

# I Can't Tell a Lie ...

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**Lessons:** Researching or just studying the genealogy of royalty can be very interesting and also teach you a number of valuable genealogy lessons such as:

- Reinforcing “Work from Known to Unknown”
- Genealogy is more than just names and dates  
Names and dates are like a skeleton, stories add muscle, and images or photos add a skin. Together they give you a better view of the person.
- Timelines and history are very beneficial  
Knowing what local or world events were going on during your ancestors life may help you find out what records were created.
- Pedigree Collapse
- Tests your finding and evaluating evidence skills
- Tests your Organizational skills
- Tests your personal “Code of Ethics”

Many royal families are interrelated.

- Henry II = Eleanor of Aquitaine (former wife of the King of France)
- John 1 Lackland = Isabelle of Angouleme (des. King of France)
- Henry III = Eleanor of Provence (des King of Aragon)
- Edward I = Eleanor of Castile dau. of Ferdinand III of Castile, King of Castile and Leon
- Edward II = Isabella of France – dau. of Philip IV, the Fair, King of France
- Edward III = Philippa of Hainault (des. Kings of France & Hungary)

There are a number of interesting books about the Plantagenet’s reign by Thomas B. Costain. These are “docu-dramas” based around facts and filled in with fiction in a modern language not full of “wherefore and whilst”.

- *The Conquerors* 1066 – 1216 (William the Conqueror – John)
- *The Magnificent Century* 1216-1272 (Henry III)
- *The Three Edwards* 1272 – 1377 (Edward I, II, and III)
- *The Last Plantagenets* 1377-1485 (Richard II – Richard III)

Other books covering the same period

- *Katherine* (Swynford the lover and 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of John of Gaunt) by Anya Seton
- *Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Four Kings* – Amy Kelly 1950
- *Who’s Who in Late Medieval England* by Michael Hicks
- *The Oxford Book of Royal Anecdotes* – edited by Elizabeth Longford 1989
- *William Marshal* by David Crouch (the protector of Henry III)

Links to a few websites about Royals:

[www.JeffBockman.com](http://www.JeffBockman.com), click Genlinks, then choose Royals or other topics

- Directory of Royal Genealogical Data
- French – Les Capetiens Descendants of Hugh Capet, King of France in 987. use <http://babelfish.altavista.com/translate.dyn> to get a rough translation.

There are a number of lineage societies that require royal or medieval descent:

- National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons - <http://www.magnacharta.org/>
- The Descendants of the Illegitimate Sons and Daughters of the Kings of Britain – better known as “The Royal Bastards”
- Order Of The Crown Of Charlemagne In The United States Of America
- Descendants of Charlemagne

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For other books on the Royals see:

Royal & Noble Bibliography Secondary Sources and Lineage Compilations

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