

British Monarchs

1600's - i Stuarts

JAMES I and VI of Scotland - 22 yrs. 4 days.

Lord of Ireland styled himself as King of Great Britain and Ireland. Reigned for over 57 years in Scotland. Faced the Gunpowder Plot. The Jacobean Era.

CHARLES 1 - 23 yrs. 310 days. Parliament tried to curb his royal prerogative but he believed in the divine right of kings. Opposed by his subjects and executed by beheading for high treason on 30th Jan 1649 during the English Civil War.

Monarchy abolished
COMMONWEALTH
declared 19th May 1649

OLIVER CROMWELL, Lord Protector.

4 yrs. 262 days. MP for Huntingdon then Cambridge before becoming active in the civil war. One of the most important statesmen in English history.

RICHARD CROMWELL, Lord Protector.

247 days. Failed to gain respect or support from the army, resigned 17th May 1659 and went into exile.

The end of the Commonwealth.