

The Royal Families of England.

CONSTRUCTED.

Elizabeth was the last of the Tudor family. By birth James Stuart, only son of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, and a great grandson of Margaret, sister of Henry VIII, was the nearest heir to the crown. He was already king of Scotland under the title of James VI, he now by choice of Parliament became James I of England. By his accession the two countries were united under one sovereign, but each retained its own Parliament, its own Church and its own laws. James was unfortunate in his birth, neither his father, Lord Daruley, nor his mother had high qualities of character. The murder of Mary's Italian secretary in her own palace and almost in her own presence gave the queen a shock which left a fatal inheritance of cowardice to her son (murdered by her husband because of jealousy, and he was murdered the following year; believed to have been done by Mary and the Earl of Bothwell, whom she married inside of a year). Throughout his life he could not endure the sight of a drawn sword and his personal appearance was by no means impressive. He had a feeble rickety body, he could not walk straight, his tongue was too large for his mouth and he had goggle eyes. He died in 1625, a victim of confirmed drunkenness and gluttony. The chief event of his reign was the establishment of permanent self governing colonies in Virginia and New England, destined in time to unite with others and become a new and independent nation. On his death his son Charles I ascended the throne. Unlike his father Charles was by nature a gentleman, but like his father he was a firm believer in "The Divine Right of Kings" which was the cause of his many troubles and eventually his death. The whole of his reign must be regarded as a prolonged struggle between the king and the nation, which aided in his being tried and beheaded in 1649. From then until 1660 England was a Republic. In 1653 Oliver Cromwell was made Protector and at his death in 1658 his son Richard Cromwell succeeded to the Protectorate. His government though existed in name only, never in fact and in 1660 the Convention, including 10 members of the House of Lords, met and invited Charles Stuart, then in Holland, to return to his kingdom. Charles was a man with no love of country, no sense of duty, no belief in man, no respect for women. For twelve years he had been a wanderer and at times almost a beggar, now the sole aim of his life was enjoyment. He died in 1685 after having wasted the revenue, robbed the exchequer and cheated the navy, secretly sold himself to France, made war on Holland and shamefully deceived both Parliament and people, all in order to get money with which to gratify his inordinate love of pleasure.

James II, Duke of York, brother of the late king, now came to the throne. His daughter Mary, who had married William, Prince of Orange and resided in Holland was the next in succession until the king announced the birth of a son. This however was believed to be an imposition (though he smuggled a child in) and William of Orange was asked to come over with an army to protect his wife's claim to the throne. Upon his coming James II fled to France. The crown was then tended to William and Mary with the understanding that the actual administration should be vested in William alone. They accepted and William reigned 13 years. His was a brave soul in a feeble body and although never popular in England, he helped more than any one man of the 17th century, Cromwell alone excepted, to make England free. He also founded the Bank of England, by far the largest and most important financial institution in the world.

As he left no children the princess Anna, a younger sister, of the late Queen Mary, now came to the throne. She was known as "Good Queen Anne" During her reign the union of England and Scotland took place. They were united in 1707 under the name of Great Britain and adopted a new flag, the Union Jack. With Anne's death in 1714 the Stuart power came to an end. All of her children died in infancy except one unfortunate sickly son who lived just long enough to awaken hopes which were buried with him.

According to the terms of the Act of Settlement the crown now passed to George, Elector of Hanover, a protestant descendant of James I, of England.

The new king, however, was in no haste to leave the quiet little German Court where he had passed his fifty-fourth birthday and where he would have gladly spent the rest of

his uneventful life. He was a selfish, coarse old man who neither knew nor cared to know anything about England, nor could he speak a word of the English language. Laboring under these disadvantages his majesty wisely determined not to try to take any active part in the affairs of the nation, and the present method of government dates from this reign. His was the first cabinet formed and Sir Robert Walpole the first prime minister. George died in 1727 and his son, George II, ascended the throne. He was much like his father, but could speak broken English readily. His wife Queen Caroline was an able woman who possessed the happy art of ruling her husband without his suspecting it. At his death in 1760 his grandson George III came to the throne.

The new king was a man of excellent character, who prided himself on having been born an Englishman. The close of his reign marks the beginning of the present age. It was indicated in many ways and among others by the change in dress. His long reign covering over 60 years was in every way eventful. During that time England lost her possessions in America. During that period also Ireland was united to Great Britain. He died in 1820 at the age of 78, after having been blind, deaf and insane for 10 years. George IV, the eldest son of the late king now came to the throne, though, owing to his father's insanity, he had virtually been king since 1811. His habits of life had made him a selfish, dissolute spendthrift, who like Charles II, cared only for pleasure. In 1785 he had, contrary to law, married Mrs. Fitzherbert, a Roman Catholic lady of excellent character and possessed of great beauty. Ten years later, partly through royal compulsion and partly to get money to pay off some of his numerous debts the prince married his cousin, Caroline, of Brunswick. This union proved a source of unhappiness to both and he separated from her in a year's time. He tried to obtain divorce on the ground of infidelity but failed. It was decided, however, that she could not claim the honor of coronation. She presented herself at the entrance to Westminster Abbey as the coronation ceremony was about to begin, but by order of her husband admission was refused and she retired to die heart-broken a few days later. George IV died in the summer of 1830. During his 10 years' reign he had squandered enormous sums of money in gambling and dissipation, and had done his utmost to block the wheels of political progress. How far this son of an insane father was responsible it may not be for us to say. Sir Walter Scott was the only one to say anything in his praise. In a whole nation, the rest are silent, or if they speak, it is neither to commend nor to defend, but to condemn. As George IV left no heir, his brother, William, a man of 65, now came to the throne. He had passed most of his life on shipboard, having been placed in the navy when a mere lad, and was familiarly known as "The Sailor King." His reign was short, lasting only seven years, and at his death in 1837 the Princess Victoria, daughter of his brother Edward, Duke of Kent, ascended the throne. In her lineage the queen represents nearly the whole past sovereignty of the land over which she governed. The blood of both Cerdic, the first Saxon king, and of William the Conqueror, flowed in her veins. The new queen was but little over eighteen when called to the throne, 2 years later she was married to her cousin, Prince Albert, of Saxe Coburg Gotha a duchy, of Central Germany. He was about her own age, of fine personal appearance, and had just graduated from one of the German universities. Late in 1861, after 21 years of happy married life, the prince consort died suddenly. In time the nation lost an earnest promoter of social educational and industrial reforms, and the United States a true and judicious friend. After his death the queen held no court, and the feeling that generally existed was that real queen died with her husband, and that only her shadow remained.

In the summer of 1887 Queen Victoria celebrated the 50th year of her reign, ten years later, in June 1897, the nation spontaneously rose to do honor to her diamond jubilee. The splendid military pageant which marked that event in London was far more than a brilliant show for it demonstrated the enthusiastic loyalty of the English people and of the English colonies. Victoria died on Tuesday afternoon, January 22, 1901, after a long and glorious reign of 64 years, and her eldest son, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, came to the throne, assuming the title of Edward VII. He is said to be afflicted with heart disease, and it is

not supposed that his reign will be a long one though he has now reigned for five years. He was married March 10 1863 to the Princess Alexandra, eldest daughter of the late King Christian, 9th of Denmark, and has four children, and whether his reign be short or long, it is to be hoped that he will follow in the footsteps of his noble mother, Queen Victoria, the greatest sovereign that ever ruled over England.

CEDAR FALLS.

Making Extensive Preparation for Commencement-Entertainment to Be Given During the Evening of April 14th.

Mrs. Elias Hurley, the oldest lady in this section is critically ill.

Mr. O. R. Cox went to Greensboro Monday.

Mr. W. T. Gregg is here with a force overhauling the telegraph line which has been temporarily repaired since the sleet.

Mrs. J. J. Glass has just received and opened up a beautiful lot of ladies' hats. Mrs. Glass is an up-to-date milliner.

Come to our commencement. Don't forget the date, April 14, and at night there will be an entertainment. Come and encourage the school workers. Mr. Craven is working up a good string band for the occasion.

S. C. Glass went to Park's Cross Roads to commencement.

Mr. D. J. Alfred and Mr. Rouse are preparing for spring.

Died in Ramseur.

Saturday evening after a short illness, Pauline, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smith. The remains were interred Sunday evening at Pleasant Ridge cemetery, Revs. J. W. Calder and pastor, Patton, of the Christian church, conducting the burial services. There was something very remarkable about little Pauline. She loved to attend her Sabbath school at the Holiness church. She kept all of her Sunday school cards and often spoke of going to live with Jesus. A few days before being taken sick she was lying on the bed and her mother who thought her asleep heard her talking and she was calling God, with eyes wide open, looking upward.

Her home is now far above the sky
Where loved ones will meet her by and by.
Dear Pauline, we miss you every night and day,
But we would not call you back to stay.

Your little tracks we yet can see
Made by no one only these,
But that sweet voice we hear no more
Until we meet on the other shore.

Kanoy Happenings.

There was quite a commotion in this section last Sunday. Three convicts escaped from the camp at Moffitt's Saturday night and two of them made their way in this direction, crossing the river in a boat at Waddell's Ferry. The guards tracked them there but as the river was past fording, they had to go around by Enterprise, a distance of some 25 miles. In the meantime two men living on the other side of the river captured them at High Falls and carried them back.

This shows the great need of a bridge across the river at this place. If they had not been caught by other parties they would surely have gotten away before the guard could have caught them.

Mrs. Jesse Young was on the sick list last week. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Several of the men from this neighborhood attended commissioners court last Monday.

Ralph Items.

Rev. E. G. Lowdermilk visited his brother, Mr. S. F. Lowdermilk, last Friday evening.

Mr. Horton Vestal and children spent Sunday at Mr. Albert Smith's. Messrs. S. F. Lowdermilk, A. C. Cox and J. M. Allen have entered Humbles pond.

Rev. J. H. Stowe will preach at Brower's Chapel next Sunday evening at three o'clock.

Mr. C. C. Wingham killed a hawk last Friday that measured 43 inches from tip to tip.

Miss Ethel King, of Michfield, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. F. Lowdermilk.

Mrs. Caroline Moffitt, of Brown, is spending this week at Mr. Staley's.

Gray's Chapel Items.

Mr. W. M. Routh, after a two weeks' stay at his old home, returned to Montgomery county last week.

Horace Lineberry, aged seventy-four years, died suddenly at his home near here on last Friday. Heart failure or apoplexy was the supposed cause of his death.

Mr. Emsley Alfred celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday on the 13th of March. He lives with his son, Mr. Bethel P. Alfred.

County Medical Society.

There will be a meeting of Randolph County Medical Society in the court house at Asheboro, N. C., on Tuesday, April 10, at 10:30 a. m. Same program will be followed as before announced. A delegate and an alternate to be elected to attend the State Society Meeting. Annual dues must be paid at this meeting—\$2.25 being the amount.

S. A. HENLEY, Pres.
C. C. HUBBARD, Sec.

THE COURIER APPRECIATED.

Kind Words From One of Our Readers—Loves the Cause.

THE COURIER has received the following letter from one of its readers, which is highly appreciated by the editor.

"I don't want you to stop my paper when my subscription is out—Jan. 1, 1907—and if I can't also a 'dun' and I will remit the first chance. I am your friend and at any time I can do you a good turn demand it and it will be glad to do so with pleasure. I thoroughly appreciate your paper and will be glad to help you at any time in this locality.

This letter seems a little 'uncalled for' but I do want to do just a little something for your paper when I have a chance, for it is doing so much for public schools and for the administration of good government in the good old county.

It's a deep satisfaction to know that we have such good men in the county offices—through breds, instead of a set of thieving radicals—a poor improvement on the old rascally Carpet-Baggers.

And you are undertaking another big job too—Good Roads—but may God bless you in it. We surely need them.

I want to help you all I can. I know the need of better public schools—and any one can see the need of better roads.

May your efforts be finally crowned with brilliant success. With best wishes for Pr of Way and public schools and every thing in the courier office from "Devil" to Editor I am your friend.

Suggs Creek Items.

The recent rains have again forced open the eyes and ears of those opposed to good roads.

The epidemic of measles in this section has about spent itself.

Mrs. J. S. Sugg, who has been sick for some time, is able to be out again.

Mrs. They Freeman is very sick at her home here. Some time ago she dislocated her hip from which she has suffered intensely since.

Rev. Mr. Ingram, of Star, preached an able sermon at Maple Springs church Sunday.

You can get blank deeds, blank mortgage deeds, chattel mortgages and magistrate blanks at the COURIER.

Notice.

All members of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Randolph County who have not paid their January assessments are requested to do so at once.

J. S. HAYES,
Sec. & Treas.

W. W. JONES

The Grocer

can furnish you the best in seasonable edibles. If it is for dinner, supper or breakfast consult him. He always has fine flour, fresh butter, as well as variety of delicacies.

Does Your Hat Match Your Face?

If not, wear one that does. Go to Mrs Blair's Millinery where you will find the newest and most desirable shapes for spring. More goods expected daily.

Mrs. E. T. Blair, Asheboro, N. C.

The Busy Store.

Our Messrs Carter and Craven have just returned from the Northern markets where they bought one of the largest and handsomest stocks of goods ever shown in Ramseur. All up-to-date and prices right. A fine line of silks from

50 cents to \$1.50 per yard

Millinery Department	Clothing Department
Our Millinery Department will be in charge of Miss Ora May Cox, the accomplished and clever milliner from High Point. The ladies hats are beautiful this spring. Come and see them	Our clothing department is complete and we can fit all from the four-year-old boy to the large man. We have a nice line of Shirts and Neckwear right from the manufacturer.

House Furnishings

Mattings, Rugs, &c. A full line of Groceries always on hand. Guano and Acids. Come and see us and we will do you good.

Ramseur Store Company.
H. B. CARTER, Manager.

Furniture By The Car.

In buying this way we secure the best at the lowest prices.

Just Received,

a large line of Furniture embracing Bedroom Suits, Couches, Iron Beds, Dining Chairs, Rockers, Hall Racks, etc. We carry a nice line of jewelry; also handle a full line of heavy and fancy groceries. See our prices and inspect our stock and you are sure to be our customer.

The Crescent Furniture Company,
Ramseur, N. C.
N. B.—A full line of Coffins and Caskets can be found at this store.

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No. 5 West Trade Street,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.,
C. H. WILMOTH, Mgr.

Easter Advice

Not a month before you will be ready for your Easter dress or your Easter Monday shirtwaist suits. The latest showing in Dress goods, embracing all of fashion's spring fancies can be found at our store. Our buyer has visited the fashion centres and has purchased the most desirable fabrics, in the most popular shades.

Some Popular Materials:

WE

ask your attention to our large and most comprehensive display of newest models in

Spring and Summer Footwear

for ladies, misses, children and men.

The assortments embrace the richest qualities for ladies and gentlemen, in all leathers, for all occasions.

Our line of spring clothing is without a rival. We can furnish you the best of either custom or tailor-made suits, in the latest spring cuts. In our stock can be found the best goods made by the now famous Griffon merchant and custom tailors.

You should furnish yourself with the most nobby articles in neck-wear hats, and other furnishings: We have them at popular prices.

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