

LETTERS FROM THE LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE LAW LIBRARY OF MISSISSIPPI

"There shall be ... a library ... known as the state library"

An Act to provide for a State Library – General Laws, 1838

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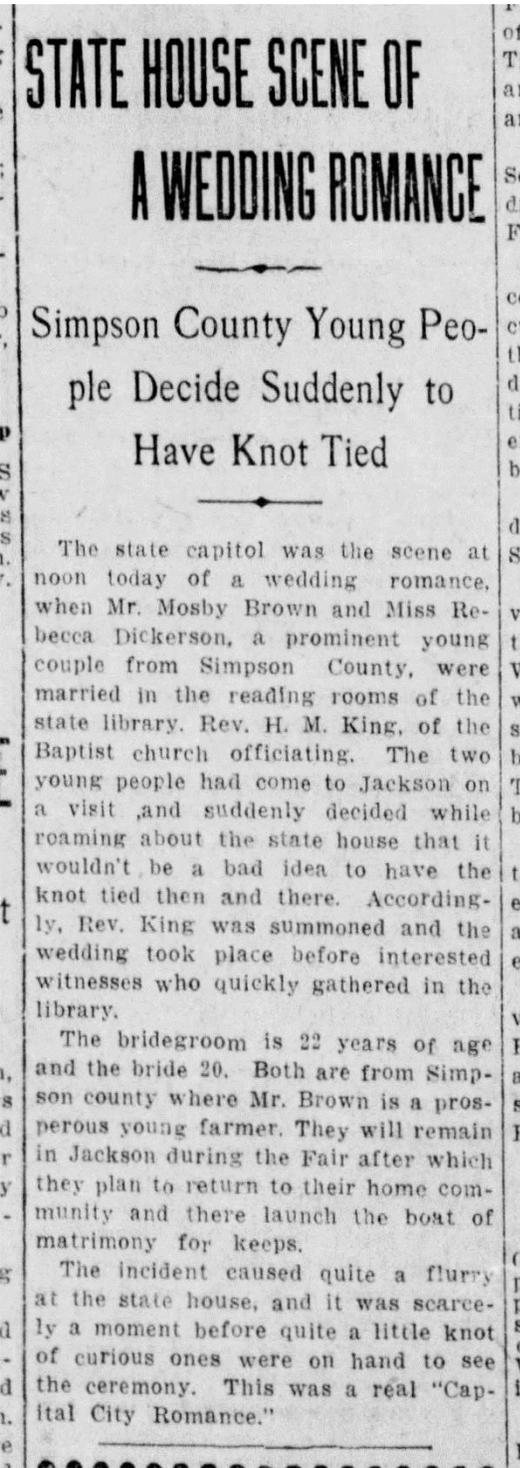
Library Receives Award

The Library was awarded the “Excellence in Marketing – Best Newsletter” Award at this year’s American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Conference in Austin, Texas. Given annually, the Excellence in Marketing Award “honors outstanding achievement in public relations activities by an individual, group of individuals, library, chapter ... or any group affiliated with the Association.” With each category, judges look at the quality of the material, the creativity in the material’s execution and promotion, and the usefulness of the material to its target audience.

Stephen Parks attended the AALL Conference and accepted the award at the Awards Luncheon from AALL President Ronald E. Wheeler, the Director of Boston University’s Law Libraries.



Married in the Library?



Looking Back: The State Library in History

The Jackson Daily News, October 26, 1916

“STATE HOUSE SCENE OF A WEDDING ROMANCE”

Simpson County Young People Decide Suddenly to Have Knot Tied

“The state capitol was the scene at noon today of a wedding romance, when Mr. Mosby Brown and Miss Rebecca Dickerson, a prominent young couple from Simpson County, were married in the reading rooms of the state library. Rev. H. M. King, of the Baptist church officiating. The two young people had come to Jackson on a visit and suddenly decided while roaming about the state house that it wouldn't be a bad idea to have the knot tied then and there. Accordingly, Rev. King was summoned and the wedding took place before interested witnesses who quickly gathered in the library.

The bridegroom is 22 years of age and the bride 20. Both are from Simpson county where Mr. Brown is a prosperous young farmer. They will remain in Jackson during the Fair after which they plan to return to their home community and there launch the boat of matrimony for keeps.

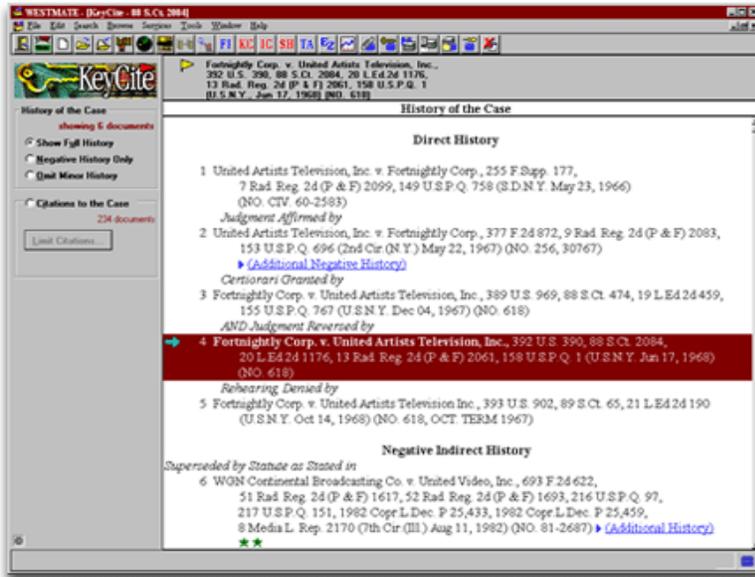
The incident caused quite a flurry at the state house, and it was scarcely a moment before quite a little knot of curious ones were on hand to see the ceremony. This was a real ‘Capital City Romance.’”

Westlaw's KeyCite turns 20

KeyCite, Westlaw's online version of a citator, is turning twenty years old this year. Since its introduction in 1997, it has revolutionized the way attorneys, researchers, and librarians verify the status of caselaw and statutory law.

Prior to KeyCite, *Shepard's Annotations* was the go-to service. Multiple companies contracted with

Shepard's to supply a service that would assist in checking the validity of cases and statutes being relied on in court documents. The use of *Shepard's* was so widespread in the legal market that "shepardizing" became synonymous with checking the validity and currency of cases and statutes.

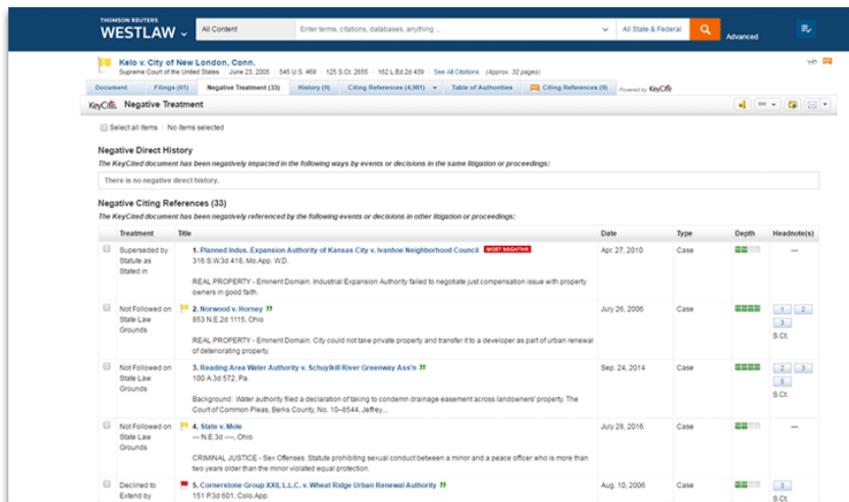


West Publishing began the KeyCite project in 1997 with efforts being led by a law librarian and a Strategy Officer for Thomson Reuters Global Resources. Combined with West's *Key Number System*, KeyCite was touted as being able to provide an

accurate report on a case's legal standing.

Originally in the form of software called *WestMate*, KeyCite moved entirely online in 2002 when *WestMate* was discontinued.

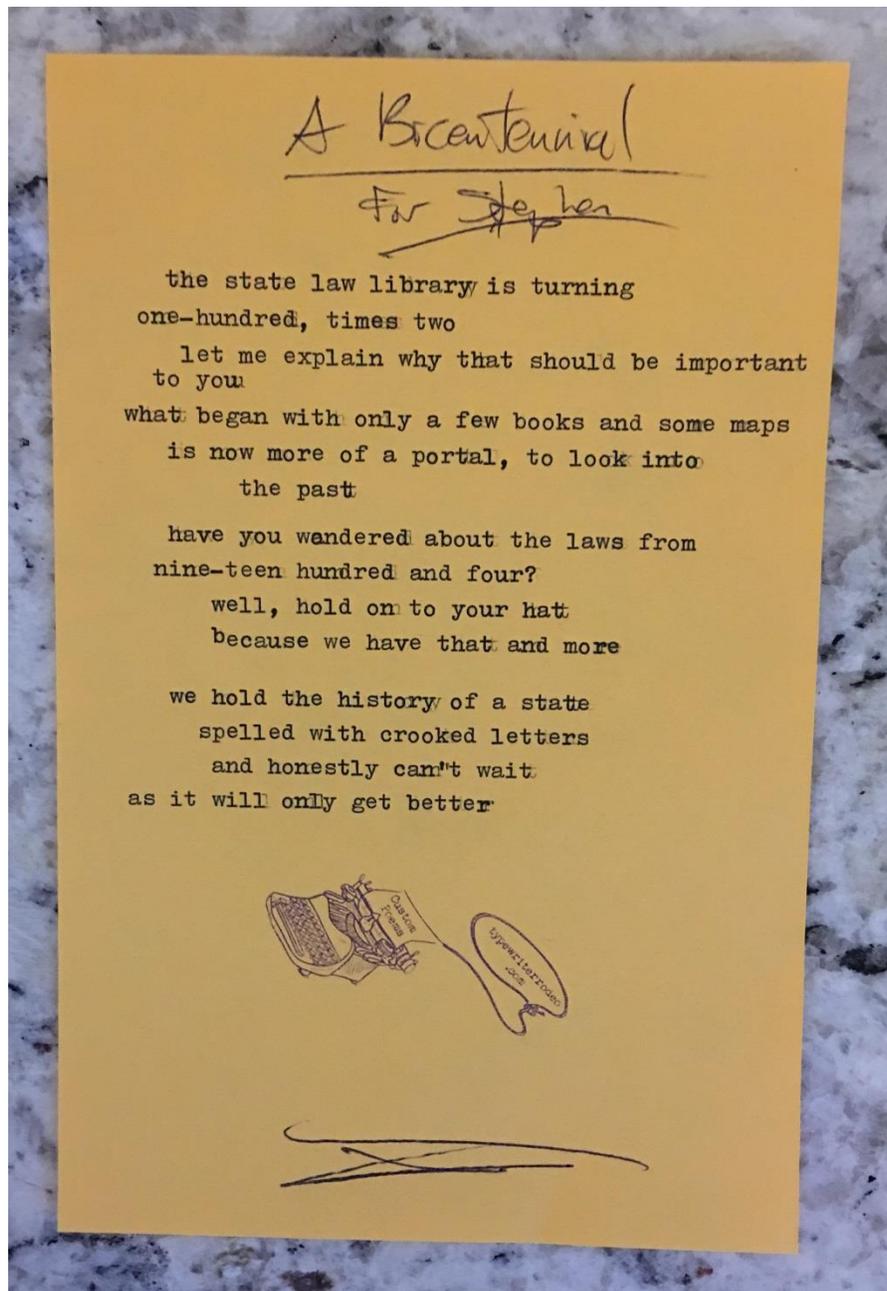
Today, Westlaw touts KeyCite as being "the industry's most complete, accurate, and up-to-the-minute citation service."



Poem Celebrates Library's 200

At the recent American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, poets were on hand at the opening reception to extemporaneously create a poem based on any idea or topic supplied to them. The poets, part of a group called *Typewriter Rodeo*, would speak to the person requesting a poem for about a minute or so before typing away, on an old-fashioned typewriter no less.

As the State Law Library will celebrate its own bicentennial in January, 2018, I decided to give the poet the topic of the Library's turning 200 years old. About five minutes later, he presented me this:



Help Needed: Any Idea Who This Might Be?

We have recently added this portrait to the first floor of the Gartin Building after it sat stored away for a time. Thus far, the Mississippi Department of Archives & History has been unable to identify it. If you have any ideas, please let us in the Library know.



New Titles Added to the Collection

Amending America: if we love the Constitution so much, why do we keep trying to change it? by Bernstein, Richard B., KF 4555 .B47 1993

Anatomy of a mortgage: understanding and negotiating commercial real estate loans, by Freyermuth, R. Wilson, KF 695 .A85 2017

Arbitration law in a nutshell, by Carbonneau, Thomas E., KF 9085 .Z9 C37 2017

Battles on the bench: conflict inside the Supreme Court, by Cooper, Phillip J., KF 8742 .C66 1995

Biennial report of State Librarian of State of Mississippi for years 1904-1905, by Plunkett, Mattie, Z 732 .P48 1905

Catalogue of the Mississippi State Library, by Osborn, I.N., Z 881 .M682 1872

The complete guide to divorce practice: forms and procedures for the lawyer, by Rice, Larry, KF 533.5 .R52 2017

Constructive possession in criminal law, by Norwood, Doug, KF 9619 .N66 2017

Framing the solid south: the state constitutional conventions of secession, reconstruction, and redemption, 1860-1902, by Herron, Paul E., KF 4530 .H47 2017

Frequently used terms in automobile finance transactions: the jargon, lingo, and lore, KF 2036 .A8 A73 2017

Fundamentals of legal research, by Barkan, Steven M., KF 240 .J3 2015

Gender identity and sexual orientation discrimination in the workplace: a practical guide, KF 3467.5 .G46 2014

The Mississippi encyclopedia, F 342 .M464 2017

Presidential Reconstruction in Mississippi, by Harris, William C., F 341 .H29 1967

Succeeding against great odds: Alcorn State University in its second century, Posey, Josephine McCann, LD 131 .A24 2017

An unforeseen life: a memoir, by Connell, Mary Ann, KF 372 .C66 2017