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29X The earlier volumes are labeled: Volume 1718-1721; Kent County Court 1718-1722; "Kent County Court Records, 1736-1786"; "Kent County Delaware, Court Record A, 1680-1682, Ear-Marks to 1704." "Quarter Sessions," some dated. The later volumes are labeled "General Sessions Docket," "Kent County."

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330 Chronological by court term.  
331 No index for earliest years, later volumes index within, follows each court term. In some instances index is complete for entire volume, alphabetically by name of defendant.  
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350 10 rolls; 35 mm, (1734-1914)

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380 48 D.L., chap.109. Constitutional Amendment relating to the Judiciary  
and the abolishment of the Court of General Sessions. Passed 5/14/1951.

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430 On 3/19/2009, removed one volume (1948, 1957-1963). This volume  
contained six 1948 October Term General Sessions case entries. These  
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995 July 2, 1987; November 16, 1988; October 9, 1990; February 20, 1991;  
December 20, 1995; August 9, 1999; February 27, 2003; March 18, 2009;  
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