

# Monarchs of Britain and England

Following her death on September 8th 2022, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch of Britain and England, and King Charles III became the oldest person to become monarch. A steady increase in lifespan among the royals suggests that these records may both be broken soon, if only the monarchy survives that long.

Birth Beginning of reign End of reign Death

Saxe-Coburg and Gotha

Windsor

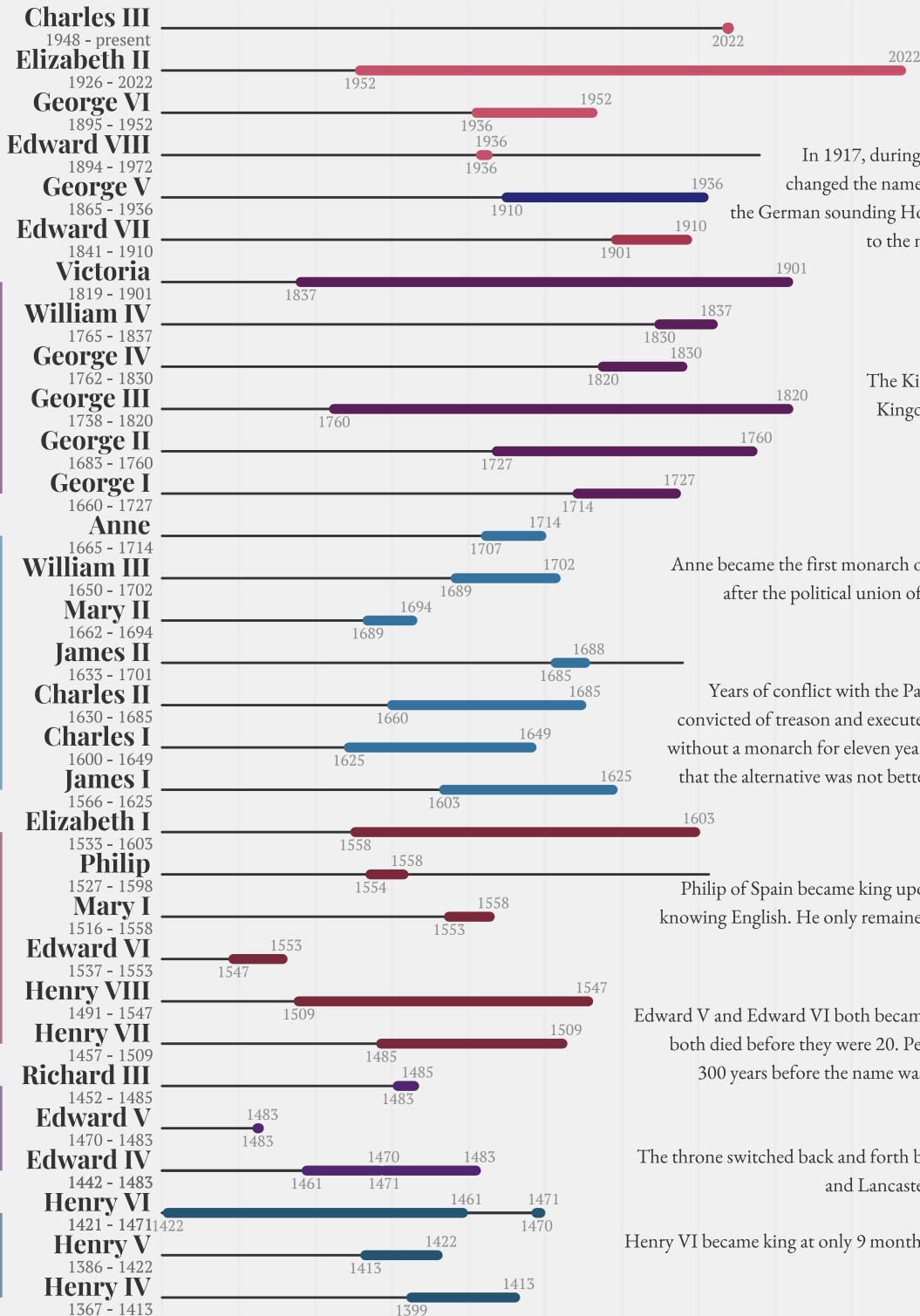
Hanover

Stuart

Tudor

York

Lancaster



In 1917, during the First World War, George V changed the name of the British royal house from the German sounding House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha to the more British House of Windsor.

The Kingdom of Great Britain and the Kingdom of Ireland merged into The United Kingdom in 1801.

Anne became the first monarch of the Kingdom of Great Britain after the political union of England and Scotland in 1707.

Years of conflict with the Parliament lead to Charles I being convicted of treason and executed. After his death, England was without a monarch for eleven years, until they eventually decided that the alternative was not better, and made his son, Charles II, the new king.

Philip of Spain became king upon marrying Mary I, despite not knowing English. He only remained king until she died, four years after their wedding.

Edward V and Edward VI both became kings at a very young age, and both died before they were 20. Perhaps that is why it took almost 300 years before the name was chosen for a future king again.

The throne switched back and forth between the rival houses of York and Lancaster during the Wars of the Roses.

Henry VI became king at only 9 months old, following the death of his father, Henry V.

Age