

6 Fleet Street – Rowan Cottage



Nos. 6 & 8 Fleet Street

Prior to 1883 nos.6 & 8 Fleet Street were under single ownership. As a result occupancy cannot be pinpointed to individual houses. Details of the combined properties are included with no.6 until 1883 after which date they are separated.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1795** Charter to Alexander Gordon, shoemaker, for 43 ft along Fleet Street, taken up by nos. 6 & 8 Fleet St.
1823 Sasine of John Johnston, weaver, Gatehouse, surviving son of Peter Johnston, labourer in Gatehouse and Elizabeth Gordon, his wife and nephew of Alexander Gordon.

1841 Anwoth Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 4 Fleet Street (South) 5 to 8

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
McClive	John			m	73	mason	Kirkcudbrightshire
McClive	Elizabeth			f	65		England
Lightbody	Elizabeth			f	25		Kirkcudbrightshire
Lightbody	William			m	7		Kirkcudbrightshire
Ferries	Alexander			m	26	labourer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Ferries	Isabella			f	25		Kirkcudbrightshire
Carson	Sarah			f	85		Kirkcudbrightshire
Shennan	Elizabeth			f	82		Kirkcudbrightshire
Hannay	Elizabeth			f	20	schoolmistress	Kirkcudbrightshire

In 1841 there was a John Johnston living in Fleet Street. He was a 71-year old cotton hand loom weaver, but he lived on the north side of the street. We allocated the above families to nos.6 & 8 Fleet Street by following the order of families in the census

1849 Sold by John Johnston weaver in Gatehouse to John Nelson and Ann Hawthorn his wife (nos.6 & 8).

1851 Anwoth Census - Enumeration District 3 Pages 4 & 5 Fleet Street 9 & 10

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
McHaffie	Mary	head	w	f	75	seamstress	Kbts, Girthon
Stevenson	Margaret	head	w	f	48	washer woman	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
McKie	Agnes	head	w	f	55	housekeeper	Wigtown, Kirkinner
McKie	David	son	s	m	13	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Kissock	Elizabeth	head	s	f	57	housekeeper	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Twinholm	Elizabeth	niece	s	f	45	seamstress	Kbts, Crossmichael
Henerson	Elizabeth	niece		f	9	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Hewatson	Elizabeth	head	m	f	29		Kbts, Anwoth
Hewatson	Mary	dau.		f	6	scholar	Kbts, Anwoth
Hewatson	Richard	son		m	4		Kbts, Anwoth
Hewatson	Fanny	dau.		f	1		Kbts, Anwoth

We might have expected the Neilson's to occupy their own property, but the families listed in the census suggest that they lived next door at 10-12 Fleet Street. Mary McHaffie owned no.4 Fleet Street, so we might expect her to be living there, but again the number of families and the order in which they occur in the census suggest otherwise.

1859-60 Anwoth Valuation Roll :

Mrs Ann Neilson, Gatehouse, owned 4 properties in Gatehouse that were occupied by (1) John Carter, late farmer, (2) William Douglas, tea merchant, (3) Hugh Gordon, horse breaker and (4) herself.

The above seems to confirm that the Neilson's continued to own both 6 & 8 Fleet Street.

1861 Anwoth Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 2 Fleet Street 10 & 11

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Gordon	Hugh	head	m	m	68	retired miller & farmer	Kbts, Borgue
Gordon	Margaret	wife	m	f	64		Kbts, Borgue
Carter	John	head	m	m	72	retired farmer	Kbts, Twynholm
Carter	Margaret	wife	m	f	48		Kbts, Kelton
Douglas	William	head	m	m	55	tea hawker	Dumfries, Tynron
Douglas	Anna	wife	m	f	40		Dumfries, Irongray
Douglas	Elizabeth M	dau		f	8	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Douglas	Anna M	dau		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon

We think Ann Neilson was living at no.18 Fleet Street in this census. She was at the same address for the next 2 census.

1871 Anwoth Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 11 Fleet Street 22

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Houston	Samuel	head	wr	m	76	carter	Wigtown, Wigtown
Houston	Helen	dau.	s	f	40		Kbts, Gatehouse
Saunders	Henry	lodger	s	m	35	basket maker emp. 10	England
Houston	Alexander	head	m	m	38	agricultural labourer	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Houston	Helen	wife	m	f	34		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Houston	Helen	dau.		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Houston	Janet	dau.		f	3		England
Houston	James	son		m	4m		England
Houston	Elizabeth	dau.		f	9	scholar	Kbts, Girthon

1878-79 Anwoth Valuation Roll :

Mrs Ann Nelson, Fleet Street, Gatehouse, was liferentrix of 2 properties in Fleet Street, occupied by (1) Thomson Fisher, mariner and (2) John Hunter, farmer.

1880 Sold by trustees of deceased John Nelson to Thompson Fisher, mariner in Gatehouse, with life rent to wife Marion Lees or Fisher.

This sale probably referred to both 6 & 8 Fleet Street.

1881 Anwoth Census - Enumeration District 1 Pages 7 & 8 Fleet Street (S) 07 to 09

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Fisher	Marion	wife	m	f	44	grocer, seaman's wife	Kbts, Gatehouse
Fisher	William	son		m	12	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Fisher	Catherine	dau		f	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Kennedy	Agness	head	w	f	76	annuitant	Kbts, Borgue
Kirk	Jane	head	w	f	75	annuitant	Dumfries, Lockerbie
Hunter	John	head	s	m	52	farmer 106 acres emp. 1 man + 1 woman	Dumfries, Durrisddeer
Grierson	Marion	servant	s	f	45	housekeeper	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Black	Nellie G	boarder	s	f	21	assistant teacher in board school	Kbts, Kirkmabreck

1883 Sold to Peter Wyllie, grocer, Gatehouse.

This sale probably refers to no.8 only. From 1883 nos. 6 & 8 Fleet Street are owned separately.

1884-85 Anwoth Valuation Roll : Thompson Fisher, mariner, owned and occupied a house and garden in Fleet Street.

1891 Anwoth Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 9 Fleet Street 31

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Fisher	Thompson	head	m	m	53	mariner	England
Fisher	Marion	wife	m	f	54	grocer	Kbts, Anwoth
Kennedy	Agnes	boarder	w	f	86		Kbts, Borgue

1896 Passed to Catherine Isabella Fisher, daughter of Thompson Fisher now, compulsory officer of the new school board.

1901 Anwoth Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 3 Fleet Street 03

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Caig	John	head	m	m	58	stone dyker	Kbts, Anwoth
Caig	Catherine	wife	m	f	65		Kbts, Anwoth
Caig	Catherine	dau.	s	f	30	mothers help	Kbts, Anwoth
Wilson	Grace	head	w	f	66	annuitant	Kbts, New Galloway

All but John Caig are still at this address in 1911.

1901-02 Anwoth Valuation Roll : Mrs Catherine Fell, 78 Braeside Street, Glasgow, is recorded as owning 3 houses, probably 3 apartments in a single house. One apartment was empty whilst the others were occupied by (1) John Caig, dyker and (2) Grace Wilson, widow.

1903 Property owned by Mrs Catherine Fisher or Fell, previously owned by John Johnston. [ex disponent of 4 Fleet Street].

1911 Anwoth Census - Enumeration District 1 Page 2 Fleet Street 04 & 05

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Caig	Catherine	head	w	f	75	old age pensioner	Kbts, Anwoth
Caig	Catherine	dau.	s	f	40		Kbts, Anwoth
Wilson	Grace	head	w	f	78	old age pensioner	Kbts, Dalry

The 1912-13 Valuation Roll suggests that the above occupied a house owned by Catherine Fell. The 1903 transfer of no.4 Fleet Street suggests that the adjoining property was owned by Catherine Fell.

1912-13 Anwoth Valuation Roll : Catherine Caig and Grace Wilson occupied separate properties owned by Catherine Fell. It is likely that no.6 was divided into 2 flats.

1914 Sold by Catherine Fisher or Fell to Edwin Davidson, Vancouver.

1930-31 Anwoth Valuation Roll :

1937 Sold by Edwin Davidson to Alexander Murray Hughan

1940-41 Anwoth Valuation Roll : Alexander M Hughan, Drumwall, Gatehouse owned an unidentified house in Fleet Street which was occupied by William Thomson, retired.

1948 Galloway News 28th Feb Death notice : On 12th February 1948 at Holden, West Virginia, USA, John Thomson, beloved husband of Jean Laird, and only son of the late William Thomson and of Mrs Thomson, 6 Fleet Street, Gatehouse-of-Fleet.

1950-51 Anwoth Valuation Roll : Mary S Hughan and another, Mains of Twynholm, owned an unidentified house in Fleet Street which was occupied by Mrs Thomson, widow.

1960-61 Anwoth Valuation Roll : Mary S Hughan and Margaret A R Hughan owned an unidentified house in Fleet Street which was occupied by Wilhelmina Thompson, spinster.

Personal recollection suggests that Miss Thompson lived at 6 Fleet Street.

1970 Sold to David McRobert, Civil Engineer

1976 David McRobert

1986 Valuation Roll says property owned by Mrs C J A Johnstone, Cruachan, Longniddy .

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