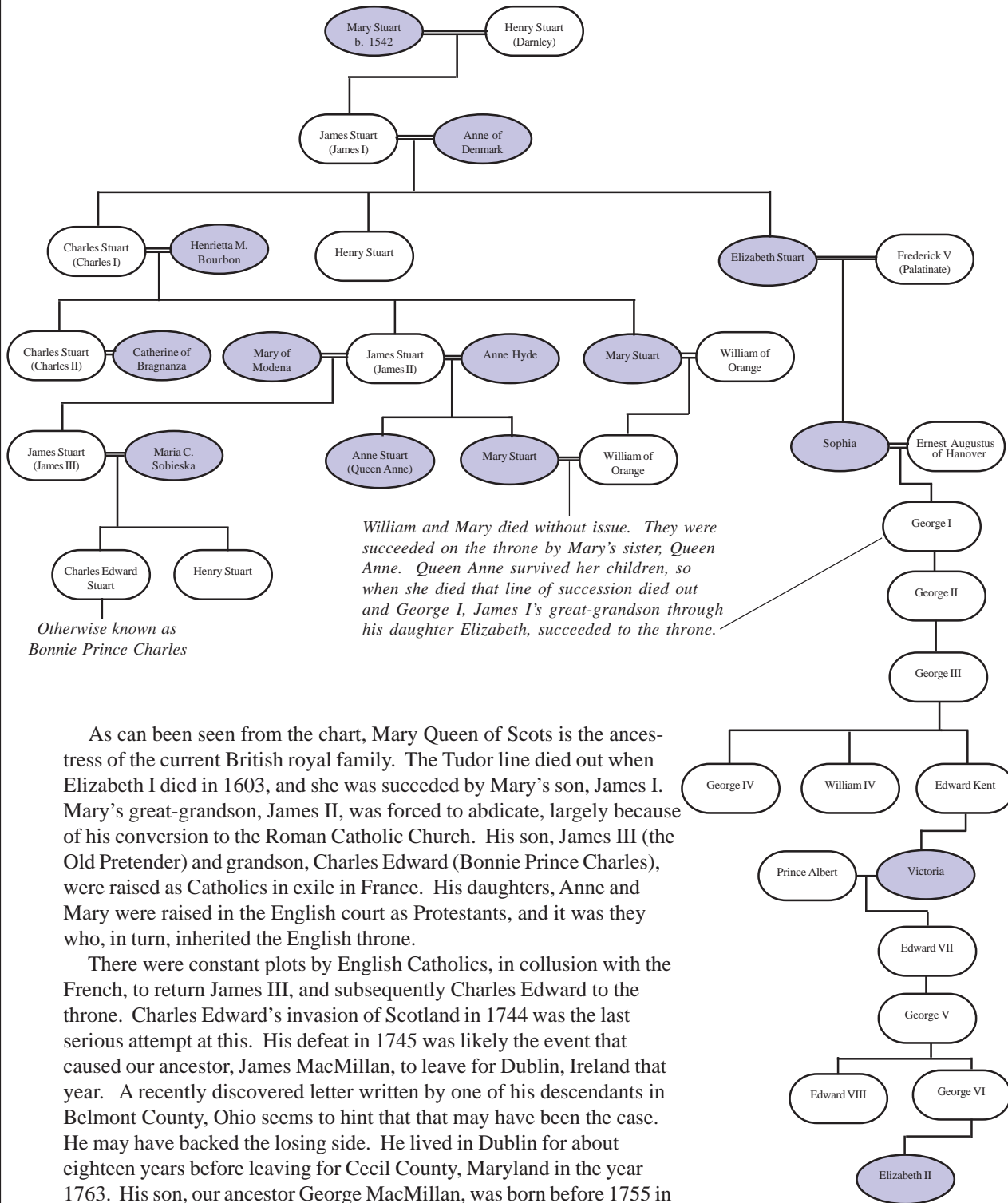


Descendants of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots



As can be seen from the chart, Mary Queen of Scots is the ancestress of the current British royal family. The Tudor line died out when Elizabeth I died in 1603, and she was succeeded by Mary's son, James I. Mary's great-grandson, James II, was forced to abdicate, largely because of his conversion to the Roman Catholic Church. His son, James III (the Old Pretender) and grandson, Charles Edward (Bonnie Prince Charles), were raised as Catholics in exile in France. His daughters, Anne and Mary were raised in the English court as Protestants, and it was they who, in turn, inherited the English throne.

There were constant plots by English Catholics, in collusion with the French, to return James III, and subsequently Charles Edward to the throne. Charles Edward's invasion of Scotland in 1744 was the last serious attempt at this. His defeat in 1745 was likely the event that caused our ancestor, James MacMillan, to leave for Dublin, Ireland that year. A recently discovered letter written by one of his descendants in Belmont County, Ohio seems to hint that that may have been the case. He may have backed the losing side. He lived in Dublin for about eighteen years before leaving for Cecil County, Maryland in the year 1763. His son, our ancestor George MacMillan, was born before 1755 in Ireland.