

# CAMBRIDGE

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## Abbreviations

<i>Assizes 1260</i>	W. M. Palmer, <i>The Assizes held at Cambridge AD 1260</i> (1930)
Ci, ii, iii, iv, v	C. H. Cooper, <i>Annals of Cambridge</i> i-v (1842-1908)
Cam	Helen M. Cam, 'The City of Cambridge' in <i>VCH</i> iii (1959), ed. J. P. C. Roach
<i>CAS</i>	Cambridge Antiquarian Society's <i>Communications</i> (i-xv), continued as <i>Proceedings</i> (xvi-lxiii), (1859-1971)
<i>CAS Publ.</i>	Cambridge Antiquarian Society's <i>Publications</i> (octavo series), 1-55 (1851-1942)
<i>CAS Quarto Publ.</i>	Cambridge Antiquarian Society's <i>Quarto Publications</i> , n.s. i-iv
<i>CBC</i>	<i>The Charters of the Borough of Cambridge</i> (1901), ed. F. W. Maitland and Mary Bateson
<i>CBD</i>	<i>Cambridge Borough Documents</i> (1931), ed. W. M. Palmer
<i>CUL</i>	Cambridge University Library
<i>Gild Recs.</i>	<i>Cambridge Gild Records</i> , <i>CAS Publ.</i> 39 (1903), ed. M. Bateson
<i>Historic Towns</i> , i	<i>Historic Towns: Maps and plans of towns and cities in the British Isles with historical commentaries, from earliest times to circa 1800</i> , i (1969) ed. M. D. Lobel
<i>Inquis. Eliensis</i>	<i>Inquisitio Eliensis</i> (1876), ed. N. E. S. A. Hamilton
<i>Lib. Eliensis</i>	<i>Liber Eliensis</i> , <i>Camd. Soc.</i> 3rd ser. xcii (1962), ed. E. O. Blake with foreword by Dorothy Whitelock
<i>Lib. Mem.</i>	<i>Liber Memorandum Ecclesie de Bernewelle</i> (1907), ed. J. W. Clark
Maitland	F. W. Maitland, <i>Township and Borough</i> (1898)
<i>Old Plans</i>	J. W. Clark and A. Gray, <i>Old Plans of Cambridge, 1574-1798</i> , parts i (text), ii (plans), (1921)
<i>PN</i>	<i>The Place Names of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely</i> , EPNS (1943), ed. P. H. Reaney
<i>Ramsey Cart.</i>	<i>Cartularium Monasterii de Ramescia</i> , 3 vols (1844-94) (RS), ed. W. H. Hart and P. A. Lyons
<i>RCHM</i> i, ii	Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, <i>An Inventory of Historical Monuments in the City of Cambridge</i> , pts i, ii (1959)
Roach	'The University of Cambridge' in <i>VCH</i> iii (1959), ed. J. P. C. Roach
<i>St Radegund</i>	A. Gray, <i>The Priory of St Radegund</i> , <i>CAS Publ.</i> 31 (1898)
<i>VCH</i> i, ii, iii	<i>A History of the County of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely</i> , i (1938), ii (1948), ed. L. F. Salzman; iii (1959), ed. J. P. C. Roach
<i>W &amp; C</i> i, ii, iii, iv	P. Willis and J. W. Clark, <i>The Architectural History of the University of Cambridge</i> (1886)