



Cases Heard in the Central Criminal Court

Information From Archives L4

1. Depositions, 1839-1973

Standard charge: £30

Catalogue references: CRIM 1(1839-1971) and J 267 (1972-1973)

Information that this source should reveal:

These are statements made under oath that were used as evidence in the trial.

Factors affecting success of a search:

All depositions for murder, sedition, treason, riot and political conspiracy trials are preserved. A 2% sample of other trials has been preserved.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

In order to carry out a search for our normal fee, the following information is required:

- the full name of the defendant*
- approximate date of the trial*
- type of criminal offence

Our normal fee for one search in the Depositions, providing the information detailed above is supplied, is £30.

2. Calendars of Depositions, 1923-1966

Standard charge: £30

Catalogue reference: CRIM 2

These are calendars of cases sent up to the Central Criminal Court from coroners', magistrates' or police courts.

Information that this source should reveal:

These records provide the date, court and name of the defendant, but no details of the charge.

Factors affecting success of a search:

No calendars survive for the period before 1923.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

In order to carry out a search for our normal fee, the following information is required:

- date of trial including month and year*
- type of criminal offence

Our normal fee for one search in the Calendars of Depositions, providing the information detailed above is supplied, is £30.

3. Indictments, 1834-1973

Standard charge: £30

Catalogue references: CRIM 4 (1834-1971) and J 268 (1972-1973)

The files in CRIM 4 are indexed by calendars in CRIM 5

Information that this source should reveal:

These are formal statements of the charge against the accused. Earlier files may also contain gaol deliveries, coroners' inquests, jury summonses and recognizances.

Factors affecting success of a search:

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

In order to carry out a search for our normal fee, the following information is required:

- full name of the defendant*
- approximate date of the trial*
- type of criminal offence

Our normal fee for one search (i.e. for a specific time period of 5 years) in the Indictments, providing the information detailed above is supplied, is £30.

4. Minutes of Evidence, 1834-1912

Standard charge: £30

Catalogue reference: CRIM 10

Information that this source should reveal:

These are bound volumes contain printed shorthand notes of evidence.

Factors affecting success of a search:

Not all the records survive - some years are missing. No records survive after 1912.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

In order to carry out a search for our normal fee, the following information is required:

- exact date of trial (day, month and year) *

Our normal fee for one search in the Indictments, providing the information detailed above is supplied, is £30. If the exact year is not known, each additional year searched would be an extra £15.

5. Court Books, 1834-1949

Standard charge: £45

Catalogue reference: CRIM 6

Information that this source should reveal:

The court books contain brief entries of cases heard. Details can include the names of jurors, judge and counsel, times of hearings, adjournments and resumptions and occasional incidental information relating to the conduct of the trial. The plea, verdict and sentence are also recorded.

Factors affecting success of a search:

You must have an idea of the year of conviction, and ideally the court (or locality) and the offence.

A prisoner may not have had a petition written on their behalf, and not all have survived.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:
In order to carry out a search for our normal fee, the following information is required:

- exact date of trial (day, month and year) *

Our normal fee for one search in the Court Books, providing the information detailed above is supplied, is £45.

6. After-trial Calendars of Prisoners

Standard charge: £45

Catalogue reference: CRIM 9

Information that this source should reveal:
These calendars provide similar information to the Court Books (see Search No. 5) but they are printed and therefore clearer to read.

Factors affecting success of a search:
You must have an idea of the year of conviction, and ideally the court (or locality) and the offence.

A prisoner may not have had a petition written on their behalf, and not all have survived.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:
In order to carry out a search for our normal fee, the following information is required:

- exact date of trial (day, month and year) *

This search cannot be undertaken without the precise date of the trial (day, month and year).

Our normal fee for one search in the After-trial Calendars of Prisoners, providing the information detailed above is supplied, is £45.
