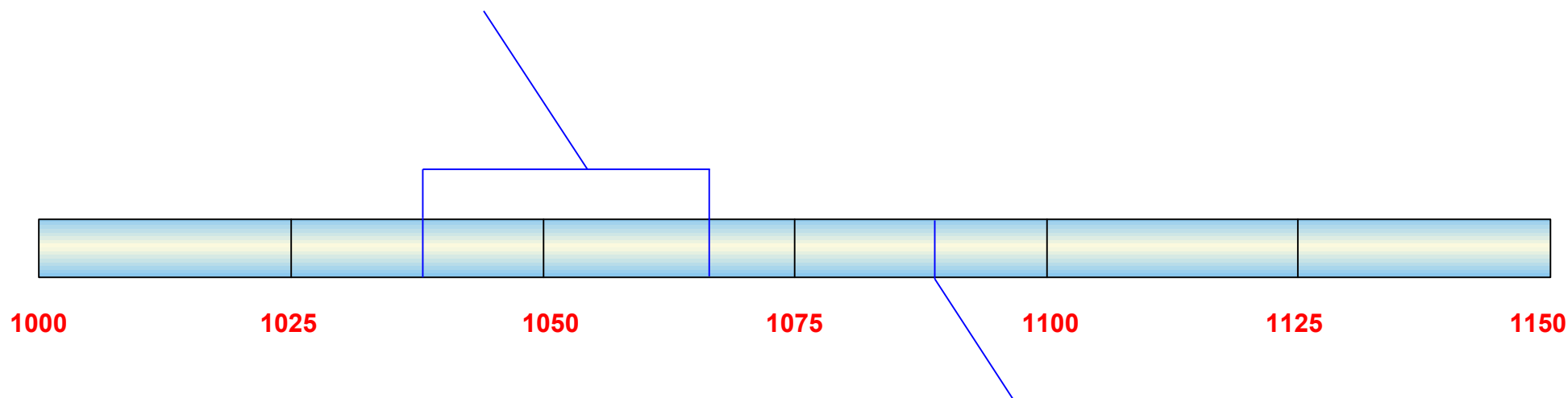


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1042-66 In the reign of King Edward the Confessor *CHESHAM BOIS MANOR*, assessed at 1½ hides, was held by two **sokemen**, one a man of **Earl Leofwin** and the other of **Earl Harold**.



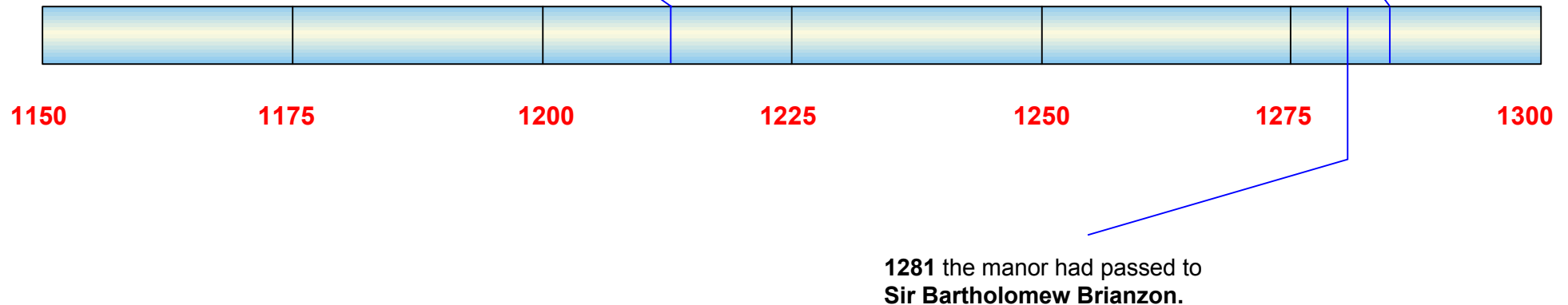
1086 the manor had passed to the **Bishop of Bayeux**, who held it in demesne. As in Weston Turville, the manor passed to the **Earls of Leicester**, who subinfeudated it, and it was held of the honour of Leicester and afterwards of the duchy of Lancaster, the overlordship being last mentioned in 1645.

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1213 The ownership in fee of the manor was obtained by the **du Bois** family, to whom Chesham Bois owes its distinctive name. **William du Bois** was holding in 1213 and **Hugh du Bois** at a later period.

1285 Sir Bartholomew Brianzon, who received a grant of free warren in 1286 and died in the same year, leaving a son **William**, aged three, during whose minority Thomas de Hauville was appointed guardian.



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1310 William Brianzon died without issue about 1310, and was succeeded by his brother **John**.

1319 Elizabeth Brianzon marries John Joyce, receiving dower from lands in Essex.

1337-1339 John Brianzon dies at sometime between these dates.

1341 De Moleyns, who had been lending money to Edward III is arrested and imprisoned in the tower. His properties are searched.

1346 As in Stoke Poges, **Sir John de Moleyns** tenure underwent many vicissitudes, but he had recovered seisin by 1346.

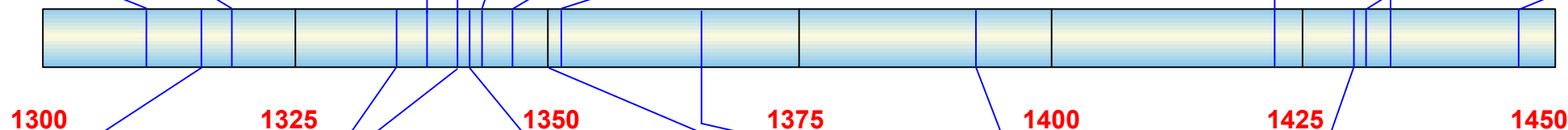
1351 This was doubtless as a preliminary to its alienation to **Peter de Braose**, who in 1351 complained that his houses at Chesham Bois had been broken into.

1423 John Winslow died leaving Chesham Bois by will to his wife **Philippa** with reversion to his son **John**.

1423 – 1433 Within the next ten years Chesham Bois had been acquired by the **Cheyne family**, who made the manor-house their residence and were settled here for 300 years.

1446 Sir Thomas Cheyne, is succeeded on his death, some time after 1446, by **John** his son and heir.

1431 June, John and Thomas thrown into the Tower after 'Jack Sharp's' abortive Lollard uprising in Berkshire. They are released in August.



1316 John Brianzon died and was survived by his widow Elizabeth. Chesham Bois descended to his son and heir **John**, three years old.

1334 John Brianzon comes of age.

1339 Chesham was assigned to his widow **Margaret** in dower, his daughter and heir **Joan** being a minor.

1340 Joan Brianzon's title to the manor appears to have been ignored to satisfy the demands of **Sir John de Moleyns**, who obtained such extensive grants of lands in Buckinghamshire at this period, for he was in possession in 1340.

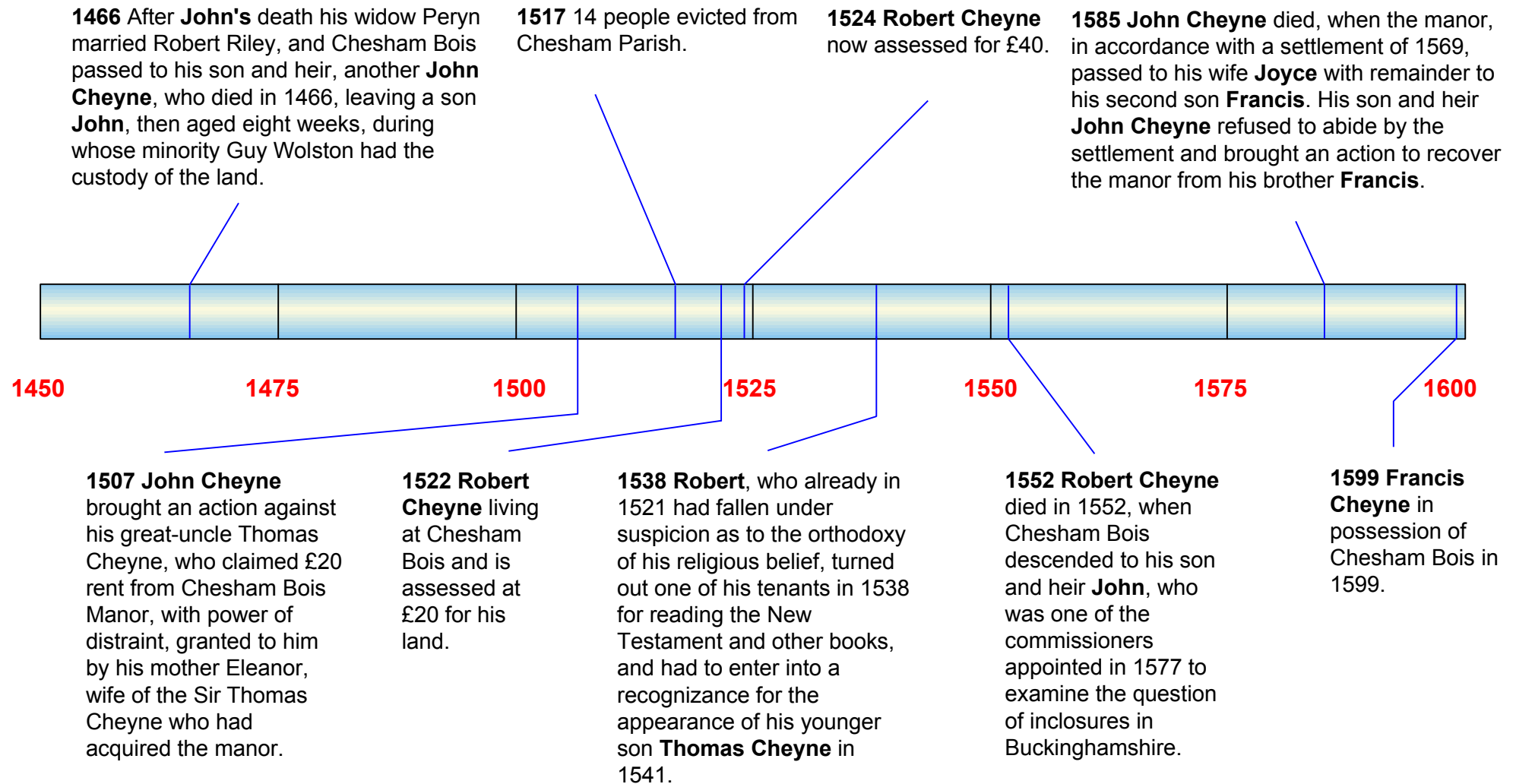
1350 Sir John de Moleyns conveyed Chesham Bois to **William de Hanampstede**, grocer and citizen of London.

1365 Peter de Braose was still living in 1365, but some time after this date the manor passed to the family of **Winslow**.

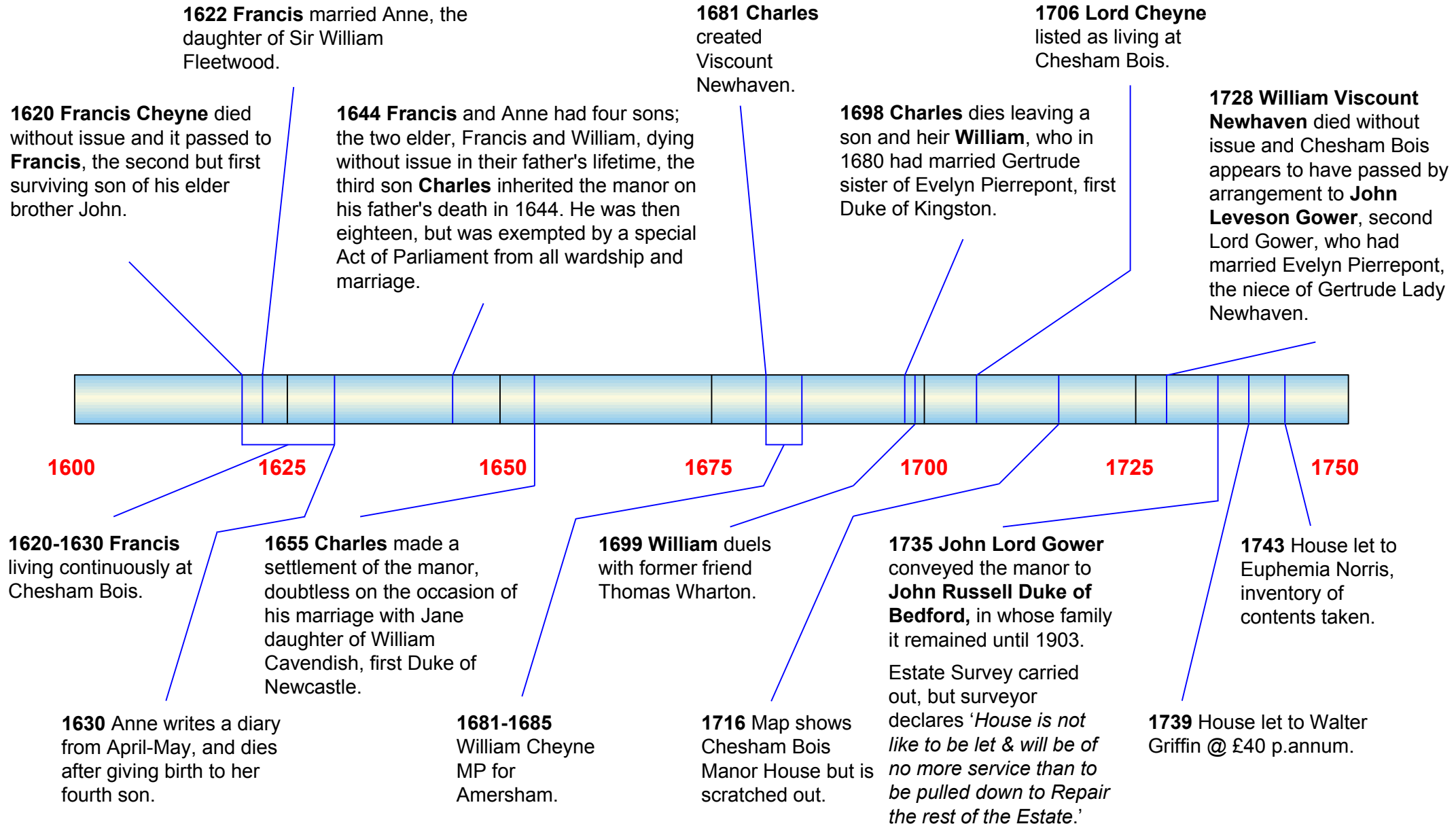
1392 John Winslow presented to the church.

1430 July, commission of oyer & terminer set up to investigate widespread complaints of oppressions, extortions, assaults and injuries committed by **Thomas & John Cheyne**. In September the Cheynes are indicted for robbery, embracery, and perverting the course of justice. The alleged crimes all took place in and near the manor of 'Maudeleyns' in Northchurch, which bordered the Cheyne's property in Chesham, and point to a major dispute over title to the manor. Even so, the brothers were acquitted in the King's bench.

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