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Book of Orders	NRO, Records of the Borough of Northampton 3/2, Book of Orders of the Town of Northampton
Bridges, <i>History of Northamptonshire</i>	J. Bridges, <i>The History and Antiquities of Northamptonshire</i> , ed. P. Whalley (Oxford, 1791)
BRO	Bedfordshire Record Office
CB	Correction Book
Church Survey Book 5	PDR, Survey of the Western Deaneries of the Diocese of Peterborough by Order of Bishop Dee, 1637
CSPD	<i>Calendar of State Papers Domestic</i>
Fielding, 'Peterborough'	J. Fielding, 'Conformists, puritans, and the Church courts: the diocese of Peterborough, 1603-1642 (unpublished PhD thesis, University of Birmingham, 1989)
Foster	J. Foster, <i>Alumni Oxonienses: the members of the University of Oxford 1500-1714</i> (Oxford, 1891)
Freemen of Northampton	NRO, Records of the Borough of Northampton 6/1, Admissions of Freemen
Gardiner, <i>History</i>	S.R. Gardiner, <i>The History of England, 1603-1642</i> , 10 vols (1883-1884)
HLRO	House of Lords Record Office
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
Isham, <i>Diary</i>	G. Isham (ed.), <i>The Diary of Thomas Isham of Lamport Kept by Him in Latin from 1671 to 1673 at His Father's Command</i> (Farnborough, 1971)
Jackson, 'Ship money'	N.J. Jackson, 'The collection of ship money in Northamptonshire, 1635-1640' (unpublished MPhil thesis, University of Birmingham, 1984)
Jones, <i>Bench</i>	W.J. Jones, <i>Politics and the Bench: the judges and the origins of the Civil War</i> (1971)
Longden, <i>Clergy</i>	H.I. Longden, <i>Northamptonshire and Rutland Clergy, 1500-1900</i> , 15 vols (Northampton, 1939-1943) and one volume of addenda by G. Anstruther (Northampton, 1952)

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Longden MS	NRO, HIL MS 2901.2, H.I. Longden's record of institutions in the diocese of Peterborough, 1542-1823
Longden, <i>Visitation of Northamptonshire 1681</i>	H.I. Longden, <i>The Visitation of the County of Northampton in the Year 1681</i> , Publications of the Harleian Society LXXXVII (1935)
Markham and Cox, <i>Northampton</i>	C.A. Markham and J.C. Cox (eds), <i>The Records of the Borough of Northampton</i> , 2 vols (Northampton, 1898)
Metcalf, <i>Visitation of Northamptonshire 1618</i>	W.C. Metcalfe (ed.), <i>The Visitations of Northamptonshire Made in 1564 and 1618-1619, with Northamptonshire Pedigrees from Various Harleian MSS</i> (1887)
NCA	Archives of New College, Oxford
NPL	Northampton Public Library, Abington Street, Northampton
NPL MSS	Papers deposited by the NPL at the NRO
NRO	Northamptonshire Record Office
NRS	Northamptonshire Record Society
ODNB	H.C.G. Matthew and Brian Harrison (eds), <i>The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> , 60 vols (Oxford, 2004)
PDR	NRO, Peterborough Diocesan Records
Pettit, <i>Royal Forests</i>	P.A.J. Pettit, <i>The Royal Forests of Northamptonshire: a study in their economy 1558-1714</i> , Publications of the Northamptonshire Record Society XXIII (Gateshead, 1968)
Pevsner, <i>Northamptonshire</i>	N. Pevsner, rev. B. Cherry, <i>The Buildings of England: Northamptonshire</i> (1981)
Prest, <i>Barristers</i>	W.R. Prest, <i>The Rise of the Barristers: a social history of the English bar 1590-1640</i> (1986)
PROB 6	TNA, PCC Administrations
PROB 11	TNA, PCC Wills
Sheils, <i>Puritans</i>	W.J. Sheils, <i>The Puritans in the Diocese of Peterborough 1558-1610</i> , Publications of the Northamptonshire Record Society XXX (Northampton, 1979)
Temple of Stowe MSS	Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, Papers of the Temple family of Stowe, letters of Robert Sibthorpe to Sir John Lambe
TNA	The National Archives
Top MS	Bodleian Library, MS Top, Northants, c. 9, manuscript history of Northampton by Henry Lee, town clerk, 1662-1715
VCH	<i>Victoria County History</i>

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- Venn J. Venn and J.A. Venn, *Alumni cantabrigienses: a biographical list of all known students, graduates and holders of office at the University of Cambridge, from the earliest times to 1751* (Cambridge, 1922-1927), now available at: <http://venn.lib.cam.ac.uk/Documents/acad/intro.html>
- Vestry Minutes NRO, Vestry Book for the parish of All Saints' Northampton, 1620-1735
- Webster, *Godly Clergy* T. Webster, *Godly Clergy in Early Stuart England: the Caroline puritan movement c. 1620-1643* (Cambridge, 1997)

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