

Queen Mary I

Henry's first child

Born: 18th February 1516

Reign: 1553–1558

Married: King Philip II of Spain, 1554

Children: None

Died: 17th November 1558



Mary was Catherine of Aragon's only surviving child. While she was Queen, she resolved to return England to Roman Catholicism and ordered the execution of hundreds of Protestants. This earned her the nickname 'Bloody Mary'. However, her attempts to return England to Catholicism failed.

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Queen Elizabeth I

Henry's second child

Born: 7th September 1533

Reign: 1558–1603

Married: Never

Children: None

Died: 24th March 1603



Elizabeth was Anne Boleyn's only daughter and was just two years old when Henry ordered the execution of her mother. Under Elizabeth's long reign, the country was restored to Protestantism and it became known as the Golden Age. Elizabeth earned the nickname 'Good Queen Bess' due to her dedication to the people of England.

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King Edward VI

Henry's third child

Born: 12th October 1537

Reign: 1547–1553

Married: Never

Children: None

Died: 6th July 1553



Edward's mother, Jane Seymour, died just 12 days after giving birth. Edward was crowned King at only nine years old but died from tuberculosis at the age of 15. In order to ensure England remained Protestant, he named Lady Jane Grey as successor to the throne. However, she reigned for only nine days before being arrested and executed.

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Henry Fitzroy

Henry's illegitimate child

Born: 15th June 1519

Reign: Never

Married: Mary Howard

Children: None

Died: 22nd July 1536



Henry Fitzroy was the illegitimate son of Henry VIII and Elizabeth Blount (Catherine of Aragon's lady-in-waiting). It is thought Henry VIII considered making Fitzroy his heir. However, Fitzroy died aged 17 from tuberculosis.

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