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List of Abbreviations

<u>B.I.H.R.</u>	<u>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research.</u>
<u>B.J.R.L.</u>	<u>Bulletin of the John Rylands Library.</u>
B.L.	British Library
<u>Bateson</u>	<u>Records of the Borough of Leicester</u> , 3 vols., ed. M. Bateson, revised by W.H. Stevenson and J.E. Stocks, London and Cambridge, 1899-1905.
Bodl. Lib.	Bodleian Library
C.	Public Record Office, Chancery.
<u>C.A.D.</u>	<u>A Descriptive Catalogue of Ancient Deeds in the Public Record Office.</u>
<u>C.C.R.</u>	<u>Calendar of the Close Rolls</u>
<u>C.F.R.</u>	<u>Calendar of the Fine Rolls</u>
<u>C.I.P.M.</u>	<u>Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem Preserved in the Public Record Office, Henry VII.</u>
C.P.R.	Calendar of the Patent Rolls.
<u>C.Ch.R.</u>	<u>Calendar of Charter Rolls</u>
<u>Common Lawyers,</u>	E.W. Ives, <u>The Common Lawyers of Pre-Reformation England: Thomas Kebell, A Case Study</u> , Cambridge, C.U.P., 1983.
<u>Croyland</u>	<u>Ingulph's Chronicle of the Abbey of Croyland ...</u> , trans. H.T. Riley, London, 1854.
<u>D.K.R.</u>	<u>Reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.</u>
<u>D.N.B.</u>	<u>Dictionary of National Biography.</u>
<u>Dugdale,</u>	Dugdale, Sir William, <u>The Antiquities of Warwickshire</u> , 2 vols., London, 1730.
E	Public Record Office, Exchequer.
<u>E.H.D.</u>	<u>English Historical Documents 1327-1485</u> , ed. A.R. Myers, London, 1969.

<u>E.H.R.</u>	<u>English Historical Review.</u>
<u>Econ. Hist. Rev.</u>	<u>Economic History Review.</u>
<u>Feudal Aids</u>	<u>Inquisitions and Assessments Relating to Feudal Aids ... 1284-1431</u> , 6 vols., London, 1899-1920, rept. 1973.
<u>G.E.C.</u>	G.E. Cokayne, <u>The Complete Peerage</u> , 12 vols., 2nd edn., ed. V. Gibbs, London, 1910-59.
<u>Gregory's Chronicle</u>	<u>The Historical Collections of a Citizen of London in the Fifteenth Century</u> , ed. J. Gairdner, London, Camden Society, n.s. XVII, 1876, rept. 1965.
<u>H.M.C.</u>	<u>Historical Manuscripts Commission</u>
<u>Italian Relation</u>	<u>A Relation, or Rather a True Account, of the Island of England</u> , ed. C.A. Sneyd, London, Camden Society, 1847.
JUST 3.	Public Record Office, Justices Itinerant, Goal Delivery
K.B.	Public Record Office. King's Bench.
L.A.O.	Lincolnshire Archives Office.
L.R.O.	Leicestershire Record Office.
<u>Lincoln's Inn, Admissions</u>	<u>The Records of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn. Admissions 1420-1790</u> , London, Lincoln's Inn, 1896.
<u>Lincoln's Inn, Black Books</u>	<u>The Records of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn, The Black Books</u> , vol. 1, 1422-1586, London, Lincoln's Inn, 1897.
<u>Medbourne Deeds.</u>	S.D. Thomson, <u>Some Medbourne Deeds from the Peake (Neville of Holt) Manuscripts (Third Deposit)</u> , unpublished University of London Diploma in Archives Administration, 1955.
<u>Nichols</u>	J. Nichols, <u>The History and Antiquities of the County of Leicester</u> , 4 vols. in 8, London, 1795-1815, rept. S.R. Publications, Wakefield, 1971.
<u>P.P.C.</u>	<u>Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council</u> , 7 vols., ed. Sir H. Nichols, Public Record Commission, London, 1834-37.

P.R.O.	Public Record Office
<u>Paston Letters</u>	<u>Paston Letters and Papers of the Fifteenth Century</u> , 2 vols., ed. N.Davis, Oxford, O.U.P., 1971-76.
<u>Paston Letters 1422-1509</u>	<u>The Paston Letters 1422-1509</u> , 6 vols., ed. J. Gairdner, London, 1904, Ams Press rept. N.Y. 1965.
<u>Pedigrees</u> ,	G. F. Farnham, <u>Medieval Pedigrees</u> , Leicester, 1925.
PROB.	Public Record Office, Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Wills.
<u>Proc. Brit. Acad.</u>	<u>Proceedings of the British Academy</u> .
<u>Quorndon Records</u> .	G.F. Farnham, <u>Quorndon Records</u> , London, Mitchell Hughes and Clarke, 1912.
<u>Readings and Moots</u>	<u>Readings and Moots at the Inns of Court in the Fifteenth Century</u> , vol. 1, ed. S.E. Thorne, Seldon Society, LXXI, London, 1954 for 1952.
<u>Return</u> .	<u>Return of Every Member, Part I, Parliaments of England, 1213-1702</u> , London, House of Commons, 1878.
Rock. C.	Rockingham Castle.
<u>Rot. Parl.</u>	<u>Rotuli Parliamentorum; ut et Petitiones et Placita in Parlamento</u> , ed. J. Strachey et.al., London, 1832.
<u>Somerville</u> .	R. Somerville, <u>History of the Duchy of Lancaster</u> , vol. 1, 1265-1603, London, 1953.
<u>Stat. Realm</u>	<u>The Statutes of the Realm</u> , 11 vols., London, 1810-28.
<u>Stemmata Shirleiana</u>	E.P. Shirley, <u>Stemmata Shirleiana</u> , 2nd. edn., London, 1873.
<u>T.L.A.H.S.</u>	<u>Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society</u> .
<u>T.L.A.S.</u>	<u>Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological Society</u> .
<u>T.R.H.S.</u>	<u>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</u> .
<u>V.C.H.</u>	<u>Victoria County History</u> .

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- Wedgwood,
Biographies, J.C. Wedgwood, History of Parliament: Biographies of the Members of the Commons House 1439-1509, London, H.M.S.O., 1936.
- Wedgwood,
Register J.C. Wedgwood, History of Parliament: Register of the Ministers and of the Members of both Houses 1439-1509, London. H.M.S.O., 1938.