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HISTORICAL NOTE

The University of Cambridge is thought to have originated in the early thirteenth century, and there is no doubt that by about 1250 it was a recognized centre of study. It was not, however, until 1318 that Cambridge received from Pope John XXII formal recognition as a Studium Generale or Universitas.

The University is a common law corporation, being a corporation by prescription consisting of a Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars who from time out of mind have had the government of their members and enjoyed the privileges of such a corporation. By Act of Parliament 13 Elizabeth Cap. 29 passed in the year 1571 the incorporation of the University and all privileges then held under charter or by prescription were duly confirmed. The University is now authorized by the Lord Chancellor to act in relation to charitable, ecclesiastical, and public trusts as a trust corporation.

The corporate title of the University is The Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

ARMS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The arms now borne by the University of Cambridge, gules a cross ermine and four gold leopards with a book gules upon the cross, were granted by Robert Cooke, Clarenceux King of Arms, on 9 June 1573.

REDUCED DRAWING OF THE COMMON SEAL

The Common Seal now in use was made in 1580 and on the reverse bears the inscription Mattheaus Stokis Bedellus dedit formam 1580 Guilielmas Farrand Procurator dedit materiam.
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