till you got your money. There's some honor even in just being the shill in front of the tent."

Some time thereafter Morris moved on to Yale, and, from his more secure position there, was able to renew his involvement in and support for the LLMC project. He very quickly came up with the idea of having LLMC film Yale's unique Blackstone Collection. Due to their uniqueness and high value, the Blackstone books couldn't be moved from the Yale premises. But Morris, undeterred, arranged the solution of having them filmed by the Graduate Library's film department under subsidy from LLMC. The resultant collection was very well received by law school libraries worldwide, and, it's worth a mention, had substantial sales that helped

⁷ In justice and gratitude it should be noted that later on, through the initial good offices of Terry Martin and Bob Buckwalter, Harvard reversed its position and became a major source for loans of material, eventually sending over 20,000 volumes on loan to LLMC in Hawaii for filming.

carry LLMC-fiche through some of its more difficult financial stretches

Blackstone was just one of many contributions that Morris made to the LLMC mission during his long tenure at Yale. He was always ready to provide assistance, and was always there to call on for advice and guidance. I relied on him often for help, and always for friendship. I know that I join legions out there by whom he will be missed.

Don McKee, Bookkeeper Extraordinaire

The King James Bible has a nice phrase of praise that calls a certain type of man “a good and faithful servant.” It’s a modest accolade, but very adequate to the purpose. And it’s a phrase that we are happy to appropriate to describe another long time friend and supporter of LLMC. Don McKee signed on with LLMC as our outside contract bookkeeper in 1979. At that time he was still studying accounting and almost as green as we were. He persevered with us over the years, through good times and bad, sometimes even cutting his own pay to help the organization through the odd rough patch. Don recently retired after over three decades of loyal and exemplary service. All of the libraries that have benefited from the LLMC program owe a bit of their thanks to this good and faithful man. For its part, LLMC has permanently dedicated a special collection of 32 on-line titles in the subject area of “Legal Guides for Businessmen” to honor his 32 years of service.⁸

⁸ These dedications join those for founder and former director Stuart Ho, and also the sponsorship acknowledgements for those colleagues who have adopted a book in the Haiti Legal Patrimony Collection. That acknowledgement system has now gone live on *LLMC-Digital*. A sample for one of the Haiti sponsors can be found at <http://www.llmcdigital.org/docdisplay.aspx?textid=36550656>.





