



# The Windsor Dynasty

1901	Queen Victoria died and Edward VII took the throne, ushering in the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the name coming from his father Prince Albert.
1910	Edward VII died, and his son George V became King. The royal family continued to be known as the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.
1914	Great Britain declared war on Germany.
1915	King George V visited British troops and Flanders and was injured.
1917	In response to anti-German sentiment, the King changed the royal family name to Windsor.
1918	Britain and its Allies defeated Germany and ended World War I.
1919	Prince Albert (second in line to the throne) married Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon at Westminster Abbey; they became Duke and Duchess of York.
1926	Princess Elizabeth born to Duke and Duchess of York.
1928	The King became very ill, and the Prince of Wales (Prince Edward) took over many royal duties. Prince Edward was very popular.
1930	Princess Margaret born to Duke and Duchess of York.
1931	Prince Edward met Wallis Simpson.
1934	Wallis became Edward's mistress.
1935	George V and Queen Mary celebrated their Silver Jubilee. They had become popular with the people.
1936	January: George V died, and his son succeeded as Edward VIII. August: Edward VIII and Wallis traveled together in the Mediterranean. October: Wallis filed for divorce from Ernest Aldrich Simpson.

	<p>November: Edward VIII opened Parliament. He met with Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and the Archbishop of Canterbury, who strongly opposed his plan to marry Wallis. Other members of the royal family also opposed the marriage.</p> <p>December: Edward VIII formally abdicated the throne. His brother became King George VI. Edward became HRH the Duke of Windsor.</p>
1937	<p>12 May: George and Elizabeth are crowned at Westminster Abbey (on the date originally planned for Edward VIII's coronation). Queen Mary and Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret appear with them on the balcony at Buckingham Palace</p> <p>27 May: Letters patent specified that Edward's title and HRH style was to be held by him alone, not by wife or descendants. He would not be paid from Civil List.</p> <p>June: Edward and Wallis were married at a private ceremony. Later that year, they traveled to Germany and met with Hitler.</p>
1939	<p>Britain declared war on Germany. King George VI made a radio broadcast to the nation. Later that year, he went to France to inspect the troops.</p>
1940	<p>During the "Blitz," Buckingham Palace was bombed. The King and Queen made several trips around London to see damage and meet with the British people.</p> <p>The Duke of Windsor was named Governor of the Bahamas and ordered there.</p> <p>Princess Elizabeth made a radio broadcast to the children who were separated from their parents; Princess Margaret joined her.</p>
1943-44	<p>The King made several visits to troops serving in Africa, France, Italy, and the Low Countries.</p>
1945	<p>Princess Elizabeth joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS).</p> <p>To celebrate VE day, the King and Queen were joined by Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret and Winston Churchill on the balcony. Elizabeth and Margaret later joined the celebrations incognito.</p>
1947	<p>April: Princess Elizabeth made a speech declaring that her whole life would be spent in the service of her people.</p> <p>July: Princess Elizabeth became engaged to Philip Mountbatten.</p> <p>November: The night before the wedding, Philip was created Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth, and Baron Greenwich.</p> <p>20 November: Elizabeth and Philip were married at Westminster Abbey.</p>
1948	<p>Prince Charles was born.</p>

1950	Princess Anne was born.
1951	The King was diagnosed with lunch cancer.  October: Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh made a tour of Canada.  December: The Christmas speech was recorded in short segments because of the king's illness.
1952	31 January: Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh left to represent the King on a tour of the Commonwealth.  6 February: The King died, and Princess Elizabeth succeeded as Queen Elizabeth II.  April: The Queen announced she would retain the name Windsor.
1953	2 June: The Queen was crowned at Westminster Abbey. With Philip's recommendation, the ceremony was televised and seen by nearly 300 million people across the world.
1957	27 February: Philip was granted the title His Royal Highness (HRH).  August: Lord Altrincham published a criticism of the Queen as being out of touch; as a result, changes are made to royal protocol.
1960	February: Prince Andrew born.  Elizabeth and Philip announced that the members of the family use the name "Mountbatten-Windsor" when a surname is needed. The name was first used by the children of the Earl and Countess of Essex. Windsor remains the name of the British Royal Family.  Princess Margaret married Antony Armstrong-Jones at Westminster Abbey.
1969	Prince Charles was invested as Prince of Wales.
1977	The Queen celebrated the Silver Jubilee.  Peter Mark Philips, the Queen's first grandchild, was born to Princess Anne and Captain Mark Philips.
1981	Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spenser were married at St. Paul's Cathedral.
1982	Prince William was born to the Prince and Princess of Wales.
1986	Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson.

1992	<p>March: The Duke and Duchess of York separated.</p> <p>June: Diana, Her True Story (by Andrew Morton) was published; it was critical to the Royal Family.</p> <p>November: Windsor Castle was badly damaged when a fire broke out. Later that month, the Queen declared it her “annus horribilis.”</p> <p>December: The House of Commons announced that Charles and Diana were to separate.</p>
1997	Diana, Princess of Wales was killed in a car crash in Paris. The Royal Family was heavily criticized for their reaction.
1999	Prince Edward married Sophie Rhys-Jones at St. George’s Chapel, Windsor; they became the Earl and Countess of Wessex.
2002	<p>The Queen celebrated her Golden Jubilee.</p> <p>9 February: Princess Margaret died.</p> <p>30 March: Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, died (age 101).</p>
2005	Prince Charles married Camilla Parker Bowles in a registry office.
2011	Prince William married Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey; they became Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.
2012	<p>The Queen celebrated her Diamond Jubilee.</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth appeared with “James Bond” in the London Olympics.</p>
2013	The Succession to the Crown Act of 2013 removed the male preference from the line of succession. Prince George was born to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. He became third in line to the throne.
2015	Queen Elizabeth II passed Queen Victoria as the longest reigning monarch.
2018	Prince Harry married Meghan Markle at St. George’s Chapel, Windsor; they became Duke and Duchess of Sussex.
2019	The Queen opened Parliament and for the first time not wearing the ceremonial crown. It sat on a cushion on her right.
2020	Harry and Meghan stepped back as working members of the Royal Family and moved to California.

2021	Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, died at Windsor Castle. The Queen attended the funeral and sat on her own because of Covid protocol.
2022	The Queen celebrated her Platinum Jubilee through the year.