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ABBREVIATIONS

AJA  American Journal of Archaeology
AJP  American Journal of Philology
Anc. Soc.  Ancient Society
APF  J. K. Davies, Athenian Propertied Families, 600-300 B.C. (Oxford 1971)
Ath. Mitt.  Mitteilungen des deutschen archäologischen Instituts: Athenische Abteilung
Aththis  F. Jacoby, Aththis. The Local Chronicles of Ancient Athens (Oxford 1949)
BCH  Bulletin de correspondance hellénique
CAH  Cambridge Ancient History
CJ  Classical Journal
CPh  Classical Philology
CQ  Classical Quarterly
CR  Classical Review
CW  Classical Weekly
FD  Fouilles de Delphes
FGH  F. Jacoby, Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker (Berlin and Leiden, 1923–58)
GR  Greece and Rome
GRBS  Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies
HCT  A. W. Gomme, Historical Commentary on Thucydides, in five vols.; vols. iv and v completed by A. Andrewes and K. J. Dover (Oxford 1945–81)
HSCP  Harvard Studies in Classical Philology
IG  Inscriptiones Graecae (Berlin 1873– )
JHS  Journal of Hellenic Studies
JRS  Journal of Roman Studies
LCM  Liverpool Classical Monthly
MDAII (R)  Mitteilungen des deutschen archäologischen Instituts: Römische Abteilung
ML  R. Meiggs and D. M. Lewis, A Selection of Greek

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Mnemosyne

Museum Helveticum

Orients Graecae Inscriptiones Selectae 1–11 (ed. W. Dittenberger, Leipzig 1903–5)

Par. Pass. La Parola del Passato

Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society

D. L. Page, Poetae Melici Graeci (Oxford 1962)

Pauly-Wissowa-Kroll, Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft (Stuttgart 1894– )

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Sammlung der griechischen Dialekt-Inschriften 1–11v (ed. H. Collitz, Göttingen 1884–1915)

Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum

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