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## Sigla

AAEK	Safaitic inscriptions in al-Manaser (2008)
AH	Dadanitic inscriptions in Abū l-Ḥasan (1997)
AHUD	Dadanitic inscription in Minaic script published in Abū l-Ḥasan (2005)
al-Ḥuraybah	Dadanitic inscriptions published in al-Theeb (2013)
al-Mazroo and Nasīf 1992	Inscriptions published in al-Mazroo and Nasif (1992)
Al-Sa‘īd 1419/1999	Dadanitic inscriptions published in al-Sa‘īd (1419/1999)
Al-Sa‘īd 1420/1999	Dadanitic inscriptions published in al-Sa‘īd (1420/1999)
Al-Sa‘īd 2011	Dadanitic inscription published in al-Sa‘īd (2011)
Al-‘Udayb	Dadanitic inscriptions published in OCIANA
BRev.	Inscriptions recorded by the Safaitic Epigraphic Survey Programme in 1995 published in OCIANA
Bron-al-‘Udayb	Dadanitic inscription published in Bron (1996) and later in Sima (1999)
DASI	Digital Archive for the Study of pre-Islamic Arabian Inscriptions <a href="http://dasi.humnet.unipi.it">http://dasi.humnet.unipi.it</a>
C	Safaitic inscriptions published in (1950–1951)
CAL	Comprehensive Aramaic Lexicon Project <a href="http://cal.huc.edu/">http://cal.huc.edu/</a>
CIS II	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum: II, Inscriptiones Aramaicas Continens</i> 1907
Esk.	Inscriptions from the Taymā‘ area published in Eskoubi (1999)
Fa	Inscriptions published in Fakhry (1952)
Graf Abū al-Dibā‘	Inscriptions published in Graf (1983)
Ǧabal Iṭlib	Dadanitic inscriptions from the Ǧabal Iṭlib area published in OCIANA
Ǧabal Al-Ḥuraymāt	Dadanitic inscriptions from the Ǧabal Al-Ḥuraymāt area published in OCIANA
HALOT	Koehler et al. (1995)
HCH	Safaitic inscriptions published in Harding (1953)
Ir	Ancient South Arabian inscriptions published in Iryāni (1990)
Is.R	Inscriptions recorder by the Safaitic Epigraphic Survey Programme by the Al-‘Isāwī well published in OCIANA
Ja	Inscriptions from al-‘Uqlah published in Jamme (1963)
JaL	Inscriptions published in Jamme (1968)
JSLih	Inscriptions called Lihyanite published in Jaussen and Savignac (1909–1912)
JSMin	Minaic inscriptions published in Jaussen and Savignac (1909–1912)
JSNab	Inscriptions called Nabataean in Jaussen and Savignac (1909–1912)
JSTham	Thamudic inscriptions published in Jaussen and Savignac (1909–1912)
KJA	Hismaic inscriptions published in King (1990)
KRS	Inscriptions recorded by Geraldine King on the Basalt Desert Rescue Survey in north-eastern Jordan in 1989 and published in OCIANA
Lane	Arabic-English dictionary by Lane (1863)
Lisān	Arabic dictionary
M	Minaic inscriptions in Garbini & Capuzzi (1974) and available in DASI
LP	Safaitic inscriptions published in Littmann (1943)
Müller, D.H. 1889	Inscriptions published in Müller (1889)

Nasif 1988	Dadanitic inscriptions published in Nasif (1988)
OCIANA	Online Corpus of the Inscriptions of Ancient North Arabia <a href="http://krcfm.orient.ox.ac.uk/fmi/webd/ociana">http://krcfm.orient.ox.ac.uk/fmi/webd/ociana</a>
Ph	Dadanitic inscriptions published in Van den Branden (1960)
Private collection	Dadanitic inscriptions from a private collection published in OCIANA
Qāni' 4	Ancient South Arabian inscriptions from ancient Qāni' published in Ryckmans (1939)
Qaṣr al-Ṣāni‘	Dadanitic inscriptions from the Qaṣr al-Ṣāni‘ area published in OCIANA
Rabeler	Dadanitic inscription published in Scagliarini (2002a)
RES	Répertoire d'épigraphie sémitique. (8 volumes). Paris: Imprimerie nationale, 1900–1968.
Ryckmans	Dadanitic inscriptions published in Scagliarini (1999)
RWQ	Safaitic inscriptions published in Al-Rousan (2004)
Tall al-Kaṭīb	Dadanitic inscriptions published in Zahrānī (2007)
TA	The registration numbers of the inscriptions discovered during the Saudi-German excavations at Taymā' published in OCIANA and Macdonald (forthcoming)
U	Dadanitic inscriptions from al-'Udayb published in Sima (1999)
Umm Darağ	Dadanitic inscriptions from the Umm Darağ area published in OCIANA
W.Dad	Dadanitic inscriptions published in Winnett and Reed (1970)
WH	Safaitic inscriptions published in Winnett and Harding (1978)
WTay	Taymanitic inscriptions published in Winnett and Reed (1970)

## Abbreviations

DIN	theonym
Gn	gynaeology
LeiCenSAA	Leiden Center for the Study of Ancient Arabia
PN	personal name
POSS	possessive
TrN	tribal name
TN	toponym

## Dictionary

1c.	first person common gender
3	third person
3c.	third person common gender
act. part.	active participle
c	C-stem verb
cs	construct state
cd	CD-stem verb
d	D-stem verb
du.	dual
f.	feminine
g	G-stem verb
m.	masculine
pc	prefix conjugation
pl.	plural
POS	part of speech
Q	query

s.	singular
sc	suffix conjugation
st	st-stem
t	t-prefix stem
t-infix	t-infix stem

## Languages

ANA	Ancient North Arabian
Aram.	Aramaic
Car.	Classical Arabic
CP Aram.	Christian Palestinian Aramaic
Heb.	Hebrew
Had.	Hadramitic
JBA	Jewish Babylonian Aramaic
Min.	Minaic
MMin.	Marginal Minaic (the Minaic inscriptions found outside the Minaic homeland)
Nab.	Nabataean
NWS	North West Semitic
OffAram.	Official Aramaic
OldAram.	Old Aramaic
Palm.	Palmyrene
Sab.	Sabaic
Saf.	Safaitic
Syr.	Syriac
Ug.	Ugaritic

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