

Useful Abbreviations and Miscellany

Common handwriting confusions: T and F; J, G, and Y; I and J; K and R; O and Q; P and R; V and W.

aetat.	Aetatis	at the age of
e.g.	Exempli Gratia	for example
eju.	Ejusdem Generis	of the same kind (legal)
et al.	Et Alii	and others
etc./&c.	Et Cetera	and the rest (of similar things)
ib.	Ibidem	in the same place
i.e.	id est	that is
impris.	Imprimis	in the first place
inst.	Instante Mense	in the present month
L.S.	Locus Sigilli	the place of the seal (often seen on copies of legal documents)
loc. cit.	Loco Citato	in the place cited
N.B.	Nota Bene	note well
op. cit.	Opere Citato	in the work cited
ql.	Quantum Libet	as great as you please
sc.	Scire licet	it is permitted to know
sic	Sic erat Scriptum	thus it was written
s.l.	Sine Loco	without a place
ss.	Scilicet	in particular/namely/to wit (frequently used to designate venue in legal documents)
ult.	Ultimo Mense	in the last/previous month
vizt.	Videlicet	that is to say

li	librae	British pounds
s	solidi	Shillings
d	denarii	Pence

ALS	Autograph Letter Signed
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TLS	Typed Letter Signed
TL	Typed Letter
LS	Letter Signed (may be typed or handwritten)
ADS	Autograph Document Signed
AD	Autograph Document
DS	Document Signed (may be typed or handwritten)
ANS	Autograph Note Signed
NS	Note Signed
ADfS	Autograph Draft Signed
ADf.	Autograph Draft
Df.	Draft
Ms. (Mss.)	Manuscript (Manuscripts)

AMsS	Autograph Manuscript Signed
TMsS	Typed Manuscript Signed
AQS	Autograph Quotation Signed
AMuQS	Autograph Musical Quotation Signed
AC	Attested Copy
C or Cy	Copy
CS or CyS	Copy Signed

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