

ALL IN THE FAMILY

This Display Exhibit is the story of Queen Victoria, the "Grandmama of Europe" and her family. Queen Victoria and Prince Consort Albert had nine children and forty grandchildren; many of whom became the ruling heads of most of Europe. As in all families, there were good responsible human beings and some scalawags. **The period covered is the accession of Queen Victoria until the beginning of World War II.** Sadly, because of the Royal's propensity for intermarrying in order to maintain or expand political power, there were inherited problems such as **Hemophilia, (Heamophilia)** learning disabilities, Personality disorders and Deafness which had significant effects beyond the immediate royal families. The lack of medical knowledge played a significant part in the problems that plagued everyone on earth, including the rich and powerful. Diphtheria took many victims, and course childbirth was an unbelievable problem for both the mother and child. Doctors were still "bleeding" patients which weakened the victim rather than curing them.

Outline: Of the nine children, names printed in purple are those who became rulers. If a name is printed in red, the person is a carrier (female), or victim of **Hemophilia**, the "Royal disease". Other inherited problems are individually discussed.

The Nine children of Albert and Victoria were:

Victoria "Vicky" - Princess Royal - Empress of Germany (Not proven conclusively a Hemophilia carrier)

Albert "Bertie" - Prince of Wales— King Edward VII of England

Alice, "Alee" - Princess— Duchess of Hesse

Alfred "Affie" - Duke of Edinburgh, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha

Helena "Lenchen" - Princess- **Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein**

Louise "Lulu" - Princess -Duchess of Argyll - (No children)

Arthur "Artie" - Duke of Connaught and Strathearn

Leopold "Leo" - Duke of Albany

Beatrice "Baby" - Princess- Prince Henry of Battenberg

They produced 40 children, all of whom had confusing nicknames. The current Queen of England, Elizabeth (Lillibeth), is the great granddaughter of Victoria, she is married to her cousin, Prince Philip Montbatten of Greece, is very much a part of today's modern world. This family, more than any other in modern history, continues to influence our history.

Blue text = Philatelic descriptions **Red text = Hemophilia related**

Some noteworthy items: *Penny Black Stamp on a cover.*

Cover addressed to Queen Victoria,

Mulready envelopes,

Three kings in one year cover,

Five reigns cover with unique postmark date,

Abdication Day of Edward VIII cover.