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a acres
AgHR Agricultural History Review
BL The British Library
CIPM Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem
CCR Calendar of Close Rolls
Cratfield PPs W. Holland (ed.), J.J. Raven (intro.), Cratfield: a Transcript of the Accounts of the Parish, from AD 1490 to AD 1642, with Notes (London, 1895)
CUL Cambridge University Library
EcHR Economic History Review
EDR Ely Diocesan Records
EHR English Historical Review
ERO Essex Record Office
JBS Journal of British Studies
KCAR King’s College Archives Records
NRO Norfolk Record Office
ODNB Oxford Dictionary of National Biography
P&P Past and Present
SA Shropshire Archives
SAI Suffolk Archives, Ipswich Branch
TNA The National Archives
UoCL, SCRC University of Chicago Library, Special Collections Research Centre
WCM Winchester College Muniments

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