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*To Maria do Carmo Soler and Felix Alonso Garcia
in memoriam*

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Abbreviations

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| ACD | Anais da Câmara dos Srs. Deputados |
| ACE | Associação Central Emancipadora (The Central Emancipatory Association) |
| ACEI | Atas do Conselho de Estado do Império |
| AMI | Arquivo do Museu Imperial |
| AR | <i>A Redenção</i> |
| ASI | Anais do Senado do Império |
| BN | Biblioteca Nacional |
| CA | Confederação Abolicionista |
| CAI | Joaquim Nabuco: <i>Cartas a amigos</i> , Volume I, Nabuco, Carolina (ed.), São Paulo, Instituto Progresso Editorial, 1949 |
| CAII | Joaquim Nabuco: <i>Cartas a amigos</i> , Volume II, Nabuco, Carolina (ed.), São Paulo, Instituto Progresso Editorial, 1949 |
| CCE | Comissão Central Emancipadora |
| CIJN | Cartas inéditas de e para Joaquim Nabuco. Arquivo da Fundação Joaquim Nabuco – Fundaj, Recife |
| CIRB | Cartas inéditas de ou para Rui Barbosa. Acervo da Casa de Rui Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro |
| CIRD | Cartas inéditas de ou para Rodolfo Dantas. Acervo da Casa de Rui Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro |
| CPRB | <i>Cartas publicadas de Rui Barbosa</i> , Edição Casa de Rui Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro, 1962 |
| CR | <i>Cidade do Rio</i> |

- DIAR Diários de André Rebouças, inéditos, Acervo IHGB, Rio de Janeiro
- DJN *Diários de Joaquim Nabuco*, 2005. Mello, E. C. (ed.). Recife: Bem Te Vi Produções Literárias, Editora Massangana, volumes I e II
- DNAAR Diários de André Rebouças, seleta publicada in Veríssimo, A. F. e J. (eds). *Diário e notas autobiográficas de André Rebouças*. J. Olympio, 1938
- DRJ *Diário do Rio de Janeiro*
- EDEAR Excerptos dos Diários do Engenheiro André Rebouças (manuscrito), Arquivo do Museu Imperial, Petrópolis
- GN *Gazeta de Notícias*
- GT *Gazeta da Tarde*
- IHGB Arquivo do Instituto Histórico e Geográfico Brasileiro, Rio de Janeiro
- JC *Jornal do Comércio*
- OA *O Abolicionista: órgão da sociedade brasileira contra a escravidão*
- RCAR André Rebouças. Registro da Correspondência. volume 1 – junho 1873 a janeiro de 1891, Fundaj, Recife
- RI *Revista Illustrada*
- RN *Rio News*
- SBCE Sociedade Brasileira Contra a Escravidão (Brazilian Antislavery Society)
- SCL Sociedade Cearense Libertadora (The Liberating Society of Ceará)
- SCT Sociedade Contra o Tráfico de Africanos e Promotora da Colonização e da Civilização dos Índios (Society against the African Slave Trade and for the Promotion of Colonization and Indigenous Civilization)