

7 & 9 High Street – Dairy

For many years, 9 High Street was the site of the Stewartry Dairy and later Fleet Farm Dairy.



Nos. 9 & 7 High Street



◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

- 1766** Feu to James Blain, blacksmith in Bush of Girthon. The plot was 60 ft in length along the street from the property of John Walker, weaver. James Blain was to build a 'decent dwelling house' on the site by 1768 and he was also to build a forge and a shed for shoeing horses.
- 1816** James Blain's son was a mariner in Greenock and in 1816 the property was inherited by John's son James, merchant of the island of St Thomas in the West Indies. One half of the property was sold to James Carson, merchant in Gatehouse and his wife Margaret Gardner and the other part was sold to James McMicken, grocer in Gatehouse.
- 1825-26 Pigot & Co.** Mrs Margaret Carson ran a Tavern / Public House called the **Black Bull** on Front Street.
Directory :

1837-38 Pigot & Co. Thomas Fowler, innkeeper & vintner, ran the **Crown** on Front Street.
Directory : Thomas Fowler was also a shopkeeper & grocer on Front Street.

1841 census - Front Street 39 to 42

<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>
Carson	Margaret			f	66	independent	Scotland
Carson	William			m	25	surgeon	Kirkcudbrightshire
Sharp	Frances			f	25		England
Sharp	Martha			f	7		Kirkcudbrightshire
Sharp	John			m	4		Kirkcudbrightshire
Sharp	Mary			f	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
Fowler	Thomas			m	46	grocer & spirit dealer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Fowler	Agness			f	40		Kirkcudbrightshire
Fowler	Thomas			m	14		Kirkcudbrightshire
Fowler	John			m	12		Kirkcudbrightshire
Fowler	James			m	9		Kirkcudbrightshire
Fowler	David			m	7		Kirkcudbrightshire
Fowler	Mary			f	5		Kirkcudbrightshire
Robertson	Alexander			m	16	clerk	Scotland
Martin	Nicholas			f	65	independent	Kirkcudbrightshire
Martin	Nicholas			f	24		Kirkcudbrightshire

1841 was the first UK census, and maybe enumerators were not familiar with making clear distinctions between building numbers and family numbers, but it does look as though 4 families occupied what was then 2 separate houses. The ground floor of no.9 was probably a grocer's store run by Thomas Fowler.

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>
Fowler	Thomas	head	m	m	56	grocer & spirit dealer	Kbts, Girthon
Fowler	Agnes	wife	m	f	50		Kbts, Borgue
Fowler	James	son	s	m	24	bank accountant	Kbts, Girthon
Fowler	D I McD	son	s	m	16		Kbts, Girthon
Fowler	Ebenezer	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Fowler	Thomas	g-son		m	2		Lanark, Glasgow

N.B. James was recorded as being 9, 24 & 33 in 1841, 1851 & 1861 respectively. It seems likely that James & Thomas may have been mis-recorded in 1841, as James would have been about 14.

1852 Slater's Directory : Thomas Fowler was a grocer & spirit dealer in High Street.

1855 Passed from James McMicken, farmer High Creoch and grocer, Gatehouse to his son William McMicken, Low Creoch

1859 Valuation Roll : The proprietor is given as William McMichen of Creoch and the tenant was Mrs Agnes Fowler (presumably husband Thomas had died).

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>
Fowler	Agnes	head	w	f	60	spirit merchant	Kbts, Borgue
Fowler	James	son	s	m	33	bank accountant	Kbts, Girthon
Fowler	Ebenezer	son	s	m	17	photographic artist	Kbts, Girthon

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>
Fowler	Ebenezer	head	s	m	27	spirit dealer	Kbts, Girthon
Fowler	Louisa	niece		f	8	scholar	England

McKay Mary servant s f 32 general servant dom. Kbts, Kirkcudbright

1871 Passed to James Gordon McMicken, teller, Bank of Scotland, Gatehouse, nephew of William McMicken.

1881 census : *property believed to be unoccupied*

1881 Sold by James McMicken, then in New Zealand, to Sarah Turnbull or Welsh, widow, Gatehouse

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>
Welsh	Sarah	head	w	f	56	shopkeeper, grocer	Kbts, Tongland
Welsh	Janet Campbell	dau.	s	f	31	shopkeepers assistant	Kbts, Girthon
Welsh	Jane	dau.	s	f	22	shopkeepers assistant	Kbts, Anwoth

1901 census : *property believed to be unoccupied*

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>
Stark	George M	head	m	m	46	pharmacist	Kbts, Anwoth
Stark	Jessie	wife	m	f	46		Kbts, Creetown
Stark	Jessie Vernon	dau.	s	f	12	school	Kbts, Girthon
Stark	Ralph Sydney	son	s	m	9	school	Kbts, Girthon
Harvey	Isabella Walker	servant	s	f	19	general servant (dom.)	Kbts, Creetown

1922 Jessie Welsh or Paterson sold to Mrs Mary Hornsby or Tait.

1927 George Tait, engineer inherited from Mary Hornsby or Tait his mother.

1957 By this time the property consisted of one house and a shop, when it was sold to William Fitzpatrick, haulage contractor.

1974 Thomasina Robson or Fitzpatrick, inherited as executrix of William Fitzpatrick.

2000 Sold.

20th Century Shop Adverts



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