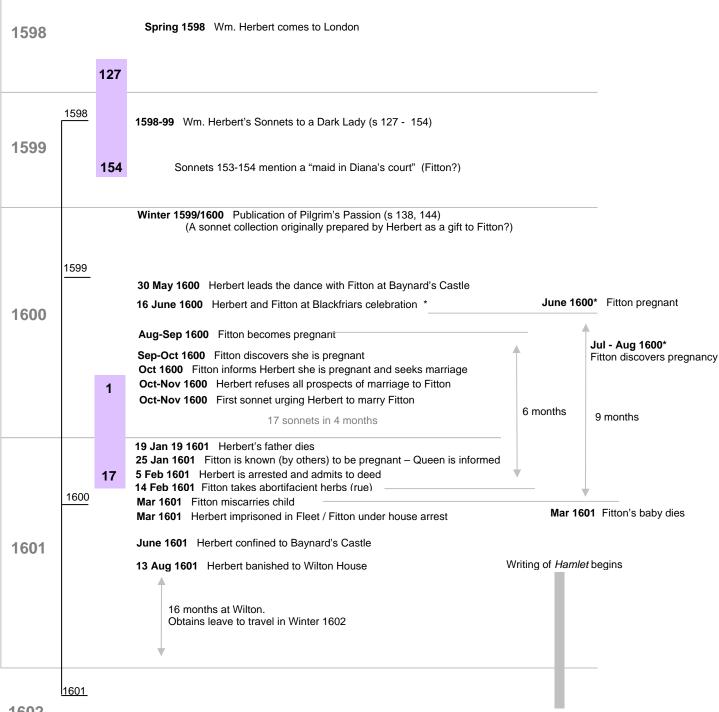
## Fitton and Dark Lady Timeline



Hamlet registered July 1602

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#### \* Fitton's Pregancy:

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

		Jan 1604 First Union of Herbert and Wroth			Ja			
1604	1	<ul> <li>May 1604 First Sonnet (s 1) "Rough winds do shake the darling I</li> <li>July 1604 William Herbert holds canopy for K</li> <li>Sep 1604 Wm. Herbert and mother estra</li> <li>Nov 1604 Wm. Herbert, 24, marries Talbot Mary Sidney, 17, marries Wroth</li> </ul>	ng James's coronation	(s 108)				
1 1605		Apr 1605 Lunar Eclipse	Sonnets 1 – 81 81 sonnets / 21 months	Apr 160	)5			
	61 69	<b>Fall 1605/06</b> Rival Poet (s 61 – s 69)				3 years		
1606	81	<b>July-Aug 1606</b> Summer Sonnet (s 81) "From you I have been absent in th	e spring"	2	years	ırs		
		Len <b>4007</b> . These upon Connect. (c. 07)	Sonnets 82 - 87 6 sonnets / 6 months					
	87	Jan 1607 Three-year Sonnet (s 87) "Three winters cold Since first I saw you fresh"				in 1607		
1607 <sub>81</sub>	90	Apr 1607 Eclipse Sonnet (s 90) 87 "The mortal moon has her eclipse er Fall 1607 Wm. and brother fall out of close	favor with King James (v	Apr 160		of Robert Carr)	)	
		<b>90</b> Sonnets 87 - 90 4 sonnets / 4 months				Eclipse Tin	neline	
87							Dire Predictions	
90 1608			Sonnets 91 - 108 17 sonnets / 17 months			<b>Sep 1605</b> 1606 – Time	<b>1606</b> – Time of peace. Enou	
	108	Fall-Winter 1608 Book of 108 Sonnets completed				people now predictions	ssed such that realize that dire were in error; and	
108 1609		<ul> <li>Winter 1609 Mary Fitton obtains a copy of the sonnets</li> <li>Winter-Spring 1609 Mary Fitton completes A Lover's Complaint</li> <li>20 May 1609 * Shake-speare's Sonnets Registered (Saturn in stationary position)</li> </ul>					nade the have acknowledge	
						the error <b>Apr 1607</b> (s 90)		
		Fall-Winter 1609 Shake-speare's Sonnets P	ublished					
		Jan 1610 * Wm Herbert's Saturn Return						

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Sonnets Registered

Sonnets Published Fall-Winter 1609

March 1609

\* Cycle of Saturn March 1609 Saturn Stationary

Herbert's Saturn Return Jan 1610 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

- a) Jan 1605 First Meeting b) Sonnet 1 May 1605
- c) Sonnet 81 Jul-Aug 1608
- d) Sonnet 90 Apr 1608
  e) Sonnet 108 Winter 1609

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a) Sonnet 90 — Sep 1608