



The Palace of Holyroodhouse: Home of Scottish Royal History

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Helpful Resources

The Royal Family website: [Royal Residences: The Palace of Holyroodhouse | The Royal Family](#)

Virtual Tour of some of the rooms: [Virtual tours: the Palace of Holyroodhouse | The Royal Family](#)

Royal Collection Links:

[Mary, Queen of Scots](#)

[George IV's visit to Edinburgh](#)

YouTube videos:

[The Palace of Holyroodhouse](#)

[The Darnley Jewel](#)

[Embroidery by Mary, Queen of Scots](#)

[The Holyrood Ordinal](#)

[George IV's Highland Dress Accoutrements](#)

Royal Collection Site with ability to filter by location: [The Royal Collection Near You](#)

Book and Contact Information

Purchase Link: [The Palace of Holyroodhouse: A House of Many Memories](#)

Press release for the book: [Palace of Holyroodhouse's dramatic past revealed in first official history ever published](#)

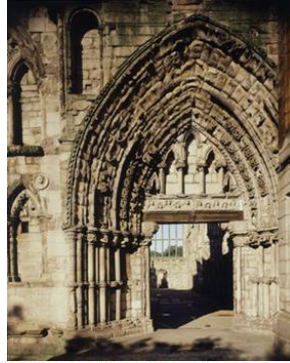
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Timeline

1128 – David I founds Holyrood Abbey

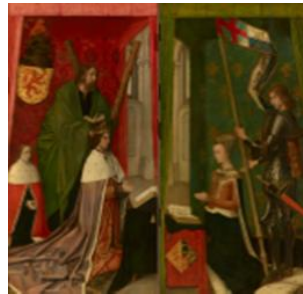


1328 – Robert I ('the Bruce') agrees the Treaty of Edinburgh-Northampton ending hostilities with England



1437 – James II, aged 7, is crowned at the Abbey

1469 – James III marries Margaret of Denmark in the Abbey



1501 – James IV builds the first palace at Holyrood

1503 – James IV marries Margaret Tudor in the Abbey

1528 – James V builds the north-west tower and enlarges the Palace



1544 – The Abbey is partially destroyed during Henry VIII's 'Rough Wooing'

1561 – Mary, Queen of Scots, takes up residence at the Palace



1566 – Mary's secretary, David Rizzio, is murdered in her private apartments

1579 – James VI, aged 13, takes up residence at the Palace



1633 - Charles I's Scottish Coronation takes place at the Abbey

1670 – Sir Robert Sibbald and Sir Andrew Balfour create a physic garden in the Palace grounds



1671 – The Palace is remodelled for Charles II by Sir William Bruce

1688 – The people of Edinburgh damage the Abbey Church and break open the tombs

1745 – Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) stays at the Palace for six weeks



1768 – The roof of the Abbey collapses bringing down part of the walls

1822 - George IV visits Scotland and holds receptions and ceremonies at the Palace



1850 - Queen Victoria and Prince Albert make their first visit to the Palace



1911 – The Palace is renovated and becomes the monarch's official residence in Scotland



1999 - Donald Dewar receives the Royal Warrant confirming him as First Minister of Scotland following devolution

