

A Brief Guide to the Characters in Lucy Maude Montgomery's *A Tangled Web*

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Introduction

Characters are arranged alphabetically by first name, and by title, if Montgomery's use is invariant. Thus Aunty But will be found under A, Mrs Clifford under M.

The brief character summaries are of course paraphrases (and occasionally quotations) from the text.

An asterisk (*) indicates a character who appears only once.

I hope that this brief guide to the 225 characters in the Dark and Penhallow clan (and their neighbours) will help you enjoy the novel, which I consider to be one of Montgomery's best.

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Main characters

Aunt Becky Dark (nee Rebecca Penhallow). The head of the Clan, her sharp tongue hurt everyone; but after she was gone, all agreed that Clan gatherings lacked a certain zest. She married Theodore Dark, but Crosby Penhallow was the only man she ever loved. Her son Ronald died as an infant; her daughter Letty, at age 20.

Donna Dark and Peter Penhallow

Donna Dark. The war-widow of Barry Dark, Donna had grown weary of her drab, limited existence. Then, to her surprise, she found that she could love Peter Penhallow. Her father, Drowned John, and her friend and cousin, Virginia Powell, did what they could to convince her otherwise.

Peter Penhallow. A civil engineer by trade and an explorer by taste, he loved the out-of-doors and the wind. He just happened to be between trips when Aunt Becky held the levee that changed his life. He lived for many years with the illusion that he hated Donna Dark, partly because their fathers (Jeff Penhallow and Drowned John) were old enemies, and partly because she married Barry Dark, his cousin and friend.

Gay Penhallow and Roger Penhallow

Gay Penhallow. Daughter of Mrs Howard Penhallow, she was young, beautiful, and good. She laboured under three illusions: that Noel Gibson loved her, that she still loved him after he had broken her heart, and that she didn't love Roger because he was a good friend.

Roger Penhallow. A good doctor, he was liked by everyone. He loved Gay, 14 years his junior, and was willing to marry her even though she loved Noel.

Joscelyn Dark and Hugh Dark

Joscelyn Dark (nee Penhallow). "She could neither tell nor live a lie". The daughter of Mavis Dark Penhallow and Clifford Penhallow, she fell in love at her wedding with her husband's best man, Frank Dark, and was true to her illusion for 10 years. When she finally saw Frank again, it was a painful revelation. In her shame, she supposed that Hugh must despise her. The bitter anger of Hugh's mother, Mrs Conrad Dark, made her aware of the truth.

Hugh Dark. He loved Joscelyn despite her illusions and the hatred of his mother, Mrs Conrad Dark. "But his eyes held a savage bitterness, and he was never heard to laugh".

Margaret Penhallow and Brian Dark

Margaret Penhallow. Rev Trackley thought she had a beautiful soul. The

clan dressmaker, she lived with her brother Denzil. She wrote poetry, but no longer published it. She almost married Penny Dark in desperation. Aunt Becky left her a battered first edition of *Pilgrim's Progress*, valued by no one. When Nigel Penhallow sold it for her in New York, she was able to adopt Brian Dark and buy Whispering Winds, the house of her dreams, from Aunt Louisa's son, Richard.

Brian Dark. A shy, neglected, mistreated child who longed for love and found it in Margaret Penhallow. His mother, Laura Dark, was dead. He didn't know who his father was. He was being raised by his abusive Uncle Duncan and Aunt Alethea Dark.

The Two Sams

Big Sam (Samuel Phemister Dark). A Grit, he was a little man who spouted poetry and hated women. He was six years older than Big Sam, and so, when they were little, he had been bigger. The name stuck.

Little Sam (Samuel Beelby Dark). A Tory and a widower, he was a big man and a good cook who proved a friend when Big Sam was in need.

Supporting Cast

**Aaron Dark*. One day David Dark put Aaron's ram in the church basement, an escapade Aunt Becky thought worthy of comment 40 years later.

Abel Dark. It took him a long time to paint his house.

**Adam Dark*. He had a dog.

**Adam Penhallow*. He was gloomy at Aunt Becky's funeral because his wife had just had twins.

**Al Griscom*. Aunty But walked across his pasture.

Alec Dark (deceased). Penny Dark's uncle. In their youth, Mrs Clifford Penhallow and Mrs Conrad Dark both loved Alec and quarreled over him. He married someone else.

**Alec Dark's mother*. She gave Aunt Becky silver saltcellars as a wedding present.

Alethea Dark. Wife of Duncan Dark. She saw to it that her nephew, Brian Dark, was under-fed.

**Alice Meyers*. She married to Forest Myers. Aunty But helped Alice at the birth of her child.

Alicia Dark -- see Mrs Toynbee Dark

Annette Dark (deceased). Crosby Penhallow's wife. She was kind and gentle and never said a clever thing in her life. Everyone was sorry when she died.

Amasa Tyler. Gay Penhallow's cousin. The Moon Man foresaw his death.

Ambrosine Winkworth. Friend and companion of Aunt Becky, she had spent a drab life in other people's kitchens. She was easily moved to tears. Aunt Becky's gift of a diamond ring pleased her greatly.

**Andy Penhallow*. He was once kissed in public.

Artemas Dark. He was unfaithful to his marriage vows. He thought it a great joke that he had once walked down the church aisle drunk in his night shirt. He was the caretaker of the Rose River graveyard.

**Aunt Eudora*. One of Donna Dark's aunts. Her daughter was also named Eudora.

**Aunt Kate Penhallow*. Gay Penhallow's aunt. She disapproved of Gibsons.

Aunt Louisa Dark (deceased). Margaret Penhallow's aunt. She had lived in a charming house, Whispering Winds, which she left to her son Richard. He preferred to live in Halifax.

**Aunt Rhoda Dark*. Gay Penhallow's aunt. She disapproved of Gibsons.

Aunt Ruth Penhallow. Penny Dark's aunt and housekeeper. She knew how to keep a secret.

Aunty But. At 75, she was the clan midwife; but whatever she said, she always had another thought to add.

**Aunty Con.* She was confident that Peter Penhallow would find a way to marry Donna Dark.

Barry Dark (deceased). Two weeks after marrying Donna Dark, he enlisted in the army and was killed somewhere in France. He was Peter Penhallow's cousin and friend, and was related to Richard Dark.

**Bessie Penhallow.* A foreign-mission crank, she was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

**Bertha Dark.* She was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

**Betty Moore.* She might have been Mrs Penny Dark, but he considered the Moores unreliable.

**Billy Dark.* Dandy attended his Silver Wedding celebration.

**Burton Dark (Burt).* Frank Dark's brother and a realistic cuss. He envied the Rev Joseph Dark, who married the woman he loved.

Camilla Jackson. A friend who rented Aunt Becky the rooms she lived in. Neither a Penhallow nor a Dark, Aunt Becky found it easy to boss her.

**Captain Alec Penhallow* (deceased). Joscelyn's great-grandfather. A sea captain, he married a Spanish bride and brought an unpredictable strain into the Penhallows. (See Captain Martin Penhallow).

**Captain Jobby* (deceased). A drunk old man who got stuck climbing through a gate.

**Captain Martin Penhallow* (deceased). According to Aunt Becky, he was the one who brought Spanish blood into the Penhallows. (See Captain Alec Penhallow).

**Charlie Blackford.* A good sort who would have married Peter and Donna if he had the chance.

**Charlie Penhallow.* He had seven foolish daughters and two sons. Penny Dark pitied him.

Charlotte Penhallow. Perhaps Joscelyn Dark's jolly aunt. But Penny Dark considered her dowdy.

Chris Penhallow. A queer widower, he played the violin when he should have been carpentering.

**Chrissie Dark.* Gay wanted her for a flower-girl.

**Christian Dark*. She managed to get to Aunt Becky's levee, even though she hadn't been anywhere in years.

Christopher Dark (Chris Dark). A drunken ne'er-do-well who charmed Thora into marrying him and then abused her. He managed to get himself killed when Dandy Dark's house burned.

Clara Treverne. Daughter of Cornelius Treverne of Treewoofe Farm, she refused Craig Penhallow. Aunty But refers to her as Clara Treewoofe.

Clara Treewoofe -- see Clara Traverne.

Clifford Penhallow (deceased). Joscelyn Dark's father (and Jeff Penhallow's brother?). His was the line with Spanish blood.

Cornelius Treverne. Clara's father. He was a good man, but no hustler. He knew how to drive a bargain.

Cousin Mahala. A wise woman, she thought that Gay should learn the ups and downs of life for herself. In her youth she loved Dale Penhallow, who didn't want her. Later, she was glad he hadn't.

**Cousin Hannah*. She did not approve of Gibsons.

**Craig Penhallow* (deceased). A sensible man, although he had a temper.

Crosby Penhallow. An old crony of Erasmus Dark and the oldest living Penhallow, he had married Annette Dark in his youth. He was surprised by Aunt Becky's declaration of past love.

**Curtis Dark*. A disagreeable husband.

Cyrus Dark (Cy) (deceased). He lived in Saskatchewan with his son, Frank, and daughter, Edna. His last illness caused Frank to leave PEI immediately after Hugh's wedding.

**Dale Penhallow*. The man who didn't want Cousin Mahala.

Dandy Dark (Robert Dark). Frank Dark's uncle (and perhaps Gay Penhallow's uncle as well) and a cousin of Mrs Conrad Dark. He was a dapper dresser in his youth, hence his name. Aunt Becky gave him unaccustomed respect by naming him the trustee of the Dark Jug.

David Dark. He made his family go to bed early to save kerosene. He was noted for his public prayers, but at Aunt Becky's funeral he came to blows with Percy Dark over the jug.

Denzil Penhallow. Like his children and his wife, he never thought about his sister Margaret. After she came into her inheritance, he was disappointed that she didn't spend her money on his children. Aunt Becky thought him pompous.

Duncan Dark. Brian Dark's uncle. He worked Brian hard and loved him not at all. The clan avoided him.

Drowned John Penhallow. So-called because they thought he had been. Not everyone was sorry because he hadn't been. He was a notorious crank, and noted for his swearing. Of his two daughters by different wives (Jennie Penhallow and Emmy Dark), the younger, Donna Dark, was more rebellious than Thekla Penhallow.

Edmond Powell (Ned) (deceased). Two weeks after marrying Virginia, he enlisted in the army and died of pneumonia in training camp.

**Edgar Penhallow* (deceased). Mrs Toynbee's second husband.

**Edgley Dark.* "His mother hated and despised his father".

**Edith.* Mrs Sim Dark's daughter, she had her baby the night that Dandy revealed the truth about the jug. Her mother thought that she should have planned better than that.

Edna Dark. Frank Dark's sister. She was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

**Elder MacPhee.* He stared when Peter kissed Donna in church.

**Elva Penhallow.* A religious woman, she was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

**Emilia Trask.* She was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

Emmy Dark (deceased). Donna Dark's mother and Drowned John's second wife, she died of pneumonia. She knew what she was getting into.

Erasmus Dark. Joscelyn Dark's uncle and an old crony of Crosby Penhallow, nothing pleased him more than an evening when he and Crosby could play duets on flute and violin.

**Eudora.* The daughter of Donna Dark's Aunt Eudora, she was sweet on Mac Penhallow.

Father Sullivan. He held raffles and lotteries for charity, but he had questionable taste in prizes.

**Forest Myers.* Aunty But helped his wife Alice at the birth of their child.

Frank Dark. Son of Cyrus Dark. He and Hugh Dark were friends when Hugh spent time in Saskatchewan. Frank never knew the effect he had on Joscelyn Dark, for good and ill. A ne'r-do-well, he married Kate Muir for her money.

**Frank Penhallow.* He eloped with Lily Dark.

Gladys Penhallow. One of Denzil's saucy, unattractive children. She talked loudly.

**Gerald Elmslie.* A quarrelsome boarder with Mrs Adam Penhallow, he was keeping company with Vera Dark.

**Grace Penhallow*. She hated Aunt Becky and cried at her funeral over the futility of her long hostility.

Gresham Dark. After 18 years, he and his wife were expecting their first child. He found the prospect exciting.

**Grosset Thompson*. A quarrelsome boarder with Mrs Adam Penhallow, he was engaged to Sally Penhallow. Gay thought him ugly and insignificant.

Happy Dark. He ran away to sea. His mother, Mrs Foster Dark, never lost hope that he would return.

Harriet Dark (deceased). The jug was made for her in 1826; but her lover, a sea captain, was drowned, and she died a year later of a broken heart. Her sister, Sarah Dark, inherited the jug and married her cousin Roger Penhallow.

**Harriet Dark*. Mildred Dark's sister. She had a spirit lover "on the other side". She was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

**Harry Penhallow* (*Dr Harry Penhallow*). He thought Aunt Becky was certainly a personality; but then, he didn't have to live near her.

Helen Dark -- see Mrs Jim Trent.

**Hester Penhallow*. An old maid who sang in the church choir, she was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

**Henry Trent*. Aunt Becky's undertaker.

**Hicksy Dark*. When Gay Penhallow was a child, Hicksy ran a peep-show.

Homer Penhallow. He had a long-running feud with Palmer Dark, who stole his kittens.

**Howard Penhallow* (deceased). Gay's father. His home, Maywood, had been a show-place when he was alive. Gay still loved it.

Jake Harmer. He had a wood lot.

Jeff Penhallow. Peter Penhallow's father (and Jocelyn Dark's uncle?). He killed Drowned John's dog for worrying his sheep, something that didn't please Drowned John, whose ire extended to everyone in Jeff's family, including his son. His family gave Aunty But her nickname.

**Jeff Penhallow* (*Young Jeff Penhallow*). Peter's brother. When he wouldn't take their sister Nancy to the levee, Peter did. Later, Peter borrowed his boat.

Jennie Penhallow (deceased). Drowned John's first wife. They liked to quarrel. She died of exhaustion.

**Jessie Dark*. She didn't like cats. Briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

**Jill Penhallow*. Gay wanted her for a flower-girl.

Jim Trent. He married Helen Dark, Hugh's sister. He was quarantined for measles when Dandy revealed the truth about the jug.

**Jimmy Dark*. He twitted Palmer Dark and Homer Penhallow for patching up their quarrel.

Joe Dark – see Rev Joseph Dark.

Jonas Swan. A distant relative of Drowned John and his hired man. He snored.

**John Penhallow*. A simpering nincompoop who lived in Bay Silver. Not Drowned John.

**Julia Dark*. When Kennedy Penhallow couldn't get Emily, he settled for Julia. He was happy with his choice.

Junius Penhallow. He was drunk at his own wedding; but then, he needed to be. Afterwards he abstained and became an elder in his church.

Kate Muir (nee Katherine Dark). Ugly and bossy, she was a widow "with more money than she knew what to do with". She wouldn't have minded marrying Hugh Dark, since Joscelyn didn't seem to want him; but she settled instead for Frank Dark, who asked her.

**Kennedy Penhallow*. After Emily Penhallow jilted him, he named his mare Emily and married Julia Dark. He was happy with his choice.

Laura Dark (deceased). She died of a broken heart and left behind a little boy, Brian, whom she loved, for her brother Duncan and his wife Alethea to bring up.

Lawson Dark. Shell-shocked during the war, he didn't remember that he had loved and married Naomi Dark. His memory was restored by the Moon Man, Roger Penhallow, and the jug.

**Lennie Dollar*. Brian Dark could see the lights in the Dollar house from his loft room. He envied Lennie the warm cozy room he had there.

**Leonard Stanley* (deceased). He died leaving a wife, eight children, and a mortgage on his farm.

**Letty Dark* (deceased). Aunt Becky's daughter. Vivacious and pretty, she died when she was 20. Aunt Becky loved her.

**Lily Dark*. She eloped with Frank Penhallow.

**Lisa* (deceased). The Moon Man loved her in his youth, and she loved him.

**Lorella Dark*. No one knew just how old she was, but Penny Dark worried that she wasn't old enough to say "yes" if he asked her to marry him.

**Mac Penhallow*. He spent a long time saying good night to Eudora.

**Maggie Penhallow* (deceased). Unlike Clara Treverne, she was willing to marry Craig Penhallow.

**Marshall Tracy*. He bullied Brian Dark.

**Matilda Dark*. She whined about her dear departed husband.

**Matthew Penhallow* (deceased). He died of pneumonia, even though he was loved and needed.

Mavis Dark -- see Mrs Clifford Penhallow.

**May Dark*. The daughter of Artemas Dark. Margaret Penhallow made a dress for her.

Mercy Penhallow. An envious old maid with little good to say of her fellow humans. Gay was surprised to learn that she had been heroic during the Influenza epidemic.

**Mildred Dark*. A stenographer in a law office, she came home for the weekends. Briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

Miller Dark. He had thought writing a history of the clan for years; the jug motivated him to do it.

Milly Penhallow. Joscelyn's gay, irresponsible sister. She married and left PEI after Joscelyn's wedding. Joscelyn missed her.

**Milton Granger (Young Granger)*. A friend of Prince Dark and a victim of his reckless driving.

Moon Man (Oswald Dark). He was considered a harmless lunatic, but he wasn't as crazy as he seemed. In his youth, he had loved Lisa, who died. Now he loved Mistress Moon and wasn't bothered by the fact that he couldn't be with her: he was satisfied with her beauty.

**Morton Dark* (deceased). Mrs Toynbee's first husband.

Mosey Gautier (Little Mosey Gautier). He sold Little Sam a ticket to Father Sullivan's raffle.

**Mr Alpheus Penhallow*. Nan's father. He was in China on business.

Mr Conway. Duncan Dark's hired help. He was kind to Brian when it wasn't too much trouble.

**Mr MacPherson*. The minister to whom Skilly mis-spoke.

Mr Trackley -- see Rev Mr Trackley.

**Mrs Adam Penhallow*. Her two boarders, Gerald Elmslie and Grosset Thompson, quarreled over the jug. Both moved out, which was hard on Mrs Adam financially.

Mrs Allan Dark. She was too sick to attend Aunt Becky's funeral, but she was determined to stay alive long enough to find out who got the jug.

Mrs Alpheus Penhallow (Annabel). Fat and fond of wearing bright colours, Aunt Becky considered her dress worth more than her carcass. She was Nan's mother, and evidently didn't know how to raise children.

Mrs Artemas Dark. She was jilted by a Gibson in her youth, but secretly still thought him better than Artemas. She forgave her husband many things, but found her limit when he walked down the church aisle drunk in his night shirt. Usually meek, she whipped Rob Griscom until he begged for mercy when she saw him beating his dog.

**Mrs Charlie Penhallow (nee Amy Dark).* The only woman that Penny Dark ever seriously considered marrying.

**Mrs Clarence Dark.* A widow now, she once slapped her husband at a prayer meeting. She was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

Mrs Clifford Penhallow (nee Mavis Dark). Joscelyn Dark's mother. In her youth she loved Alec Dark but married Clifford. She was noted for having a husband who never changed his mind, but she found that being a widow wasn't easy, either. Thomas Ashley spent 30 years wishing he had married her, then didn't recognize her when he saw her again.

Mrs Conrad Dark. Hugh's mother and a cousin of Dandy Dark. In her youth she loved Alec Dark and had Joscelyn's mother, Mrs Clifford Penhallow, for a rival. Although Alec married neither of them, she always hated both the mother, who had slapped her face, and the daughter. She wasn't happy when her son married Joscelyn. Her bitter reproaches convinced Joscelyn of Hugh's enduring love.

**Mrs Cornelius Treverne.* She couldn't get on with Clara's birth until Aunty But locked Cornelius in the cellar.

**Mrs Conroy.* Not a member of the clan, she ran the village post office. Fate flowed through her hands.

Mrs Dandy Dark. She was considered a foolish woman, but she saved the jug when her house burned.

Mrs David Dark. She was proud of her husband's fine prayers; but in the dark of the night, she sometimes wondered why life was so hard for decent women.

**Mrs Denby.* Peter Penhallow gave her the scare of her life.

Mrs Denzil Penhallow (Martha). Selfish and self-centered, she expected her sister-in-law Margaret to cook the suppers and milk the cows. She was angry with Roger Dark when Aunt Becky gave him the candlesticks that she wanted.

Mrs Digby Dark (Fanny Dark). Fanny evidently thought Aunt Becky something of a heathen, because she gave her a tract. Her father gave Aunt Becky a grandfather clock, but the offended Aunt Becky didn't bequeath it to Fanny.

Mrs Emily Frost, nee Penhallow (p. 10), nee Dark (p 44). A faded little person now, she had jilted Kennedy Penhallow 65 years ago. She resented the fact that Kennedy had named his mare Emily in revenge, even though Kennedy himself had forgotten it. Aunt Becky gave her a bed instead of the Apostle Spoons she wanted.

Mrs Foster Dark. When she went to bed, she left the door unlocked and supper on the table, in case her run-away son Happy returned home. One night, he did.

**Mrs Gateway* (deceased). One of Dr Roger Penhallow's patients.

**Mrs Homer Penhallow*. Donna Dark overheard her as she talked with Nancy Penhallow.

Mrs Howard Penhallow (Lucilla). Gay's lenient and loving mother. She knew a great deal about loving and cooking, and was the most well-liked woman in the clan. Gay was her only child.

**Mrs Jim Penhallow*. Penny Dark's first cousin. She kept geese.

Mrs Jim Trent, nee *Helen Dark*. Hugh Dark's sister. She didn't have much to do with Aunt Becky, but came to the levee anyway. A friend of Pauline Dark, she wanted Hugh to go to the States and get a divorce.

Mrs Junius Penhallow. Her husband needed all the courage he could muster to marry her. She often bickered with Mrs Sim Dark.

**Mrs Lawyer Dark*. She invited Peter Penhallow to dinner. He forgot.

**Mrs Leonard Stanley* . After her husband died, William Y forgave the mortgage that he held on her farm.

Mrs. Palmer Dark. She wasn't as young as she used to be, although she tried to look it. She didn't like her sister-in-law Joscelyn. In the dark of the night, she sometimes wondered why life is so hard for decent women.

**Mrs Paul Dark*. She scandalized the Clan by having her baby in a Ford as she was being driven to the hospital.

**Mrs Penny Dark*. She didn't like her sister-in-law Joscelyn Dark. Her husband is not mentioned in the novel.

Mrs Percy Dark. She didn't take care of her complexion, but she had the courage to break up the fight between her husband and David Dark.

Mrs Rebecca Dark -- see Aunt Becky.

Mrs Sim Dark. She often bickered with Mrs Junius Penhallow. She had a low

opinion of the married state. Her daughter Edith chose an inconvenient moment to have her baby.

Mrs Titus Dark (Mary). The Clan was scandalized that she made jam from graveyard blueberries, a reaction that Mrs Titus resented. She begged her husband to give up swearing so that she could get the jug.

**Mrs Tom Dark*. She was alarmed when Tom fell and dislocated his shoulder.

Mrs Toynbee Dark (Alicia). She was not economical with husbands, having buried three (Morton Dark, Edgar Penhallow, and Toynbee Dark). She was vindictive and enjoyed eavesdropping on Donna and Peter when they first discovered the truth.

**Mrs Wilbur Dark*. She tried to convince Donna Dark not to marry Peter Penhallow.

Mrs William Y. Penhallow. She disapproved of Nan Penhallow. When she married William Y., she thought him the only man in the world for her, a thought that dismayed Gay Penhallow when she heard it. Mrs William Y learned better as the years went by.

Murray Dark. Handsome, patient, and in love with Thora Dark, he spent ten years waiting for her husband Christopher to die.

Nan (Hannah) Penhallow. A flapper from Halifax, she was used to taking what she wanted, especially if she could hurt Gay when she did it. She took Gay's fiancé, Noel Gibson, just to show Gay that she could. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Alpheus Penhallow, clearly knew little about parenting.

Nancy Dark. Peter Penhallow's married sister (p. 14) or half-sister (p. 30). If it wasn't for her, Peter would never have gone to Aunt Becky's levee.

**Nancy Penhallow*. She knew Peter Penhallow's travel plans.

Naomi Dark. She waited patiently for the day that her husband Lawson would remember her; but the waiting was hard and had taken a toll.

**Ned Penhallow* (deceased). The alleged father of Uncle Pippin, but Aunt Becky had her doubts.

Ned Powell -- see Edmond Powell.

Nigel Penhallow. He visited PEI but lived in New York. He sold Margaret's copy of *Pilgrim's Progress* for her.

Noel Gibson. One of the fickle, handsome Gibsons. He jilted Gay Penhallow for Nan. After Nan jilted him, he asked Gay to take him back. He knew less about women than he thought.

Oswald Dark -- see Moon Man.

Palmer Dark. Hugh Dark's brother, he was inordinately proud of his wife. He had a long-running feud with Homer Penhallow, who had taken his kittens.

**Palmer Penhallow.* He argued with Walter Dark about who should get the jug. It had serious consequences for several others, not least for Walter's pig.

Pauline Dark. She was in love with Hugh Dark, her second cousin, and a friend of his sister Helen.

Penny Dark (Pennycuik Dark). Aunt Becky's oldest nephew, he was tubby, balding, and a confirmed bachelor. He almost married Margaret Penhallow. He didn't approve of merry-go-rounds.

Percy Dark. He and David Dark came to blows about the jug at Aunt Becky's funeral.

**Peter Gautier.* Little Sam bought two ducks from him.

Pippin Penhallow -- see Uncle Pippin.

Prince Dark. A reckless driver. A photographer.

Rachel Dark (nee Penhallow) (deceased). Daughter of Sarah Penhallow (nee Dark), she inherited the jug, married Thomas Dark, and bequeathed the jug to their son Theodore, who married Becky.

Rachel Penhallow. Joscelyn Dark's hated aunt, she prized her bottle of Jordan water which was really well water. The home she made with Joscelyn and Joscelyn's mother Mavis was not a happy one.

Rebecca Penhallow -- see Aunt Becky.

Rev Joseph Dark (Joe Dark). He married the woman that Burton Dark loved and became a famous preacher in Montreal. He probably didn't know that Stanton Grundy's wife, Robina, loved him all her life. He and Tempest Dark were chums when they were boys.

Rev Mr Trackley. Minister at Rose River, he buried Aunt Becky. He didn't approve of ouija-boards. Some people thought he was too fond of drawing out the Sams, Big and Little.

Richard Dark. The son of Louisa Dark, he lived in Halifax and apparently cared little for his mother's old house. He still had a family plot in the cemetery, where Barry Dark should have been buried.

**Rob Dufferin.* Penny Dark thanked him for the death of his wife.

**Rob Griscom.* A bully, he beat his dog until Mrs Artemas Dark taught him better manners.

Robert Dark -- see Dandy Dark.

Robina Dark (deceased). Famous for being cremated by her husband, Stanton

Grundy, she loved Joe Dark all her life.

Roger Dark. He loved Gay Penhallow. Aunt Becky gave him the Georgian candlesticks that Mrs Denzil wanted.

Roger Penhallow (deceased). The husband of Sarah Penhallow. He had the good sense to leave England in 1833 and immigrate to PEI.

**Roger Penhallow* (deceased). He hanged himself because his father spanked him when he was 18.

**Roland Penhallow* (deceased). Penny Dark's grandfather. He was crippled by rheumatism.

**Ronald Dark* (deceased). Aunt Becky's son. He died in infancy.

Sally Penhallow (*Sally William Y*). Daughter of William Y. She was engaged to Grosset Thompson, who had a temper.

**Sara Penhallow*. William Y's daughter and a trained nurse. An attractive young woman, in Little Sam's considered opinion.

Sarah Penhallow (nee Dark) (deceased). After inheriting the jug from her sister Harriet, she married her cousin Roger Penhallow and came to Canada about 1833. She mended the broken jug and bequeathed it to her daughter, Rachel.

Sim Dark (*Simon Dark*). An untruthful person. He felt sorry for Brian Dark when he saw him, but forgot about him when he didn't. Joscelyn encountered Hugh's mother, Mrs Conrad, in his pasture.

**Sim Penhallow*. He told Joscelyn Dark that she had made a sad mess of things.

**Skilly Penhallow*. An old man who made a slip of the tongue in his youth.

**Stanley Penhallow*. Mercy Penhallow baked a pie for his Silver Wedding dinner.

Stanton Grundy. A cynic who married Robina Dark, who didn't love him, and earned the indignation of the Clan when he had her cremated.

**Stephen Dark*. He hated his wife and begrudged every cent he gave her; but when she died, he put up the most expensive monument in the graveyard.

**Ted Penhallow*. A boy who was wanted and loved. Brian Dark envied him.

Tempest Dark. Bankrupt and despairing at the recent death of his wife Winnifred, whom he loved deeply, his curiosity caused him to postpone his suicide until the levee was over, and then until he knew who would get the jug. By the time he found out, he remembered that life was worth living. He was the only one at the levee who was willing to live his life over, if he could.

Thekla Penhallow. Drowned John's daughter by his first wife, Jennie Penhallow, and Donna Dark's half-sister. She never married.

Theodore Dark (deceased). He married Aunt Becky and bequeathed her the jug. He was a hard man to please.

Thomas Ashley. He married and moved to Halifax, but for 30 years he loved Mavis Dark, who married Clifford Penhallow.

Thora Dark. Everyone loved Thora except her drunken, abusive husband, Christopher. Murray Dark loved her when he first saw her as a bride. We are never told her feelings for Murray.

Titus Dark. He was noted for swearing. Like Drowned John, he gave it up in order to get the jug

**Tom Appleby.* Big Sam walked under his ladder.

Tom Dark. A feckless fellow. He was caught stealing a pot of jam from his aunt's pantry when he was a boy. As a man, he fell and dislocated his shoulder because he was thinking about the jug while he was putting on his pajamas. He cried when he didn't get it.

**Tom Penhallow.* A lawyer who defrauded his clients, the clan considered him less a disgrace than Mrs. Titus Dark, who got her blueberries from the graveyard.

**Tom Wilkins.* He rented a shanty to Big Sam. It was drafty.

Toynbee Dark (deceased). Mrs Toynbee's third husband. He didn't pay his debts.

**Tyler.* Dandy Dark's hired boy. Warned by the Moon Man, he woke the family when Dandy's house burned.

Uncle Pippin Penhallow. His real name was Alexander, but no one remembered that. A widower, at 64 he considered himself a sensible man; but Mrs Conrad considered him a fool. Aunt Becky thought he had been adopted as a Penhallow under false pretenses. Gay Penhallow liked him.

**Vera Dark.* She kept company with Gerald Elmslie.

**Violet Dark.* A woman without charm, she was briefly a candidate for the hand of Penny Dark.

Virginia Powell (nee Penhallow). Her soldier-husband, Edmond (Ned) Powell, died of pneumonia in training camp. She claimed that her heart was buried in the Rose River churchyard. She enjoyed her sorrow, and enjoyed having her first-cousin Donna Dark sorrow with her.

Walter Dark. He argued with Palmer Penhallow about who should get the jug. His pig was almost the death of Hugh Dark.

Widow Terlizzick. Twice married, she kept a small store at Little Friday

Harbour, and sometimes kept company with Little Sam.

William Y. Penhallow. His mother died of a broken heart. In his youth he had been quite a lady-killer. In middle-age he took himself seriously, and kept track of how often his prayers were answered. He could be generous on occasion. His daughter Sally was engaged.

Winnifred Dark (nee Penhallow) (deceased). The much-loved wife of Tempest Dark. He eventually realized that he could live without her, but it took a while.