

## 1 High Street – Bank of Scotland



*Note that the 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows nearest the corner of the building were originally taller than they are now and that the two 2<sup>nd</sup> floor dormers are now both windowed and flat-roofed.*

*The lower left picture shows how “the bank corner” was a popular meeting place*

The building has been owned by Bank of Scotland since 1866. The ground floor has been used as a bank ever since this date and for many years the upper floors were used by the bank manager. The upper floors are now privately owned and occupied.

- 1767** John Walker, weaver, obtained a feu from James Murray. He was already renting a property on the site. His plot was 73 ft along street and included the buildings which are now 3 High Street.
- 1784** John Walker sold to William Hannay of Bargally, sale registered in 1789.
- 1808** Following the death of William Hannay in 1808 the property passed to his daughter Catherine, widow of John Kennan and then spouse of David McLellan of Marks.

**1837-8 Pigot & Co. Directory :** Hugh Hopkins was a musician who lived on Front Street.

**1841 census Front Street 44 & 45**

<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>
Hopkins	Hugh			m	40	teacher of music	Scotland
Hopkins	Cathrine			f	40		Scotland
McGuffie	George			m	30	saddler	Scotland
Strachan	Agness			f	45	female servant	Scotland

*N.B. It is not clear from the census whether McGuffie lived at No.1 High Street or next door at Horatio Square. On the one hand this house was very large for 2 people, but on the other hand a saddler might have been associated with the posting stables or Murray Arms farm.*

**1851 census**

<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>
Dunlop	Margaret	head	w	f	73	soldier's widow & pauper	Dumfries, Torthorwald

*N.B. This is a large house for one lady, especially as she is described as a pauper, but according to the census she lives between the McGeochs of 3 High Street and Mr Douglas of Horatio Square.*

- 1855** Joan Shand spouse of John Saunders Shand, physician, Kirkcudbright became proprietor when the property passed to her from her mother Joan Kennan.

**1859 Valuation Roll :** The property is owned by Joan Shand of Kirkcudbright, and the tenant is David J Ewart, Bank of Scotland.

**1861 census**

<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>
Ewart	David J	head	m	m	31	bank agent & solicitor	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Ewart	Jessie	wife	m	f	27		England
Ewart	John Y	son		m	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
Ewart	Margaret E G	dau		f	5m		Kbts, Gatehouse
McNay	Jane H	servant	s	f	17	domestic servant	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Lidderdale	Margaret J K	servant	s	f	16	domestic servant	Kbts, Gatehouse

- 1866** Joan Shand sold to the Bank of Scotland for £500. The Bank of Scotland had been doing business in Gatehouse since 1833, sending an agent over from Kirkcudbright on a weekly basis. In 1855 David Ewart became agent for the bank in Gatehouse. He was succeeded by local solicitor Henry Douglas Glover, who remained agent till 1894 when he was succeeded by his son R S Glover. For many years the Glover family lived above the bank.

**1871 census**

<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>
Glover	Henry D	head	m	m	38	solicitor & bank agent	Dumfries, Dumfries
Glover	Jane	wife	m	f	33		Kbts, Maxwelltown
Glover	John	son		m	5		Kbts, Gatehouse
Glover	Henry J	son		m	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Clarke	Marion	visitor		f	14	scholar	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
McMaster	Agnes	servant	s	f	83	cook domestic servant	Ayr, Colmonell
Maxwell	Helen	servant	s	f	20	nurse domestic servant	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

**1878 Valuation Roll :** The proprietor is Bank of Scotland, and the tenant is Henry Douglas Glover, solicitor.

**1881 census - Bank of Scotland**

<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>
Glover	Henry D	head	m	m	47	writer	Dumfries, Dumfries
Glover	Jane	wife	m	f	43		Kbts, Maxwelltown
Glover	John	son		m	15	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Glover	Henry J	son		m	14	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Glover	Robert S	son		m	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Glover	Douglas J	son		m	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Bell	Mary	servant	s	f	21	cook	Kbts, Kelton
Hewatson	Jane	servant	s	f	15	housemaid	Kbts, Anwoth

**1884 Valuation Roll :** The proprietor is Bank of Scotland, and the tenant is Henry Douglas Glover, solicitor.

**1891 census**

<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>
Glover	Henry Douglas	head	m	m	56	solicitor	Dumfries, Dumfries
Glover	Jane	wife	m	f	54		Kbts, Maxwelltown
Glover	Douglas James	son	s	m	19	bank apprentice	Kbts, Girthon
Kirkpatrick	Mary Agnes	servant	s	f	29	domestic servant	Kbts, Rerrick

**1901 census - Bank of Scotland House**

<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>
Glover	R S	head	m	m	31	solicitor & bank agent	Kbts, Girthon
Glover	Jane A	wife	m	f	34		Kbts, Rerrick
Kenyon	Jane McD	servant	s	f	22	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Kelton

**1911 census**

<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>
Smith	Andrew	head	s	m	22	bank accountant	Midlothian, Lasswade
Bell	Jeanie	servant	s	f	25	cook (domestic)	Wigtown, Kirkcowan
McSkimming	Mary	servant	s	f	19	housemaid (domestic)	Kbts, Ringford

*There is a possibility that the flat above the bank was still occupied by R S Glover and his family, but they are away at the time of the census. The only Glover in Girthon was R S Glover's mother Jane, who was living at Ardmore. We have not found R S Glover in any UK census for 1911. His wife died later in 1911, so maybe they were abroad treating her illness.*

**1912 Valuation Roll :** The proprietor is Bank of Scotland, and the tenant is Robert Slimmon Glover, agent.

**1920-21 Stewartry** There are 3 entries that must apply to this building as they share a common telephone no.3.

**P.O. Directory :**  
 H.D. & R.S. Glover, solicitors  
 R.S.Glover, agent, Bank of Scotland  
 R. Lillie, solicitor (H.D. Glover & R.S. Glover)

**1924-27 Stewartry** There are 2 entries that apply to this building.

**P.O. Directory :**  
 N.S.Munro, agent, Bank of Scotland  
 Robert.S. Glover, Bank of Scotland Chambers

**1994** Flat above bank sold to Alexander Shaw

**2003** Flat sold.

## The Glover Family



*The 1<sup>st</sup> photo is Henry D Glover. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> photo he is standing and his wife Jane may be seated right. The 3<sup>rd</sup> photo is Robert S Glover in army uniform in the garden of 1 High Street.*

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