



Adventure XLVIII – The Valley of Fear

Aberdeen	City of Eastern Scotland; Inspector MacDonald was brought up in Aberdeen
Aberdonian	Pertaining to Aberdeen
<i>Acushla</i>	Irish term of endearment; used by Jack McMurdo to Ettie Shafter
Agony Column	In England, personal newspaper advertisements conveyed personal messages; Holmes amused himself by reading cipher messages printed there.
Allan Water	Name of two rivers in Scotland; Jack McMurdo sang “On the Banks of Allan Water”
Allen, Mrs.	Housekeeper at Birlstone Manor; servant to the Douglas couple
America	The United States; Jack Douglas and his wife fled from the States after the conclusion of his investigations in the Vermissa Valley
Ames	Butler of Birlstone Manor
Andrews	A Scowrer
Atwood	Vermissa Valley iron-works owner who was forced to sell out by the Scowrers
Baker Street	Most famous of all London Streets, the residence of Sherlock Holmes from the 1880s to 1903, during the greatest part of his professional life as a consulting detective; also, the residence of John Watson for much of that same period
Baldwin, Ted	One of the bosses of the Scowrers, he competed with Jack McMurdo for the attentions of Ettie Shafter; imprisoned through the effort of Birdy Edwards, who later sought to murder Edwards in England; registered at the Eagle Commercial Hotel under the alias of Hargrove
Barker, Cecil James	Long-time friend and former partner of Jack Douglas and conspirator in the Birlstone affair
Barton’s Crossing	One of the towns of Vermissa Valley through which the train passed through
Benito Canyon	Canyon in California, where Cecil Barker and Jack Douglas were partners in a mining claim
Billy	Page boy at Baker Street at the end of the 1880s
Bird, Simon	Victim of the Scowrers, as well as Charlie Williams

Birlstone	Small village on the northern border of Sussex, a short distance from the rise known as Birlstone Ridge, which Holmes offered a remarkable view over the Weald; location of Birlstone Manor House, where Holmes investigated the murder of Jack Douglas
Birlstone Manor	Located in Birlstone, Sussex; home of Jack Douglas
Birlstone Ridge	Holmes was told the views from there over the Weald were remarkable
Blaker	Mine or colliery foreman against whom the Scowrers planned revenge for firing three or four other Scowrers
Bradshaw's Railway Guide	Most complete of the numerous British railway guides, published monthly; Holmes did not believe Porlock's code could have originated from the Guide
Buddha, Gautama	Originally Prince Siddhartha, Indian religious leader; Holmes sat on floor like some strange Buddha while consulting his index
Buffalo	City of the United States, located in New York State; Jack McMurdo lived in Buffalo at one time
California	One of the far-western states of the United States; Birdy Edwards made his fortune and changed his name there
Camberwell	Southern metropolitan borough of London; Holmes sent Porlock money addressed to the Camberwell post-office, and the letter from him was posted there
Cape Town	Seaport and capital city of the cape of Good Hope colony and the chief city of the British possessions in South Africa; the Douglasses sailed for Cape Town in the <i>Palmyra</i>
Carnaway, Jim	Scowrer killed while carrying out the work of the lodge; pension was paid to his widow
Carter	Treasurer of the Scowrers; part of the committee to meet with Birdy Edwards
Chandos, Sir Charles	Ames had been with Sir Charles for ten years before becoming the butler for the Douglas' at Birlstone
Charles I	Kings of Great Britain and Ireland, of the Stuart House (1600-1649); open warfare between Charles and Parliament led to his capture and execution; said to have been concealed at Birlstone Manor during the Civil War

Chicago	Second largest city in the United States, situated at the head of Lake Michigan in the State of Illinois; Birdy Edwards came to Vermissa Valley from Chicago and returned there after the suppression of the Scowrers, including being married there; Edwards was driven from the city by his enemies
Chicago Central	Central Division of the Chicago Police Department, which headquartered in City Hall; Captain Marvin was spoken of as “Marvin of the Chicago Central”
China	(The Chinese Empire) Largest empire of Asia; code Birdy Edwards was said to use might have been written in Chinese
Civil War, American	Great struggle of 1861-65 between the Northern and the Southern states of the Union; Chester Wilcox had served in the war, was shot at by Scowrers, and warned into hiding by McMurdo
Civil War, English	(The Great Rebellion) Conflict between the supporters of Parliament and Charles I; Charles was concealed at Birlstone for several days during the war
Cormac, Tiger	Scowrer, who volunteered to handle a job for Windle, from another lodge in the Vermissa Valley; McGinty stated, “You’ll do, Tiger Cormac. If you handle it as well as you did the last, you won’t be wrong”
Crabbe	Resident of Stylestown; victim of the Scowrers; both Lander and Egan claimed credit for shooting him
Crédit Lyonnais	One of the great joint-stock banks of France; Holmes suspected Moriarty kept the bulk of his fortune there
Crow Hill Mine	Large Vermissa mine whose management opposed the Scowrers, and whose manager and engineer were murdered by them
<i>Daily Herald</i>	Vermissa newspaper, edited by James Stanger, which opposed the Scowrers
Danton, Georges Jacques	Leader in the French Revolution; his moderate politics were opposed by Robespierre, and he was executed; John McGinty was compared with him
De Capus, Hugo	Presumably a Norman nobleman, to whom Birlstone was granted by William Rufus, and who built the original manor house
Derby	County-town in Derbyshire, northern midland county of England; Birlstone murderer was reported from Derby and nineteen other places
Detroit	City in Michigan; Jack McMurdo had lived there

Deutsche Bank	(the Reichsbank) Known as the Imperial Bank of Germany; Holmes suspected Moriarty kept the bulk of this fortune there
Douglas, Ivy	Wife of Jack Douglas (Birdy Edwards), who helped with the conspiracy to hide the killing of Ted Baldwin
Douglas, John	(Birdy Edwards) Resident at Birlstone in Sussex; was stalked by Ted Baldwin of the Scowrers after helping break apart the group as Birdy Edwards
Dunn, Josiah H.	Manager of the Crow Hill Mine, a strong and fearless manager, who was murdered by the Scowrers
<i>Dynamics of an Asteroid, The</i>	Book written by Professor Moriarty, which ascended to such rarefied heights of mathematics, that it was said there no man in the scientific press capable of criticizing it
Eagle Commercial	Hotel at Turnbridge Wells, where Ted Baldwin, as Mr. Hargrave, took a room, riding a Whitworth bicycle
East Ham	City in Essex, geographically it is part of the eastward extension of London, and the city is in the main an industrial one; the Birlstone murderer was reported from East Ham and nineteen other places
Edwards, Birdy	Detective with the Pinkerton Agency, originally from Ireland; under the name Jack McMurdo, he penetrated the Scowrers and brought about their suppression; changed name to Jack Douglas and fled to England
Egan	A Scowrer, one of two who claimed the head money given by the lodge for the shooting of old man Crabbe over at Stylestown
Europe	(The Continent) <i>The Vermissa Herald</i> made reference to the despotisms of Europe
Evans	Vermissa policeman who was murdered when he ventured to arrest a Scowrer
First Crusade	First of the wars between Christians and Moslems for possession of the Holy Land; original Birlstone Manor dated from the first crusade
Fred	Son of Old Morris, who tried to warn McMurdo about the actions of the Scowrers
George II	King of Great Britain and Ireland from 1727-60; he visited Birlstone Manor during his reign
Germany	Country of Central Europe; Ettie Shafter implores McMurdo to flee from Vermissa Valley and escape to England, or to Germany, where her father was from

Gilmerton	Coal and iron region of the United States, located round the Gilmerton Mountains; the Scowrers waged their war against big business in that area
Gower	A Scowrer, chosen by Ted Baldwin to accompany the group to terrorize one of the local newspaper editors, Stanger
Greuze, Jean Baptiste	French artist, known for his paintings of everyday life; Professor Moriarty owned a Greuze; Holmes remarked a Greuze entitled "Young Girl with a Lamb" fetched £40000 at the Portalis sale
Hales Lodge	Hampstead residence of Cecil James Barker, friend to the Douglas couple
Hales, William	Gilmerton mine-owner of Stake Royal, who was killed by the Scowrers; was considered one of the best known and most popular owners, a man who was believed not to have an enemy in the world
Hampstead	North-western metropolitan borough of London; mainly residential area; Cecil James Barker lived in the area
Harley Street	Street in the West End, inhabited largely by consulting physicians and specialists; Watson wrote White Mason regarded Holmes as a village practitioner regards a Harley Street specialist
Harraway	Scowrer's secretary, who advised McMurdo on biding his time until the Society has need of his services
Harvgrove	Alias of the murderer, Ted Baldwin, while he was in England, hunting down Jack Douglas, who stayed at the Eagle Commercial Hotel in Tunbridge Wells and used a Rudge-Whitworth bicycle
Helmdale	One of the towns of Vermissa Valley
Higgins	Treasurer of the Scowrers, Merton County Lodge, who led the assault on Andrew Rae
Hobson's Patch	One of the towns of Vermissa Valley, where Scanlon who spoke to McMurdo on the train, resided
Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; Watson described Holmes as "bohemian" in his habits and lifestyle; said to have a "cat-like" love of personal cleanliness, at the same time Holmes is an eccentric with no regard for contemporary standards of tidiness or good order.

Hudson, Mrs.	Landlady of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson at 221b Baker Street; she brought up Cecil Barker to the sitting room to give the bad news the Jack Douglas has perished at sea
Hunt	Vermissa policeman who was murdered when he ventured to arrest a Scowrer
Hyam	Victim of the Scowrers, which Mr. Shafter uses as an example of the murderous actions of the group
<i>I'm Sitting on the Stile, Mary</i>	("The Lament of the Irish Immigrant") Popular ballad written in 1843 by the Scottish composer William Dempster; McMurdo sang the song in front of the Scowrers, which gained the good will of the lodge
India	Extensive British possession of southern Asia; was administered separately from the rest of the British Empire; the almanac article with which Holmes first attempted to decode Porlock's message dealt with the trade and resources of British India
Iron Dike Company	Vermissa mine-owning company, of which Chester Wilcox was chief foreman, and whose house was blown up by the Scowrers
Ironhill	Gilmerton town in the Vermissa Valley, where Jack Knox resided
James I	King of England; succeeded to the English throne upon the death of Elizabeth in 1603; Birlstone Manor was built in the fifth year of his reign
James, Little Billy	Victim of the Scowrers, one of the fifty Mr. Shafter referred to
Jenkins	Name of two brothers who fell victim to the Scowrers, along with others during one winter
Judge Lynch	Personification of lynch law; Old Morris suggested the Scowrers might be tried by Judge Lynch should they become too repressive
Knox, Jack	Opponent of the Scowrers; he resided in Gilmerton
<i>La Jeune Fille à l'Agneau</i>	("Young Girl with a Lamb") painting by Greuze, owned by Professor Moriarty
Lake Saloon	Chicago saloon where Jonas Pinto was shot, supposedly by McMurdo, who was helping to pass counterfeit coins
Lander	A Scowrer; along with Egan, they both claimed the head money given by the lodge for the shooting of old man Crabbe over at Stylestown
Larbey	Victim of the Scowrers, almost beaten to death; his wife was shot to death while nursing him, at the order of Boss McGinty
Lawler	A Scowrer, who had carried off at least 14 assassinations

Lee	Vermisa Valley mine-owner who was forced to sell out by the Scowrers
Leicester	County-town of Leicestershire; Birlstone murderer was reported from Leicester and 19 other places
Liverpool	Second largest city and seaport of England, situated in Lancashire; the Birlstone murderer was reported from Liverpool and 19 other places
London	Largest city in the world during the Victorian period, capital of England and the British Empire, located in the south-eastern part of England on the River Thames; extended into the counties of Surrey, Ken, Middlesex, and Essex; Inspector MacDonald states, “we might perhaps be doing better work in London”
MacDonald, Inspector Alec	Scotland Yard Inspector, Holmes called him “Mr. Mac”; originally from Aberdeen, he apparently joined the force during the 1880s; did not hesitate to consult with Holmes on difficult cases, as he did with the Birlstone affair; he and Holmes had worked together on two previous cases; was surprised to see Porlock’s cipher on the matter
Machiavelli, Niccolò	Distinguished Italian statesman and historian, best known for his book, <i>The Prince</i> ; Holmes jokingly spoke of Watson’s intellect as Machiavellian
MacNamara	Widow who maintained a boarding-house on the outskirts of Vermisa; McMurdo moved there after being asked to leave the Shafter boarding-house; Scanlan also lived there
Mahratta	People occupying much of western and central India and speaking a common language; the first word of Porlock’s message to Holmes, according to the wrong almanac, was ‘Mahratta’
Manders	A Scowrer, one of the two men McMurdo was to accompany on a job for the Society
Mansel	A Scowrer, sent with others to deal with Stanger
Manson	Vermisa Valley iron-works-owner who was forced to sell out by the Scowrers
Market Square	Square in Vermisa, in which stood John McGinty’s saloon, the favorite gathering place of the local Scowrers
Market Street	Street in the warehouse district of eastern Chicago; the Lake Saloon, where McMurdo supposedly killed Jonas Pinto, is there
Marley Creek	Gilmerton town; “Jim was shot last month when they tried to kill Chester Wilcox of Marley Creek:
Marvin, Teddy	Captain of the Vermisa Coal and Iron Police, formerly of Chicago, who worked in

	support of Birdy Edwards and the Pinkertons
Mason, White	Local police officer at Birlstone, Sussex; chief police detective; wired Inspector MacDonald to come from London, with Holmes if possible to investigate the death of John Douglas
Max Linder & Co.	Vermissa firm which paid to be left alone by the Scowrers
McGinty, John "Jack"	Vermissa saloon-owner, and owner of the Union Hotel, and politician who was bodymaster of the Scowrers; he was hanged through the efforts of Birdy Edwards
McMurdo, John "Jack"	Also known as "Birdy Edwards"; resident at Birlstone in Sussex; was stalked by Ted Baldwin of the Scowrers after helping break apart the group as Birdy Edwards
Menzies	Engineer of the Crow Hill Mine, murdered by a shot to the stomach by Anderson of the Scowrers
Merton County	Agricultural county in the Gilmerton region of the U.S., not far from Vermissa Valley; the railway ran through Merton County from Stagville
Michigan	North-central state of the U.S.; Jack McMurdo had worked in the lumber-camps there
Miller Hill	Ill-kept public park in the center of Vermissa; Jack McMurdo and Brother Morris met there
Milman	Victim of the Scowrers; Shafter lists him as one of fifty murders by the Society
Monaghan	Northern county of Ireland; Birdy Edwards came originally from there
Moriarty	Brother to Professor Moriarty and a station-master in the West of England
Moriarty, Professor James	The Napoleon of Crime; endowed with a phenomenal mathematic facility, he wrote a treatise upon the binomial theorem, and authored <i>The Dynamics of an Asteroid</i> ; Holmes spoke of Moriarty's genius, and believed Moriarty was behind the ultimate death of Jack Douglas
Morris	Scowrer who was not sympathetic to the methods of the Society
Murdoch, James	Man mutilated by the Scowrers one winter at the order of Boss McGinty
Murphy	Chicago acquaintance of Jack McMurdo's, who had given him the tip to stay at the Shafter's in Vermissa Valley
Napoleon I	Emperor of the French from 1804-15, renowned as one of the greatest military geniuses of all time; Holmes called Moriarty a 'Napoleon-gone wrong'

Neal	(Neale) Vermissa clothing outfitter; a yellow tailor's tab from this outfitter was found on the neck of the dead man's clothing at Birlstone
New England	Far north-eastern part of the United States, comprising those states lying east of New York; Josiah Dunn was from New England, and was a victim of the Scowrers
<i>New York Press</i>	Morning newspaper of New York City, established in 1887; Birdy Edwards was said to be posing as a reporter for the New York Press in 1875
Nicholson	Family which fell victim to the Scowrers, one of the fifty Mr. Shafter referred to
North Downs	Name given to the treeless range of chalk hills extending from the north of Hampshire through Surrey into Kent; the wood around Birlstone thinned away until it reached the northern chalk downs
Nottingham	County-town of Nottinghamshire; Birlstone murderer was reported from there and 19 other places
<i>On the Banks of Allan Water</i>	Traditional Scottish air with words by Matthew Gregory Lewis; John McMurdo sang the song to the Scowrers
<i>Palmyra</i>	Ship aboard which John and Ivy Douglas set out for South Africa, and from which Douglas was lost overboard near St. Helena
Pennsylvania Small Arms Company	Well-known American firm, which manufactured the shot-gun used in the Birlstone tragedy; Holmes noted part of their logo, "A big P with a flourish above it, E and N smaller"
Philadelphia	Chief city of Pennsylvania; the big companies moving into the Vermissa Valley were in headquartered in New York or Philadelphia, and so were unafraid of the Scowrers; Old Morris joined the Scowrers in Philadelphia, to which Effie Shafter wished to flee
Pinkerton, Allan	Scottish-American detective, founder of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency; the agency is famous for its exploits on behalf of the North in the Civil War; Birdy Edwards was a Pinkerton detective
Pinto, Jonas	Chicago criminal said to be engaged in passing counterfeit money, and for whose murder John McMurdo claimed responsibility at the Lake Saloon, on Market Street
Porlock, Fred	Assumed name of a member of Moriarty's criminal organization, considered a weak link in the organization; he served as an informer to Holmes and sent a coded warning about the planned murder of John Douglas; Holmes made no effort to discover his true identity

Portalis	(Portalès Gallery of Art) Private Paris gallery established in the home of James-Alexander; the collection was sold at auction in 1865; Holmes quoted the priced demanded by a Greuze at the Portalis sale
Prime Minister	In Great Britain, the leader of the majority party in Parliament and head of the Cabinet; Holmes stated Moriarty paid Moran £6000 / year, which was more than the Primer Minister made
Quarter Sessions	In England, courts of limited criminal and civil jurisdiction are held quarterly by the justice of the peace; John Douglas was said to have been acquitted at the Quarter Sessions; also known as the Assizes
Rae, Andrew	Co-owner of the Merton County coaling firm of Rae and Sturmash, who was murdered by the Scowrers
Red King	Name given to William II Rufus, the son of William the Conqueror and King of England in 1087; he granted Birlstone to Hugo de Capus
Reilly	Lawyer hired by the Scowrers, who defended McMurdo against the charge of beating the editor of the <i>Herald</i> , Stanger
Remington	American brand of typewriter manufactured by the well-known gun-making firm of New York; Laura Lyons possessed a Remington typewriter
Richmond	City of Surrey, it lies on the right bank of the Thames and is a residential suburb of London; the Birlstone murderer was reported from Richmond and 19 other places
Robespierre, Maximilien Marie Isidore	French revolutionist, his radical policies were opposed by Danton, and thus was executed; Evans Pott, the county Delegate who lived at Hobson's Patch, was compared with him
Rudge-Whitworth	Brand of bicycle; Ted Baldwin's machine was that brand
Russia	(The Russian Empire) Next to Great Britain, the largest empire in the world; John McGinty compared the police practices in Vermissa to those of Russia
Scanlan, Mike	Scowrer and friend of John McMurdo
Scotland	Political division occupying the northern part of Great Britain; Inspector MacDonald was a Scotsman, as well as the mine-engineer Menzies
Scotland Yard	Popular name given to the Metropolitan Police Force of London, and specifically to its Criminal Investigation Department (CID); the location of the CID is the New Scotland Yard, close to the Thames River; MacDonald was a Scotland Yard inspector

Scott, James H.	Bodymaster of Lodge 29, Chicago, of the Ancient Order of Freeman
Scowrers, The	The local name for the members of Lodge 341 of the Ancient Order of Freeman in Vermissa Valley; elsewhere a benevolent fraternal order, this local organization has turned to fighting what they considered the repressive practices of the railways and colliery companies in the coal and iron country of the United States; the county delegate was Evans Pott and the treasurer, Carter
Shafter, Ettie	Daughter of Joseph Shafter, a boarding-house owner; she helped her dad run the boarding-house Ettie ended up marrying Birdy Edwards in Chicago, but died of typhoid in California
Shafter, Jacob	Owner of boarding-house in Vermissa; Birdy Edwards stayed there until Shafter asked him to leave, once he found out Edwards belonged to the Scowrers; Edwards married Shafter's daughter, Ettie
Sheridan Street	Street in Vermissa where Jacob Shafter's boarding-house was located, John McMurdo stayed there for a while
Shuman	Vermissa Valley iron-works-owner who was forced to sell out by the Scowrers
Smith and Wesson	Well-known American gun-making firm of Springfield, MA; Birdy Edwards owned a Smith and Wesson revolver
Solomon	Son of David by Bathsheba, and his successor to Israel; John McGinty said the dispute between Lander and Egan required a Solomon, renowned for his wisdom, in judgement
South Africa	General term referring to the Boer republics and to the British possessions in southern Africa; John and Ivy Douglas sailed for Cape Town, South Africa, aboard the <i>Palmyra</i>
Southampton	Major seaport city of Hampshire; the Birstone murderer was reported from Southampton and 19 other places
St. Helena	Island in the south Atlantic, 1,200 miles west of the African coast; celebrated as the place of Napoleon's exile; John Douglas was lost at sea in a gale nearby; Ivy Douglas wired the news to Cecil Barker
Stagville	Town at the foot of the Gilmerton Mountains, connected by rail with the Vermissa Valley

Stake Royal	Gilmerton town and mine owned by William Hales, who was target for murder by the Scowrers even though he was considered one of the best known and most popular mine owners in the Gilmerton district, a man who was believed not to have an enemy in the world; for he was in all ways a model employer
Stanger, James	Editor of the Vermissa <i>Daily Herald</i> , who was beaten by the Scowrers because of his outspoken editorials against them
Staphouse	Family murdered in an explosion set by the Scowrers
State and Merton County Railroad Company	Large and expanding company which was buying up much of the property in Vermissa Valley, and was probably one of the five companies which joined to fight the Scowrers
Station-Master	Official in charge of a railway station; Professor Moriarty's younger brother was a station-master in the west of England
Stendals	Members of a family murdered by the Scowrers
Strauss, Herman	Opponent of the Scowrers
Sturmash	Presumably a Merton County colliery-owner
Stylestown	Town in the Gilmerton district
Sussex	Southern county of England, the salient physical feature is the hill range called the South Downs; Birlstone, the residence of the Douglas' was located in Sussex
Sweden	Kingdom of northern Europe; until 1905 it was united with Norway; Jacob Safter and his daughter Ettie are said to be Swedish
Swindon, Archie	Vermissa mine-owner who was driven out by the Scowrers
Todman	Vermissa Valley mine-owner who was forced to sell out by the Scowrers
Treasury, The	Department of government which has control over the collection, management, and expenditure of the public revenue; Birdy Edwards said he would not spend three months among the Scowrers if he were set loose in the Treasury at Washington for it
Tunbridge Wells	Inland resort city of Kent, approximately 10 or 12 miles east of Birlstone
Union House	Name of John McGinty's saloon, where much of the Scowrer's business was conducted
United States	Republic occupying the central portion of North America; Vermissa was a flourishing little town at the head of one of the best known coal and iron valleys in the United States
Van Deher	Vermissa Valley iron-works-owner who was forced to sell out by the Scowrers

Van Shorst	Victim of the Scowrers, one of the fifty Mr. Shafter referred to
Vermisa Valley	Valley in the coal-mining and iron-working region of the United States, located with the Gilmerton Mountains; Vermisa was the chief town; it was here the Scowrers waged their war with the coal and iron companies, as well as the railroads
Victoria Station	Railway station in Westminster, the West End terminus of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, opened in 1860; Holmes and his party left Victoria Station for Birlstone
Walker Brothers	Vermisa coal-mining firm which paid to be alone by the Scowrers
Washington	Capital city of the United States; Birdy Edwards claimed the dollars he carried never passed the Washington mint; later he said he would not spend another three months among the Scowrers if he were set loose in the Treasury
Watson, John H.	Friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes, it appears he was borne in the early 1850s; took his Degree of Doctor in Medicine in 1878; served as a staff surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; while serving in the Army Medical Department, he was severely wounded in the Battle of Maiwand in Afghanistan; his wound and general impairment of health earned him a retirement and wound pension
Weald, The	District of south-eastern England lying across portions of Sussex, Kent, and Surrey between the North and South Downs; Birlstone, the residence of the Douglas', was upon the fringe of the Weald
West Section Coaling Company	Vermisa coal-mining firm which paid to be left alone (protection money) to the Scowrers
West Wilmerton General Mining Company	(General Iron) Large company which bought up several ironworking properties in Vermisa, and probably one of the five companies which joined to fight the Scowrers
Westville Arms	Only inn at the village of Birlstone, where Holmes and Watson stayed during their investigation of the killing of John Douglas
Whitakers Alamanack	Most popular and best known of British Almanacs; the coded message from Porlock to Holmes was keyed to Whitaker's
Wilcox, Chester	Mine foreman whom the Scowrers tried unsuccessfully to kill on several occasions
Wild, Jonathan	Central figure in London crime during the early part of the 19 th century; Holmes compared Moriarty to Wild

Willaby, Arthur	Scowrer, who with his brother, sought vengeance upon Birdy Edwards after their release from prison for their illegal acts
Williams, Charlie	Victim of the Scowrers
Wilson	Sergeant in the Sussex Constabulary, who received the first alarm of the Birlstone tragedy, and was invited to investigate the matter by Cecil Barker
Wilson	Scowrer, who volunteered for action against Andrew Rae, though he had no gun, and looked to be only a teenager
Wilson, Bartholomew	District ruler in 1875 of the Ancient Order of Freeman in Chicago
Wilson, Steve	Name of a supposed Pinkerton agent at Hobson's Patch, who had come into Vermissa Valley to operate against the Scowrers in Vermissa Valley
Winchester	Brand of rifle, introduced in 1865, as one of the earliest examples of the magazine or repeating rifle; the Coal and Iron Police were armed with them
Windle, J.W.	Division master of the Scowrers in Merton County
Wood, Dr.	Birlstone practitioner who examined what he believed to be John Douglas' body; "one glance at the victim was enough to show the healer that his presence could be dispensed with"