

# Royal Lodge Is Favorite Among Royal Residences

In 1931, when Their Majesties were Duke and Duchess of York, Royal Lodge was given to them by King George V. History has called them to the throne, but throughout those 20 years this pink-painted brick mansion in Berkshire, in the seclusion of Windsor Great Park, has been their favourite residence.

Since the accession more than ever it has become a refuge from the public's prying eyes and the cares of kingship. Not even close friends set foot inside the door. Here the Royal Family lives and acts like any other family on holiday—wearing old and comfortable clothes, not bothering to dress for dinner, and playing on the lawns with their pet dogs.

There are no servants in the formal sense of the word; the half-dozen men and women who look after the comfort of the royal family are old retainers, more like friends with whom the King and Queen love to chat. Besides, in their own home the King and Queen like to do things for themselves. If the fire needs more coal, the King fetches it himself instead of ringing for a servant. The Queen picks and arranges the flowers which adorn every room.

### Homely Atmosphere

There is nothing about Royal Lodge to distinguish it from the home of any other well-to-do family, except perhaps that it is less sumptuous than many. There are no gold-plated bathrooms, no gilded chairs, no elevator, and no luxuries. Every fitting is strictly utilitarian.

But over the years Royal Lodge has taken a warm, homely nature, in which the Queen's artistic hands and colour sense can be seen in the furnishing and decorations. Anxious to preserve the country house atmosphere she has used much chintz, and the green and blue colours so loved by her predeceator.

Of the original Royal Lodge, built by Nash for George IV when he was Prince Regent, only the drawing-room still stands. It is illuminated at night by two fine old English glass chandeliers. Tapestries hang on the walls; a large and comfortable settee and two armchairs face an open log fire.

In one corner stands a grand piano on which the Queen and Princess Margaret often entertain the King, who joins in a family tune-song. Three antique desks line the huge French windows which look out on to a gently sloping lawn. The whole room, comfortable and with a lived-in atmosphere, is covered with a blue patterned French carpet.

### No Formality

The dining room is severe in its simplicity. It is paneled in natural oak, adorned with oil paint-



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### Duke And Duchess Are Third Cousins

The ancestry of Princess Elizabeth, heir presumptive to the British throne, is well known to all people in the Commonwealth and the world. The family tree of her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, however, is probably a mystery to a great many who only know that he started life as a Greek Prince and just before his marriage, became a naturalized British citizen.

Elizabeth, of course, is directly descended from Queen Victoria and her consort, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, who were her great-great-grandparents. It happens that Philip also is a great-great-grandchild of the famous British Queen.

Philip is descended from Victoria and Albert through the female line and Elizabeth through the male line. This makes them actually third cousins through the Hanover line.

The Duke's great-grandmother was Princess Alice Maude Mary, third child and second daughter of Victoria and her consort. This accomplished woman was once described by her father as "the beauty of the family". Her husband was Louis IV of Hesse-Darmstadt. Their daughter, Princess Victoria, married her cousin, Prince Louis Alexander of Battenberg who later became the First Marquess of Milford Haven.

Philip's mother, who now is a member of the religious order of Martha and Maria on the Aegean Island of Tinos, was a child of this marriage. She was born Princess Alice of Battenberg but her father, who was admiral of the fleet after the first World War, relinquished his royal titles, changed his name to Mountbatten and later was raised to the peerage of the United Kingdom.

Philip's father, Prince Andrew, brother of King Constantine of Greece, of Danish royal descent, was banished from Greece with his family and fled to Paris in 1922. Philip ended up living with the English branch of his mother's family. His father died in France in 1944.

Elizabeth's line of descent from Victoria and Albert comes through King Edward VII, her great-grandfather; King George V her grandfather; and King George VI, her father.

She can also claim descent from Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror, Charlemagne, the Emperor Barbarossa, St. Louis of France, Robert "The Bruce" of Scotland and Mary "Queen of Scots", to name a few of her ancestors.

ings. There is no fireplace; instead, heated air rises from concealed vents in the floor. In the centre of the room stands a massive, highly polished oak dining table around which high-backed chairs with plain, wooden seats, are arranged. One chair has arms and is used by the King. It was in this room that the Duke of Windsor dined for the last time before leaving for the Continent.

The library, its shelves filled with rare old books, is considered to be one of the most attractive rooms in the house. It is built to an unusual, octagonal plan. The hall is quite narrow and is austere, but it leads to a fine old oak staircase.

It is only in the King's and Queen's bedrooms, both on the ground floor, that there is the slightest hint that royalty sleeps there, for over the windows there are brass grilles to prevent any intrusion.

Apart from this there is little

protection for the Royal Family. There are no guards, no armed patrols; only a solitary police-box and one porter's lodge guard the approach.

The bedrooms of the King and Queen are simply but tastefully furnished. Scattered around are informal photographs, many taken by the King himself, a keen amateur photographer.

### Recent Alterations

The King and Queen have both supervised alterations to the house. Staff quarters are bright and airy, and a new wing was added in place of the old conservatory in which Queen Victoria listened to her uncle's (George IV) German band.

When the Princesses were old enough to learn to swim, a pool was constructed in the grounds. And still there is the little Welsh cottage, given to Princess Elizabeth by the people of Wales on



her sixth birthday. This is now a delight to Prince Charles, who loves to play tea parties inside, as, indeed, did his mother not so many years ago.

So Royal Lodge has become the King and Queen's ideal. It is only three miles from the town of Windsor, and on a clear day the turrets of the castle can be seen from the veranda of Royal Lodge. Often the King and Queen drive unheralded into the town, where they visit the antique shops, and then back again to listen to their favourite radio shows. Indeed, Royal Lodge could be termed "the home of Mr. and Mrs. Windsor".

The Royal family has been called Windsor since a proclamation made in July, 1917.

King George II was the last British monarch to lead his troops personally on the field of battle. He did so at the field of Dettingen in 1743.

### HAMMERED SCOTS

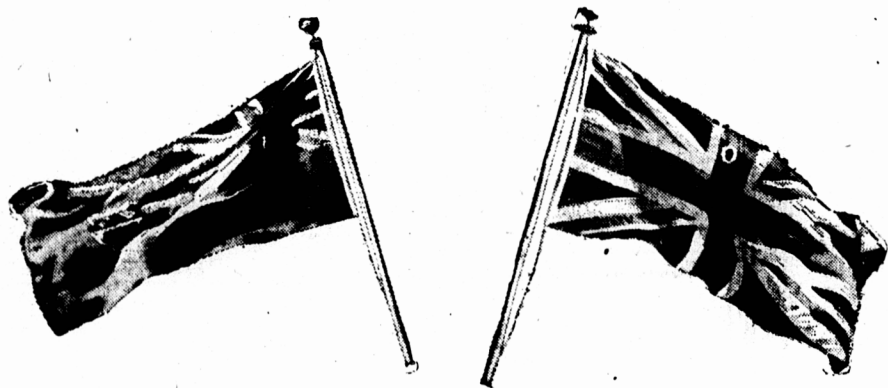
King Edward I of England was known as "The Hammer of the Scots" because of the numerous forays he made against them. He died journeying north in a final attempt to subdue them.

The King and Queen were crowned at Westminster on May 12, 1937.

Princess Margaret's birthday is August 21. She was born at Glamis Castle, home of her grandparents, in 1930.

The birthday of Princess Elizabeth is April 21. She is 25 years of age, was born in London.

During the war the King and Queen seldom used their own private train when they went to Balmoral. Normally they used the public train service to Perth and went by car from there to Balmoral Castle.



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