

The Royal Proclamation, 19 June 1917

“Now, therefore, We. out of Our Royal Will and authority, do hereby declare and announce that as from this date of Royal Proclamation, Our House and Family shall be styled and known as the House and Family of Windsor, and that all the descendants of the male line of Our said Grandmother Queen Victoria who are subjects of these Realms, other than female descendants who may marry or may have married shall bear the said Name of Windsor.”

George V

The British Royal Family, which had strong German ties since George 1st, renounced its German names and titles and adopted s the name of Windsor.

George V made the history-changing decision to give up the German name of **Saxe-Coburg-Gotha**, which had come to the family in 1840 as a result of Queen Victoria’s marriage to Prince Albert.