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Shirley Doolan (1930–2015) extracted details from State Archives NSW reels 660-662 of prisoners tried in Bench of Magistrates courts for the years 1822-1836.

Reel 660, NRS 898: Colonial Secretary, Special Bundles (1794-1825):

-) New South Wales, Bench of Magistrates. Bench book, Sydney, 1815-16 (ref 7/2643).
-) New South Wales, Bench of Magistrates. Return of proceedings at the Magistrates' Court Parramatta, 1822 (ref X643).
-) New South Wales, Bench of Magistrates. Return of prisoners punished at Bathurst, 1823-24 (ref 4/6671).
-) New South Wales, Bench of Magistrates. Return of proceedings at Parramatta, 1826 (ref 4/1917).
-) New South Wales, Bench of Magistrates. Police reports of prisoners, 1827-28 (X821).

Reel 661 NRS 906: Colonial Secretary, Special Bundles (1833-1845), 1827-33
Police reports of persons tried and summonses issued:

-) Bathurst Dec 1829 ([X826];
-) Hyde Park Barracks Jan - Jul 1832 ([X825]; Reel 661); see also 13-18 Feb 1832 ([2/8284]pp.121-26; Reel 2756);
-) Parramatta Dec 1829 ([X826])
-) Penrith Jan - Nov 1833 ([X826])
-) Sydney 16 Jan 1827; Feb, Jul - Sep 1828 ([X821]; Reel 660); Mar, Apr 1830 ([X822]; Jan, Mar - May 1831 ([X823]; Apr 1833 ([X824])
-) Windsor 12-17 Aug 1833 ([X826])
-) Wollongong Jan - May 1833 ([X826]).

She published these as basic indexes of names, dates, places and offences in three volumes:

-) *Index to the Bench of Magistrates returns New South Wales, 1822-1828.* Shirley Doolan, Bardwell Park, NSW: S. Doolan, 2002 ['records of cases heard in Sydney, Appin, Bathurst, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Parramatta and Penrith'].

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-) *Index to the Bench of Magistrates returns New South Wales 1830-1831: court records of cases heard at the Police Station and Magistrates Court, George Street, Sydney* / compiled by Shirley Doolan. Bardwell Park, NSW: S. Doolan, 2006 ['records of cases heard at the Police Station and Magistrates Court, George Street, Sydney'].
-) *Index to Bench of Magistrates Courts 1829-1836*. Bardwell Park, NSW: S. Doolan, 2011 ['records of cases heard at Bathurst 1829 and 1835, Bong Bong 1836, Brisbane Waters 1836, Bungonia 1835, Campbelltown 1836, Cassilis 1836, Cox's River 1833, Goulburn 1836, Hyde Park Barracks 1832, Parramatta 1829, Penrith 1833, Sydney 1832-1833, Windsor 1833, Wollongong 1833'].

Beryl M Chesterton entered the data between 1992 and 2011. These included cross references to additional persons not published in the Doolan volumes. She has kindly supplied her dataset to BDA. Handwriting was difficult to interpret at times and a number of names are queried. Reel 661 starting with item X823, January 1831 is very difficult and users should consult the original at State Archives NSW.

The dataset contains 19,212 principal persons and with cross referenced persons has a total of 31,737 entries.

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