

Al. Cant.	J. and J. A. Venn, Alumni Cantabrigienses (2 parts in 10 vols., Cambridge 1922-54)
Al. Ox.	J. A. Foster, Alumni Oxonienses (2 series in 8 vols., London 1887-92)
Ant. J.	Antiquaries' Journal
ar.	argent
b	born
Balfour Paul, Ordinary	Sir James Balfour Paul, Ordinary of Arms (second edn., Edinburgh 1903)
BL	The British Library, London
BM	The British Museum, London
BM Seals	W. de G. Birch, Catalogue of Seals in the Department of Manuscripts in the British Museum (6 vols., London 1887-1900)
Bod.	The Bodleian Library, Oxford
Boutell, rev. JBL	Boutell's Heraldry, revised by J. P. Brooke-Little (rev. edn., London 1970)
BRS	The British Record Society
Burke GA	J. and J. B. Burke, The General Armory (London 1842; enlarged edn. London 1878, re-issued with a supplement 1884). Unless otherwise specified, a citation of this book refers to the frequently reprinted edition and supplement of 1884.
Burke LG	J. and J. B. Burke (original editors), A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Landed Gentry (first edn., 3 vols. 1843-9; many subsequent edns.) Cite by year only; e.g. Burke LG 1952. Editions and their years are conveniently listed in Burke's Family Index (London 1976)
Burke LG Scot	Burke's Landed Gentry of Great Britain together with members of the titled and non-titled contemporary establishment. 19th edn., volume 1: The Kingdom in Scotland; ed. Peter Beauclerk-Dewar (Wilmington, Delaware, 2001)
Burke PB	J. and J. B. Burke (original editors), A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage, Baronetage and Knightage. Cite by year only: e.g. Burke PB 1970.
Burke PB 1999	Burke's Peerage & Baronetage. 106th edn., ed. Charles Mosley (Cranz, Switzerland, 1999)
Burke PB 2003	Burke's Peerage Baronetage & Knightage. Clan Chiefs. Scottish Feudal Barons. 107th edn., ed. Charles Mosley (Wilmington, Delaware, 2003)
CA	The College of Arms, London
CChR	Calendar of Charter Rolls Calendar of Charter Rolls
CCR	Calendar of Close Rolls
CEMRA	A. R. Wagner, A Catalogue of English Medieval Rolls of Arms (Aspilogia 1, London 1950)
CFR	Calendar of Fine Rolls
CIMisc	Calendar of Inquisitions Miscellaneous
CIPM	Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem
CLR	Calendar of Liberate Rolls
CoA	The Coat of Arms
co.	comitatu: in the county of
Coll.Top.&Gen.	Collectanea Topographica & Genealogica (1834-43)
CPR	Calendar of Patent Rolls
CSP Dom	Calendar of State Papers, Domestic

CSP For.	Calendar of State Papers, Foreign
CSP Ire.	Calendar of State Papers relating to Ireland
CSP Ven.	Calendar of State Papers and Manuscripts relating to English Affairs existing in the Archives and Collections of Venice
CTB	Calendar of Treasury Books
CTP	Calendar of Treasury Papers
CUL	Cambridge University Library
DBA	The Dictionary of British Arms. Medieval Ordinary. Vol. 1 ed. D. H. B. Chesshyre and T. Woodcock (London 1992). Vol. 2 ed. T. Woodcock, Hon. J. Grant and I. Graham (London 1996). Vol. 3 ed. T. Woodcock and S. Flower (London 2009). Vol 4 ed T.Woodcock and S. Flower (London 2014).
Debrett	J. Debrett (original editor), Debrett's Peerage of England, Scotland, and Ireland (London 1802). Many subsequent edns. with various titles down to Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage, ed. Charles Kidd (London 2003). Cite by year only.
d.	died
div.	divorced
dsp	Decessit sine prole- died without issue
DNB	The Dictionary of National Biography. Unless specified otherwise, the original edition is intended. The 2004 edition should referred to as ' new DNB'.
erm.	ermine
Fairbairn	Fairbairn's Book of Crests of the Families of Great Britain and Ireland (fourth edn., 2 vols., London and Edinburgh 1905).
Fox-Davies AF	Arthur Charles Fox-Davies, Armorial Families. A Directory of Gentlemen of Coat Armour (first edn., Edinburgh 1895; seventh and last edn., 2 vols., London 1929. Cite by year only.
fun. cert.	funeral certificate
GEC	G. E. C[okayne], Complete Peerage (first edn., 8 vols., London and Exeter 1887-98; revised and enlarged edn. by Hon. Vicary Gibbs and others [G. E. C.'s editorship nominal], 13 vols. in 14, London 1910-59; supplement vol. 14, Stroud 1998). Unless otherwise specified the revised edition is intended.
Genealogical Mag	The Genealogical Magazine (1897-1904)
Genealogist	The Genealogist (1876-1922)
Gen Mag	The Genealogist's Magazine (1922-)
Gent's Mag.	The Gentleman's Magazine. Up to 1810 cite by year and page number only: thus Gent's Mag. 1779, p. 643. From 1810 the pagination started afresh halfway through the year, so cite (e.g.) Gent's Mag. 1843 (ii), p. 221.
Godfrey & Wagner	Walter H. Godfrey and Sir Anthony Wagner, with H. Stanford London, The College of Arms (London Survey Committee monograph 16: London 1963)
Grantees of Arms	Joseph Foster, ed. W. Harry Rylands, Grantees of Arms named in Docquets and Patents to the end of the Seventeenth Century (Harl. Soc. vol. 66, London 1915).
gu.	gules

Harl. Soc.	Harleian Society
Hist. Parl.	The History of Parliament. Cite the various parts in the form Hist. Parl.: The Commons 1660-90.
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission. The folio series of HMC reports may be cited in the form HMC Seventh Report (1881); the octavo series as HMC Portland IV (1891).
IPM	inquisition post mortem
JBAA	Journal of the British Archaeological Association
m.	married
MI	monumental inscription
Misc.Her.& Gen	Miscellanea Heraldica et Genealogica (1874-1938)
Moule	Thomas Moule, Bibliotheca Heraldica Magnae Britanniae (London 1822)
N & Q	Notes & Queries
NEHGR	New England Heraldic and Genealogical Register
NLW	The National Library of Wales
OED	The Oxford English Dictionary
OIOC	Oriental and India Office Collections
Pap. Reg.	Papal Registers relating to Great Britain and Ireland; Papal Letters (14 vols., 1894-1961)
Pap Petits	Petition to the Pope (one vol., 1897).
Papworth	J. W. Papworth, ed. Alfred W. Morant, Ordinary of British Armorial (London 1872)
PCC	Prerogative Court of Canterbury
PCY	Prerogative Court of York
PPR	Principal Probate Registry
PR Scot	Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland.
PRO	Public Record Office
PROME	The Parliament Rolls of Medieval England, gen. ed. C. Given-Wilson, edd. P. Brand, A. Curry, R. E. Horrox, G. Martin, W. M. Ormrod, J. R. S. Phillips (16 vols., Woodbridge 2005; also online at www.british-history.ac.uk and www.sd-editions.com)
purp.	purple
qtly.	quarterly
Reid & Wilson	Ordinary of Arms volume II, ed. David Reid of Robertland and Miss Vivien Wilson (Edinburgh 1977)
Rietstap	J. B. Rietstap, Armorial Général (2nd ed., 2 vols., Paris 1884-7, with 8 supplement vols. and 6 vols. of illns. by V. and H. V. Rolland, Lyons 1904-54)
Rot Parl	Rotuli Parliamentorum (6 vols., ed. J. Strachey, 1767-77, repr. 1783, with index 1832).
sa.	sable
Shaw, Knights	Wm. A. Shaw, with G. D. Burtchaell, The Knights of England (2 vols., London 1906).
Siddons DWH	Michael Powell Siddons, The Development of Welsh Heraldry (4 vols., Aberystwyth 1991-3, 2007). Volume 2 (A Welsh Armorial) may be cited as DWH 2; volume 3 (An Ordinary of Welsh Arms together with Mottoes of Welsh Families) as DWH 3; and volume 4 (supplementary volume) as DWH 4.

Siddons Badges	Michael Powell Siddons, Heraldic badges in England and Wales 4 vols (Woodbridge 2009)
Soc. Ant.	The Society of Antiquaries of London
TNA	The National Archives.
unm.	unmarried
V&A	The Victoria & Albert Museum, London
VCH	The Victoria County History of England. Specific county histories may be cited as, e.g., VCH Bucks, VCH Oxon and so forth.
vt.	vert
WG 1	P. C. Bartrum, Welsh Genealogies A.D. 300-1400 (8 vols., Cardiff 1974). Cite by ancestral or regional heading, e.g. Adam ab Ifor 1, Tegeingl 5.
WG 2	P. C. Bartrum, Welsh Genealogies A.D. 1400-1500 (18 vols., Aberystwyth 1983). Cite as for WG 1. A descent running from WG 1 to WG 2 with the same name and number may be cited simply by reference to WG.