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Family tree of the Tudor dynasty of England, including kings and queens from Henry VII to James I. Under laws of primogeniture, a king was succeeded by his eldest son -- unless he died without a son, in which case things got complicated. The order of succession was as follows:

Sons, in order from eldest to youngest

Daughters, in order from eldest to youngest

Eldest and/or closest male relation of the current king

Since Edward VI and Mary I had no children, they were succeeded by their sisters. Elizabeth I also died without children, and made special arrangements so that James Stuart, King of Scotland, would succeed her as King of England. Without such advance arrangements, war could break out over the succession. Kings and queens belong to a house -- a family with a single name. Henry Tudor was the first king in the "House of Tudor." James I was the first king of the House of Stuart.

Henry VII (Henry Tudor)

born 1457, ruled 1485–1509

Henry VIII

son of Henry VII

born 1491, ruled 1509–1547

Edward VI

son of Henry VIII by Jane Seymour

born 1537, ruled 1547–1553

Mary I ("Bloody Mary")

daughter of Henry VIII by Catherine of Aragon

born 1516, ruled 1553–1558

Elizabeth I

daughter of Henry VIII by Anne Boleyn

born 1533, ruled 1558–1603

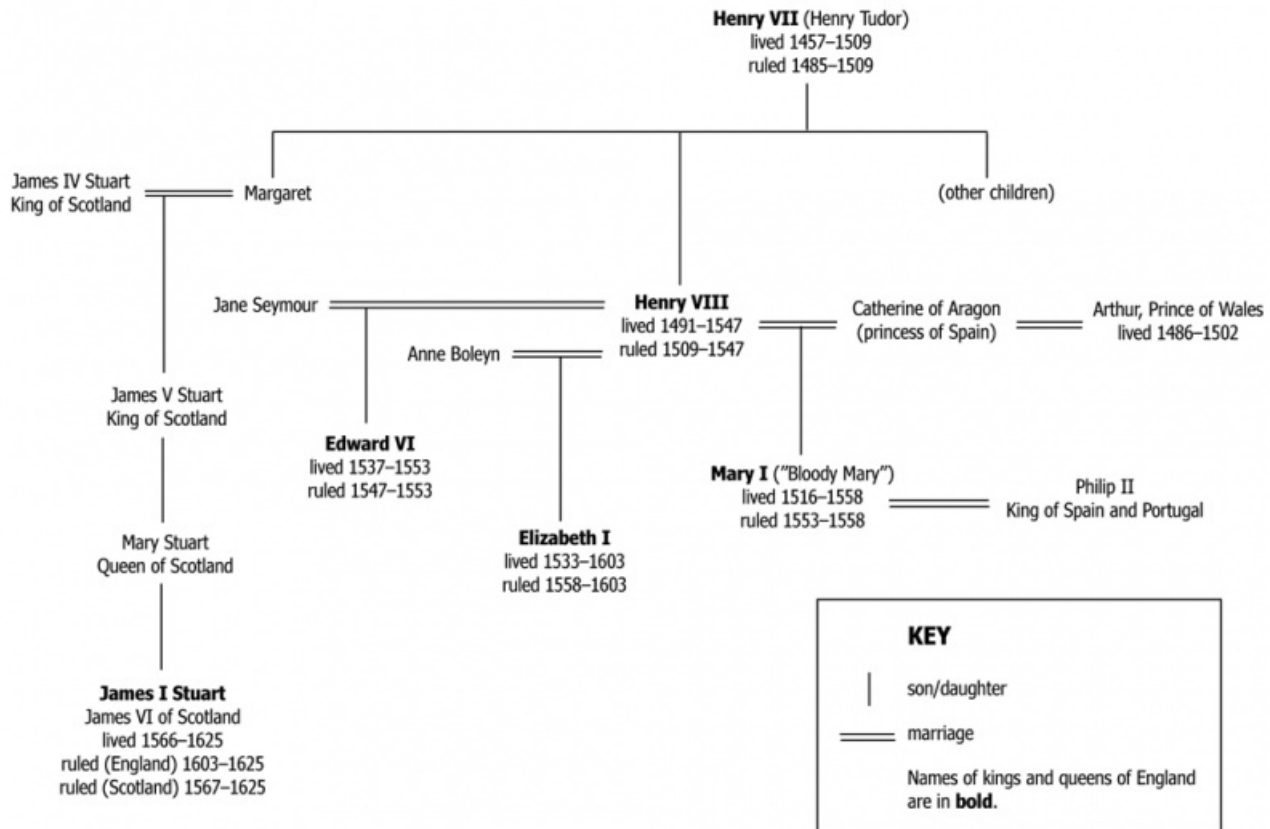
James I (James Stuart)

great-grandson of Henry VII

born 1566, ruled England 1603–1625

James VI of Scotland (ruled 1567–1625)

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