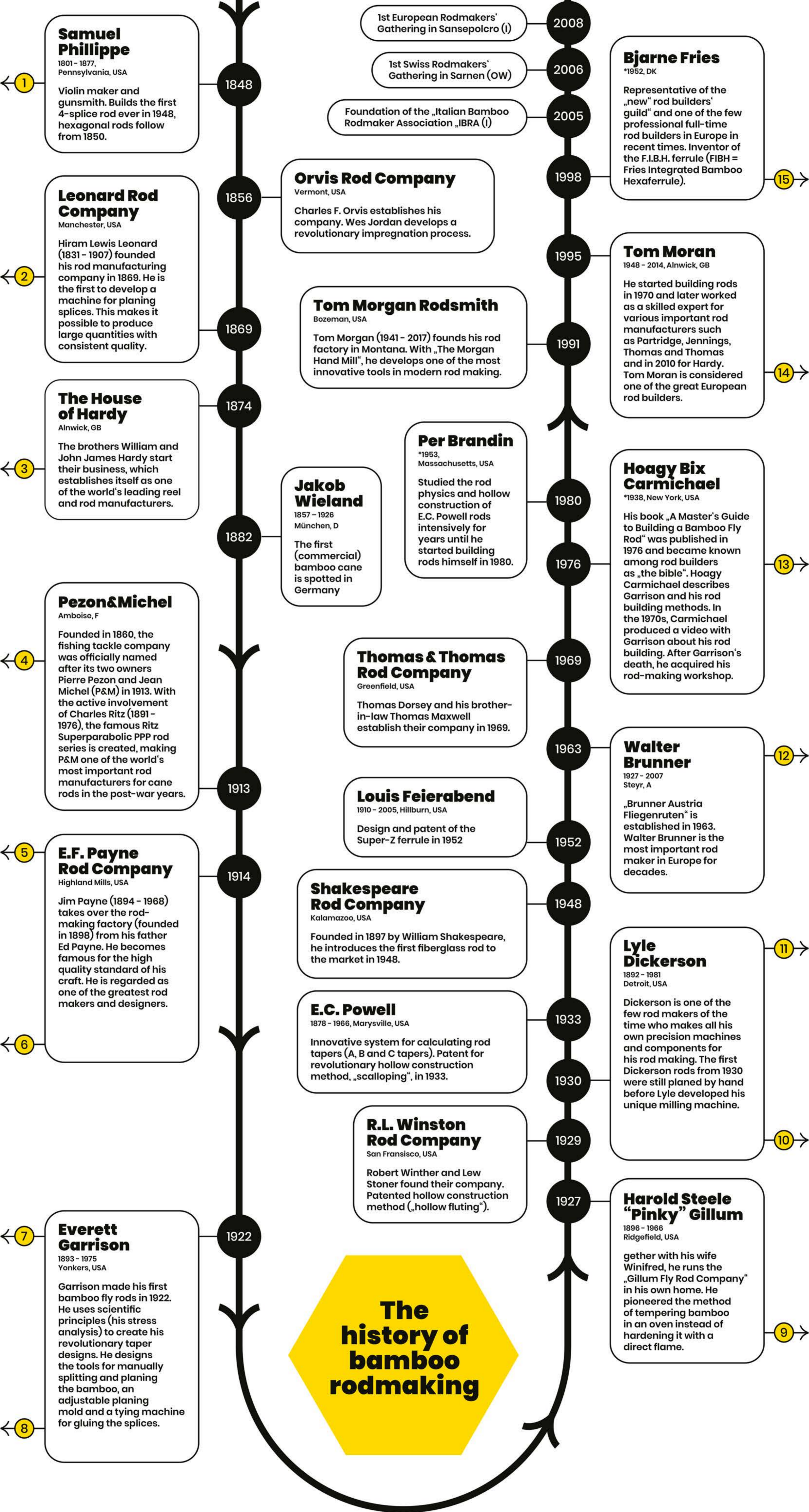


The history of bamboo rodmaking



1 **Samuel Phillippe**
1801 - 1877, Pennsylvania, USA
Violin maker and gunsmith. Builds the first 4-splice rod ever in 1948, hexagonal rods follow from 1850.

2 **Leonard Rod Company**
Manchester, USA
Hiram Lewis Leonard (1831 - 1907) founded his rod manufacturing company in 1869. He is the first to develop a machine for planing splices. This makes it possible to produce large quantities with consistent quality.

3 **The House of Hardy**
Alnwick, GB
The brothers William and John James Hardy start their business, which establishes itself as one of the world's leading reel and rod manufacturers.

4 **Pezon&Michel**
Amboise, F
Founded in 1860, the fishing tackle company was officially named after its two owners Pierre Pezon and Jean Michel (P&M) in 1913. With the active involvement of Charles Ritz (1891 - 1976), the famous Ritz Superparabolic PPP rod series is created, making P&M one of the world's most important rod manufacturers for cane rods in the post-war years.

5 **E.F. Payne Rod Company**
Highland Mills, USA
Jim Payne (1894 - 1968) takes over the rod-making factory (founded in 1898) from his father Ed Payne. He becomes famous for the high quality standard of his craft. He is regarded as one of the greatest rod makers and designers.

6 **Everett Garrison**
1893 - 1975, Yonkers, USA
Garrison made his first bamboo fly rods in 1922. He uses scientific principles (his stress analysis) to create his revolutionary taper designs. He designs the tools for manually splitting and planing the bamboo, an adjustable planing machine and a tying machine for gluing the splices.

1848
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Orvis Rod Company
Vermont, USA
Charles F. Orvis establishes his company. Wes Jordan develops a revolutionary impregnation process.

Tom Morgan Rodsmith
Bozeman, USA
Tom Morgan (1941 - 2017) founds his rod factory in Montana. With „The Morgan Hand Mill“, he develops one of the most innovative tools in modern rod making.

Jakob Wieland
1857 - 1926, München, D
The first (commercial) bamboo cane is spotted in Germany

Per Brandin
*1953, Massachusetts, USA
Studied the rod physics and hollow construction of E.C. Powell rods intensively for years until he started building rods himself in 1980.

Thomas & Thomas Rod Company
Greenfield, USA
Thomas Dorsey and his brother-in-law Thomas Maxwell establish their company in 1969.

Louis Feierabend
1910 - 2005, Hillburn, USA
Design and patent of the Super-Z ferrule in 1952

Shakespeare Rod Company
Kalamazoo, USA
Founded in 1897 by William Shakespeare, he introduces the first fiberglass rod to the market in 1948.

E.C. Powell
1878 - 1966, Marysville, USA
Innovative system for calculating rod tapers (A, B and C tapers). Patent for revolutionary hollow construction method, „scalloping“, in 1933.

R.L. Winston Rod Company
San Francisco, USA
Robert Winther and Lew Stoner found their company. Patented hollow construction method („hollow fluting“).

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Bjarne Fries
*1952, DK
Representative of the „new“ rod builders' guild“ and one of the few professional full-time rod builders in Europe in recent times. Inventor of the F.I.B.H. ferrule (FIBH = Fries Integrated Bamboo Hexaferrule).

Tom Moran
1948 - 2014, Alnwick, GB
He started building rods in 1970 and later worked as a skilled expert for various important rod manufacturers such as Partridge, Jennings, Thomas and Thomas and in 2010 for Hardy. Tom Moran is considered one of the great European rod builders.

Hoagy Bix Carmichael
*1938, New York, USA
His book „A Master's Guide to Building a Bamboo Fly Rod“ was published in 1976 and became known among rod builders as „the bible“. Hoagy Carmichael describes Garrison and his rod building methods. In the 1970s, Carmichael produced a video with Garrison about his rod building. After Garrison's death, he acquired his rod-making workshop.

Walter Brunner
1927 - 2007, Steyr, A
„Brunner Austria Fliegenruten“ is established in 1963. Walter Brunner is the most important rod maker in Europe for decades.

Lyle Dickerson
1892 - 1981, Detroit, USA
Dickerson is one of the few rod makers of the time who makes all his own precision machines and components for his rod making. The first Dickerson rods from 1930 were still planed by hand before Lyle developed his unique milling machine.

Harold Steele „Pinky“ Gillum
1896 - 1966, Ridgefield, USA
gether with his wife Winifred, he runs the „Gillum Fly Rod Company“ in his own home. He pioneered the method of tempering bamboo in an oven instead of hardening it with a direct flame.

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