

# QUEEN VICTORIA'S VIKING HERITAGE



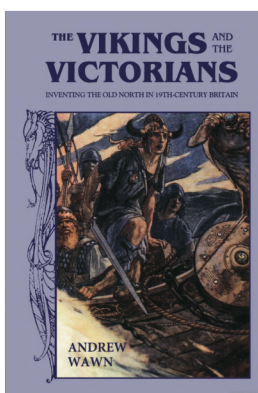
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Queen Victoria - Coronation portrait by George Hayter - 1838

**“I say that the Church of England is wonderfully and mysteriously fitted for the souls of a free Norse-Saxon race, for men whose ancestors fought by the side of Odin, over whom a descendant of Odin now rules.”**

*Charles Kingsley: His Letters and Memories of His Life (1909 99)*



## *The Vikings and the Victorians: Inventing the Old North in Nineteenth-Century Britain*

In many ways the Victorians invented the vikings: the term 'viking', in its modern incarnation, is first recorded just thirty years before the young Princess Victoria's coronation, yet within fifty years it featured in the titles of dozens of poems, plays, prize essays, published lectures, and parlour songs... [and developed] into what amounted to a national obsession

Boydell & Brewer. *The Vikings and the Victorians*.

## Warren's "Genealogical Descent of Queen Victoria" (from 1849)

Our beloved Sovereign, Queen VICTORIA, is the grand-daughter of GEORGE III., who was the great grandson of GEORGE I., who was the great grandson of JAMES I., who was the great great grandson of HENRY VII., who was the great great grandson of John of Gaunt, the fourth son of EDWARD III., who was the great grandson of HENRY III., who was the grandson of HENRY II., who was the great grandson of WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, Duke of Normandy, who was the grandson of RICHARD III., (in the Norman ducal line) who was the grandson of RICHARD I., (do . do .) who was the grandson of ROLLO, (6) (a. D. 912) whose paternity can never now be ascertained.

Warren, David. *A Synopsis of the Genealogical Descent of ... Queen Victoria from Rollo the Founder of the Duchy of Normandy ... About ... 912 [with a Table of Contemporary Monarchs of England Scotland and France Etc.]*. 1849 6-7. 66

## William the Conqueror: Rollo's Great-great-great-grandson

### Viking is "forefather to British royals"

June 15, 2011

Rollo, sometimes known as Robert I, is estimated to have lived between 846 and 931 AD, and was the first ruler of a Viking settlement in France that later became Normandy. His direct descendants became the British royal family after the Norman invasion of Britain in 1066, when Rollo's great-great-great-grandson, William the Conqueror (William I of England), successfully conquered England.

News in English. Viking is "forefather to British royals" June 15, 2011. <https://www.newsinenglish.no/2011/06/15/viking-is-forefather-to-british-royals/> Accessed Jan. 1, 2024

Would you know more?  
Did Victorians really believe that  
Queen Victoria was descended  
from Rollo?



His Letters...



Wawn (snippet)



News "Rollo"



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