

## Irving, Washington: 1783–1859

### The Devil and Tom Walker, 1824 – Characters

**Tom Walker** – A miserly and bitter man who lives an impoverished life with his abusive wife.

**Tom's Wife** – Tom's wife is an ill-tempered and miserly woman who constantly fights with Tom over money and possessions.

**Old Scratch/The Devil** – The Devil appears in the guise of a dark, sooty figure with red eyes and a red sash, carrying an axe.

**Captain Kidd** – A notorious pirate rumored to have buried his ill-gotten treasure in a swamp outside Boston before being hanged.

**Geoffrey Crayon** – The story's narrator.