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Houbanx, 1951

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Abbreviations

Abbreviations of Languages

Bulg.	Bulgarian	OE	Old English
CS	Church Slavonic	OFr.	Old Frisian
EGm.	East Germanic	Ofris.	Old Frisian
EWall.	East Walloon	OFrnk.	Old Frankish
Gallo-Lat.	Gallo-Latin	OHG	Old High German
Gallo-Rom.	Gallo-Romance	OIr.	Old Irish
Gaul.	Gaulish	ON	Old Norse
Gk.	Greek	OPort.	Old Portuguese
Gm.	Common Germanic	OProv.	Old Provençal
Lat.	Latin	ORuss.	Old Russian
Lith.	Lithuanian	OS	Old Saxon
MerLat.	Merovingian Latin	OSpan.	Old Spanish
MHG	Middle High German	Oss.	Ossetic
MidBret.	Middle Breton	OSw.	Old Swedish
MidDu.	Middle Dutch	OW	Old Welsh
ModDu.	Modern Dutch	OWall.	Old Walloon
ModE	Modern English	PCelt.	Proto-Celtic
ModG	Modern German	PGm.	Proto-Germanic
ModIt.	Modern Italian	Pic.	Picardian
ModSp.	Modern Spanish	PIE	Proto-Indo-European
MW	Middle Welsh	Pol.	Polish
OCS	Old Church Slavonic	Pre-Rom.	Pre-Romance
ODu.	Old Dutch	PSl.	Proto-Slavic

Rom.	Proto-Rom.	Wall.	Walloon
S/Cr.	Serbo-Croatian	WGm.	West Germanic
Slov.	Slovak	WRom.	West Romance

Symbols

*	reconstructed form
<	developed from
>	developed into
←	was derived from
←	was borrowed from
→	was borrowed into
~	alternates with
:	contrasts with

Academic abbreviations

c.	<i>capitulum</i>
cf.	<i>confer</i>
e.a.	<i>et alii</i>
e.g.	<i>exempli gratia</i>
id.	<i>idem</i>
l.c.	<i>loco citato</i>
s.v.	<i>sub verbo</i>
vs.	<i>versus</i>
adj.	adjective

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