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For my father, John Spencer

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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>AM</i>	<i>Annales Monastici</i>
<i>App</i>	<i>Appendix</i>
<i>BIHR</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i>
<i>CAC</i>	<i>Calendar of Ancient Correspondence Concerning Wales</i>
<i>CChR</i>	<i>Calendar of Charter Rolls</i>
<i>CCR</i>	<i>Calendar of Close Rolls</i>
<i>CCR^V</i>	<i>Calendar of Chancery Rolls Various</i>
<i>CFR</i>	<i>Calendar of Fine Rolls</i>
<i>CIM</i>	<i>Calendar of Inquisitions Miscellaneous</i>
<i>CIPM</i>	<i>Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem</i>
<i>CLR</i>	<i>Calendar of Liberate Rolls</i>
<i>CPR</i>	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls</i>
<i>EHD</i>	<i>English Historical Documents</i>
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>GEC</i>	<i>The Complete Peerage</i>
<i>Gough</i>	H. Gough (ed.), <i>Scotland in 1298: Documents Relating to the Campaign of Edward I in That Year and Especially to the Battle of Falkirk</i> (Paisley: A. Gardiner Press, 1888)
<i>GTK</i>	M. Morris, <i>A Great and Terrible King: Edward I and the Forging of Britain</i> (London: Hutchinson Press, 2008)
<i>Guisborough</i>	<i>The Chronicle of Walter of Guisborough</i>
<i>Langtoft</i>	<i>The Chronicle of Pierre de Langtoft</i>
<i>ODNB</i>	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>Parl Writs</i>	<i>Parliamentary Writs and Writs of Military Summons</i>
<i>PROME</i>	<i>The Parliament Rolls of Medieval England</i>
<i>TCE</i>	<i>Thirteenth Century England</i>