

1. **Bertrand, Wilfred A. 'Freddy' (Vinny Bergerac)** - Jack's boyhood friend in Pawtucketville [K/151]
2. **Dionne, Elzear J. 'Scoop'** - Leo Kerouac business associate & Centralville market owner [A/154]
3. **Houde, Roland 'Ninip' (Zap Plouffe)** - Kerouac boyhood friend—died young in tragic accident; brother of Henry & Robert [A/74]
4. **Charbonneau, Armand (Shammy & Shabby)** - Kerouac family friend; Pawtucketville Social Club regular [C/29]
5. **Vendette, Simeon (Duquette)** - St. Louis de France congregant & member of "The Dirty Dozen" [C/24]
6. **Roberge, Albert 'Skippy' (Sonny Alberge)** - Jack's boyhood friend & Major League Baseballer [B/47]
7. **Rochette, Louis Vitalien 'Victor' (Dr. Simpson)** - Jack's birth doctor [D/118]
8. **Lemaître, Yvonne** - globe-trotting Lowell journalist & Kerouac correspondent [D/122]
9. **Archambault, Amédée & Dewey (Arsenault)** - father & son undertakers who oversaw Jack's wake; lawyer Dewey elected Lowell's first Franco-American mayor [D/126]
10. **Morissette, Fr. Armand 'Spike'** - St. Jean Baptiste clergy & Kerouac confidante; presided at Jack's 1969 funeral [M]
11. **Beaupré, Herbert (Plourdes)** - Jack's brother Gerard's underprivileged classmate [OA/303]
12. **Eno, Jr., Arthur Louis (Ernie Malo)** - Jack's parochial schoolmate & later esteemed lawyer/historian [M/63]
13. **Kerouac, Hervé (Roland Duluoz)** - Railroad worker & Jack's first cousin through Leo's brother Joseph [O/769]
14. **Fournier, Michael X. 'Mike' (Joe Fortier/Cartier)** - Leo's great buddy in Centralville & Pawtucketville; father of Jack's childhood pal Mike [R/730]
15. **Morin, Alphée (Roger)** - Young Lowellian who drowned during 1936 Flood [R/245]
16. **Bertrand, Wilfred T. & Leontine (Luckie & Charlie Bergerac)** - boisterous parents of Jack's pal Freddy (#1 above) [R/1513]
17. **Soucy, Joseph-Hyacinthe Faimin (La Père)** - proprietor of Jack & his friends' poolhall hangout (Club Paisan) [R/1569]
18. **Salvas, J. Roland (Albert 'Lousy' Lauzon)** - one of Jack's greatest adolescent friends & fine athlete [Z/236]
19. **Voyer, Joseph 'Joe' (Al Didier)** - Jack's football-playing adolescent friend & Lowell businessman [Z/453]
20. **Desjardins, Joseph 'Joe' (Destouches)** - proprietor of Jack's favorite Pawtucketville variety store [J/315]
21. **Campbell, E. Gaston (Gaston MacDonald)** - Lowell real estate mogul/builder & friend of Leo Kerouac [H/106A]
22. **St. Jean, Andrew 'The Masked Marvel' (St. Louis / "The Shadow")** - legendary pool player & Lowell native [H/613]
23. **Houde, Henry E. 'Mike' (Joe Plouffe)** - stellar athlete & Jack's adolescent buddy; brother of Roland & Robert [X/100]
24. **Houde, Robert O. 'Pete' (Gene Plouffe)** - stellar athlete & Jack's adolescent buddy; brother of Roland & Henry [VB/470A]
25. **Gauthier, Armand (Roland Bouthelier)** - Kerouac family friend, chauffeur & wrestler-boxer who also worked at Leo's Spotlight Print [VB/731]

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