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In 1932 Jean Cantineau published an index of the names and vocabulary in all the Nabataean inscriptions known up to that time.² Since then, hundreds of inscriptions and a number of papyri in the Nabataean script have been discovered and, in some cases, pub-

¹ A. Negev, *Personal Names in the Nabatean Realm*. (Qedem 32). Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem 1991. Pp. xii + 228. Price: c. £33.00. ISSN: 0333-5844. I was sent this book by the editors of *JSS* soon after it was published and must apologise for taking such a disgracefully long time to review it. I hope that the content of this review article and the additional bibliography, most of which appeared after 1991, will provide some small compensation for the delay.

Abbreviations follow those in Negev's bibliography with the following additions and exceptions:

- BDB F. Brown, S.R. Driver, C.A. Briggs, *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament* (Oxford 1907 [Reprinted with corrections 1953]).
- DM R. Dussaud and F. Macler, *Mission dans les régions désertiques de la Syrie moyenne* (Paris 1903).
- HIIn. G. Lankester Harding, *An Index and Concordance of Pre-Islamic Arabian Names and Inscriptions* (Near and Middle East Series 8, Toronto 1971). This is the abbreviation in normal use (as opposed to Negev's "ICPAN").
- JS A. Jausen and M.R. Savignac, *Mission archéologique en Arabie* (6 vols, Paris 1909–22).
- JSNab Nabataean inscriptions in JS.
- Lane E.W. Lane, *An Arabic-English Lexicon* (8 vols, London 1863–93).
- LP Safaitic inscriptions in E. Littmann, *Safaitic Inscriptions* (Syria. Publications of the Princeton University Archaeological Expeditions to Syria in 1904–1905 and 1909, Division IV, Section C, Leiden 1943).
- LPNab Nabataean inscriptions in E. Littmann, *Nabataean Inscriptions from the Southern Haurān* (same publication, Division IV, Section A, Leiden 1914).
- Stark J.K. Stark, *Personal Names in the Palmyrene Inscriptions* (Oxford 1971).
- WH F.V. Winnett and G. Lankester Harding, *Inscriptions from Fifty Safaitic Cairns* (Near and Middle East Series 9, Toronto 1978). This is the normal abbreviation (as opposed to Negev's 'IFSC').

² J. Cantineau, *Le Nabatéen* (2 vols, Paris 1930–32). The *Lexique* containing the names and vocabulary is in Volume II.

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