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George VI + Elizabeth

Due to Edward VIII's abdication, his brother Albert took on the regnal name of George VI and the duties of king. His coronation was the first to be broadcast, and partially televised, live. George hated public speaking due to his stutter, and after a few years of speech therapy was able to speak with less hesitation.

## 6 & 7 VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA - 1939

The 1939 royal tour by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth was the first time a reigning Canadian monarch had set foot in our country. It was the most successful royal tour in Canadian history, with enormous crowds greeting the royal couple as they crossed the country by train.

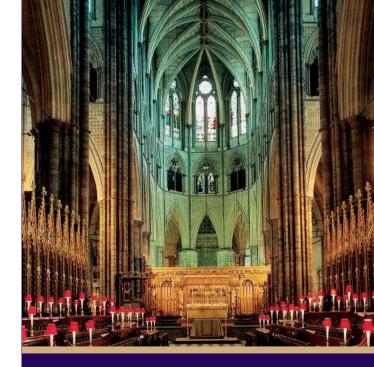


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## Elizabeth II Coronation

The stress of war had taken a toll on George VI's health, and his daughter Elizabeth took on more royal duties as her father's health deteriorated. Princess Elizabeth ascended to the throne at the age of 25, and was the longest-reigning monarch in British history after 70 years on the throne.

- 9 ELIZABETH II SILVER JUBILEE The Silver Jubilee of Elizabeth II was celebrated with large-scale parties and parades throughout the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth throughout 1977.
- 10 PRINCE PHILIP MARRIES DIANA Nearly a billion people tuned in to watch and listen to the wedding held at St. Paul's Cathedral. With a dress designed with the longest train in royal wedding history, bands of Welsh gold, and 27 wedding cakes, their marriage was billed as a "fairytale wedding".
  - BIRTH OF PRINCE WILLIAM William was the first child born to a prince and princess of Wales since Prince John was born to Prince George and Princess Mary in 1905.





## Royal Ascent



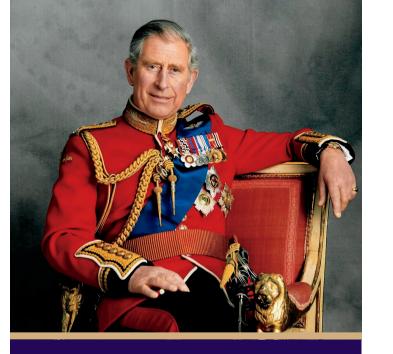


King Charles III ascended to the throne in September following the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II, making him the oldest new monarch in British history. The King is set to be crowned May 6, 2023 at Westminster Abbey.

Many across the world will be watching the event with all its associated pomp and ceremony.

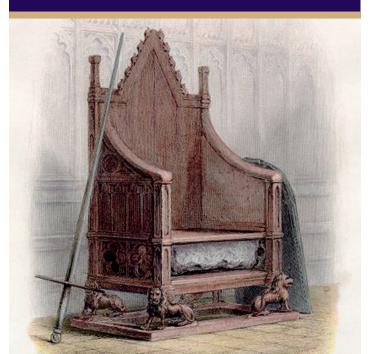
Our exhibit will use commemorative memorabilia on loan to us as well as some ephemera from our collection to explore Royal events over the last century.





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King George & Queen Mary

This mug and plate commemorate the 1911 coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. Inheriting the throne at a politically turbulent time, they were a driving force of modernizing the British monarchy.

2 GEORGE & MARY - SILVER JUBILEE

In 1935, King George V and Queen Mary were the first British monarchs to celebrate a Silver Jubilee. The day was a holiday, marked throughout the country with parties, sporting events and pageants. The king gave a radio broadcast to the nation in the evening.

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Edward VIII

Ruling for less than one year, Edward VIII was the first English monarch to voluntarily abdicate the throne after the British government, public and church condemned his decision to marry the American divorcée Wallis Warfield Simpson.