

## 11 & 13 High Street – ex Post Office

For many years 11 High Street was used as the Gatehouse Post Office.



The mailcoach. The queue is assembled outside the Post Office (No.11).



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### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

**1766** Part of feu to James Blain, blacksmith in Bush.

**1816** James Blain, grandson of James Blain sold to James Carson, merchant, Gatehouse.

**1841 census :** Front Street 37 & 38

<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>
Kelvie	David			m	40	tailor	Scotland
Kelvie	Elizabeth			f	35		Scotland
Kelvie	David			m	2		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kelvie	William			m	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
Garroway	John			m	30	tailor	Kirkcudbrightshire
Garroway	Agness			f	25		Kirkcudbrightshire
Garroway	William			m	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
Garroway	Margaret			f	2m		Kirkcudbrightshire

**1842** Ownership recorded of James Munro, mariner, sometime residing in Gatehouse, then Liverpool.

**1851 census :** High St N28

<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>
Braid	John	head	s	m	22	draper	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
McGuffie	Nicholas	servant	s	f	24	house serv.	Wigtown, Kirkinner
Murdoch	Thomas	head	m	m	28	house carpenter	Kbts, Anwoth
Murdoch	Mary	wife	m	f	28		Kbts, Borgue
Murdoch	Robert	son		m	2		Kbts, Girthon
Murdoch	Thomas	son		m	5m		Kbts, Girthon

**1859 Valuation Roll :** John Brait, draper, was living in a property described as a house, shop, backhouse and garden. The proprietor was recorded as Thomas Campbell of Boreland of Anwoth.

*Campbell may have been an agent as he controlled several properties, and heirs of James Munro still owned the property in 1868.*

**1861 census : High St N10**

<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>
Wylie	James	head	m	m	32	general draper	Kbts, Borgue
Wylie	Gordon	wife	m	f	34		Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Wylie	John	son		m	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
Wylie	William E	son		m	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Wylie	Alexander	son		m	1m		Kbts, Gatehouse
Rogers	Agnes	m-in-law	w	f	74	seamstress	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Rogers	Agnes	sis-in-l	s	f	48	seamstress	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Stewart	Alexander	head	s	m	79	ex agricultural labourer	Kbts, Girthon

**1868** Sold by heirs of James Munro to Dickson Gibson, junior, who borrowed £150.

**1871 census : High St N26**

<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>
Gibson	Dixon	head	m	m	64	grocer	Berwick, Hatton
Gibson	Mary	wife	m	f	61		England
Gibson	Joseph	son	s	m	35	letter carrier, rural messenger	Kbts, Girthon
Gibson	John	son	s	m	33	postmaster & photographer	Kbts, Girthon
Gibson	Frances	dau.	s	f	27	assistant postmaster	England
Gibson	Dixon	son	s	m	29	coachman	England

**1878 Valuation Roll :** The proprietor was Dixon Gibson jnr, coachman, and the tenant was John Gibson, postmaster.

**1881 census : High St N04**

<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>
Gibson	Dixon	head	m	m	78	ostler	Berwick, Hatton
Gibson	Mary	wife	m	f	72		England
Gibson	Joseph	son	s	m	45	rural letter carrier	Kbts, Girthon
Gibson	John	son	s	m	43	postmaster civil service	Kbts, Girthon
Gibson	Dixon	son	s	m	41	coach driver	England
Gibson	Frances K	dau	s	f	36	postal clerk	England
Gibson	Jane	dau	s	f	38		England
Reid	Alexander D	g-son		m	4		Aberdeen, Rhynie
Reid	Mary A	g-dau		f	2		Lanark, Glasgow

**1884 Valuation Roll :** The proprietor was Dickson Gibson jnr, horsehirer, and the tenant was John Gibson, postmaster.

**1891 census : High St N23**

<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>
Gibson	Mary	head	w	f	81	cow keeper	Northumberland, Kirknewton
Gibson	Joseph	son	s	m	54	letter carrier	Kbts, Girthon
Gibson	John	son	s	m	50	postmaster	Kbts, Girthon
Gibson	Dixon	son	s	m	51	posting master	England, Twickenham
Gibson	Jane	dau.	s	f	49	general servant dom.	England, Twickenham
Gibson	Frances	dau.	s	f	47	post office assistant	England, Twickenham
Reid	Alexander	g-son	s	m	14	scholar	Aberdeen, Rhynie
Reid	Mary	g-dau.	s	f	12	scholar	Lanark, Glasgow

**1901 census : Post Office**

<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>
Gibson	John	head	s	m	63	sub-postmaster	Kbts, Girthon
Gibson	Joseph	brother	s	m	66	retired postman	Kbts, Girthon
Gibson	Dixon	brother	s	m	59	posting master	England
Gibson	Jane	sister	s	f	57		England
Gibson	Frances	sister	s	f	55		England
Reid	Alexander D	nephew	s	m	24	post office clerk	Aberdeen, Rhynie

**1908** Dixon Gibson, junior, borrowed a further £50

**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>
Mitchell	Robert A	head	m	m	34	law clerk	Kbts, Borgue
Mitchell	Mary Agnes	wife	m	f	33		Lanark, Glasgow
Mitchell	Mary Jane	dau.		f	14	school	Kbts, Girthon
Mitchell	Robert	son		m	12	school	Kbts, Girthon
Mitchell	Frances Kinghorn	dau.		f	9	school	Kbts, Girthon
Mitchell	Margaret Agnes	dau.		f	7	school	Kbts, Girthon
Mitchell	John Alexander	son		m	4		Kbts, Girthon

**1912 Valuation Roll :** The proprietor was Dixon Gibson, retired posting-master, and the tenant was Robert A Mitchell, Inspector of the Poor.

**1920 & 1924-7 Stewartry** Miss J A Miller was sub-postmistress at the post office in High Street.  
**P.O. Directories :**

**1927** Representatives of Dickson Gibson.

**1947** The bonds on the property passed from the trustees of deceased Agnes Kirkpatrick to Margaret Mitchell or Anderson

**1981** Purchased from Margaret Mitchell or Anderson cousin of Edna Naylor, Washington, following the granting of a new charter by Mrs Murray Usher to Philip Thomas.

**1985** Part of the property sold.

**1994** Remaining part sold, restoring single ownership.



*Far left :  
Robert A & Mary A Mitchell &  
family*

*Left : John Gibson, postmaster*

*Below : John Gibson logo*

