

British Antique Furniture Restorers' Association



Background Dates for English Furniture

Monarch	Important Events and Developments	Influential Designers
Henry VII 1405–1509	Better Furniture made by joiners (oak)	
Henry VII 1509–1547		
Edward VI 1547–1553		
Mary 1 1553–1558		
Elizabeth 1 1558–1603	Renaissance style influential	
James 1 1603–1625		
Charles I 1625–1649	1642–8, Civil War in England Betters Chairs made by turners	Inigo Jones (1573–1652)
Commonwealth 1649–1660		
Charles II 1660–1685	1666, Great Fire of London Walnut becoming more popular	
James II 1685–1688	Veneer and Marquetry coming into use	
William and Mary 1699–1694		Grinling Gibbons (1648–1721)
William III 1694–1702	Better furniture made by cabinet makers	
Anne 1702–1714	Baroque style influential	

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George I 1714–1727	Mahogany becoming more popular	
George II 1727–1760	1756–1763, Seven Years War with France Rococco style influential	William Kent (c.1685–1748)
George III 1760–1820	1775–1782, American War of Independence Neo-classical style influential	Thomas Chippendale (1718–1779) Robert Adam (1728–1792) George Heppelwhite (d. 1786)
Regency 1810–1820	1793–1815, Napoleonic War with France	Thomas Sheraton (1751–1806)
George IV 1820–1830	Greek Revival style influential	Thomas Hope (1769–1831)
William IV 1830–1837	French Polishing and seat springing introduced	George Bullock (1777–1818)
Victoria 1837–1901	Gothic Revival 1851 Great Exhibition Arts and Crafts style influential	Augustus W N Pugin (1812–1852) Edward Godwin (1833–1876) William Morris (1834–1896)
Edward VII 1901–1910	Art Nouveau style influential	Christopher Dresser (1834–1904) Charles Voysey (1857–1941)
George V 1910–1936	1914–1918 First World War	Ernest Barnsley (1863–1926) Sidney Barnsley (1865–1926)
Edward VIII 1936		Charles Ashbee (1863–1942) Ernest Gimson (1864–1919)
George VI 1936–1953		George Walton (1867–1933) Charles Mackintosh (1869–1928)