Mary (Polly) Wilson

* Wife of John Wilson
* Mother of two
* Kind and caring
* Moves to Canada in search of her husband only to find out he has been seeing another women.
* Murdered by her husband on September 27th 1918

William Hutchinson

* Polly’s father
* Positive about Polly’s choice to go find her husband
* Is sick with worry when Polly has not been heard from in over a year

James (Jim) Hutchinson

* Polly’s brother

Helen Hutchinson

* Polly’s mother
* Knows something is wrong when Polly doesn’t write back
* Doesn’t trust John

Elizabeth Craig (Hutchinson)

* Polly’s sister
* Starts to worry about Polly when she doesn’t receive the promised letter from Saskatoon
* School teacher
* Married to Archie Craig

Mr. Grossart

* Polly’s employer since she was 18
* Owns Grossart Drapers in Carluke
* Good employer and treated is employees like family
* A young handsome man name John Wilson worked for Grossart Drapers
* Polly’s meets John here

John (Jack) Wilson

* Moves to Canada to escape humiliation in his home country
* Meets Jessie in Canada
* Married to Polly Wilson
* Father of two
* Murders his wife in cold blood by shooting her and leaving her in a culvert
* Lies, deceit,
* RCMP
* Gets rejected from the army
* Took money from Polly’s family greenhouse business
* Dismissed from RNWMP on November 7th 1919
* April 23, 1920 John dies
* Tried to plead insanity
* Battled Tuberculosis and the Spanish Flu

Mary and Isabella Wilson

* John’s sister’s

Alex Wilson

* Brother of Jack
* Stole money from an old friend
* Ran family grocery store into the ground

George Wilson

* Son of John Wilson
* Eldest child

Archie Craig

* Elizabeth’s fiancé/husband
* Bought partnership in the greenhouses
* Does not like John Wilson and thinks he is bad for Polly

Helen Wilson

* Polly and John’s daughter

John Patterson

* Jessie’s father
* Invites John for supper when he first moves to Blaine Lake
* Takes a liking to John immediately
* Is under the impression that John is single, widowed, divorced

Jessie Patterson

* Marries John Wilson September 29,1918
* Takes care of John when he is sick
* Thinks John’s wife is dead or he is divorced
* 16 when she met John

S.D. Jones

- First town constable of Blaine Lake

- Hired in 1912

- Worked closely with John Wilson

Alex Armstrong

* Hotel clerk
* Remembers John looking like death and carrying his shotgun into the washroom with him
* Testified against Jack

Mrs. Hanson

* Stayed in the room across from the Wilson’s and took Polly to the train station to go to Saskatoon
* Testified against Jack
* Was aware of the letters from Jack to Jessie

Eileen Wismer

* Owned the house where Polly and John stayed
* Became close friends
* Was worried when Polly found the letters to Jessie
* Testified
* Didn’t trust Jack when he came to get some of Polly’s things
* First called to the stand in John’s trial

Issac Neufeldt

* The man who first saw jack after the crash and burning of the car
* He smelled vomit and liquor on Jack
* Knows John is lying because he told him a different story then he told the rest of the boys

Issac Peters

* One of the men who heard his story about the crash
* Took pictures of John’s car
* Testified

Rev. Clark

* Married Jack and Jessie
* “There not so nervous when there younger”

Mrs. Laing

* Hutchinson’s old friend from Slamannan
* Having tea with Eileen Wismer and hoping there would be some good news to return to Scotland with.
* Gave news of Polly being in an accident to her parents

Commissioner Routledge

* Helped write letters to Elizabeth and Polly when Polly was on her way to Canada. He helped find Jack so Polly could be with him
* Elizabeth writes to him again begging him to find information about Polly and insists not rely on Jack.
* Starts the investigation into the disappearance of Polly Wilson
* Delivers letter saying Polly is living with John in Vancouver. (false hope)
* Dies on train November 6th 1919

Supt. Horrigan

* Vancouver detachment
* Receives letter from Routledge asking the where a bout’s of number 6020’s wife.
* Wrote back to Routledge saying 6020’s wife was currently living with him in Vancouver
* 19 years of service
* Exceptionally hard worker
* 58 years old
* Writes letter to commissioner Perry stating that Cather is concerned after meeting John’s wife.
* His wife is not the same person as in the picture

Sgt. James Cather

* In charge of giving letter to Polly that her sister wrote
* Smart, striking and courteous
* 34 years old
* Meets Jessie and knows it’s not the women in the picture

Constable Brickton

* Wilson’s liaison with the office
* Friends of john and Jessie and was often at their home

Commissioner Perry

* Replied to Elizabeth’s letters
* Brilliant
* Known for his eye for faces
* Keen sense of justice and fairness
* Ordered to have Polly’s trunks seized and looked through

Mrs. Sissons

* Pawn Shop worker
* Buys the shotgun that John shot Polly with

Mr. Mutch

* Bought gun from Sisson’s

Sgt. Herbert Darling

* Regina division
* Has marriage certificate of Jessie and John
* Couldn’t find burial or grave or proof of death of Mrs. Wilson
* Interviewed Eileen Wismer

Fred Burge

* Owned a general store in Blaine lake where he and Wilson drank tea and chatted
* Interviewed by Drysdale
* Was told Polly was crazy and John couldn’t control her and she died in a car accident and that’s how he ended up married to Jessie
* Told Drysdale he got married to Jessie very quickly after the death of his first wife which had the town concerned

Mr. Riddell

* Car salesmen
* Bought Jack’s car and sold him a new one, didn’t know there was a lien on his old car
* Had to hunt John down when he didn’t come through with the payments
* Walked to the bank with John to wire money and as soon as Riddell left he cancelled the wire.

Walt Kelland

* Hauled in the burnt car
* Worked for Riddell
* Relayed story of the trip to the culvert with John and Jessie and the dinner John bought as a wedding celebration
* Supplied exact directions and drew a map to the culvert

Constable Chalk

* Interviewed Walt Kelland
* Saskatoon detachment

Wm. Batchelor

* Owner of a gas station
* Remembers John buying gas on the last day in September and was on his way to his wedding
* John came back and told him he couldn’t get a parson ( pastor)
* This is the time when they were sure John had committed murder

Charle McClean

* Visited Blaine Lake with Wilson and their wives after his wedding
* Stated Wilson took the burning of the car easily
* Felt no remorse

Supt. Sparkman

* Part of the SPP
* One of the men who found Polly in the culvert

James Martin

* Policemen from Jacks office
* Along for the ride with Polly and Jack
* Testified to his heavy drinking on the job

Constable Scotney

* Met with Jessie and her father
* Asks Jessie about John’s Shot gun

Bill Tracey

* One of the men who opens the trunk and finds a leather bag scorched and covered in blood.
* Confronts John about forged letter
* Found personal letters to Jessie

Inspector Goldsmith

* Interviewed John
* Asks where Polly is buried

Philip MacKenzie

* Representing Crown December 22, 1919
* Lays out detailed facts of the case to the court room

James Hawkin

* John’s defense
* Wrote to Jessie for any information that would help in John’s defense
* Could not work with John due to inability to give intelligent answers (trying to plead insanity)

Judge Haultain

* Presides over case
* Announces that John is guilty of murder
* Tells John he will be taken from Saskatoon to Prince Albert and will be hung on April 23, 1920

Murray McIntyre

* Try’s to defend John
* Insists that John cannot give any evidence because he is not “well” enough

Arthur Ellis

* Professional hangman
* Always asked the criminals if they had any confessions before carrying out the sentence

Sheriff Seath

* Picked up John from his cell the morning of April 23, 1920

Charles McGregor

* Gave an Affidavit
* An inmate at the Prince Albert Jail
* Told investigators that John was completely sane at all times

Rev. J. MacDonald

* At John’s sentence

Sgt. Kistruck

* Filed that the case against John Wilson was complete

John Wilson Jr.

* Jessie and John’s son