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Between 1994 and 2006, Mrs Pamela Sheldon, then of McMahons Point, Sydney, published under the title *Guilty or Not Guilty* in the following four volumes:

- v. 1. Those people who were brought before the Supreme Court - Criminal Quarter Sessions, Assizes, Police Court 1841-1845
- v. 2. Those people who were brought before the Supreme Court - Criminal Quarter Sessions, Assizes, Police Court 1846-1850
- v. 3. Those people who were brought before the Supreme Court - Criminal Quarter Sessions, Assizes, Police Court, Water Police Court 1851-1853
- v. 4. Those people who were brought before the Supreme Court-Criminal Quarter Sessions Assizes Central Police Court Walter Police Court 1854-1856.

Our thanks to Mrs Pamela Sheldon who has kindly provided an electronic version of these publications and gave permission for the data to be added to the BDA Database. The data has been extracted from court reports published in the *Sydney Herald* and *Sydney Morning Herald* in the period 1840-1856.

There were initially 35,441 entries. With aliases and other people cross referenced the dataset now contains 37,289 entries. The entries usually contain the name of the prisoner, the court, its location, the sentence and a brief description of the crime and other matters brought before the court. BDA has indexed the entries in a format where crime and other fields will be able to be searched when the Advanced Search facility becomes available.

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