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- **Digital Resources Division (DRD)**

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- **Present (Ongoing)**

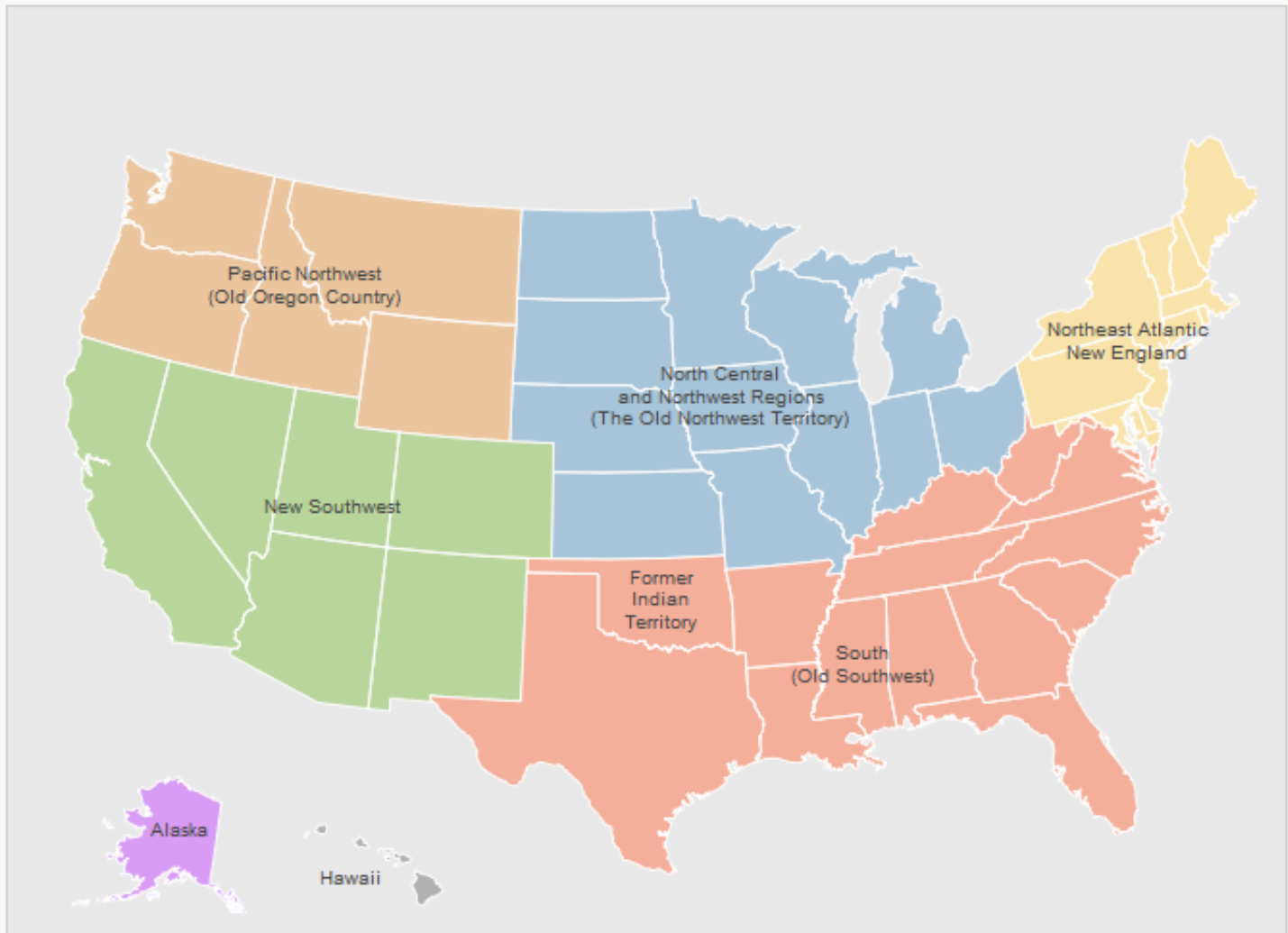
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Mapping American Indian Constitutions and Legal Materials



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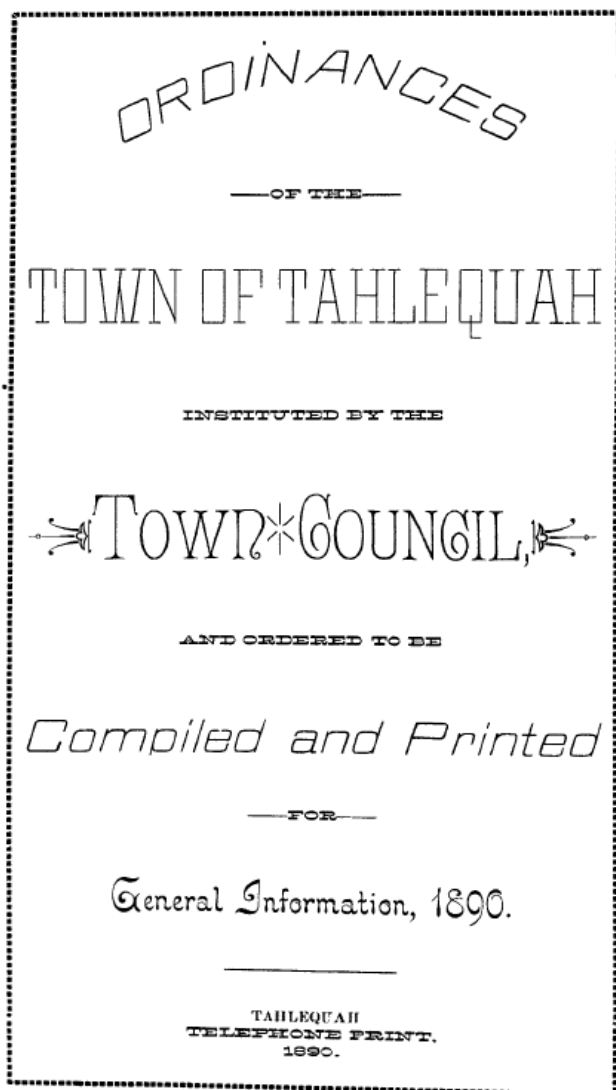
American Indian Constitutions

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American Indian Constitutions



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Any person found with the implement commonly known as and called a "Policeman's Whistle," without authority to have and carry such implement, shall be fined for such act—which is hereby declared to be unlawful—not less than two nor more than ten dollars, at the discretion of the Court.

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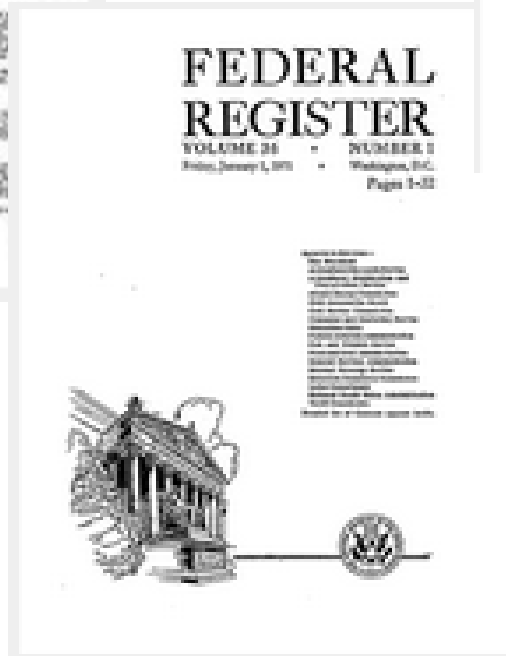
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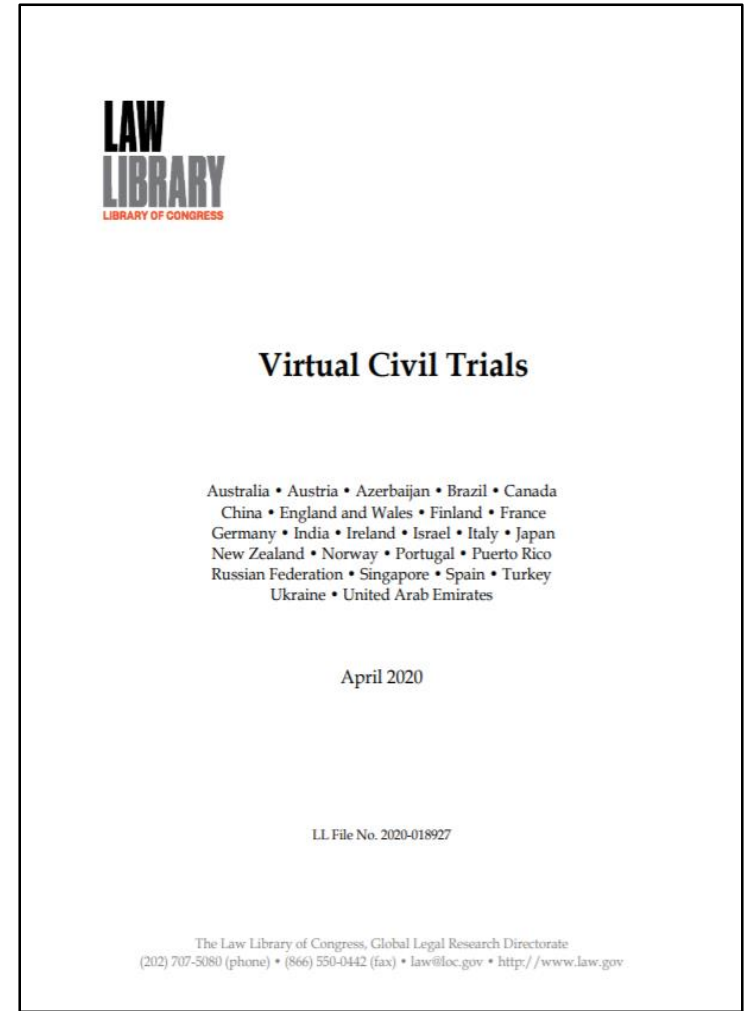
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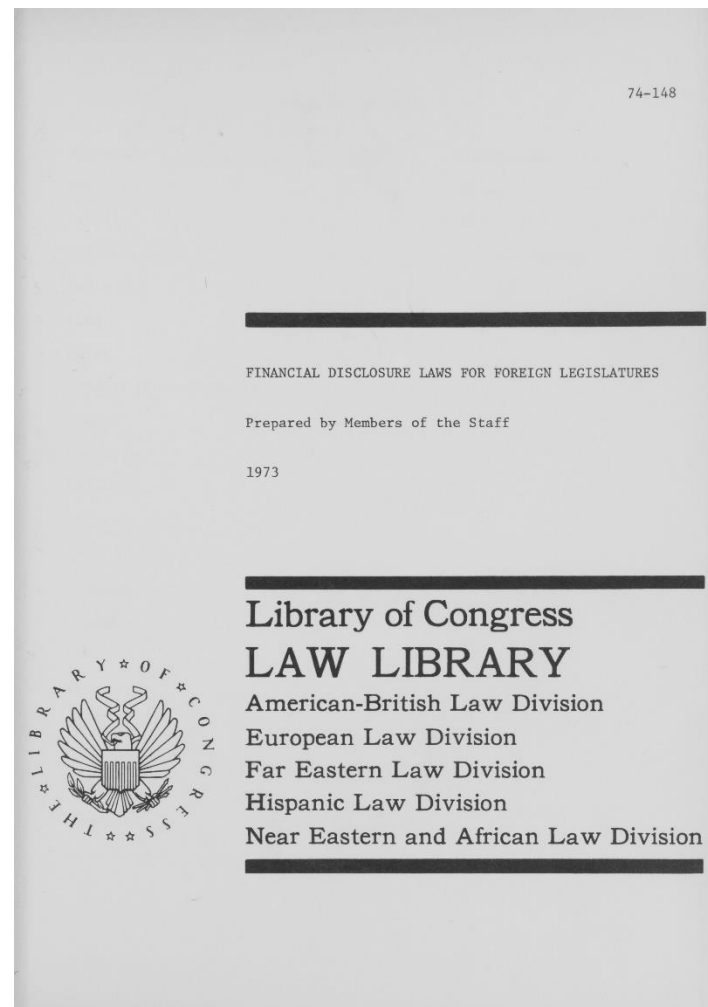
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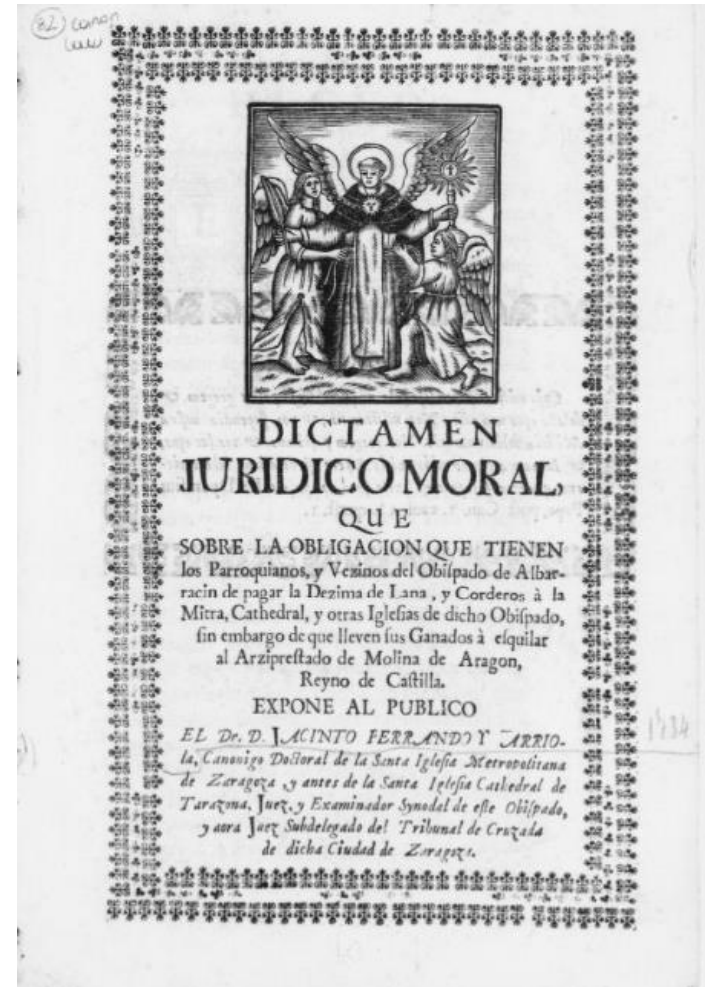
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Herencia: Centuries of Spanish Legal Documents

- **2,400+ documents**
Approximately 70% Spanish, 25% Latin, 5% Catalan
- **All documents now online**
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- **By the People (crowd.loc.gov)**
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- First entirely non-English crowdsourcing project at LC
Phase 1 now online. Phases 2 and 3 coming soon.

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Serial Set Overview

- Official, bound collection of reports and documents of the House and Senate of the U.S. Congress
- Published from 1817 (15th Congress) to the present.
- Previous Congress' documents published as the *American State Papers*

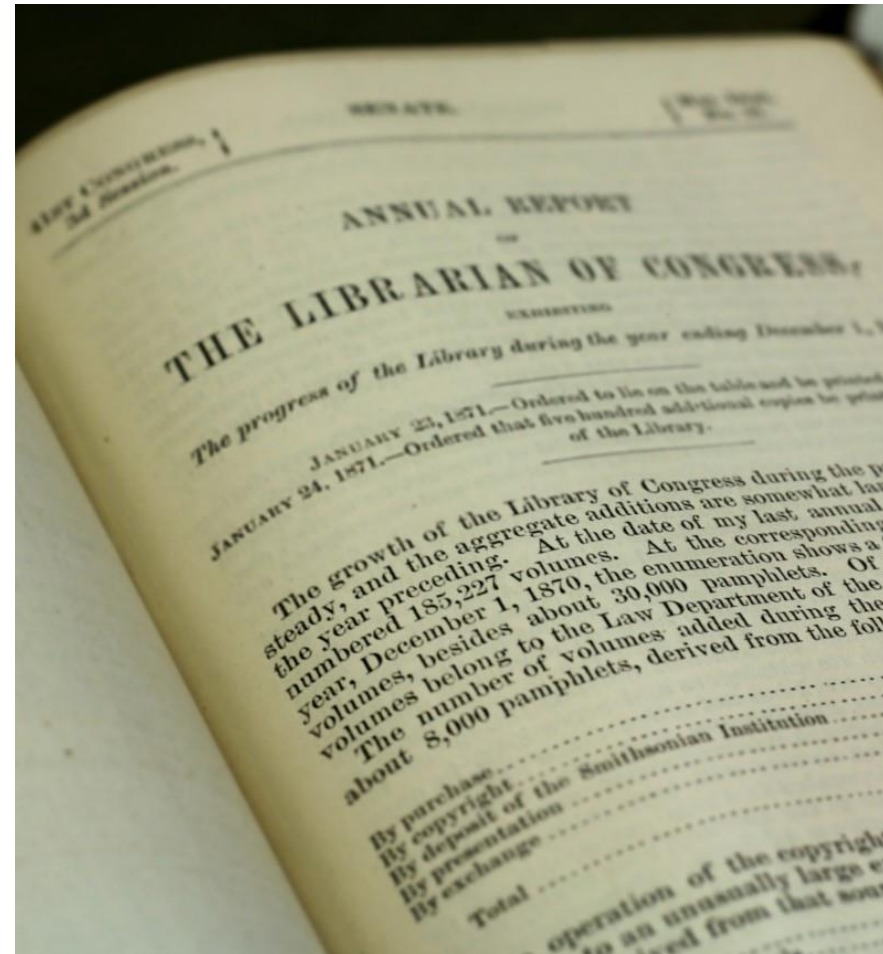


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- Digitizing Serial Set volumes published from the 15th to the 103rd Congress (1817-1995)

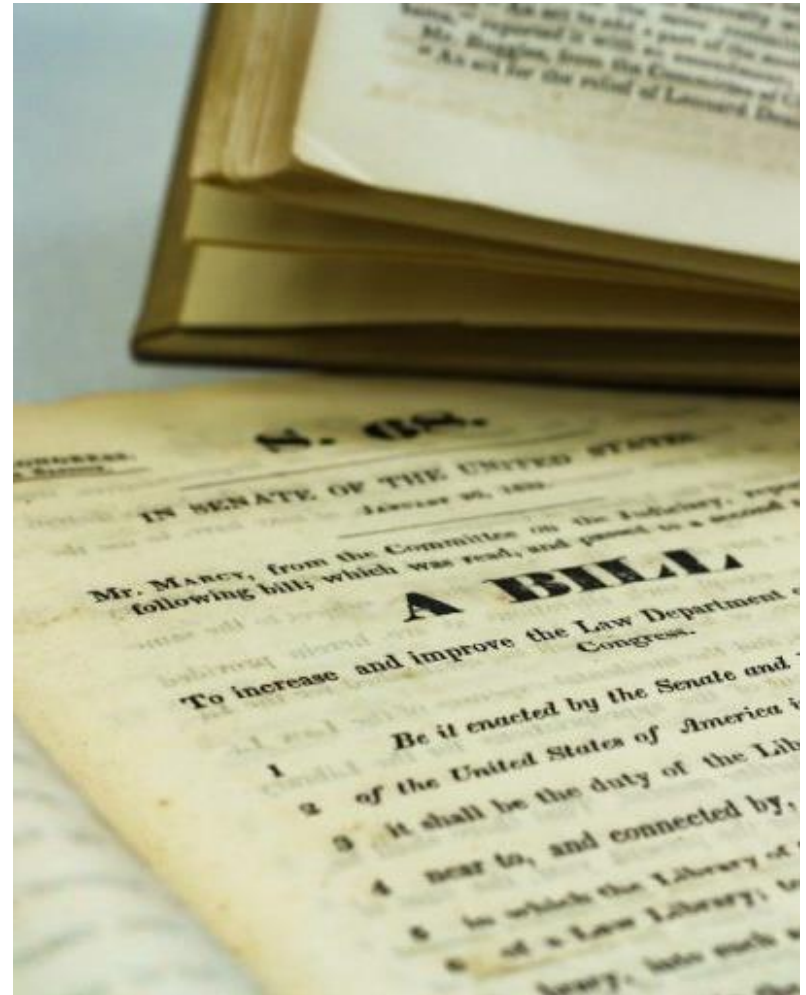
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- 104th Congress (1996) - Present are available through the GPO website



Serial Set Pilot Project

- Digitized a sampling of the Serial Set volumes
 - 1,018 volumes
 - 698,802 images
- The complete set of volumes issued during the 69th (1925-1926) and 82nd (1951-1952) Congress
- Completed Winter 2019
- Being processed to match full digitization specifications



Serial Set Partnership with GPO

- **Law Library:**
 - Manages the digitization of Serial Set volumes
 - Provides accepted digitized volumes to the GPO
- **Government Publishing Office (GPO):**
 - Will provide cataloging of the Serial Set volumes and documents
 - Adding authentication to the PDF files
 - Providing Serial Set volumes that are missing or incomplete in the Library's collections
- The digitized Serial Set will be available through both the Library of Congress and GPO websites

Serial Set Digitization

- Goal of digitizing ~750 volumes per quarter over 5 years
- Workflow
 - Evaluate volumes for completeness
 - Send for digitization
 - QR of digitized volumes
- Send accepted bags to GPO for cataloging
- Access points through Library of Congress and GPO websites

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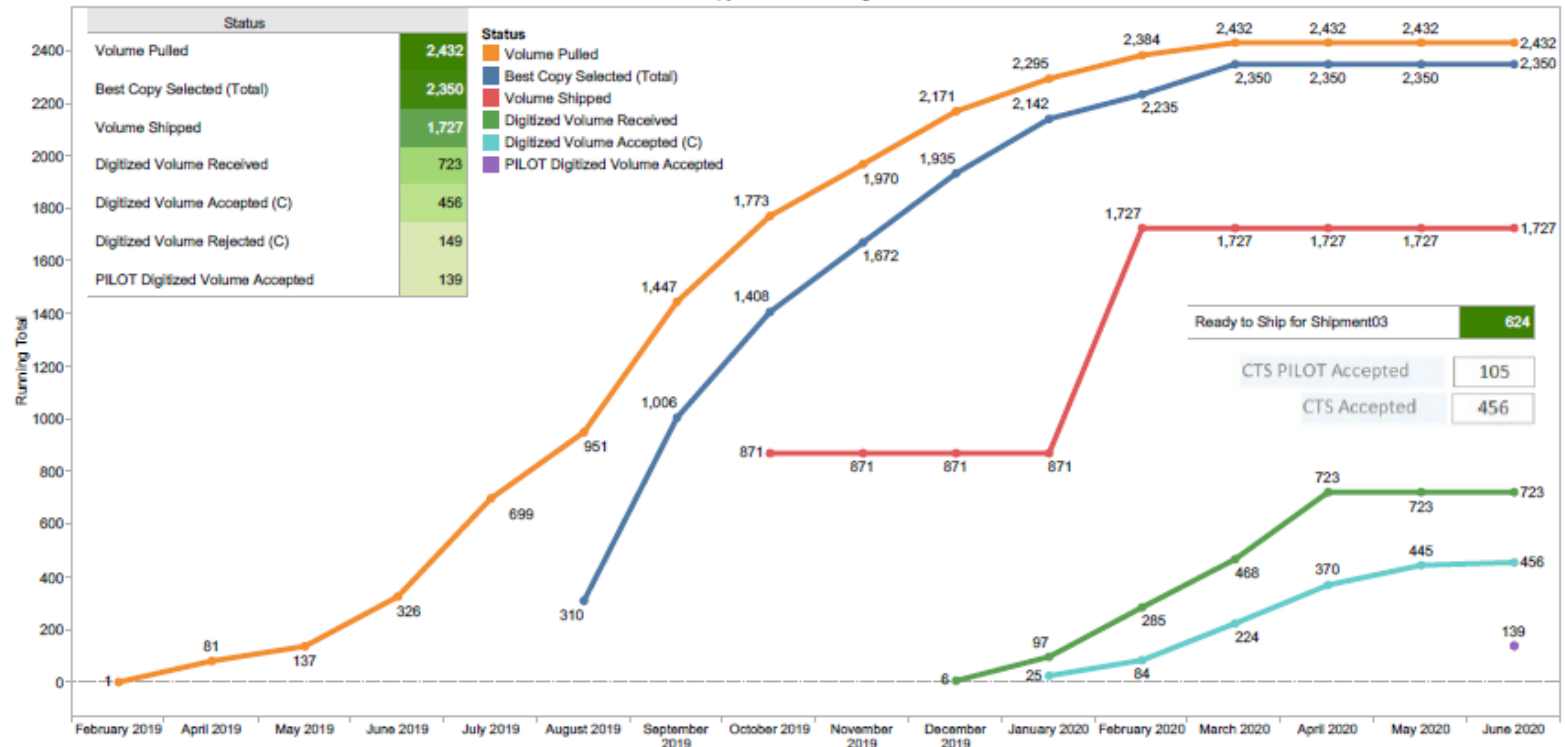
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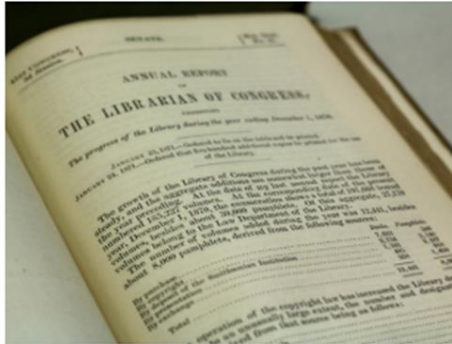
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From the Serial Set: Congress and the Territories

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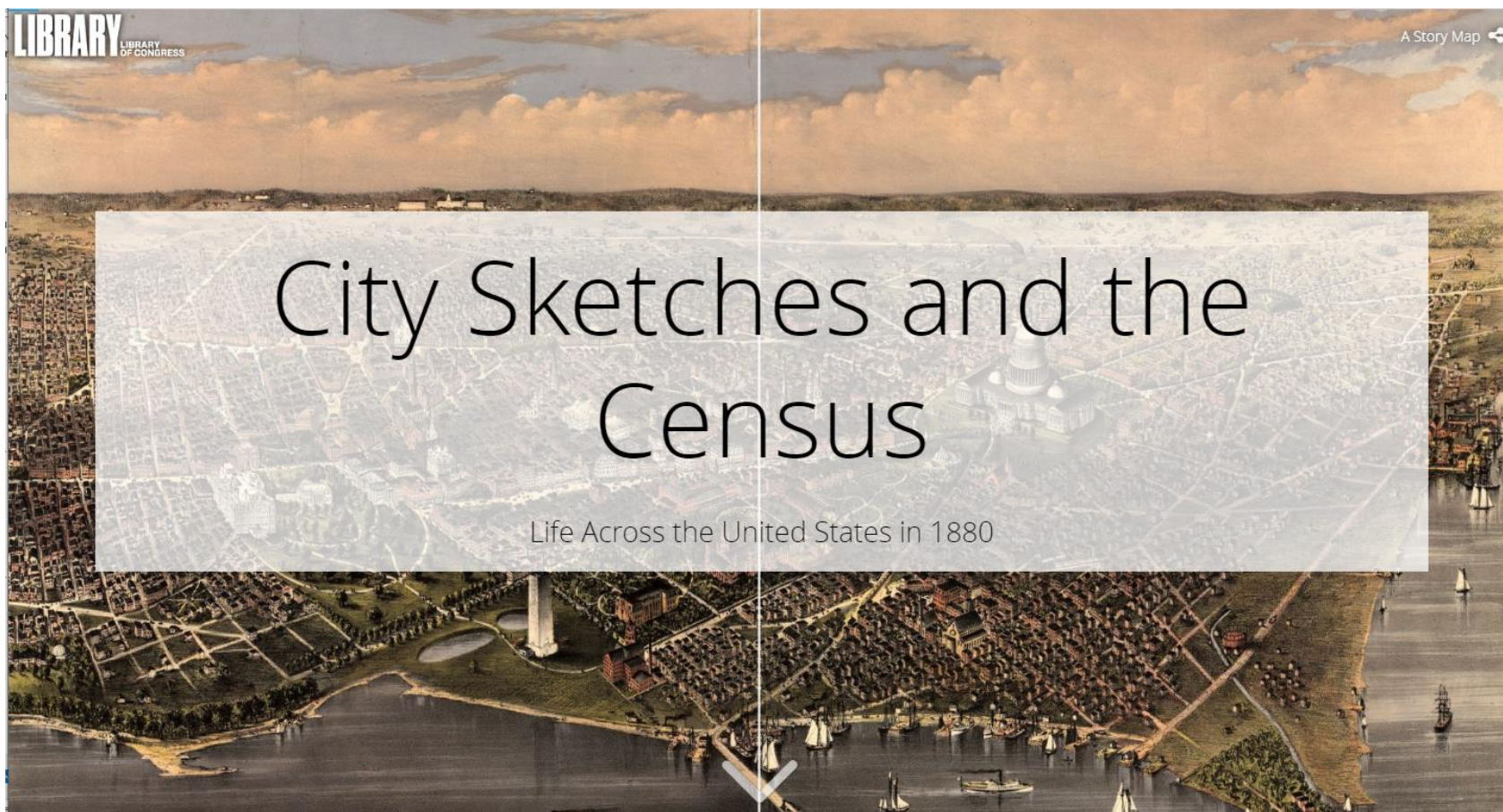
The following is a guest post by Bailey DeSimone, a library technician (metadata) in the Digital Resources Division of the Law Library of Congress. Her ongoing blog series, [From the Serial Set](#), shares discoveries from the Law Library's Serial Set Digitization Project.

The [House Committee on Territories](#) was formed in 1825 during the 1st Session of the 19th Congress. Created to “examine [the] legislative, civil, and criminal proceedings” to “secure the rights and privileges of residents and non-residents” of United States [territories](#), the Committee operated until the 79th Congress in 1946. ([House Journal, 19th Cong., 1st Sess., 5 December 1825, 46.](#)) United States territories are created through [organic acts](#), which permit the establishment of a separate government.

Acts of territorial legislatures during the period of westward expansion were handled by this Committee. Throughout many of the early volumes of the [U.S. Congressional Serial Set](#), we can observe the particularities of the relationships between Congress, territories, and other communities inhabiting the present-day United States in the early 19th century.

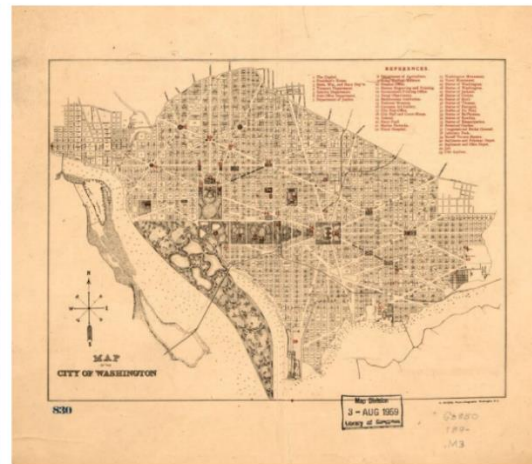


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city of a great nation. Congress, after much discussion, located the Federal City on the Potomac River by act of Congress, which was approved by President Washington July 16, 1790. The first map of Washington was authorized by an act of Congress July, 1790. As the first step in the preparation of the map Peter Charles L'Enfant wrote to Jefferson April 4, 1791, requesting maps and data concerning London, Madrid, Paris, Amsterdam, Naples, Venice, and Florence. He states that he wishes to obtain this data not that he might copy any one of the maps, but that he might have suggestions for a variety of ideas. Streets, parks, and the sites for the President's House and the Capitol are all shown on the map made by L'Enfant in 1791 practically as they exist today." [2]



Plan of the city of Washington in the territory of Columbia. [Boston: s.n., 1792] Map. (Left), Map of the City of Washington (middle), Dimension of Public Buildings in Washington City (right)

"By the plan of the city of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, the Capitol in that city is intended as a first meridian for the United States of America; but, in order to

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