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ABBREVIATIONS

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

AfD  Archiv für Diplomatik
AfU  Archiv für Urkundenforschung
ANS  Anglo-Norman Studies
ASC  Anglo-Saxon Chronicle
ASE  Anglo-Saxon England
BAR  British Archaeological Reports
CCM  *Cahiers de civilisation médiévale*
CSASE  Cambridge Studies in Anglo-Saxon England
CSMLT  Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought
DA  Deutsches Archiv für Erforschung des Mittelalters
EEMF  Early English Manuscripts in Facsimile
EEES  Early English Text Society
EHR  English Historical Review
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OMT      Oxford Medieval Texts
P & P    Past and Present
Settimane Settimane di Studio del Centro Italiano di Studi sull’Alto Medioevo
TRHS    Transactions of the Royal Historical Society
TRW     Transformation of the Roman World
WinchLV Liber Vitae of the New Minster and Hyde Abbey, Winchester, ed. S. Keynes, EEMF 26 (Copenhagen, 1996)
ZRG    Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte:
GA    Gemanistische Abteilung
KA    Kanonistische Abteilung

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Anglo–Saxon charters are cited by their ‘S number’ from P. H. Sawyer (ed.), Anglo-Saxon Charters: An Annotated List and Bibliography, rev. S. Kelly and R. Rushforth (www.esawyer.org.uk/). An edition is cited in parentheses in cases in which text is quoted from the document or substantial detail regarding the transaction is given. For these purposes the following abbreviations are used:

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**Bath**  S. E. Kelly (ed.), *Charters of Bath and Wells*, Anglo-Saxon Charters 13 (Oxford, 2007)

**Burt**  P. H. Sawyer (ed.), *Charters of Burton Abbey*, Anglo-Saxon Charters 2 (Oxford, 1979)

**CantCC**  N. Brooks and S. E. Kelly (ed.), *Charters of Christ Church, Canterbury*, 3 parts, Anglo-Saxon Charters 17–18 (Oxford, forthcoming)

**CantStA**  S. E. Kelly (ed.), *Charters of St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury, and Minster-in-Thanet*, Anglo-Saxon Charters 4 (Oxford, 1995)


**LondStP**  S. E. Kelly (ed.), *Charters of St Paul's, London*, Anglo-Saxon Charters 10 (Oxford, 2004)


**Sel**  S. E. Kelly (ed.), *Charters of Selsey*, Anglo-Saxon Charters 6 (Oxford, 1996)

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**Wells**  S. E. Kelly (ed.), *Charters of Bath and Wells*, Anglo-Saxon Charters 13 (Oxford, 2007)

**WinchNM**  S. Miller (ed.), *Charters of the New Minster, Winchester*, Anglo-Saxon Charters 9 (Oxford, 2001)