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HO 27

CRIMINAL REGISTER INDEXES

Anyone missing from your family tree in the early nineteenth century?

Ever wondered if they might have been in jail? Or Australia?

The Criminal Register Indexes can provide a very quick answer to the above problems. The Home Office recorded persons charged with indictable offences between the years of 1805 and 1892 in the series of registers now held as Class HO 27 at the Public Record Office. Now, for the first time, the people recorded in these volumes are being indexed county by county.

The study as a whole will be useful for finding strays. Perhaps someone from your county sought their fortune in a large city, only to fall foul of justice. It can also suggest possible aliases for known persons - it is not unusual to find brothers where one or more but not all of them use an alternative surname. General information can also be gleaned about the distribution of surnames and even forenames - at least if you admit that very many of the working class are likely to appear in these volumes - often only for reasons of subsistence - they stole to stay alive.

Stuart Tamblin became interested in the records of criminals when a parish register entry showed that a great great grandmother, Susannah Mayes from Leicestershire, was christened when her mother's abode was noted as the "Town Gaol". Newspapers showed that the mother, Hannah Mayes had been found guilty of stealing a sovereign and five shillings' worth of half-pence from one Thomas Sanderson. She was sentenced to seven years' transportation but as Stuart quickly realised that he was not Australian, the search began! This started at the Public Record Office, Kew, in 1989 and a petition was found in Class HO 19 which had had the effect in 1825 of causing Robert Peel, the Home Secretary, to commute Hannah's sentence to be served in the Penitentiary at Millbank in London. Research eventually led to coverage of Home Office letter books and even the Millbank register which provided a physical description of the hapless grannie to be.

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## HO 27 Criminal Registers

### Introduction

The Home Office's Criminal Registers held at the Public Record Office, Kew, Surrey (PRO) are arranged by county and within each county, by assizes, sessions or other court sitting. For each of the years 1805 to 1816, one volume covers the whole of England and Wales. From 1817 to 1892, the counties are split alphabetically into two or three volumes per year. Up to 1849, most records for Middlesex are in the separate class, HO 26 which commences in 1791, although some (for Westminster and Clerkenwell, 1807 to 1812) are to be found in HO 27.

Details given vary a little between the registers and change somewhat in the later volumes. The entries reproduced here are not precise transcripts but do record all the details of the original. For example, if the crime in one entry in the original says "stealing carpenter's tools" and the next is "receiving ditto", then the entry has been expanded to convey the full information, bearing in mind that subsequent entries in the original will rarely stay together in the index.

The entries in the originals frequently seem to be in the order in which the accused were put in the dock. However, there are some anomalies. Often, in one court sitting, there can be found two or more people of the same surname, accused of the same crime but appearing in separate parts of the list. Whether they can be assumed to have been accomplices in the same crime is a matter for conjecture or further research. What is certain, is that there is little doubt when four or five family members are listed consecutively! Occasionally, the names of those appearing at a court sitting are sorted in the registers into rough alphabetical order and often into order of decreasing gravity of sentence.

These indexes are concerned only with the entries as they are found in the registers of HO 27, relating to persons charged with indictable offences. It has been shown by study, for example of the Somerset Calendars of Prisoners at the Record Office in Taunton, that there may not always be a direct correlation between the Home Office holdings and those now found in the County Record Offices.

## Content

All volumes and supplements except the Surname Master Index contain all the information from relevant entries in the original registers. The master index lists all occurrences of each surname and provides the relevant county. A table is provided to indicate in which published volume the counties are found.

The county volumes provide all details from those counties, irrespective of name, crime or sentence.

Supplement D and Volume CDPD list persons noted as sentenced to death in every county of England & Wales, although not all were executed.

Supplement T and Volume CDPT list persons sentenced to transportation, although not all were sent to the colonies.

Supplements H, K, M, S and U and Volume CDPS list persons indicted on charges relating to highway robbery, killing, monetary crimes, sexual crimes and unrest.

Each entry concerns one person as accused. The surname is given first and then the forename. If an alias is given in the register, this is shown and a completely separate entry is also created, indexed under the alias. Also shown are the year and corresponding PRO piece number. This is the reference needed to order the original document at Kew. In the centre are to be found the court sitting, the (alleged) crime and the sentence, acquittal or other disposal. To the right of these are given the county, age (if given in the register) and "degree of instruction" (recorded in later registers).

Generally, the entries have been copied exactly from the original but certain words and phrases have been rendered in a standard manner. Capitalisation and spelling are generally as per the original; thus please note especially the contemporary spellings of words such as "accessary", "administring", "labor" and "misdemeanor".

The crimes listed are usually self explanatory but occasionally are shown as offences against certain statutes, for example:

**56 Geo III C. 130** An act to repeal an act made [39 & 40 Geo III] intituled An act to extend the provisions of an act [17 Geo II] intituled An act to amend and make more effectual the laws relating to rogues, vagabonds and other idle and disorderly persons; and to houses of correction etc.

**57 Geo III C. 90** An act for the prevention of persons going armed by night for the destruction of game; and for repealing an act, made in the last session of parliament, relating to rogues and vagabonds.



Rarely, a name, crime or sentence is found to be too long for the uniform layout used here. In this case, the full entry will be found in the “notes” file on the CD or the notes page on the fiche.

Very occasionally, it has been found to be necessary to add a note or explanation not found in the original and this has been done enclosed in curly brackets: { }.

Sentences are tabulated in the original registers according to whether they are "death", "transportation", "imprisonment", other sentence (such as whipping) or acquittal. Here, they are repeated as per original or are expanded for clarification. In the case of prison terms, the unit of time is shown as "y" for years, "m" for months, "w" for weeks or "d" for days.

The Public Record Office document reference number is made up of three parts. The initial lettercode relates to the department in which the document originated. The first number indicates the series, which is a collection of documents of the same type. After the oblique stroke (slash), the other number refers to the actual document within the series. The full reference (eg HO 27/5) is required when you wish to order an item to be seen at Kew.

### **Further Information**

Further research into the people and crimes found in these volumes can be carried out in three main ways. Firstly, for assize proceedings, consult Class ASSI at the Public Record Office. Secondly, for Sessions, the records can often be found at the appropriate County or Borough Record Office. A comprehensive list of surviving records can be found in J S W Gibson "Quarter Sessions Records", 4th Edition, FFHS 1995. Thirdly, contemporary newspapers not only give lists of prisoners but also report details of many trials. These are available in local libraries and record offices and centrally at the Newspaper Library at Colindale. For a location list, see J S W Gibson "Local Newspapers, 1750-1920", FFHS 1987-1991. Additionally, for matters relating to forgery, the Bank of England Archive may be able to help.

For information on records which name criminals and where they may be found, see David T Hawkings, "Criminal Ancestors, A Guide to Historical Criminal Records in England & Wales" (Sutton, Stroud, 1992). ISBN 0 86299 817 4.

**Statistics**

A number of statistics is readily available from the criminal data. The following tables firstly list the counties and then rank them according to size of population, number of criminal records and number of records per thousand of population; the female/male ratio and frequency of aliases.

**Note:**

The official census population figures have been extracted from "Abstract of British Historical Statistics" by B R Mitchell and published by Cambridge University Press in 1962. Middlesex is shown as 84,000 but "London" (which does not appear as such in the Criminal Registers) is an additional 1,259,000. This covers not only Middlesex but also parts of Essex, Kent and Surrey. The ratios for all of these will therefore be affected in some measure.

| <b>Basic Details - Counties Sorted Alphabetically</b> |             |                            |                             |                         |                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Counties Covered</b>                               | <b>Code</b> | <b>1811<br/>Population</b> | <b>Database<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Less<br/>Aliases</b> | <b>HO 27/1-12<br/>Criminal Records</b> |
| Bedfordshire                                          | BDF         | 70,000                     | 317                         | 12                      | 305                                    |
| Berkshire                                             | BRK         | 120,000                    | 827                         | 19                      | 808                                    |
| Buckinghamshire                                       | BKM         | 118,000                    | 538                         | 13                      | 525                                    |
| Cambridgeshire                                        | CAM         | 101,000                    | 471                         | 12                      | 459                                    |
| Chester                                               | CHS         | 227,000                    | 1558                        | 36                      | 1522                                   |
| Cornwall                                              | CWL         | 221,000                    | 547                         | 5                       | 542                                    |
| Cumberland                                            | CUL         | 134,000                    | 389                         | 10                      | 379                                    |
| Derbyshire                                            | DBY         | 186,000                    | 559                         | 16                      | 543                                    |
| Devon                                                 | DEV         | 383,000                    | 2185                        | 44                      | 2141                                   |
| Dorset                                                | DOR         | 125,000                    | 612                         | 17                      | 595                                    |
| Durham                                                | DUR         | 165,000                    | 462                         | 11                      | 451                                    |
| Essex                                                 | ESS         | 252,000                    | 2037                        | 57                      | 1980                                   |
| Glos & Bristol                                        | GLS/BTL     | 286,000                    | 2417                        | 52                      | 2365                                   |
| Hampshire                                             | HAM         | 246,000                    | 2266                        | 43                      | 2223                                   |
| Herefordshire                                         | HEF         | 94,000                     | 685                         | 9                       | 676                                    |
| Hertfordshire                                         | HRT         | 111,000                    | 789                         | 21                      | 768                                    |
| Huntingdonshire                                       | HUN         | 42,000                     | 166                         | 4                       | 162                                    |
| Kent                                                  | KEN         | 306,000                    | 3080                        | 68                      | 3012                                   |
| Lancashire                                            | LAN         | 828,000                    | 8184                        | 125                     | 8059                                   |
| Leicestershire                                        | LEI         | 150,000                    | 747                         | 10                      | 737                                    |
| Lincolnshire                                          | LIN         | 238,000                    | 1108                        | 20                      | 1088                                   |
| Middlesex                                             | MDX         | 84,000                     | 1226                        | 10                      | 1216                                   |
| Monmouth                                              | MON         | 62,000                     | 213                         | 3                       | 210                                    |
| Norfolk                                               | NFK         | 292,000                    | 1853                        | 42                      | 1811                                   |
| Northamptonshire                                      | NTH         | 141,000                    | 631                         | 9                       | 622                                    |
| Northumberland                                        | NBL         | 183,000                    | 682                         | 18                      | 664                                    |
| Nottinghamshire                                       | NTT         | 163,000                    | 1106                        | 31                      | 1075                                   |
| Oxfordshire                                           | OXF         | 120,000                    | 611                         | 9                       | 602                                    |
| Rutland                                               | RUT         | 16,000                     | 72                          | 2                       | 70                                     |
| Salop                                                 | SAL         | 185,000                    | 864                         | 13                      | 851                                    |
| Somerset                                              | SOM         | 303,000                    | 1787                        | 68                      | 1719                                   |
| Staffordshire                                         | STS         | 295,000                    | 1582                        | 40                      | 1542                                   |
| Suffolk                                               | SFK         | 234,000                    | 1530                        | 26                      | 1504                                   |
| Surrey                                                | SRY         | 121,000                    | 2920                        | 61                      | 2859                                   |
| Sussex                                                | SSX         | 190,000                    | 1027                        | 24                      | 1003                                   |
| Warwickshire                                          | WAR         | 229,000                    | 2453                        | 60                      | 2393                                   |
| Westmoreland                                          | WES         | 46,000                     | 93                          | 0                       | 93                                     |
| Wiltshire                                             | WIL         | 192,000                    | 1058                        | 35                      | 1023                                   |
| Worcestershire                                        | WOR         | 169,000                    | 1051                        | 25                      | 1026                                   |
| Yorkshire                                             | YKS         | 986,000                    | 3595                        | 68                      | 3527                                   |
| Anglesey                                              | AGY         | 37,000                     | 25                          | 1                       | 24                                     |
| Brecon                                                | BRE         | 38,000                     | 111                         | 5                       | 106                                    |
| Cardigan                                              | CGN         | 50,000                     | 34                          | 0                       | 34                                     |
| Carmarthen                                            | CMN         | 77,000                     | 111                         | 2                       | 109                                    |
| Caernarvon                                            | CAE         | 50,000                     | 56                          | 1                       | 55                                     |
| Denbigh                                               | DEN         | 64,000                     | 92                          | 5                       | 87                                     |
| Flint                                                 | FLN         | 46,000                     | 56                          | 3                       | 53                                     |
| Glamorgan                                             | GLA         | 85,000                     | 202                         | 7                       | 195                                    |
| Merioneth                                             | MER         | 31,000                     | 33                          | 4                       | 29                                     |
| Montgomery                                            | MGY         | 52,000                     | 144                         | 2                       | 142                                    |
| Pembroke                                              | PEM         | 61,000                     | 113                         | 2                       | 111                                    |
| Radnor                                                | RAD         | 20,000                     | 62                          | 1                       | 61                                     |

| Sorted by Population |         |         | Sorted by number<br>of Criminal Records |        |         | Sorted by Criminal Records<br>per 1000 population |        |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1811                 |         |         | HO 27/1-12                              |        |         | Records per                                       |        |         |
| Population           | County  |         | Criminal Records                        | County |         | 1000 population                                   | County |         |
| 1                    | 986,000 | YKS     | 1                                       | 8059   | LAN     | 1                                                 | 28.95  | MDX     |
| 2                    | 828,000 | LAN     | 2                                       | 3527   | YKS     | 2                                                 | 23.63  | SRY     |
| 3                    | 383,000 | DEV     | 3                                       | 3012   | KEN     | 3                                                 | 10.45  | WAR     |
| 4                    | 306,000 | KEN     | 4                                       | 2859   | SRY     | 4                                                 | 9.84   | KEN     |
| 5                    | 303,000 | SOM     | 5                                       | 2393   | WAR     | 5                                                 | 9.73   | LAN     |
| 6                    | 295,000 | STS     | 6                                       | 2365   | GLS/BTL | 6                                                 | 9.04   | HAM     |
| 7                    | 292,000 | NFK     | 7                                       | 2223   | HAM     | 7                                                 | 8.27   | GLS/BTL |
| 8                    | 286,000 | GLS/BTL | 8                                       | 2141   | DEV     | 8                                                 | 7.86   | ESS     |
| 9                    | 252,000 | ESS     | 9                                       | 1980   | ESS     | 9                                                 | 7.19   | HEF     |
| 10                   | 246,000 | HAM     | 10                                      | 1811   | NFK     | 10                                                | 6.92   | HRT     |
| 11                   | 238,000 | LIN     | 11                                      | 1719   | SOM     | 11                                                | 6.73   | BRK     |
| 12                   | 234,000 | SFK     | 12                                      | 1542   | STS     | 12                                                | 6.70   | CHS     |
| 13                   | 229,000 | WAR     | 13                                      | 1522   | CHS     | 13                                                | 6.60   | NTT     |
| 14                   | 227,000 | CHS     | 14                                      | 1504   | SFK     | 14                                                | 6.43   | SFK     |
| 15                   | 221,000 | CWL     | 15                                      | 1216   | MDX     | 15                                                | 6.20   | NFK     |
| 16                   | 192,000 | WIL     | 16                                      | 1088   | LIN     | 16                                                | 6.07   | WOR     |
| 17                   | 190,000 | SSX     | 17                                      | 1075   | NTT     | 17                                                | 5.67   | SOM     |
| 18                   | 186,000 | DBY     | 18                                      | 1026   | WOR     | 18                                                | 5.59   | DEV     |
| 19                   | 185,000 | SAL     | 19                                      | 1023   | WIL     | 19                                                | 5.33   | WIL     |
| 20                   | 183,000 | NBL     | 20                                      | 1003   | SSX     | 20                                                | 5.28   | SSX     |
| 21                   | 169,000 | WOR     | 21                                      | 851    | SAL     | 21                                                | 5.23   | STS     |
| 22                   | 165,000 | DUR     | 22                                      | 808    | BRK     | 22                                                | 5.02   | OXF     |
| 23                   | 163,000 | NTT     | 23                                      | 768    | HRT     | 23                                                | 4.91   | LEI     |
| 24                   | 150,000 | LEI     | 24                                      | 737    | LEI     | 24                                                | 4.76   | DOR     |
| 25                   | 141,000 | NTH     | 25                                      | 676    | HEF     | 25                                                | 4.60   | SAL     |
| 26                   | 134,000 | CUL     | 26                                      | 664    | NBL     | 26                                                | 4.57   | LIN     |
| 27                   | 125,000 | DOR     | 27                                      | 622    | NTH     | 27                                                | 4.54   | CAM     |
| 28                   | 121,000 | SRY     | 28                                      | 602    | OXF     | 28                                                | 4.45   | BKM     |
| 29                   | 120,000 | BRK     | 29                                      | 595    | DOR     | 29                                                | 4.41   | NTH     |
| 30                   | 120,000 | OXF     | 30                                      | 543    | DBY     | 30                                                | 4.38   | RUT     |
| 31                   | 118,000 | BKM     | 31                                      | 542    | CWL     | 31                                                | 4.36   | BDF     |
| 32                   | 111,000 | HRT     | 32                                      | 525    | BKM     | 32                                                | 3.86   | HUN     |
| 33                   | 101,000 | CAM     | 33                                      | 459    | CAM     | 33                                                | 3.63   | NBL     |
| 34                   | 94,000  | HEF     | 34                                      | 451    | DUR     | 34                                                | 3.58   | YKS     |
| 35                   | 85,000  | GLA     | 35                                      | 379    | CUL     | 35                                                | 3.39   | MON     |
| 36                   | 84,000  | MDX     | 36                                      | 305    | BDF     | 36                                                | 3.05   | RAD     |
| 37                   | 77,000  | CMN     | 37                                      | 210    | MON     | 37                                                | 2.92   | DBY     |
| 38                   | 70,000  | BDF     | 38                                      | 195    | GLA     | 38                                                | 2.83   | CUL     |
| 39                   | 64,000  | DEN     | 39                                      | 162    | HUN     | 39                                                | 2.79   | BRE     |
| 40                   | 62,000  | MON     | 40                                      | 142    | MGY     | 40                                                | 2.73   | DUR     |
| 41                   | 61,000  | PEM     | 41                                      | 111    | PEM     | 41                                                | 2.73   | MGY     |
| 42                   | 52,000  | MGY     | 42                                      | 109    | CMN     | 42                                                | 2.45   | CWL     |
| 43                   | 50,000  | CGN     | 43                                      | 106    | BRE     | 43                                                | 2.29   | GLA     |
| 44                   | 50,000  | CAE     | 44                                      | 93     | WES     | 44                                                | 2.02   | WES     |
| 45                   | 46,000  | WES     | 45                                      | 87     | DEN     | 45                                                | 1.82   | PEM     |
| 46                   | 46,000  | FLN     | 46                                      | 70     | RUT     | 46                                                | 1.42   | CMN     |
| 47                   | 42,000  | HUN     | 47                                      | 61     | RAD     | 47                                                | 1.36   | DEN     |
| 48                   | 38,000  | BRE     | 48                                      | 55     | CAE     | 48                                                | 1.15   | FLN     |
| 49                   | 37,000  | AGY     | 49                                      | 53     | FLN     | 49                                                | 1.10   | CAE     |
| 50                   | 31,000  | MER     | 50                                      | 34     | CGN     | 50                                                | 0.94   | MER     |
| 51                   | 20,000  | RAD     | 51                                      | 29     | MER     | 51                                                | 0.68   | CGN     |
| 52                   | 16,000  | RUT     | 52                                      | 24     | AGY     | 52                                                | 0.65   | AGY     |

| Sorted by Female/Male ratio in<br>Criminal Records (Popn: 109%) |                                  |         | Sorted by Proportion<br>of Aliases |                          |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
|                                                                 | F/M Ratio in<br>Criminal Records | County  |                                    | Proportion<br>of aliases | County  |
| 1                                                               | 95%                              | NBL     | 1                                  | 12.12%                   | MER     |
| 2                                                               | 72%                              | MDX     | 2                                  | 5.43%                    | DEN     |
| 3                                                               | 66%                              | BRE     | 3                                  | 5.36%                    | FLN     |
| 4                                                               | 64%                              | GLA     | 4                                  | 4.50%                    | BRE     |
| 5                                                               | 63%                              | PEM     | 5                                  | 4.00%                    | AGY     |
| 6                                                               | 58%                              | CMN     | 6                                  | 3.81%                    | SOM     |
| 7                                                               | 55%                              | LAN     | 7                                  | 3.79%                    | BDF     |
| 8                                                               | 49%                              | CUL     | 8                                  | 3.47%                    | GLA     |
| 9                                                               | 48%                              | CGN     | 9                                  | 3.31%                    | WIL     |
| 10                                                              | 47%                              | FLN     | 10                                 | 2.86%                    | DBY     |
| 11                                                              | 45%                              | DUR     | 11                                 | 2.80%                    | NTT     |
| 12                                                              | 45%                              | MER     | 12                                 | 2.80%                    | ESS     |
| 13                                                              | 38%                              | DEV     | 13                                 | 2.78%                    | RUT     |
| 14                                                              | 38%                              | NTT     | 14                                 | 2.78%                    | DOR     |
| 15                                                              | 38%                              | MGY     | 15                                 | 2.66%                    | HRT     |
| 16                                                              | 37%                              | SAL     | 16                                 | 2.64%                    | NBL     |
| 17                                                              | 34%                              | CAE     | 17                                 | 2.57%                    | CUL     |
| 18                                                              | 34%                              | CWL     | 18                                 | 2.55%                    | CAM     |
| 19                                                              | 33%                              | RAD     | 19                                 | 2.53%                    | STS     |
| 20                                                              | 32%                              | YKS     | 20                                 | 2.45%                    | WAR     |
| 21                                                              | 32%                              | SOM     | 21                                 | 2.42%                    | BKM     |
| 22                                                              | 32%                              | DEN     | 22                                 | 2.41%                    | HUN     |
| 23                                                              | 31%                              | WAR     | 23                                 | 2.38%                    | DUR     |
| 24                                                              | 31%                              | WES     | 24                                 | 2.38%                    | WOR     |
| 25                                                              | 31%                              | HUN     | 25                                 | 2.34%                    | SSX     |
| 26                                                              | 30%                              | NFK     | 26                                 | 2.31%                    | CHS     |
| 27                                                              | 30%                              | SRY     | 27                                 | 2.30%                    | BRK     |
| 28                                                              | 29%                              | CHS     | 28                                 | 2.27%                    | NFK     |
| 29                                                              | 29%                              | LEI     | 29                                 | 2.21%                    | KEN     |
| 30                                                              | 29%                              | LIN     | 30                                 | 2.15%                    | GLS/BTL |
| 31                                                              | 28%                              | GLS/BTL | 31                                 | 2.09%                    | SRY     |
| 32                                                              | 27%                              | RUT     | 32                                 | 2.01%                    | DEV     |
| 33                                                              | 26%                              | DOR     | 33                                 | 1.90%                    | HAM     |
| 34                                                              | 26%                              | BRK     | 34                                 | 1.89%                    | YKS     |
| 35                                                              | 26%                              | STS     | 35                                 | 1.81%                    | LIN     |
| 36                                                              | 24%                              | MON     | 36                                 | 1.80%                    | CMN     |
| 37                                                              | 24%                              | HAM     | 37                                 | 1.79%                    | CAE     |
| 38                                                              | 24%                              | WOR     | 38                                 | 1.77%                    | PEM     |
| 39                                                              | 23%                              | NTH     | 39                                 | 1.70%                    | SFK     |
| 40                                                              | 23%                              | HEF     | 40                                 | 1.61%                    | RAD     |
| 41                                                              | 22%                              | SFK     | 41                                 | 1.53%                    | LAN     |
| 42                                                              | 22%                              | KEN     | 42                                 | 1.50%                    | SAL     |
| 43                                                              | 21%                              | WIL     | 43                                 | 1.47%                    | OXF     |
| 44                                                              | 20%                              | AGY     | 44                                 | 1.43%                    | NTH     |
| 45                                                              | 18%                              | SSX     | 45                                 | 1.41%                    | MON     |
| 46                                                              | 17%                              | BDF     | 46                                 | 1.39%                    | MGY     |
| 47                                                              | 17%                              | DBY     | 47                                 | 1.34%                    | LEI     |
| 48                                                              | 16%                              | OXF     | 48                                 | 1.31%                    | HEF     |
| 49                                                              | 15%                              | HRT     | 49                                 | 0.91%                    | CWL     |
| 50                                                              | 14%                              | CAM     | 50                                 | 0.82%                    | MDX     |
| 51                                                              | 14%                              | ESS     | 51                                 | 0.00%                    | CGN     |
| 52                                                              | 12%                              | BKM     | 52                                 | 0.00%                    | WES     |

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**ENGLAND**

BDF Bedfordshire  
 BKM Buckinghamshire  
 BRK Berkshire  
 BTL Bristol  
 CAM Cambridgeshire  
 CHS Chester  
 CUL Cumberland  
 CWL Cornwall  
 DBY Derby  
 DEV Devon  
 DOR Dorset  
 DUR Durham  
 ESS Essex  
 GLS Gloucestershire  
 HAM Hampshire  
 HEF Hereford  
 HRT Hertfordshire  
 HUN Huntingdonshire  
 KEN Kent  
 LAN Lancashire  
 LEI Leicestershire  
 LIN Lincolnshire  
 MDX Middlesex  
 MON Monmouth  
 NBL Northumberland  
 NFK Norfolk  
 NTH Northamptonshire  
 NTT Nottinghamshire  
 OXF Oxfordshire  
 RUT Rutland  
 SAL Salop  
 SFK Suffolk  
 SOM Somerset  
 SRY Surrey  
 SSX Sussex  
 STS Staffordshire  
 WAR Warwickshire  
 WES Westmor(e)land  
 WIL Wiltshire  
 WOR Worcestershire  
 YKS Yorkshire

**WALES**

AGY Anglesey  
 BRE Brecon  
 CAE Caernarvon  
 CGN Cardigan  
 CMN Carmarthen  
 DEN Denbigh  
 FLN Flint  
 GLA Glamorgan  
 MER Merioneth  
 MGY Montgomery  
 PEM Pembroke  
 RAD Radnor



## Sample

|                     |                                                                                                                                                    |               |                           |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ATTENBOROUGH</b> | <b>Richard</b><br><i>When Tried:</i> April session<br><i>Crime:</i> uttering bad money<br><i>Sentence:</i> no bill                                 | <i>Alias:</i> | <i>County:</i> <b>LEI</b> |
| 1817                |                                                                                                                                                    |               | <b>HO 27/14</b>           |
| <b>BELL</b>         | <b>Mary</b><br><i>When Tried:</i> Summer assizes<br><i>Crime:</i> murder (of her Child)<br><i>Sentence:</i> no bill found                          | <i>Alias:</i> | <i>County:</i> <b>DUR</b> |
| 1810                |                                                                                                                                                    |               | <b>HO 27/6</b>            |
| <b>MAJOR</b>        | <b>John</b><br><i>When Tried:</i> Lent assizes<br><i>Crime:</i> receiving stolen goods<br><i>Sentence:</i> 6m                                      | <i>Alias:</i> | <i>County:</i> <b>DEV</b> |
| 1823                |                                                                                                                                                    |               | <b>HO 27/25</b>           |
| <b>NEWTON</b>       | <b>Isaac</b><br><i>When Tried:</i> April session<br><i>Crime:</i> refusing to surrender to the Commissioners of Bankrupts<br><i>Sentence:</i> 6m   | <i>Alias:</i> | <i>County:</i> <b>BTL</b> |
| 1826                |                                                                                                                                                    |               | <b>HO 27/31</b>           |
| <b>QUANT</b>        | <b>Mary</b><br><i>When Tried:</i> January session<br><i>Crime:</i> larceny<br><i>Sentence:</i> no bill                                             | <i>Alias:</i> | <i>County:</i> <b>DEV</b> |
| 1823                |                                                                                                                                                    |               | <b>HO 27/25</b>           |
| <b>LENNON</b>       | <b>Stephen</b><br><i>When Tried:</i> Summer assizes<br><i>Crime:</i> larceny from the Person<br><i>Sentence:</i> transportation for fourteen years | <i>Alias:</i> | <i>County:</i> <b>LAN</b> |
| 1815                |                                                                                                                                                    |               | <b>HO 27/11</b>           |
| <b>M'CARTNEY</b>    | <b>Sophia</b><br><i>When Tried:</i> April session<br><i>Crime:</i> larceny<br><i>Sentence:</i> no bill                                             | <i>Alias:</i> | <i>County:</i> <b>LAN</b> |
| 1813                |                                                                                                                                                    |               | <b>HO 27/9</b>            |
| <b>HARRISON</b>     | <b>George</b><br><i>When Tried:</i> January session for Liverpool<br><i>Crime:</i> larceny<br><i>Sentence:</i> 3m                                  | <i>Alias:</i> | <i>County:</i> <b>LAN</b> |
| 1816                |                                                                                                                                                    |               | <b>HO 27/12</b>           |