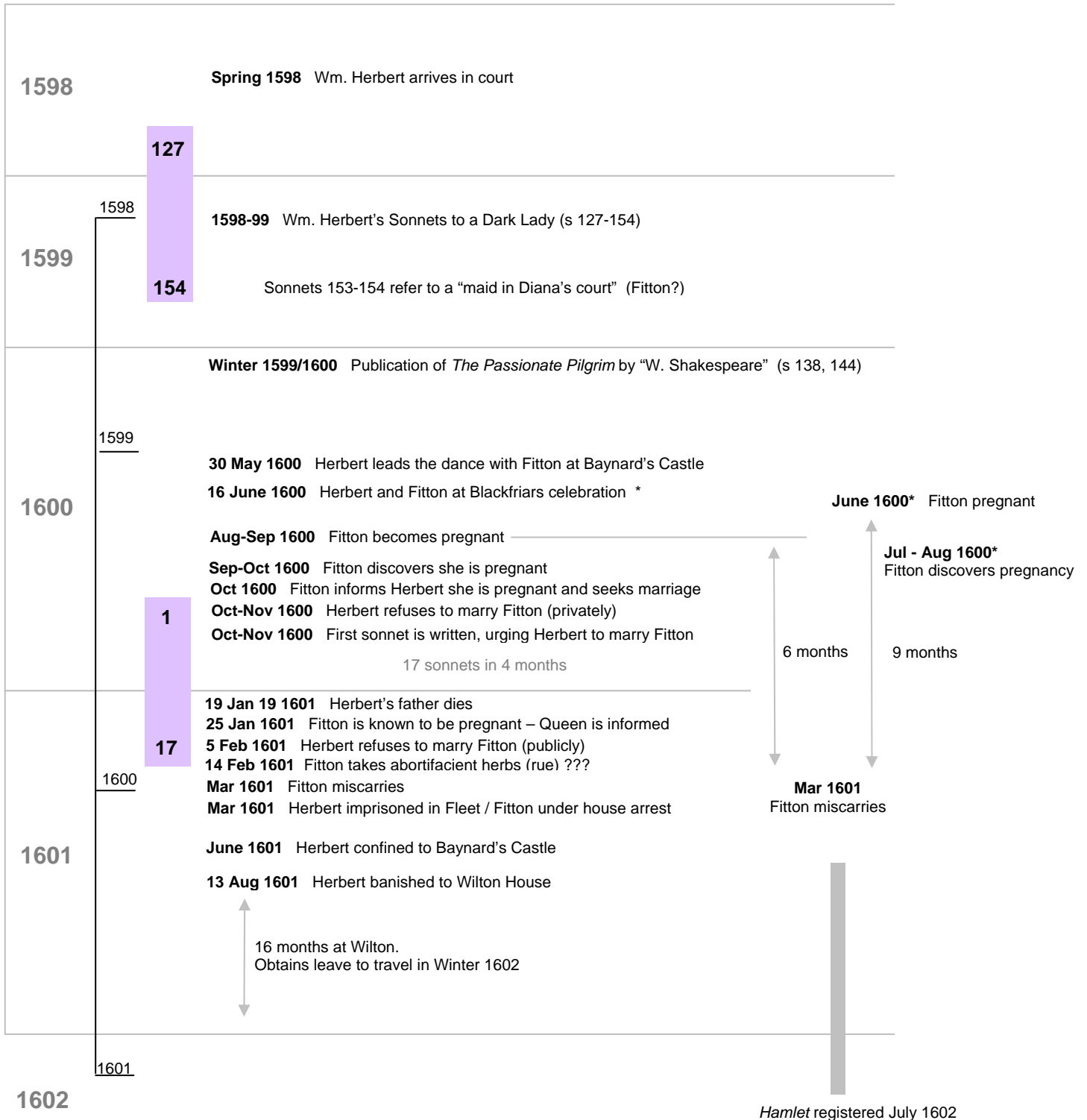


Fitton Timeline

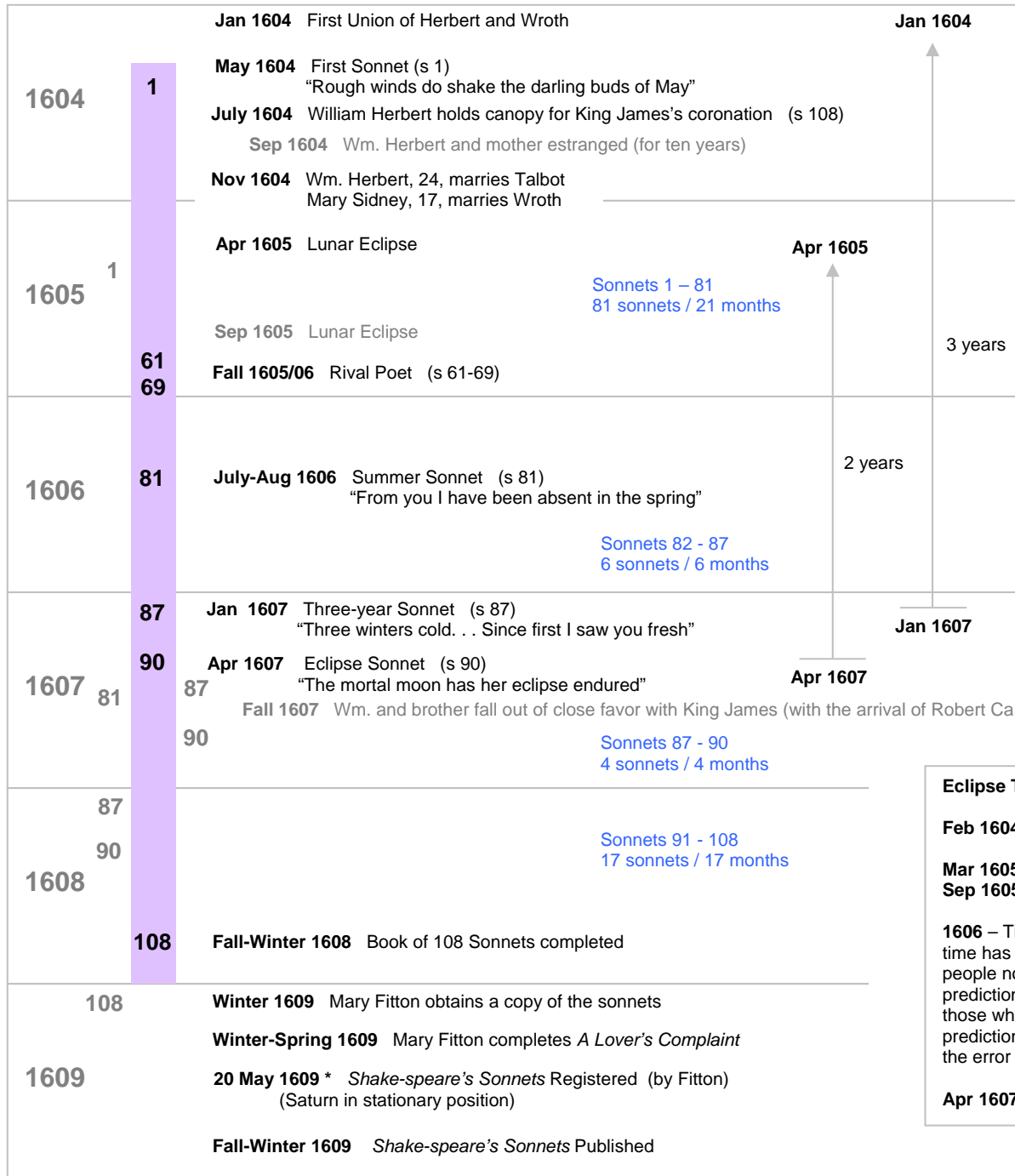


*** Fitton's Pregnancy:**

There are two timelines involving Fitton's pregnancy.

1. Fitton becomes pregnant in Sep-Oct 1600; after pleading with Herbert to marry her, to no avail, she takes herbs (five months later) to have the child aborted. The pregnancy ends in March 1601.
2. Fitton becomes pregnant in June 1600 and (nine months later) gives birth to a stillborn child in March 1601.

Sonnet Timeline



Eclipse Timeline

Feb 1604/5 Dire Predictions

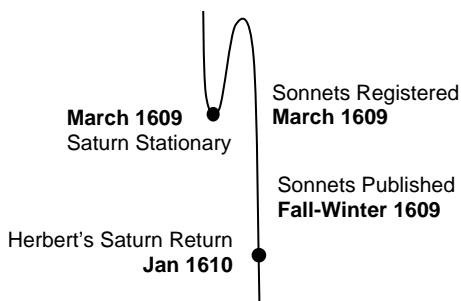
Mar 1605 Lunar Eclipse
Sep 1605 Lunar Eclipse

1606 – Time of peace. Enough time has passed such that people now realize that dire predictions were in error; and those who made the predictions have acknowledged the error

Apr 1607 (s 90)

Jan 1610 * Wm. Herbert's Saturn Return

*** Cycle of Saturn**



Lunar Eclipse: In 1605 there were two lunar eclipses (3 April and 17 Sep 1605). Sonnet 90 was likely written during the full moon in April 1607, as this full moon reminded the poet of the April eclipse of 1605. (The eclipse always takes place when the moon is full, when the sun and moon are in opposition).

Cycle of Saturn: The sonnets were registered on 20 May 1609, the exact time when the planet Saturn was stationary, relative to earth, (and most powerful). Such a registry date would infuse the publication of the sonnets with the most Saturnian (and oppressive and retributive) influence.

Alternative Dates:

Sonnet 87 was written in Jan 1608

- Jan 1605 — First Meeting
- Sonnet 1 — May 1605
- Sonnet 81 — Jul-Aug 1608
- Sonnet 90 — Apr 1608
- Sonnet 108 — Winter 1609

Sonnet 87 was written in May 1608

- Sonnet 90 — Sep 1608