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*To my mother, Martha Heath
and
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Abbreviations

ADA	Archives départementales de l'Aude, Carcassonne
AN	Archives nationales, Paris
ANOM	Archives nationales d'outre-mer, Aix-en-Provence
CFC	Crédit Foncier Colonial
CGT	Confédération générale du travail
CGV	Confédération générale des vignerons du Midi
FM	Fonds ministériels
FTAM	Fédération des travailleurs agricoles du Midi
IISH	International Institute for Social History, Amsterdam
POF	Parti ouvrier français
SFS	Syndicat des fabricants de sucre
SG-G	Série Géographique, Guadeloupe
SIAPP	Société industrielle et agricole de la Pointe-à-Pitre

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