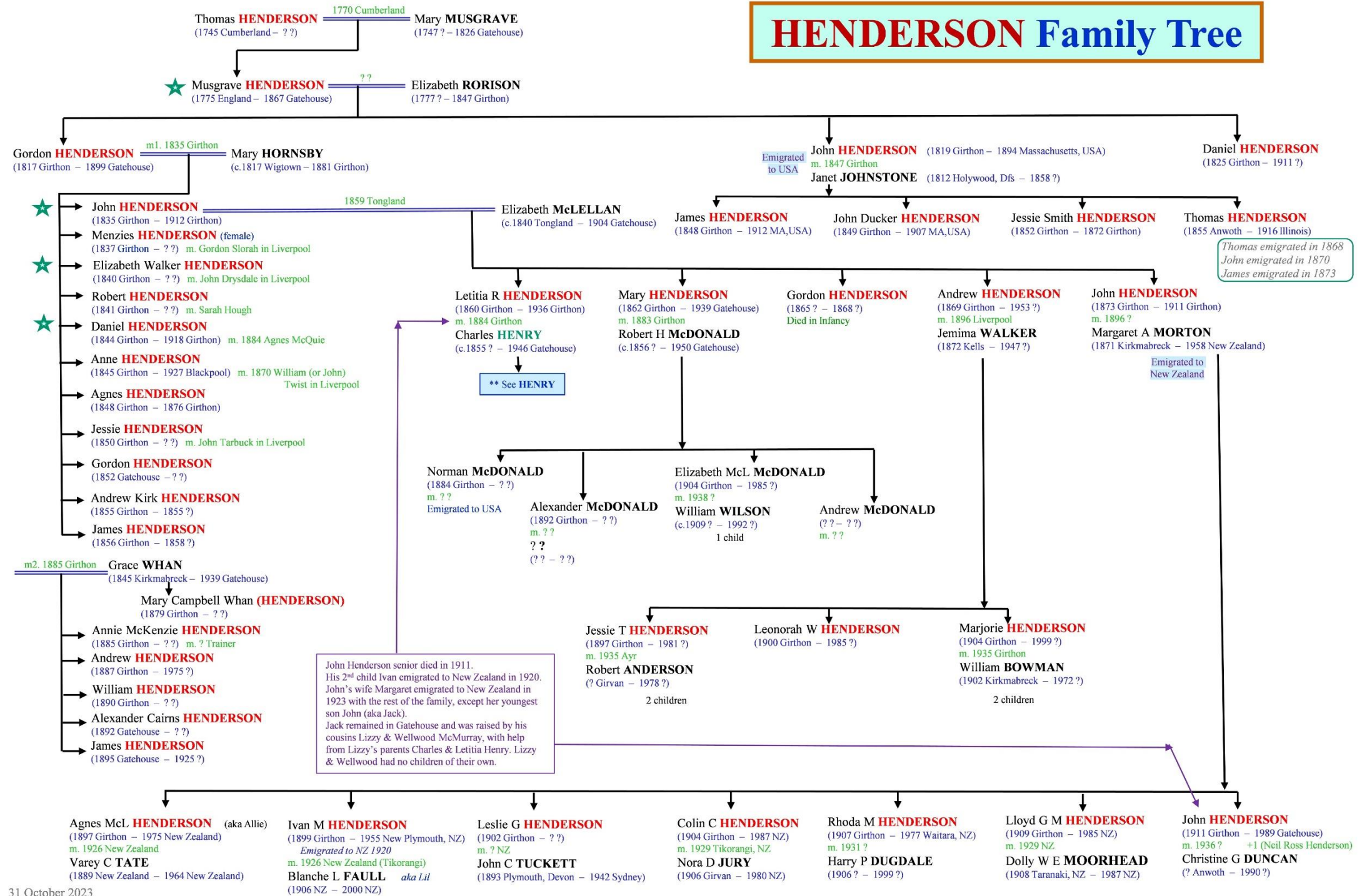


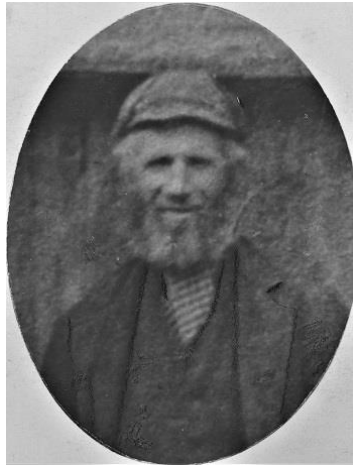
# HENDERSON Family Tree



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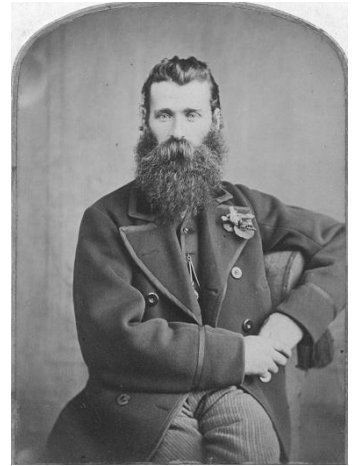
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Members of the family who emigrated to the **USA** are charted at the end of this document.  
Members of the family who emigrated to the **New Zealand** are listed at the of this document.

## 'Henderson Brothers' - Grocers

(J & A Henderson)

*The following information was obtained from birth, marriage and death certificates, census records and valuation rolls. Three grandchildren of Andrew and Jemina Henderson also shared their memories - Anne McCarthy, sister Joan Mitchell and their cousin Norah Anderson. They also had access to notes made by Andrew and Jemima's daughter Norah Henderson.*

### Background

**Gordon Henderson** (b.1817) had 11 children with his first wife **Mary Hornsby** and a further 5 children with his second wife Grace Whan. Mary died in 1881, and when Gordon, aged 67, married Grace in 1885, his oldest child James was 29. The oldest of **Gordon's** 16 children was **John** (b.Girthon 1835) who married **Elizabeth McLellan** and they had 5 children including 3 boys. Of the 3 boys Gordon died as a youngster, the others being **John** and **Andrew** Henderson.

**1841** : **Gordon** (age 25) and **Mary** (age 20) plus 3 children including **John** were living in Swan Street. Gordon was a handloom weaver.

**Gordon's** parents **Musgrave and Elizabeth Henderson** (both age 64) also lived further along Swan Street. Judging by the number of families living in a small number of houses, each household probably had only 2 rooms to live in.

**1851** : **Gordon (34) and Mary (33)** and their family had moved to School Road (now Castramont Road), beside the Girthon Parish School. **Gordon** was now a drainage labourer working on the roads and farms. The couple had 7 children living with them. **John** the eldest, aged 15, was a bobbin turner apprentice. **Musgrave** (74) was a widower living in Birtwhistle Street. He had been born in England and was a pauper.

**1859** : **John Henderson** married (Elizabeth) **Eliza McLellan** in 1859 at Tongland.

**1861** : **John (22) and Eliza (21)** + their first child Letitia (8 months) were living in a building with 4 other families close to the Bank at the top of High Street. John was a dyker. (*This could be the building which later became the Henderson's shop*).

John's parents **Gordon and Mary** (44 and 43) were now living in Back Street (*Catherine Street No 42 - now demolished*) **Gordon** was a stone dyker. Five of their children were at home. **Gordon's** widowed brother John (age 42) lived 2 doors away.

**1871** : **John's wife Eliza** (age 31, born Tongland) was in Back Street (*Catherine Street No.17*) with children Letitia (10), Mary (8) and **Andrew** (1). Her husband **John** was not at home on census night.

At Hallingford Village, Northumberland there was a **John Henderson** age 35, married and born in Scotland, with a Dan Henderson, 25, born Scotland and unmarried. They were boarders and both employed as masons.

*Is this John and his brother Dan working away from home? Neither are in the 1871 Girthon census.*

Further down the street (*at Catherine Street No 42*) John's parents **Gordon** (54) and **Mary** (53) **Henderson** had a 6 year old grandson, Gordon Storah, born Liverpool, living with them.

**1881** : **John** (45), a carter and his wife **Eliza** (41) with children Letitia, **Andrew** (11) and **John** (7) were living in Back Street (*Catherine Street No.17*)

At the other end of Catherine Street (*No.47*) **John's** father **Gordon** (64) was now widowed and was living with another son Dan Henderson (37) and his wife and family. Dan was a mason.

**Gordon Henderson's** first wife **Mary** died in 1881.

**1883** : Mary Henderson married Robert McDonald, blacksmith in Gatehouse.

**1884** : Letitia Henderson married Robert Henry, joiner. Both couples set up home in Gatehouse. Mary and Letitia were **John** and **Andrew's** sisters.

**1885** : **Gordon Henderson** (age 67) married **Grace Whan** (age 40). Grace was unmarried but had a child Mary Campbell Whan (b.1879 Girthon).

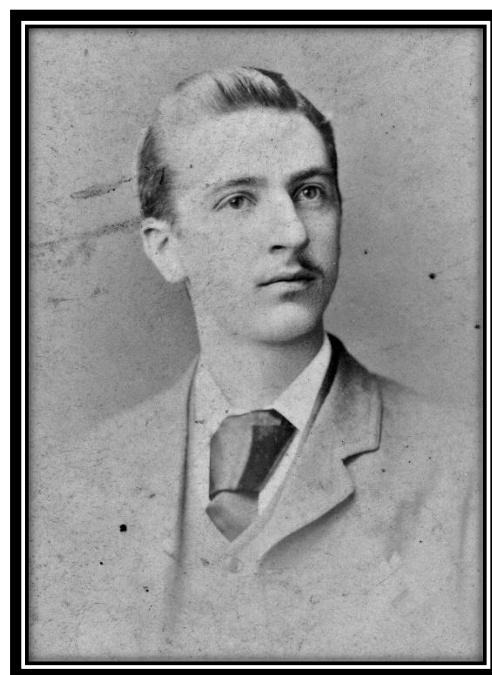
**1891** : **Gordon** (74) and Grace (50) were living in Catherine Street (*No.42*) with 3 children and Grace's daughter Mary.

Gordon's son **John** (55) and his wife **Elizabeth** (51) were living at (*No, 17*) Catherine Street. John was now a carting contractor. His son **John** (age 17) was a general labourer. Their other son **Andrew** was living in Liverpool in

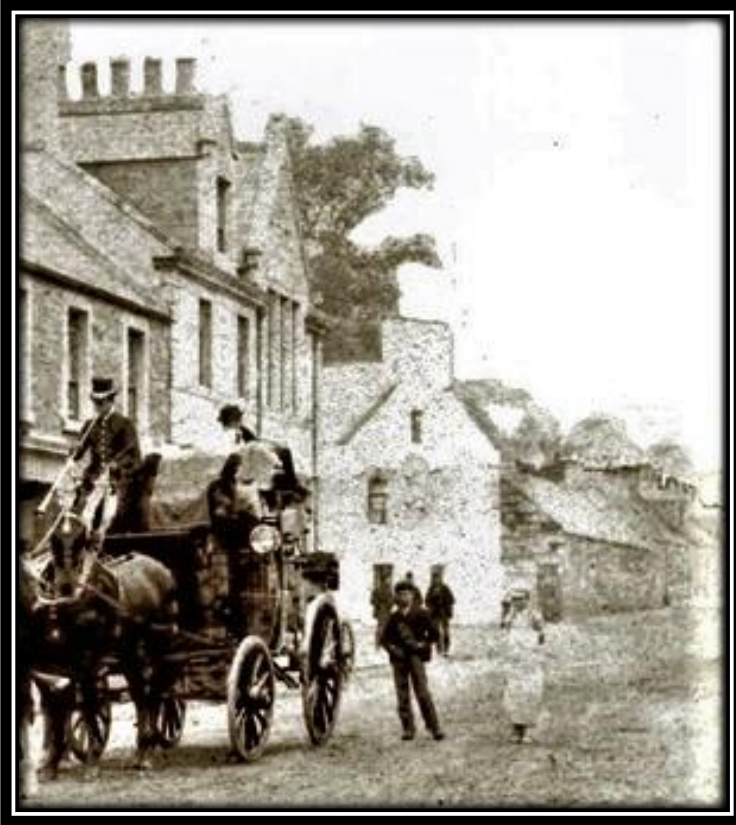
**1891**. He was a 21 year old ironmonger. Several of his father's siblings had moved to Liverpool looking for work and settled there.

It was while in Liverpool that **Andrew** met his future wife **Jemima Walker**. (*Jemina was 'in service' in Liverpool but she was born in Kells, Kirkcudbrightshire. Her father was a blacksmith at Glenlea between New Galloway and Dalry*)

**1894** : deeds for the Horatio Square shop state that the property was bought by father and son **John** and **Andrew** Henderson for £100. **John** was a contractor, **Andrew** a grain merchant. The property measured 53' 6" x 21'.



*Andrew taken in Liverpool*



An old photo (left) shows the building to have no large shop windows facing the Town Clock, a different roof line, and presumably entrances were from Church Street.

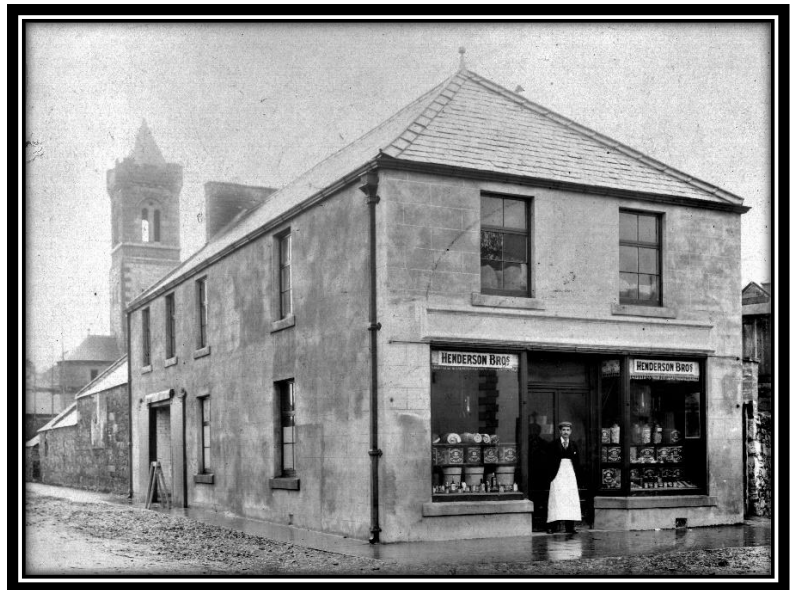
At the time the Henderson's acquired the property (1894) it consisted of a small shop with a house above and 4 other dwellings behind. The shop was rented by Drummond the plumber.

*In the 1893/94 Valuation Roll the property belonged to Mrs Maria Carson, wife of James Carson, Australia. There were 5 tenants living in the building - Mary Heron, William Nish, James Johnstone, James Donaldson and John Fitzpatrick. **Norah Henderson** remembered some of these names as well as others including John Shaw, who was born there, and the Duff family.*

**1895** : The renovated building had large shop windows and a door facing onto Horatio Square / High Street. The shop was opened for business in 1895.

It seems that when **Andrew** came back home to Gatehouse in about 1894, he ran a shop at 22 Catherine Street while he was waiting for his newly acquired premises at Church Street / Horatio Square to be altered. Norah's notes say that he ran this shop with an aunt and it was a single storey building.

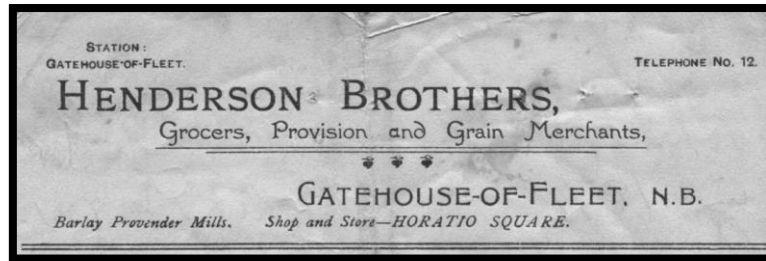
*22 Catherine Street was owned jointly with 20 Catherine Street until c 1928. It was owned by the Campbell family and comprised a house, garden and warehouse. Perhaps Andrew used the 'warehouse' as his shop.*



*Andrew at shop door*

Across Catherine Street at number 17, in the Valuation Rolls for 1893 to 1895 **John** Henderson, senior had a house and shop. *Could this shop have been part of the fledgling grocery business? It is a single storey building.*

Although **Andrew** and his brother **John** set up their Henderson's Grocery business in 1894, it seems the partnership did not work out and Andrew ran the grocery business on his own, although the business was named '**Henderson Brothers**'.



**1896** : **Andrew Henderson and Jemima Walker** were married in Liverpool in **1896**. In the Girthon marriage banns Andrew is from Girthon, Jemima from Liverpool. The couple settled in Gatehouse. Also in 1896 Andrew's brother **John** married **Margaret Morton** at Creetown, Kirkmabreck.

**1898** : **John Henderson**, senior, bought 17 Catherine Street. He had been living in this property for many years and seems to have part-owned it with members of the McKinnell family.

**1901** : Valuation Roll shows **John** and **Andrew** Henderson owned a shop in Church Street.

**Andrew Henderson** (grocer & grain merchant) paid his father **John** £250. He was now the sole owner of the shop premises. He also fued a triangular piece of land alongside his shop (now the site of electric sub-station) for 5/- *per annum* from Mrs Payne, owner of the Murray Arms Hotel.

In 1901 **Andrew** (31) and **Jemima** (28) Henderson with 2 daughters Jessie T. (3) and **Leonorah W.** (8 months) were living in High Street (*possibly 12/14*) . Both daughters were born in Gatehouse. Andrew is listed as a shopkeeper grocer. They shared the property with James Johnstone, shoemaker.

Brother **John Henderson** (27), his wife **Maggie** (28) and children Agnes & Ivan were living at West View, Birtwhistle Street. John was a carter.

**Andrew** & **John's** parents parents **John & Eliza Henderson**, aged 65 and 61, were living in Catherine Street. (*possibly No.17* - just along Ford Lane from their son John's house at Westview, Birtwhistle Street)

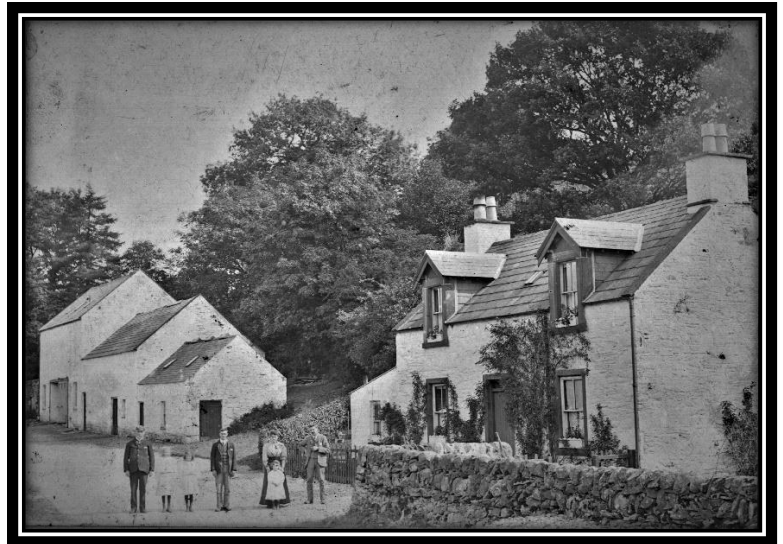
**1905** : Girthon Valuation Roll

**Andrew** & **John** Henderson owned a shop in Church Street. (*Is this father and son ? or brothers? or more likely an out of date valuation roll entry?*)

**John Henderson snr.**, carter, owned a house, stable & shed in Catherine Street (*No.17*)

**Andrew Henderson** was a now a tenant at Barlay Mill (owned by Col. James Murray Baillie of Cally). This included a house and a grain mill. He also rented 2 fields nearby - Tornice Parks.

His brother **John Henderson jnr.** rented a house in Birtwhistle Street (*Westview*) and also 2 fields, Tornice Park and Barwhill Park.



**1909** : the title of 17 Catherine Street passed to **John Henderson**, carter.

**1911** : **Andrew Henderson** (41), grocer & grain merchant was at Barlay Mill with wife Jemima and daughters **Leonorah** (10) and Marjorie (6). *Marjorie was born at Barlay Mill in 1904.*

His brother **John** (36) was still living in Birtwhistle Street (*Westview*). He was a contractor and coal merchant. Living with him were his wife **Margaret** (38) and 6 children - Agnes, Ivan, Lesley, Colin, Rhoda and Lloyd George.

Their father **John** was living alone in Catherine Street (*No.17*), a widower age 76. He was a carting contractor. His wife **Eliza** had died in 1904.

**1911** : **John Henderson, jnr** died later that year, aged just 38, leaving his widow Margaret with 6 children and another baby on the way. His son John, known as Jack was born later the same year at West View, Birtwhistle Street.

**1912** : **John Henderson senior** died.

**1913** : **Andrew Henderson** became unwell, with suspected tuberculosis. Much of Andrew's work involved dust - either dealing with grains or flour but he also had renovation done to the house at Barlay which did not help his cough.

**Leonorah (Norah)** left school early at age 13 to help her father run the shop.



*Jessie and Andrew Henderson with daughters Jessie, Marjorie and Norah c 1914*

During World War I Norah was a well known figure driving the Henderson's van around the area. She was one of the first ladies in Gatehouse to drive a motor vehicle. Her older sister Jessie had left home to train as a teacher, and younger sister Marjorie was still at school. Marjorie later followed her sister Jessie to train at Moray House to become a teacher. After Jessie qualified she taught at Gatehouse and Marjorie taught at Carsluith.

**1914/15** : Girthon Valuation Roll

**Andrew Henderson**, grocer rented Barlay Mill and cottage and 2 fields (Tornice Parks) nearby. He also owned a Shop on the High Street (*Horatio Square*) and rented another shop at 4 High Street from Margaret Agnes Owen.

The executor's of his brother **John's** estate still rented fields at Burgh Park, Barwhill and Tornice Parks.

**John's widow Margaret** was now the owner of 2 houses in Catherine Street and had moved from West View and was living in one of them ( *No.17*)

Their grandfather **Gordon Henderson's** second wife **Grace**, now a widow, was living in Catherine Street (*No.42*)

**1920** : **John & Margaret Henderson's** eldest son Ivan emigrated to New Zealand. Three years later, his mother Margaret and all the rest of his siblings except his youngest brother Jack also emigrated to New Zealand.

Young Jack is believed to have had poor healthy and it was feared that he would not survive the long sea journey. Jack remained in Gatehouse and lived with his cousin Lizzie McMurray (née Henry).

*Jack's aunt, Letitia Henderson, married Charles Henry in 1884. Their daughter Lizzie (born 1887) married Wellwood McMurray in 1911. Lizzie and Wellwood had no children of their own and looked after young Jack with help from Letitia and Charles Henry.*

**1926** : the title of 17 Catherine Street passed to **John Henderson's** eldest son Ivan, who lived in New Zealand. He owned the property until 1946.

**1947** : **Jemima, Andrew's wife** died at Barlay Mill.

Later that year Andrew sold his shop to the Dumfries & Maxwelltown Co-operative Society for £8,670.

1953 : **Andrew** died at Barlay Mill.

1957 : **Norah Henderson** moved into the town when she bought 20 Catherine Street. She lived there until her death in 1986.

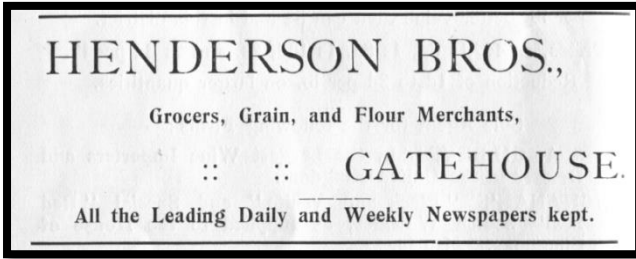


*Jemima & Andrew in 1939.*



*Norah  
Henderson  
in 1930s.*

## Henderson's Shop at Horatio Square.



Norah Henderson described the shop as being on two storeys. There was a loading bay at the side of the building on Church Street with large doors. A hoist which was worked by hand was used to lift goods up into the loft through a trap door. Norah mentions that a bag of sugar weighted 2 cwts.

The store held flour, sugar, oatmeal, chests of tea and other grocery items, as well as Indian meal and maize. The upstairs storage area could also be accessed by a stair from the shop. Granddaughter Anne remembers the wonderful aroma from all the stored goods.



The main display windows faced the clock tower but there was also a small display window onto Church Street. The shop sold all sorts of things from general groceries and flour to animal feeds. They also stocked newspapers.

Norah Anderson remembers that there was a large McVities biscuit advertisement in the shop featuring a parrot who said 'Say McVities'

Henderson's operated a delivery service, at first by a horse drawn cart, and later using vans such as the 'Ton' Ford, registration SW815 and later a 'T' Ford.



*c.1910 Willie Worrall*



*Ford van SW815 driver Andrew Bradshaw*



# HENDERSON's who emigrated to the USA

★ Musgrave **HENDERSON** (1775 England – 1867 Gatehouse) <sup>??</sup> Elizabeth **RORISON** (1777 ? – 1847 Girthon)

John **HENDERSON** (1819 Girthon – 1894 Massachusetts, USA) <sup>m. 1847 Girthon</sup> Janet **JOHNSTONE** (1812 Holywood, Dumfries – 1858 ?)

Mother, Janet died when the 4 children were very young.  
 Thomas emigrated in 1868  
 John emigrated in 1870  
 James emigrated in 1873  
 Father John emigrated before he died in Massachusetts in 1894.



James **HENDERSON** (b.1848)



John **HENDERSON** (b.1849)

# Henderson's who emigrated to New Zealand

## **Agnes (Allie) McClellan Henderson**

Born 22 Sep 1897, died aged 78 on 21 Oct 1975, buried in Waitara Cemetery.

Agnes married Varey Clifton Tate on 5 Jun 1926 in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Liardent / Courtney St, New Plymouth. Varey was born on 17 Jul 1889, died on 21 Oct 1964 at age 75, and was buried in Waitara Cemetery. The names of Varey's parents are not known.

## **Ivan Morton Henderson**

Born 26 Aug 1899 in Roseberry Terrace, Gatehouse, christened on 17 Sep 1899 in Girthon, died on 24 Dec 1955 in Lesley's Home, 40 Leslie St, Waitara at age 56, and was buried on 26 Dec 1955 in Waitara Cemetery. His cause of death was Cancer.

Ivan married Lil (Blanche Lilian) Faull, daughter of Lewis Nathaniel Faull and Blanche Eleanor Rolfe, on 1 Jun 1926 in St. Lukes Church, Tikorangi. Lil was born on 28 Mar 1906, was christened on 10 Jun 1906 in St. Lukes Church, Tikorangi, died on 22 Aug 2000 in Auckland at age 94, and was buried on 27 Aug 2000 in Newstead Cemetery, Hamilton..

## **Lesley Grace Henderson**

Born 29 Mar 1902, christened 13 May 1902 in Girthon, and died on 9 May 1996 at age 94.

Lesley married Jack Collier Tuckett, son of Ernest Hilton Tuckett and Ada Louise Collier, on 2 Apr 1925 in Wellington. Jack was born on 14 Aug 1893 at 14 St. James Place, Wsd and died on 12 Dec 1942 on Board His Ship MV Surrey, Sydney Harbour, Australia at age 49. The cause of his death was Coronary Disease

## **Colin Campbell Henderson**

Born 14 Dec 1904 in Gatehouse of Fleet, Scotland, died 28 May 1987 in Bell Block, New Plymouth at age 82, and was buried in Waitara Cemetery.

Colin married Nora Doris Jury on 29 Jun 1929 in St. Lukes Church, Tikorangi. Nora was born on 15 Aug 1908 in Tikorangi, Taranaki., died on 23 Feb 1980 in New Plymouth Public Hospital at age 71, and was buried in Waitara Cemetery.

## **Rhoda Margaret Henderson**

Born 15 Jul 1907 in Gatehouse of Fleet, Scotland and died 2 Dec 1977 in Waitara at age 70.

Rhoda married Harry Pacey Dugdale on 9 Nov 1931 in Waitara. Harry was born on 4 Oct 1906 in Waitara and died in 1999 at age 93.

## **Lloyd George Mckenzie Henderson**

Born 17 Dec 1909 in Gatehouse of Fleet, Scotland, died in 1985 in New Plymouth Base Hospital at age 75, and was buried in Soldiers Area, Waitara Cemetery.

Lloyd married Williamina Elizabeth Moorhead. Williamina was born on 12 Apr 1908 and died on 19 Feb 1987 in 10 Kitchener St, New Plymouth (Janet's Home) at age 78.

## **John (Jack) Henderson**

Born 26 Dec 1911 in Gatehouse of Fleet, Scotland, died 16 Dec 1989 in Dumfries Infirmary, Scotland at age 77.

Jack married Christina Grace Duncan on 29 Jul 1936 at 28 Catherine Street, Gatehouse, Scotland. Christina was born on 4 Jun 1913 in Edinburgh and died on 6 Jul 1990 at age 77.

*Jack was the only child of this family who remained in Gatehouse whilst his siblings emigrated to New Zealand.*