

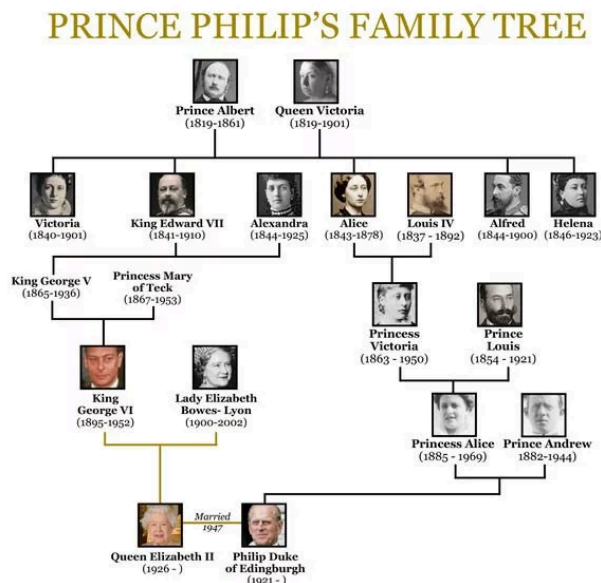
QUEEN VICTORIA

LONGEVITY

Queen Victoria, who was the Queen of the United Kingdom from 20th of June 1837 until her death, was born the 24rd of may of 1819 in Kensington Palace, London and she died the 22nd of January of 1901, at the age of 81, in Osborne House, Isle of Wight.

OFFSPRING. GRANDMOTHER OF EUROPE (why?)

Queen Victoria received the nickname of “Grandmother of Europe” because her childrens had married into many of Europe’s royal families, and her grandchildren when they grew up did exactly the same.



LOVE AFFAIR WITH ALBERT

Victoria married her first cousin Albert. They have 9 children and Victoria was so in Love with Albert however she hated being pregnant.

The couple was in a huge power struggle because Albert was taking over much of Victoria's duties, because when she was pregnant she was too weak to be the queen. Victoria really liked that Albert did her work when she needed to, but she felt resentful because he was taking away many of her powers.

Albert died in 1861, and after that Victoria was so depressed, to show it she always wore black.

CURIOSITIES ABOUT QUEEN VICTORIA

Not long ago Victoria held the title of the longest reigning British monarch, but her great-great granddaughter broke it and now Queen Elizabeth II held this title.

Another fact about her is that she survived at least at 8 assassination attempts. And after each attempt she became more and more popular. Also she had a stalker, and one day he entered the castle and stole all her clothes.

Finally, she spoke many languages like German, French, Latin and Italian...

WEDDING DRESS ANECDOTE

Formally, weddings were often more a business association between families than a love match, so brides wore the richest fabrics and most striking colours they could afford to show their social standing, however that all changed on February 10, 1840.

On that date, 20 year old Queen Victoria wed Prince Albert of Saxe, in an iconic white silk-satin gown trimmed with lace. The white wedding dress was a real departure from the colourful gowns of the time but, Queen Victoria selected the colour purely because it was the best choice to showcase the lace detailing.

Another wedding protocol set by Queen Victoria relates to why white is reserved strictly for the bride and on the banned style list for wedding guests. Legend says Queen Victoria decreed no guests were permitted to wear white at her wedding, setting another wedding tradition which is followed still today.

Although Queen Victoria wasn't the first high profile royal bride to wear white, she is widely credited for starting the white dress trend and further proves the impact royal weddings have on wedding trends in general.

FILMS:

Queen Victoria was a very important and famous person, so there are a lot of films, series and shows about her.

The best shows, films, and series from the public opinion are:

→ Victoria the Great

This 1937 British biographical film was commissioned by none other than King Edward VIII.

Victoria the Great focuses on the early years of Victoria's reign and her marriage to Prince Albert. It ends with the film switching from black and white to colour.

→ **Sixty Glorious years**

Following the success of Victoria the Great in 1937, director Herbert Wilcox returned with a sequel in 1938.

→ **The young Victoria**

The Young Victoria brings to life the early years and reign of Queen Victoria and her marriage to Prince Albert.

→ **Victoria**

The early life of Queen Victoria, from her ascension to the throne at the tender age of eighteen to her courtship and marriage to Prince Albert.

→ **Mrs Brown**

When Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert dies, she finds solace in her trusted servant, Mr. John Brown, but their relationship also brings scandal and turmoil.