



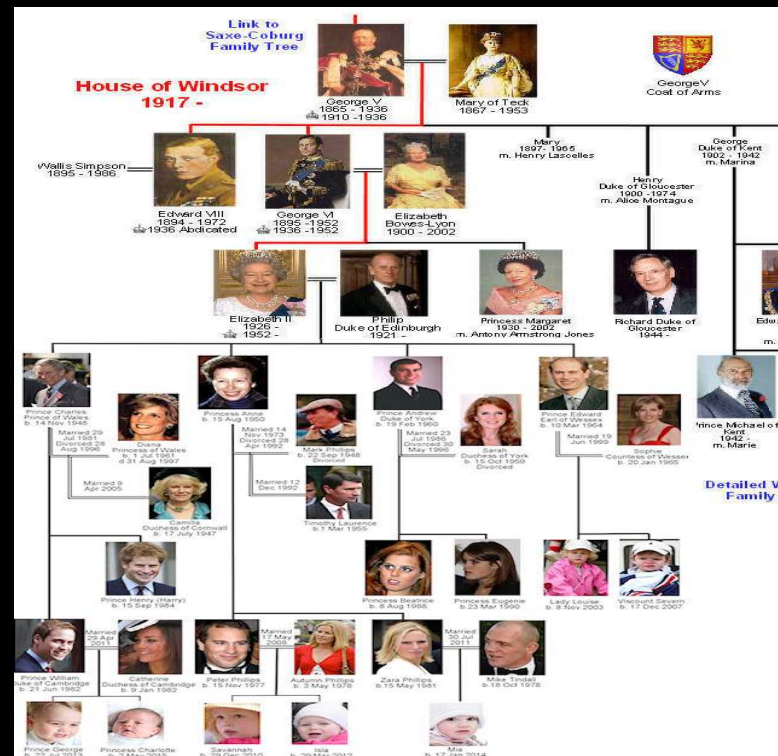
Elizabeth II

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The Queen's heritage (The Royal Family)



The monarchy of the United Kingdom



- commonly referred to as the British monarchy
- constitutional form of government
- monarch and their immediate family undertake various official, ceremonial, diplomatic and representational duties
- being constitutional, the monarch is limited to functions such as bestowing honors and appointing the prime minister
- performed in a non-partisan manner
- also able to advise to change draft laws
- Head of the British Armed Forces
- powers may only be used according to laws enacted in Parliament and within the constraints of convention and precedent
- Government of the United Kingdom is known as *His Majesty's Government*.

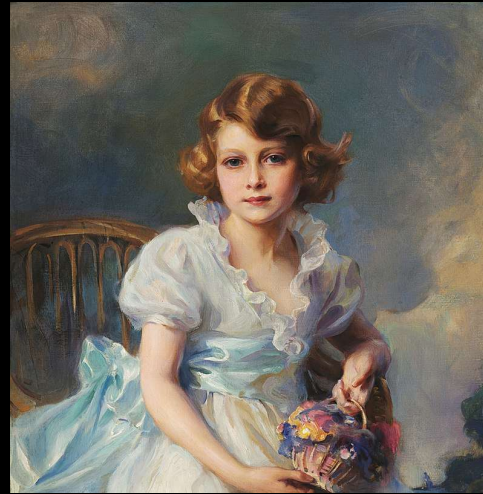
The Windsors and Germany

- House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha:
 - gained considerable influence in Europe in the 19th century through clever marriage policy
 - Prince Albert of Coburg was finally associated with his cousin, Queen Victoria, in 1840.
- House of Hanover:
 - first two Hanoverian rulers on the English throne, George I and George II, were born and raised in Hanover
 - also Electors of Brunswick-Lüneburg and kings in the sovereign Kingdom of Hanover
 - the rule of the House of Hanover over the Empire lasted until Victoria's death in 1901.
- Prince Phillip could speak German fluently. King Charles III can also speak a bit of German.
- Queen Elizabeth visited Germany seven times



The Queen's life before reign

- Elisabeth Mary Alexandra (*21 April 1926)
- beginning of WW2: she stayed in Britain
- end of the war: she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service
- Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten's wedding: Westminster Abbey in London, Thursday, 20 November 1947
- birth of her first child, Prince Charles, on 14 November 1948
- birth of second child, Princess Anne, on 15 August 1950



The Queen's early reign time

- Elizabeth II: 6 February 1952 at the age of twenty-five
- head of the Commonwealth and the reigning queen of seven countries: Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan and Ceylon
- coronation ceremony took place at Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953
- first coronation of a British monarch to be televised
- from Elizabeth's birth onwards, the British Empire continued its transformation into the Commonwealth of Nations
- in 1953, Elizabeth and her husband embarked on a seven-month round-the-world tour,
- the first reigning monarch of Australia and New Zealand to visit those nations.
- 1960s and 1970s: decolonization of Africa and the Caribbean
- more than 20 countries gained independence from Britain as part of a planned transition to self-government.



The Queen's late reign time

- 26 March 1976: first head of state to send an email
- ARPANET at an IT conference at the Royal Research Institution
- passed Silver Jubilee, Golden Jubilee, Diamond Jubilee and Platinum Jubilee
- visited 116 countries during her reign time
- saw 15 prime ministers from Winston Churchill to Liz Truss
- played an important role of representing the UK as a symbol of the country



The Queen's death and funeral

- 8 September 2022: Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, and the oldest living and longest-reigning British monarch, died at the age of 96 at Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire, Scotland.
- publicly announced at 18:30 BST
- succeeded by her eldest child, Charles III
- a national mourning period of 10 days
- Westminster Hall from 14 to 19 September: an estimated 250,000 people queued to pay their respects
- state funeral service at Westminster Abbey on 19 September, followed by a committal service at St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle



Interesting facts about the Queen

- neither passport nor driving license
- loved corgi dog breed
- recently, two corgis lived with the Queen
- married to Prince Philip for over 73 years
- birthday was celebrated twice a year
- born on 21 April 1926, but celebrated on a Saturday in June





Short summary

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All photos and text references can be found in Wikipedia.

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