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Abbreviations

ASC Archivio di Stato di Caserta
ASF Archivio di Stato di Frosinone
ASN Archivio di Stato di Napoli
ASP Archivio di Stato di Potenza
DU Duke University Special Collections
LLMVC Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collection, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, LA
MCHC Calvin McClung Historical Collection, East Tennessee Historical Society
SCC – A Southern Claims Commission – Approved Claims
SCC – B Southern Claims Commission – Barred and Disallowed Claims
SHC Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina Library
TSLA Tennessee State Library Archives
UTSC University of Tennessee Special Collections

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