

Kings of Mercia

700's

COENRED - 5 yrs.

Abdicated and retired as a monk to Rome.

CEOLRED - 7 yrs.

Died at a feast, probably poisoned.

ÆTHELBALD - 41 yrs. One of the strongest kings of Mercia, murdered by his bodyguards.

BEORNRED - under a year. An unpopular tyrant, deposed by Offa, forced to flee, killed the same year.

OFFA - 39 yrs. Greatest and most powerful of all Mercian kings, one of the most powerful Anglo-Saxon kings, murdered most of his rivals. Built Offa's Dyke to keep the Welsh out.

ECGFRITH - 141 days. Co-ruler with his father Offa, probably assassinated after Offa's death.

COENWULF - 25 yrs. Styled himself as "Emperor" the last Mercian to exercise dominance over other Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Died in a raid into the Welsh kingdoms.