

**CHARLES I., 1625—1649 (24 years).**

**Title:** Son of James I.

**Married,** Henrietta Maria of France.

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