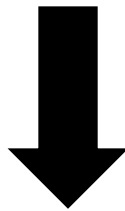


The Stuarts



Queen Elizabeth I

When I die childless in 1603 the Crown had to pass to my closest Protestant (remember the Reformation) heir. Ironically that was the son of Mary, Queen of Scots (I may have beheaded her).



The union of England and Scotland's Crowns was reflected in the Royal Union Flag (now called the "Union Jack").



King James I (1603-1625)

I was first crown as King James VI of Scotland (1567), but moved to London to be crown King James I of England, Scotland, France and Ireland.

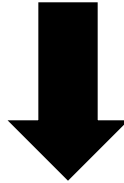


King Charles I (1625-1649)

As James I's oldest surviving son, I was Crown as King Charles I in 1625. I married Henrietta Maria of France (a Roman Catholic). However, battling over the power and authority of the Crown, triggering the English Civil War, I was beheaded in 1649. My family fled to France.



Interregnum

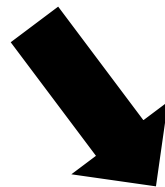


King Charles II (1660-1685)

With the failure of the English Commonwealth, I am invited to return to England as King Charles II in 1660. Raised in France, I also married a Roman Catholic (Catherine of Braganza) – however, I did not live a truly “religious life” and had no legitimate children.

Some of my last words were: “I am sorry, gentlemen, for being such a time a-dying.”

I also converted to Roman Catholicism on my deathbed.



As the brother of King Charles II, I ascended the throne as King James II in 1685.

There was one slight issue: I had converted to Roman Catholicism in 1669.

As King I tried to pass Declarations of Indulgence, also known as the Declaration for Liberty of Conscience, attempting to negate the effect of laws punishing Catholics and Protestant Dissenters.

This triggers the Glorious Revolution.



King James II (1685-1688)

Unwilling to accept a Catholic king, the English Parliament offer the Crown to me – James II's daughter Mary (married to the Dutch King William of Orange and a committed Catholic). The 1701 Act of Settlement is passed that states that only a Protestant can ascend the English Throne.

My husband and I reign jointly as King William IV and Queen Mary II



King William IV (1688-1702) and Queen Mary II (1688-1694)



Queen Anne (1702-1714)

William and Mary don't have any children, so the Crown passes to James II's other daughter, Anne.

Even though I will be pregnant 17 times, none of my children survive to adulthood. When I die, thanks to the Act of Settlement, the Crown will pass to my closest Protestant heir (Electress Sophia of Hanover). This is the end of the House of Stuart.

House of Hanover

However!

The Jacobites

Forced to flee to France I never gave up the throne of England. I mounted several attempts to invade England and retake my throne, but all failed.

I died, and am buried, in France while my protestant daughters (Mary and Anne) reigned as English Queens.



King James II dies in 1701



James Stuart (1701-1766)

As the oldest son of James II, I see myself as the rightful King of England (some call me King James III). Nicknamed "The Old Pretender" I mounted several attempts to take the English Throne.

PS – I am Roman Catholic

As the oldest son of the Old Pretender, I see myself as the rightful King of England (some call me King Charles III). Nicknamed "The Young Pretender" I mounted the 1745 attempt to retake the English Throne.

PS – I am Roman Catholic



Charles Stuart (1720-1788)