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 005 Oyer and Terminer  
 140 Court Papers  
 200 1736  
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 220 1736-1850, 1911, 1925-1939, 1949-1950  
 240 2.12 cubic feet  
 241 2 @ 0.47 boxes, 1 cfb.  
 261 Case files for criminal cases presented to and heard by the Court of Oyer and Terminer. These cases include murder, manslaughter, rape, treason, burglary, arson, and contempt.  
 27X Files contain summonses, subpoenas, recognizances, depositions, indictments, certiorari, precepts, and jury lists. Summonses and subpoenas show names of litigants or witnesses summoned, date and place of court, name of defendant, charge pending, date of summons, court fees, and signature of Clerk of the Court. Recognizances show names of recognizee and surety, amount of bond, date and place recognizee is to appear and give evidence, date of recognizance and signature of Justice of the Peace or Clerk of the Court. Depositions show name of person giving evidence, transcription of testimony and signature of person giving evidence. Indictments show court term, name of defendant, charge pending, disposition of the case, verdict, and sentencing of the Court.

Writs of certiorari were issued to the Court of General Sessions and show the name of the defendant, the charge against him, place of residence, date case to be heard, and signature of clerk and chief justice. Precepts are orders from the judges to the sheriff commanding him to ensure that prisoners, juries, court officials, and others interested appear before the court. Entries on the precepts show judges' name and signature, date of court opening, the court's order to the sheriff, clerk's signature, and the court seal. Generally included is a list of grand and petit juries showing name, occupation, and hundred of residence of each juror. On the reverse of the precept is a certification by the sheriff that he has executed the court's order. Also included are the trial transcripts and related legal documents for the Lonely Hearts Murder case, 1949 (1 cf.).

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329 WORK STATUS ARCHIVIST:  
 \_\_\_ needs sorting \_\_\_ review for identification/  
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 \_\_\_ needs foldering/reboxing \_\_\_ processing  
 \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ determine origin/purpose  
 CONDITION:  
 \_\_\_ totally disorganized FILM:  
 \_\_\_ order not apparent \_\_\_ for security  
 \_\_\_ origin questionable \_\_\_ destroy original  
 \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ other:

330 Arranged chronologically by court term.  
 331 None.  
 332 Handwritten; typed; form printed with writing.  
 360 Poor; acid damage; vermin damage; fire damage; dirt damage; brittle documents.  
 390 None.  
 430 Some later cases (1940s-1951) may be filed with Superior Court records.  
 900 Notable cases include several treason cases heard during the American Revolution and the Chaney Clow treason and murder case.  
 990 8/03/1987

995 November 25, 1987; August 3, 1988; April 11, 1990; October 23, 1996;  
March 24, 1997; March 20, 2009; February 3, 2012;  
999 jrf/ps