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## THE ANGLO -AMERICAN ISHAM ANCESTRY ASSOCIATION

ACQUIRED DURING THE 100TH. WWI ANNIVERSARY YEAR



## KING GEORGE V 1914 -1918

**THIS IS A COLLECTION OF FIVE STERLING SILVER BRITISH COINS  
ALL DATING FROM THE ERA OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

COMPRISING ORIGINALS OF THEIR YEAR OF ISSUE

**HALFCROWN - FLORIN - SHILLING - SIXPENCE - THREEPENCE**

1915

1916

1914

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THESE COINS BELONG TO THE LAST STERLING SILVER ISSUE OF THEIR KIND  
DUE TO DIRE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS NO COINS WERE MINTED IN 1917-18  
THESE COINS WERE ISSUED FOR TEN YEARS ONLY BETWEEN 1911 AND 1920

**IN 1917 KING GEORGE V ESTABLISHED THE HOUSE OF WINDSOR**

THE ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR LED TO  
A SHARP RISE IN THE VALUE OF SILVER AFTER THE WAR, SO EVEN IN 1920  
THE COIN SILVER CONTENT WAS WORTH MORE THAN THE FACE VALUE.  
IN ORDER TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM HOARDING SILVER A NEW COINAGE  
OF LOWER SILVER CONTENT AT 50% COPPER&NICKEL WAS INTRODUCED  
TO REPLACE THESE STERLING 92% SILVER CONTENT COINS.

HOWEVER, THOSE NEW COINS WERE FOUND TO DISCOLOUR RAPIDLY SO IN 1922  
A MORE SUITABLE ALLOY OF EQUAL PARTS SILVER AND COPPER WAS CHOSEN.

### 1935

THIS WAS THE SILVER JUBILEE YEAR FOR KING GEORGE V.

SO THE "1935 SILVER JUBILEE SILVER CROWN" WAS STRUCK TO CELEBRATE THE 25th. YEAR OF HIS REIGN.  
THIS COIN WAS ONLY EVER MINTED FOR ONE YEAR AND IS REGARDED AS SYMBOL OF ART DECO DESIGN  
BECAUSE OF THE UNUSUAL CONTROVERSIAL RENDITION OF ST.GEORGE SLAYING THE DRAGON.

PRESSING ECONOMIES AND THE VALUE OF THE SILVER BEING MORE THAN THE COIN AN ALLOY OF 50-50 SILVER-COPPER WAS USED

ON THE LANDING OF GENERAL PERSHING IN JUNE 1917 WITH THE FIRST UNITS OF  
THE UNITED STATES ARMY KING GEORGE V ADDRESSED HIS OFFICERS SAYING:-  
"IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM THAT THE TWO ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATIONS  
SHOULD SOME DAY BE UNITED IN A GREAT CAUSE, AND TODAY MY DREAM IS REALISED.  
TOGETHER WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THE GREATEST CAUSE THAT PEOPLE CAN FIGHT!"

JULY 1918 THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN FORCES ADVANCED FOR AN 11 NOVEMBER ARMISTICE.