



The German possessions of the Georgian monarchs

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When George I came to the British throne in 1714 he was also Elector of Hanover, with considerable territory in northern Germany. This often led to allegations that British troops were being deployed in territories to protect the monarch's personal interest rather than those of the nation, particularly in the Seven Years' War and the French Revolutionary Wars. However, on the death of William IV in 1837, Victoria came to the British throne, but as German Salic law would not allow a female Elector, Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, Victoria's uncle, became king of Hanover, ending the union.

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