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*Gemma Allen,
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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>Bacon Letters and Life</i>	J. Spedding (ed.), <i>The Letters and the Life of Francis Bacon, Including All His Occasional Works</i> , 7 vols (London, 1861–1874).
BL	British Library.
‘Catalogue of field names’	C. Moor, ‘Catalogue of field names occurring on the Hertfordshire estates of the earl of Verulam’, <i>Transactions of the St. Albans and Hertfordshire Architectural and Archaeological Society</i> (1927), pp. 1–118.
Chicago	Sir Nicholas Bacon Collection, University of Chicago Special Collections, Chicago, Illinois, USA.
<i>Cooke Sisters</i>	G. Allen, <i>The Cooke Sisters: education, piety and politics in early modern England</i> (Manchester, 2013).
<i>Corporation Records</i>	A.E. Gibbs, <i>The Corporation Records of St Albans, with Lists of Mayors, High Stewards, Members of Parliament &c.</i> (St Albans, 1890).
CP	Cecil Papers, Hatfield House, Hertfordshire.
Folger	Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC, USA.
Gotha	Gotha Forschungsbibliothek, Thuringia, Germany.
HALS	Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, Hertford.
<i>History of Parliament</i>	P.W. Hasler (ed.), <i>The History of Parliament: the House of Commons, 1558–1603</i> , 3 vols (London, 1981).
Huntington Library	Huntington Library, San Marino, California, USA.
Inner Temple	Inner Temple Library, Inner Temple, London.
LPL	Lambeth Palace Library, London.
‘Money-lenders’	C. L’Estrange Ewen, ‘Francis Bacon and the money-lenders’, <i>Baconiana</i> , 3rd series, 21 (1934), pp. 238–253.
OED	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> .
ODNB	A.R. Matthew (ed.), <i>The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> (Oxford, 2004).

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Parker Library	Parker Library, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.
SP	State Papers, The National Archives, London.
<i>Stiffkey</i>	A. Hassell Smith, G. Baker, and R. Kenny (eds), <i>The Papers of Nathaniel Bacon of Stiffkey</i> , 4 vols, Norfolk Record Society, 46, 49, 53, 64 (Norwich, 1979–2000).
<i>Troubled Life</i>	L. Jardine and A. Stewart, <i>Hostage to Fortune: the troubled life of Francis Bacon</i> (London, 1998).
VCH	<i>Victoria County History</i> .
<i>Wealth of the Gentry</i>	A. Simpson, <i>The Wealth of the Gentry, 1540–1660: East Anglian studies</i> (Chicago, 1961).