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UM LAW SCHOOL
RECEIVES VALUABLE
BOOKS FROM
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MISSOULA---

Hundred of volumes of valuable law books, some of them containing case digests dating back 300 or more years, have been donated to the University of Montana law school library by a Missoula attorney.

Donor of the books is Edwin E. Multz, whose gift was partially instrumental in swelling the UM law school's total volumes to 60,000, making it the largest law library in the state, surpassing the Helena Law Library, which was the largest until a year ago.

Two of the most useful sets in the gift are the 50 volumes of "The Century Edition of the American Digest, 1658-1896," and the 25 volumes of the "First Decennial Edition of the American Digest, 1897-1906."

Maurice M. Michel, UM law librarian, said these gifts are particularly valuable because law students and attorneys can find early cases which may be applicable to modern problems."

"All the books are good as sources of the historical approach to law," Michel explained, "and for citing cases as precedent."

Asked how he felt about Multz's gift, Robert E. Sullivan, UM law school dean, said, "We're delighted with the gift. It is an extremely valuable gift to our law library and we are pleased that donations of this kind are made so this material can remain in Montana."

Michel said that Multz's donation of the "Digest of the Montana Reports" by E.L. Bishop--the first and only volume in the UM law school collection--has completed the library's "holdings of all early Montana digests."

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Another valuable part of the donation is volume 1 of the "Proceedings of the Montana Bar Association." That book dates from MBA organization on Jan. 8, 1885, to Jan. 14, 1902. It was edited by Edward C. Russell, who at the time of publication was secretary of the Helena Bar Association.

One of the largest segments of the gift is that comprising volumes 1 to 230 of "New York Reports," dealing with court cases and other legal matter from that eastern state.

Multz formerly practiced law in Helena. He is a 1935 graduate of the UM law school.