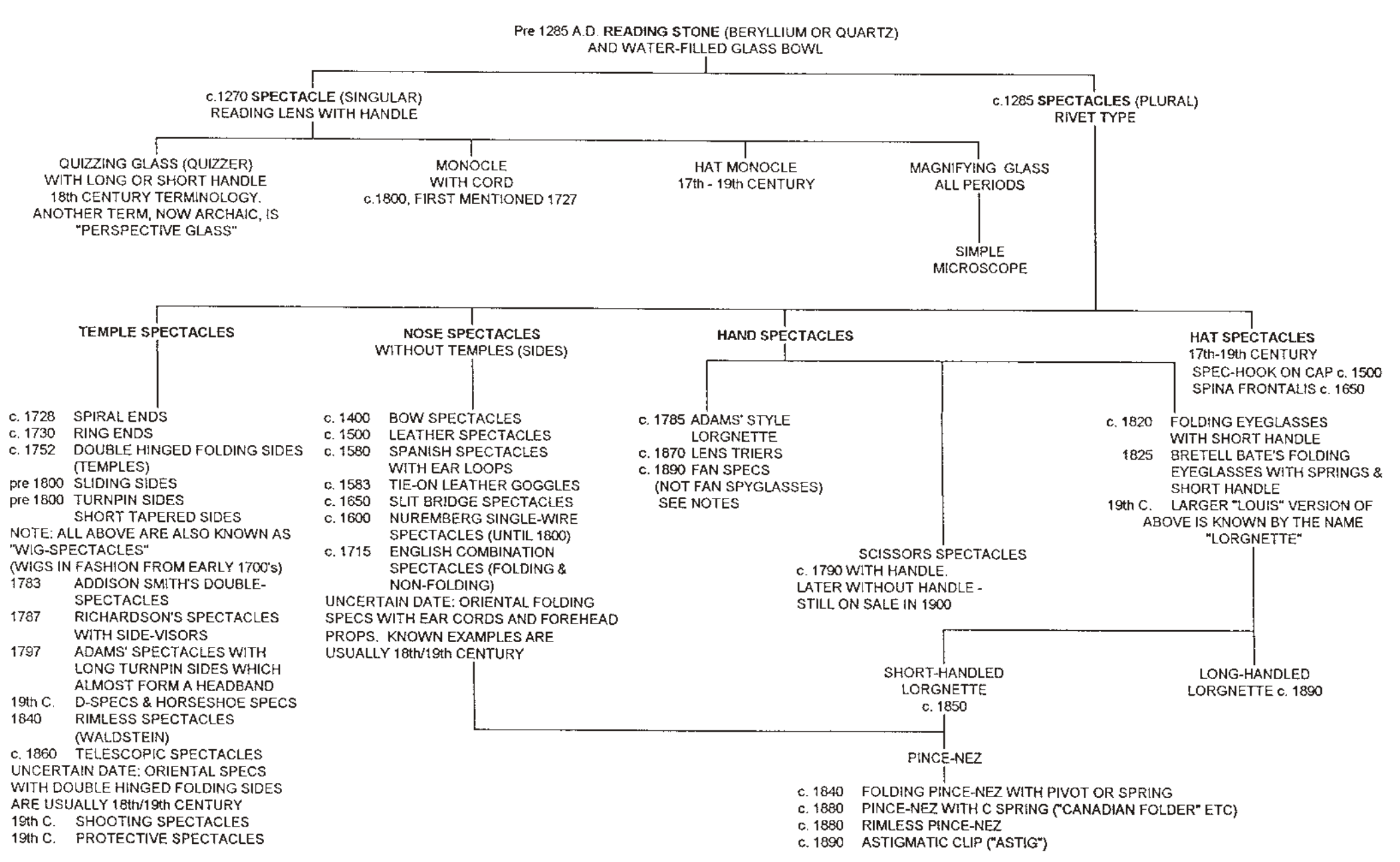

NOTES: THE WORD "EYEGLASSES" IS MORE COMMONLY USED IN THE USA THAN IN THE UK. THE SAME APPLIES TO THE WORD "TEMPLES". THE WORD "GLASSES", MEANING SPECTACLES, MIGHT BE A CONTRACTION OF "EYEGLASSES". ROBERT BRETELL BATE USED THE WORD "EYEGLASSES" IN HIS PATENT OF 1825.
FAN SPYGLASSES EXIST FROM THE LATE 18th CENTURY.

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