

House of York

Edward IV 1461-1483

Soon after his coronation he defeated the Lancastrians at Towton. Henry was captured and held in the Tower. Edward's marriage to Elizabeth Woodville alienated his brother, George, Duke of Clarence and Warwick, the "kingmaker", who joined the Lancastrians and, at Edgecote, defeated Edward and imprisoned him at Warwick. Edward escaped and defeated Warwick's army, and Warwick and Clarence fled to France. Warwick invaded and freed Henry hailing him as King. Edward entered London unopposed, recaptured Henry and faced Warwick at Barnett, where Warwick was killed. Margaret landed at Weymouth and Edward defeated her at Tewkesbury. Henry was murdered in the Tower.

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