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Abbreviations

AFSt  Halle, Germany: Archiv der Franckeschen Stiftungen
      H (Hauptarchiv)
      M (Missionsarchiv)

AHR  American Historical Review

ASPCK  Cambridge University Library: Archive of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (microfilm copy in Pitts Library, Candler School of Theology, Emory University)


EA  Emigrationsakten


GHQ  Georgia Historical Quarterly


JMH  Journal of Modern History

KAS  Salzburg, Austria: Konsistorialarchiv Salzburg
Abbreviations


**MGSL** Mitteilungen der Gesellschaft für Salzburger Landeskunde

**PH** Hofgastein, Austria: Pfarrarchiv Hofgastein

**SLA** Salzburg, Austria: Salzburger Landesarchiv

**StaAug** Augsburg, Germany: Stadtarchiv Augsburg

**WMQ** William and Mary Quarterly