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Britain In Colour

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Royalty

Today the Royal Family is one of Britain's best loved institutions but in the early 20th century they have to fight for their popularity and survival. Rare film, seen in color for the first time, tells the story of how House of Windsor nearly fell and how they brought the monarchy back from the brink of disaster.

2. The British Empire

In 1919 the British Empire is the largest the world has ever seen, by 1970 it has all but disappeared. This is the story of the Empire's final decades told in color for the first time. From South Africa to Hongkong cameras record bloody battles which build the Empire and the struggles which destroy it. Rare home movies reveal the luxurious lifestyle in the colonies and the work of Christian missionaries.

3. Churchill

This is the story of Britain's greatest leader, told in color for the very first time. Winston Churchill, the soldier and politician, rises quickly through the military and political ranks. A series of disastrous mistakes mar his early career. But the astute tactician survives to become Prime Minister in 1940. During Britain's darkest hour, Churchill rescues the country from defeat and leads it to victory in World War 2. His powers of oration galvanize millions at home and abroad transforming him into a global statesman. But ailing health dogs his old age. At 80, Churchill is forced to retire - ending his 54-year political career. He spends his retirement writing, painting and traveling. In 1965, following a massive stroke, Churchill dies, aged 90. A state funeral - normally reserved for Royals is attended and watched by millions. As a nation mourns the death of its greatest leader, the world marks the end of an era. But the legend of Winston Churchill lives on.