

35 & 37 High Street – Market Cross Stores



Mr & Mrs Duncan MacInnes.



Mr John McKie and his sister Elizabeth McKie.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1777 Feu to John McMinn, wright

1835 Property left to sons John & Thomas, daughter Margaret + grandson James. Mention is also made of a two storey brick building built on the garden ground, stretching 49 feet along Cross Street, which John McMinn also passed to his children and grandson.

1837-8 Pigot & Co. John Donaldson was a Shopkeeper & Grocer in Front Street
Directory :

1841 census : Front Street 25 & 26

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Donaldson	John	m	38	grocer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Donaldson	Mary	f	42		Kirkcudbrightshire
Donaldson	William	m	7m		Kirkcudbrightshire
Carson	Jannet	f	17	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Stewart	Jannet	f	55	independent	Scotland
Kelvie	Jannet	f	16		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kelvie	James	m	14		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kelvie	Jane	f	11		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kelvie	John	m	7		Kirkcudbrightshire

David & Elizabeth below are almost definitely the parents of the above Kelvie's but do not live at 37 High St.

Kelvie	David	m	40	tailor	Scotland
Kelvie	Elizabeth	f	35		Scotland
Kelvie	David	m	2		Kirkcudbrightshire
Kelvie	William	m	1		Kirkcudbrightshire

N.B. from 1851 census, David Kelvie snr changes his occupation from tailor to barber, and Janet McMinn was Elizabeth Kelvie's mother. In 1841, Jannet Stewart lives 15 houses / families away (still in High St.), and it looks as though she is looking after the older Kelvie children. Could she be David's older (married) sister ?

1851 census : High Street N22 & 23

<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	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	45	barber's wife	Wigtown, Mochrum

Kelvie	James	son	s	m	26	razor strop maker & cutler	Kbts, Anwoth
Kelvie	David	son	s	m	13	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Kelvie	William	son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Kelvie	Thomas	son		m	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Kelvie	Mary	dau.		f	10m		Kbts, Girthon
McMinn	Janet	m-in-law	w	f	65	carpenter's widow	Wigtown, Glasserton
McKaa	James	head	m	m	26	copper miner	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
McKaa	Anne	wife	m	f	25		Wigtown, Leswalt
McKaa	Janet	dau.		f	3m		Kbts, Girthon
Logan	Jean	head	s	f	53	house serv.	Wigtown, Sorbie
Reid	Jean	dau.	s	f	23	dressmaker	Kbts, Girthon
Halliday	Archibald	head	m	m	54	nailer	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
Halliday	Anne	wife	m	f	52		Kbts, Colvend
Halliday	Anne	dau.	s	f	18		Kbts, Girthon
Halliday	Robert	son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Taggart	James	servant	s	m	20	nailer app.	Kbts, Anwoth

N.B. It is very possible that Elizabeth Kelvie died before 1861, and that David Kelvie had become innkeeper at the Masonic Arms in Ann Street.

1852 Slater's Directory : David Kelvie was a cutler with a business in High Street. *It is likely that this directory entry or the 1851 census enumerator made an error – James Kelvie was the cutler in the census.*

1859 Valuation Roll : Proprietor of the house and shop at No.35 (probably) is David Kelvie, razor strop manufacturer, and the tenant is Miss Jessie T Christie. Proprietor of the house at No.37 (probably) is Mrs Janet McMinn and the tenant is William Graham, tailor.

1861 census : High Street N16

<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>
Edgar	Thomas	head	m	m	72	grocer	Kbts, Balmaghie
Edgar	Euphemia	wife	m	f	66		Kbts, Borgue
Graham	William	head	wr	m	57	tailor	Kbts, Tongland
Graham	William	son	s	m	18	tailor apprentice	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRoberts	Gordon	son-in-l	m	m	33	mason journeyman	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRoberts	Margaret	dau	m	f	33		Kbts, Gatehouse
McRoberts	James	g-son		m	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRoberts	John	g-son		m	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRoberts	Elizabeth	g-dau		f	5		Kbts, Gatehouse
McRoberts	William	g-son		m	3		Kbts, Gatehouse
McRoberts	Gordon	g-son		m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse
McMinn	Jannet	head	w	f	76	life renter of house	Wigtown, Glasserton
McRobert	Mary	visitor	s	f	15		Kbts, Gatehouse

uninhabited

N.B. Jannet McMinn is still living in the house. There are so many other people in the house, and even an "uninhabited" part, that maybe the census refers to nos. 35 & 37 High Street as a single property.

1868 James McMinn, bookbinder from Melbourne, Australia empowered his uncle Thomas (a cotton loom weaver) to sell his share of the High Street and Cross Street properties.

1868 High Street property sold to Mr Murray Stewart of Cally for £70. Occupant at that time was William Graham, tailor.

1871 census : High Street N19

<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>
Graham	William	head	wr	m	67	tailor	Kbts, Tongland

Graham	John	son	s	m	25		Kbts, Gatehouse
McRobert	Margaret	dau.	m	f	43		Kbts, Gatehouse
McRobert	Eliza	g-dau.	s	f	15	general servant dom.	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRobert	Gordon	g-son		m	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRobert	Margaret	g-dau.		f	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRobert	George	g-son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRobert	Samuel	g-son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
McRobert	Peter W	g-son		m	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
McRobert	John	g-son		m	2		Kbts, Gatehouse

1871 Sold to John Fergusson, draper for £80.

About this time the Digby Street property became McDonald's smithy.

1877 Sold to John Comline, grocer. This is the first mention of a grocer "owning" the property

1878 Valuation Roll : John Comline is recorded as owning a house and garden in High Street (*which we believe is no.32, on the south side of the street*) and a store (*which could refer to no.37 – maybe store is used to represent a shop, as in 'grocer's store'*). He is also recorded as occupying both properties. *The Comline family lived across the road at 32 High St. from at least 1871 to 1911, so John must have only used 37 High St. as a shop.*

1881 census : High Street N10 was unoccupied. *This may refer to nos. 35 & 37 High Street.*

1884 Valuation Roll : John Comline is recorded as owning a house and garden, plus a store, all in High Street. *We believe these refer to the same property as in the 1878 Valuation Roll.*

1891 census : High Street N18a

<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>
Trainer	John	head	m	m	36	shoemaker	Kbts, Crossmichael
Trainer	Ellen	wife	m	f	35		Kbts, Borge
Trainer	William	son	s	m	7	scholar	Kbts, Castle Douglas
Trainer	John	son	s	m	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Trainer	Ellen	dau.	s	f	3	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Trainer	James	son	s	m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse
Higgins	John	boarder	s	m	16	shoemaker apprentice	Renfrew, Glasgow
Smith	William S	head	m	m	31	joiner journeyman	Kbts, Kelton
Smith	Margaret	wife	m	f	29		Kbts, Gatehouse
McNae	Robina	head	m	f	29	surfaceman's wife	Kbts, Kelton
McNae	John	son	s	m	12	scholar	Kbts, Balmaclellan
McNae	Janet	dau.	s	f	2		Kbts, Girthon
McNae	Samuel	son	s	m	2m		Kbts, Girthon
Fergusson	Duncan Stewart	boarder	m	m	51	upholsterer	Renfrew, Paisley
Kelly	Alexander William	boarder	s	m	26	cabinet maker	Kbts, Kirkcudbright

There are a lot of people living in this property, and some may therefore be living in no.33.

It is also possible that the inhabitants all lived upstairs whilst downstairs was used as a shop / store.

1901 census : High Street 08

<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>
Milligan	John	head	m	m	39	gardener on estate, temp. house porter	Kbts, Gatehouse
Milligan	Margaret	wife	m	f	31		Kbts, Castle Douglas
Milligan	John	son		m	1		Kbts, Gatehouse

Again this family may live at no.35 or they may use the upstairs of both properties (35 & 37).

1911 census : High Street 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>
Milligan	John	head	m	m	49	jobbing gardener	Kbts, Gatehouse

Milligan	Margaret	wife	m	f	41		Kbts, Castle Douglas
Milligan	John	son		m	11	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Milligan	Margaret Elizabeth	dau.		f	9	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Milligan	Adam James	son		m	6	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Milligan	Agnes Jane McKay	dau.		f	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Milligan	Jeanette Stewart	dau.		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Bell	Margaret	head	s	f	70	stocking knitter	Kbts, Girthon
Danks	Jane	sister	w	f	65	stocking knitter	Kbts, Girthon
Corson	Margaret	visitor	s	f	84		Lanark, Glasgow

1911 Sold, for £65, to William McConnel, solicitor, who sold it to his sister in 1914 for £50.

1912 Valuation Roll : A house in this part of High Street (probably no.35) was occupied by John Milligan, gardener, but the proprietor is listed as Robert Jardine & James Palmer (this is at odds with deeds research info. from 1911 above).

John Milligan was living in Catherine Street by the time of the 1920 Valuation Roll.

1924-7 Stewartry Duncan MacInnes ran a grocery business. (*Home: Landale, 31 Catherine Street*).

P.O. Directory :

- 1930s** This building (as the Market Cross Stores) was let to Duncan MacInnes, father of mountaineer Hamish MacInnes.
- 1946** Sold to Hugh Stewart Paton
- 1947** Sold to John McKie and his sister Elizabeth for £950.
- 1972** Sold to Mr and Mrs McDonald
- 1994** Passed to son, Laurence McDonald
- 2006** Sold.

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