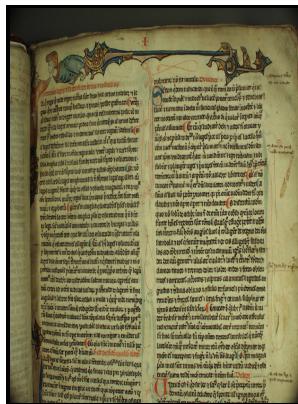


# Itinerant justices in English history.

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### Records of itinerant justices and other court records

There is a detailed guide to eyre records in Records of the General Eyre PRO Handbooks no. A list of these justices itinerant may be seen in Dugdale's *Origines*, as well as of the justices of the assise, lord-chancellors, and treasurers, with other great officers of the law; among which the reader will find many great and respectable persons of this county, clergy as well as laymen, continually named; but the number of them is so great, that it will well excuse the addition of them in this place. The system of assizes, based on regular journeys by the judges to groups of counties, with fixed stopping places at the more prominent towns, which was to continue down to the Courts Act 1971 and the creation of the Crown Court, can be traced to the period of the general eyre.

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### General history: Justices itinerant

Showing considerable magnanimity, he promised to grant to each of them half the revenues of the lands in which they were his destined heirs, and a certain number of castles to hold as their own. A separate catalogue of the assize rolls in JUST 1, from 1206 to 1481, including indexes of justices, counties, venues, dates and litigants and properties in special assizes separately enrolled, has been published in List and Index Society, volume 220. Wiltshire Record Society Series, 16.

### Court Records

This was in all essentials a feudal rebellion of the old type. The labour legislation of 1349 and 1351 was largely enforced by the justices of the peace, except for the years 1352 to 1359. Barnes and Noble, New York.

### Source Problems in English History/Appendix/Assize of Clarendon. 1166

After this, in the 21st of Edward I. That name continued to be applied to some of the later commissions of the same sort, although, with the exception of occasions like the Peasants' Revolt of 1381, most of the later sessions were mainly concerned to deal with abuses by officials, as many of the earliest ones had been. And if any one receives them he shall be in the mercy of the lord king; and the house in which they were shall be carried outside the vill and burned.

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More generally, some modern circuit courts may also refer to a court that merely holds trials for cases of multiple locations in some rotation. And let the justices inquire this before themselves and the sheriffs before themselves. And if any one be taken who has the spoil of his robbery or theft in his possession, if he bear an ill name and have a notoriously bad reputation, and have no warrant, let him not have law.

### **Court Records**

Medieval Justice: Cases and Laws in France, England, and Germany: 500-1500. Also included are some rolls of proceedings before the justices of the peace, and their predecessors the keepers of the peace, and justices of labourers, 1277 to 1414, with one item of 1502, which were handed in to the Court of King's Bench during its provincial sessions.

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