

The People of Marlbridge

The Corbins

Alexandra Corbin ~ the heroine; also known as Sheriff Corbin's daughter
Cass Corbin ~ Alexandra's twin brother
Laura Catherine Corbin Metcalf ~ Alexandra's mother
Wilson Metcalf ~ Alexandra's stepfather
Lellen ~ head house slave
Clarence ~ foreman; Lellen's husband
Jenny and Prudence ~ daughters of Lellen and Clarence
Matthew ~ head groom and horse trainer

The Kelsons

Elias Kelson ~ a cunning aristocrat
Luke Kelson ~ Elias' son by Susannah Banks Kelson
Melissa ~ a house slave
Whit ~ a house slave

The Rainiers

Garrett Rainier ~ the young, handsome heir to the Rainier fortune
Hanson Rainier ~ a wealthy banker and businessman; Garrett's father
Melanie Rainier ~ Garrett's mother
Hannah Rainier ~ Garrett's sister
Gwyneth Lattimer ~ daughter of Hanson Rainier's business partner in New York

The Kilroys

Meredith Kilroy ~ Alexandra's nemesis from childhood
Claudia Kilroy ~ Meredith's mother
Grandison Kilroy ~ Mexican War hero; Meredith's father
Augustus Kilroy ~ Meredith's brother
Warren Lydell ~ Meredith's fiancé

The Porters

Raulston Porter ~ a planter and businessman
Lavinia Porter ~ Raulston's wife

The Calhouns

Bryce Calhoun ~ a young aristocrat; friend of Cass Corbin; leader of the Home Guard
Madeline Calhoun ~ Bryce Calhoun's mother
George Calhoun ~ Bryce Calhoun's brother; serves in Beaumont's cavalry
Tabitha Calhoun ~ Bryce Calhoun's sister

The Carrolls

Johnsey Carroll ~ a young aristocrat; friend of Cass Corbin
Lawrence Carroll ~ a leading citizen; Johnsey's father
Julia Carroll ~ Johnsey's mother
Lucy Carroll ~ Johnsey's sister

The Beaumonts

Leonidas Beaumont ~ Mexican War hero; commander of the Marlbridge Volunteers

Victoria Beaumont ~ Leonidas' wife

Preston Beaumont ~ Leonidas' son; officer in the Marlbridge Volunteers

Other Citizens of Marlbridge

Virgil Doggett ~ the peddler

Pop Brady ~ owner of Brady's Mercantile

Mama Brady ~ Pop Brady's wife

Reverend Land ~ Alexandra's preacher

Tate Rollins ~ elderly veteran of the War of 1812

Cletus Gerry ~ Tate's old army buddy

Arliss McKinney ~ a slingshot-wielding rascal

Brandon McKinney ~ Arliss McKinney's father

Chance Mullins ~ a member of the Marlbridge Home Guard

Quinn O'Dell ~ a mentally impaired member of the Marlbridge Home Guard

Shanks ~ the town's preeminent ne'er-do-well

Mort Grimshaw ~ the closest thing Marlbridge has to a pirate; also the county executioner

Old Joe ~ deranged veteran of the War of 1812

The Confederates

Colonel Charles "Madcap Charlie" Whisenhunt ~ commander of an irregular cavalry regiment

Lieutenant Colonel D. H. Kinkaid ~ battalion commander in Whisenhunt's regiment

Lieutenant Shelley ~ Colonel Kinkaid's aide

Captain Cana Ramsey ~ commander, 1st company; Cranston Ramsey's grandson

Lieutenant Thaddeus St. Clair ~ Captain Ramsey's most trusted officer and friend

Langley ~ Ramsey's most trusted scout; devoted disciple of St. Clair

Sergeant McCabe ~ a red-bearded, big-boned, Scottish rebel

Corporal Carter ~ father of five daughters; owner of the company mascot, Boone

Sal ~ Bradford's best friend

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Nels ~ keeper of the guardhouse

Hutcheson ~ semi-reformed horse thief whose skill set is put to good use by the Confederates

Captain Stark ~ commander, 2nd company

Joss Larkin ~ a scout in Stark's company

Captain Peterson ~ commander, 3rd company

The Federals

General Ormsby Mitchel ~ Union commander headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama

Colonel Manfred P. Heppinstahl ~ commander of the Union regiment stationed in Marlbridge

Major Marcus Fontaine ~ cavalry officer from Tennessee; Heppinstahl's most trusted subordinate

Colonel Joab Barrymore ~ former history professor; commander of a battalion of irregular cavalry

Red ~ a corporal in Heppinstahl's regiment

Bevins ~ a private in Heppinstahl's regiment; self-proclaimed ladies' man

Kenny ~ a young private; friends with Kenny and Hitch
Hitch ~ a private; friends with Kenny and Bevins
Sergeant Minford ~ jailor
Higgins ~ guard at the Marlbridge jail

The People of Cade's Mill

Evelyn ~ the preacher's wife
Henrietta ~ Evelyn's house slave
Bud ~ Evelyn's adopted son
Sheriff Matthews ~ county sheriff; Evelyn's brother
Bernice ~ the girl who is sweet on Bradford
Patience ~ the prettiest girl in Cade's Mill
Mr. Finch ~ town grouch
Johnny Knowles ~ owner of the local tavern
Sid ~ barkeep at Johnny Knowles' Watering Hole

Other Characters, Rascals, and Miscreants

Bolivar's Tavern

Bolivar ~ a mulatto who named the tavern after himself
Mose ~ the real master of Bolivar's Tavern
Zeke ~ Bolivar's slave boy

Benefield Gang

Prichard Benefield ~ leader of the gang
Limp McGhee ~ former Confederate soldier
Billy Edwards ~ former Confederate soldier
Darby ~ Prichard's inside man
Walters ~ Prichard's right hand man
Jenkins ~ Prichard's other right hand man

The Critters

Shadow ~ Alexandra's charcoal gelding
Solomon ~ Captain Ramsey's war horse
Boone ~ Carter's black-and-white bird dog; company mascot
Red Sticks ~ an unbroken Confederate horse
Vindicator ~ St. Clair's statuesque palomino charger
Clyde ~ Bradford's big, ugly horse
Pharaoh ~ Sal's unruly beast
Shiloh ~ Cass Corbin's champion stallion; killed at the Battle of Shiloh
Jack ~ Cass Corbin's second war horse
Dumplin ~ Reverend Land's horse